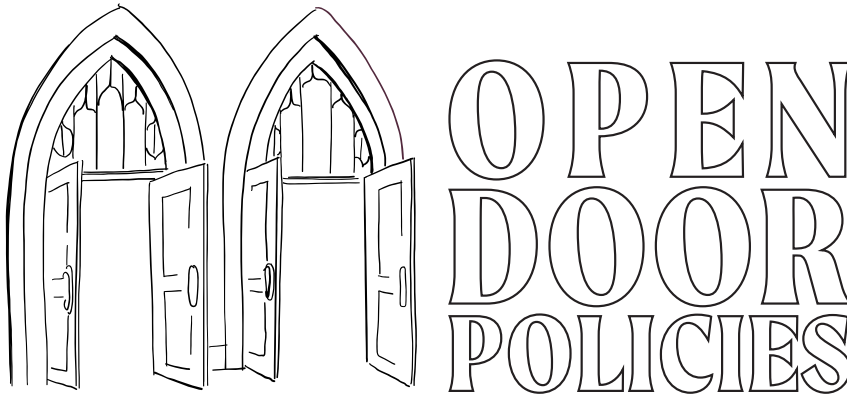


# 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Lent

*One Stands; Everyone Else Sits*



*God's Surprising Strategy for  
Getting Sinners Back Home*

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**March 9, 2025 – 9:30 am**

# WELCOME!

**Welcome to worship!** We are glad that you have joined us today. Our service is printed for you in its entirety in this worship folder. If you need anything, please speak to an usher at the entrance of the sanctuary.

- **Restrooms** are located near the entry to the sanctuary.
- **Infants Room** – If you have a young child or nursing infant and are in need of an infant-room, you will find it to the far right as you enter the sanctuary.
- **The Guest Registry** is found on the wall to the left as you enter the sanctuary. We would appreciate a record of your visit! You may also indicate in the registry if you would like to stay in touch.
- **Foundations Class** – If you are interested in learning more about what we teach and believe, please ask the usher or the pastor about our no-obligation Foundations Class which covers the basic teachings of our biblical faith.
- **Prayer before worship** – Heavenly Father, I have come to worship you. Draw near to me in your gracious Word, and assure me of your loving kindness. Curb my wandering thoughts, that with undivided attention I may hear your voice and sing your praise. Amen.

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# + SERVICE OF THE WORD +

*This service offers the congregation a form of worship that focuses on the proclamation of God's Word. Believers respond to this divine gift with prayer, praise, and thanksgiving.*

## Opening Hymn

## 359 | Jesus My Great High Priest



1 Je - sus, my great High Priest, Of - fered his blood and  
2 To Christ, my sub - sti - tute, Will I com - mit my  
3 My ad - vo - cate ap - pears For my de - fense on  
4 Should all the hosts of death And pow'rs of hell un -



died; My guilt - y con - science seeks No sac - ri -  
cause; He an - swers and ful - fills His Fa - ther's  
high; A gra - cious Fa - ther hears And lays his  
known Put their most dread - ful forms Of rage and



ficé be - side. His pow'r - ful blood did once a -  
bro - ken laws. Be - hold my soul at free - dom  
thun - der by. Not all that hell or sin can  
mis - chief on, I shall be safe, for Christ dis -



tone, And now it pleads be - fore the throne.  
set— My Je - sus paid the dread - ful debt!  
say Shall turn his heart, his love, a - way.  
plays Su - pe - rior pow'r and guard - ian grace.

Text: Isaac Watts, 1674–1748, abr., alt.

Tune: BEVAN (66 66 88) John Goss, 1800–80.

Stand

- M The grace of our Lord (+) Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you.
- C **And also with you.**

## + CONFESSION OF SINS +

- M We have come into the presence of God, who created us to love and serve him as his dear children. But we have disobeyed him and deserve only his wrath and punishment. Therefore, let us confess our sins to him and plead for his mercy.
- C **Merciful Father in heaven, I am altogether sinful from birth. In countless ways I have sinned against you and do not deserve to be called your child. But trusting in Jesus, my Savior, I pray: Have mercy on me according to your unfailing love. Cleanse me from my sin, and take away my guilt.**
- M God, our heavenly Father, has forgiven all your sins. By the perfect life and innocent death of our Lord Jesus Christ, he has removed your guilt forever. You are his own dear child. May God give you strength to live according to his will.
- C **Amen.**
- M In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord.

## + PRAYER AND PRAISE +

### Oh, Taste and See



C: Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good. Bless - ed are

they who take ref - uge in him. Your Word, O Lord, is e -  
 ter - nal; it stands firm in the heav -  
 ens. Your faith - ful - ness con - tin - ues for -  
 ev - er. Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good.  
 Bless - ed are they who take ref - uge in him.

## Prayer of the Day

M Let us pray.

Mighty God and Father, our Lord Jesus walked into the wilderness to face the devil's temptations, but he did not succumb to Satan's lies or falter in his resolve to save the world from the prison of hell. Bolster our faith by his mighty victory that we may battle against the forces of evil with courage and confidence; through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: A - men.

*Be seated*

# + LESSONS +

## First Lesson

## 1 Samuel 17:4-11, 32-40, 45-49

*One warrior from each nation stood and fought while everyone else sat. David's victory over Goliath is as much a spiritual victory as a military one, for it teaches us that the battle is the Lord's.*

<sup>4</sup> A champion named Goliath, who was from Gath, came out of the Philistine camp. His height was six cubits and a span. <sup>5</sup> He had a bronze helmet on his head and wore a coat of scale armor of bronze weighing five thousand shekels; <sup>6</sup> on his legs he wore bronze greaves, and a bronze javelin was slung on his back. <sup>7</sup> His spear shaft was like a weaver's rod, and its iron point weighed six hundred shekels. His shield bearer went ahead of him.

<sup>8</sup> Goliath stood and shouted to the ranks of Israel, "Why do you come out and line up for battle? Am I not a Philistine, and are you not the servants of Saul? Choose a man and have him come down to me. <sup>9</sup> If he is able to fight and kill me, we will become your subjects; but if I overcome him and kill him, you will become our subjects and serve us." <sup>10</sup> Then the Philistine said, "This day I defy the armies of Israel! Give me a man and let us fight each other." <sup>11</sup> On hearing the Philistine's words, Saul and all the Israelites were dismayed and terrified.

<sup>32</sup> David said to Saul, "Let no one lose heart on account of this Philistine; your servant will go and fight him."

<sup>33</sup> Saul replied, "You are not able to go out against this Philistine and fight him; you are only a young man, and he has been a warrior from his youth."

<sup>34</sup> But David said to Saul, "Your servant has been keeping his father's sheep. When a lion or a bear came and carried off a sheep from the flock, <sup>35</sup> I went after it, struck it and rescued the sheep from its mouth. When it turned on me, I seized it by its hair, struck it and killed it. <sup>36</sup> Your servant has killed both the lion and the bear; this uncircumcised Philistine will be like one of them, because he has defied the armies of the living God. <sup>37</sup> The LORD who rescued me from the paw of the lion and the paw of the bear will rescue me from the hand of this Philistine."

Saul said to David, "Go, and the LORD be with you."

<sup>38</sup> Then Saul dressed David in his own tunic. He put a coat of armor on him and a bronze helmet on his head. <sup>39</sup> David fastened on his sword over the tunic and tried walking around, because he was not used to them.

“I cannot go in these,” he said to Saul, “because I am not used to them.” So he took them off. <sup>40</sup> Then he took his staff in his hand, chose five smooth stones from the stream, put them in the pouch of his shepherd’s bag and, with his sling in his hand, approached the Philistine.

<sup>45</sup> David said to the Philistine, “You come against me with sword and spear and javelin, but I come against you in the name of the LORD Almighty, the God of the armies of Israel, whom you have defied. <sup>46</sup> This day the LORD will deliver you into my hands, and I’ll strike you down and cut off your head. This very day I will give the carcasses of the Philistine army to the birds and the wild animals, and the whole world will know that there is a God in Israel. <sup>47</sup> All those gathered here will know that it is not by sword or spear that the LORD saves; for the battle is the LORD’s, and he will give all of you into our hands.”

<sup>48</sup> As the Philistine moved closer to attack him, David ran quickly toward the battle line to meet him. <sup>49</sup> Reaching into his bag and taking out a stone, he slung it and struck the Philistine on the forehead. The stone sank into his forehead, and he fell facedown on the ground.

M The Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God!**



# Psalm 91

*Refrain*

Keep me, keep me as the ap - ple of your eye.

Hide me, hide me in the shad-ow of your wings.

*Psalm tone*

He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High\*  
will rest in the shadow of the Almighty.

I will say of the LORD,\*  
“He is my refuge and my fortress,  
my God, in whom I trust.” **Refrain**

You will not fear the terror of the night,\*  
nor the arrow that flies by day.

If you make the Most High your dwelling,\*  
then no harm will befall you,  
no disaster will come near your tent.

For he will command his angels concerning you\*  
to guard you in all your ways;

they will lift you up in their hands,\*  
so that you will not strike your foot against a stone.

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son\***  
**and to the Holy Spirit,**  
**as it was in the beginning,\***  
**is now, and will be forever. Amen. *Refrain***

*Refrain Tune: Jane Marshall. From Psalms Together. © 1988 Choristers Guild. All rights reserved.  
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## Second Lesson

## Hebrews 4:14-16

*Jesus has stood in our place, facing every temptation that we have faced. Yet he did not sin.*

<sup>14</sup>Therefore, since we have a great high priest who has ascended into heaven, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold firmly to the faith we profess. <sup>15</sup>For we do not have a high priest who is unable to empathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who has been tempted in every way, just as we are—yet he did not sin. <sup>16</sup>Let us then approach God's throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need.

M The Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God!**

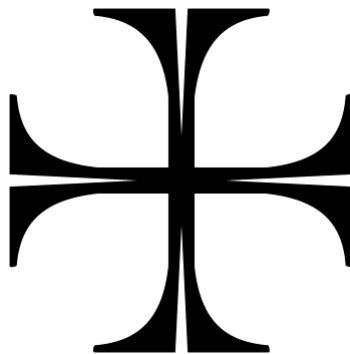
## Verse of the Day

## 1 John 3:8

“The reason the Son of God appeared was to destroy the devil's work.”

*Alleluia is omitted during the season of Lent.*

*Stand*



# Gospel

## Luke 4:1-13

*Weak and in the wilderness, Jesus stands against Satan's temptations. He overcomes them, winning the victory for us.*

Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, left the Jordan and was led by the Spirit into the wilderness, <sup>2</sup> where for forty days he was tempted by the devil. He ate nothing during those days, and at the end of them he was hungry.

<sup>3</sup> The devil said to him, "If you are the Son of God, tell this stone to become bread."

<sup>4</sup> Jesus answered, "It is written: 'Man shall not live on bread alone.'"

<sup>5</sup> The devil led him up to a high place and showed him in an instant all the kingdoms of the world. <sup>6</sup> And he said to him, "I will give you all their authority and splendor; it has been given to me, and I can give it to anyone I want to. <sup>7</sup> If you worship me, it will all be yours."

<sup>8</sup> Jesus answered, "It is written: 'Worship the Lord your God and serve him only.'"

<sup>9</sup> The devil led him to Jerusalem and had him stand on the highest point of the temple. "If you are the Son of God," he said, "throw yourself down from here. <sup>10</sup> For it is written:

"He will command his angels concerning you  
to guard you carefully;

<sup>11</sup> they will lift you up in their hands,  
so that you will not strike your foot against a stone."

<sup>12</sup> Jesus answered, "It is said: 'Do not put the Lord your God to the test.'"

<sup>13</sup> When the devil had finished all this tempting, he left him until an opportune time.

M The Gospel of the Lord.



C: Praise be to you, O Christ!

*Be Seated*

# Hymn of the Day

# 200 | A Mighty Fortress Is Our God



1 A might - y for - tress is our God, A trust - y shield  
 2 With might of ours can naught be done; Soon were our loss  
 3 Though dev - ils all the world should fill, All ea - ger to  
 4 The Word they still shall let re - main, Nor an - y thanks



and weap - on; He helps us free from ev - 'ry need  
 ef - fect - ed. But for us fights the val - iant one  
 de - vour us, We trem - ble not, we fear no ill;  
 have for it; He's by our side up - on the plain



That has us now o'er - tak - en. The old  
 Whom God him - self e - lect - ed. You ask,  
 They shall not o - ver - pow'r us. This world's  
 With his good gifts and Spir - it. And do



e - vil foe Now means dead - ly woe;  
 "Who is this?" Je - sus Christ it is,  
 prince may still Scowl fierce as he will,  
 what they will— Hate, steal, hurt, or kill—



Deep guile and great might Are his dread arms in fight;  
 The al - might - y Lord. And there's no oth - er God;  
 He can harm us none. He's judged; the deed is done!  
 Though all may be gone, Our vic - to - ry is won;

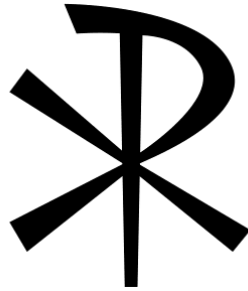


On earth is not his e - qual.  
 He holds the field for - ev - er.  
 One lit - tle word can fell him.  
 The king - dom's ours for - ev - er!

Text: Martin Luther, 1483–1546; tr. composite.  
 Tune: EIN FESTE BURG (87 87 55 56 7) Martin Luther, 1483–1546.

# + SERMON +

## You Don't Stand a Chance



*Stand*

### **Apostles' Creed**

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried.**

**He descended into hell.**

**The third day he rose again from the dead.**

**He ascended into heaven**

**and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty.**

**From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy Christian Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

*Be Seated*

# + THANKSGIVING +

## Offering

*Stand*

## Prayer of the Church

M Lord God, our maker and preserver, we praise and thank you for all that you give us day after day.

**C We are not worthy of all the mercies you show us.**

M You have given us your precious Word to nourish our souls and to protect us from the temptations of the devil, the world, and our sinful nature.

**C We thank you for those who teach and preach your saving truth at this place and everywhere. Grant them a rich measure of patience, wisdom, and love.**

M Heavenly Father, we pray that you shield us from every kind of danger: sudden catastrophe, terrors of crime, and the pain of disease. Watch over those who travel by land, sea, and air. Keep our loved ones from whatever perils may threaten them.

**C Heal those who are sick, cheer those who are sad, calm those who are distressed, and comfort all who are old and infirm.**

M Bless our land, our people, and those who hold offices of high trust. Keep our government and schools upright and strong for the advancement of good citizenship and useful vocations, that we may enjoy your gifts of peace, security, and well-being.

**C Grant your blessing to every nation on earth. Where there are wars, may there be peace. Where there is hatred, let it be healed. Where there is poverty, danger, or disaster, come with your almighty power to help and restore.**

*Special prayers and intercessions may follow.*

M Hear us, Lord, as we bring you our private petitions.

*Silent prayer.*

- M We bring these requests before you in the name of Jesus our Lord, and ask you to hear us. Take all that we have, our bodies and minds, our time and skills, our ministries and offerings, and use them to your glory.
- C **We give ourselves to you that we may serve you in whatever way is pleasing in your sight. Amen.**

## Lord's Prayer

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.**

*Be Seated*



# Hymn

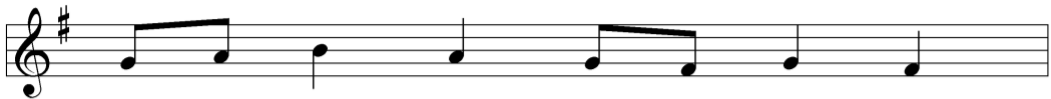
# 422 | Jesus, Lead Us On



1 Je - sus, lead us on Till our rest is won;  
2 If the way be drear, If the foe be near,  
3 When we seek re - lief From a long - felt grief,  
4 Je - sus, still lead on Till our rest is won.



And al - though the way be cheer - less,  
Let not faith - less fears o'er - take us;  
When temp - ta - tions come al - lur - ing,  
Heav'n - ly Lead - er, still di - rect us;



We will fol - low, calm and fear - less.  
Let not faith and hope for - sake us,  
Make us pa - tient and en - dur - ing;  
Still sup - port, con - sole, pro - tect us



Guide us by your hand To our fa - ther - land.  
For through man - y a woe To our home we go.  
Show us that bright shore Where we weep no more.  
Till we safe - ly stand In our fa - ther - land.

Text: Nicolaus L. von Zinzendorf, 1700–60, adapt.; tr. Jane L. Borthwick, 1813–97, alt.  
Tune: SEELENBRÄUTIGAM (55 88 55) Adam Drese, 1620–1701.

## Stand

M Almighty God, we thank you for teaching us the things you want us to believe and do. Help us by your Holy Spirit to keep your Word in pure hearts that we may be strengthened in faith, guided in holiness, and comforted in life and in death, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



## Blessing

M Brothers and sisters, go in peace. Live in harmony with one another. Serve the Lord with gladness.

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look on you with favor and (+) give you peace.



*Be Seated*





# Closing Hymn 447 | Who Trusts in God, A Strong Abode



1 Who trusts in God, A strong a - bode In heav'n  
 2 Though Sa - tan's wrath Be - set our path And world -  
 3 In all the strife Of mor - tal life Our feet



and earth pos - sess - es; Who looks in love To  
 ly scorn as - sail us, While you are near, We  
 will stand se - cure - ly. Temp - ta - tion's hour Will



Christ a - bode— No fear his heart op - press - es.  
 will not fear; Your strength will nev - er fail us.  
 lose its pow'r, For you will guard us sure - ly.



In you a - lone, Dear Lord, we own Sweet hope  
 Your rod and staff Will keep us safe And guide  
 O God, re - new With heav'n - ly dew Our bod -



and con - so - la - tion, Our shield from foes, Our  
 our steps for - ev - er; Nor shades of death Nor  
 y, soul, and spir - it Un - til we stand At



balm for woes, Our great and sure sal - va - tion.  
 hell be - neath Our souls from you will sev - er.  
 your right hand Through Je - sus' sav - ing mer - it.

Text: Joachim Magdeburg, c. 1525–after 1583, st. 1; *Harmonia cantionum*, Leipzig, 1597, st. 2-3;  
 tr. Benjamin H. Kennedy, 1804–89, alt.

Tune: WAS MEIN GOTT WILL (447 447 D Iambic) Claude de Sermisy, c. 1490–1562, alt.

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## Birthday

- **March 14** – Timothy Kassebaum

## Mark Your Calendars

- **March 11** – Pastor’s Circuit Meeting in Winchester, VA
- **March 14** – Wisconsin Lutheran Choir @ St Paul’s Lutheran Church, 7426 Idylwood Road, Falls Church, VA @ 7:30 pm (Presented by Grace Lutheran Church)
- **March 18** – Church Council Meeting @ 7 pm - Zoom
- **March 20** – “Mornings with Mommy” craft night @ 7 pm – Koelpin House
- **March 25** – PCRC8 Meeting @ 7 pm – Christus Victor Lutheran Church

## Other Announcements

- **Care Package** – We are hoping to send Henry his care package this week. If you need more time to get things here, please let pastor know.
- **New Hymnal** – As we put together our order for the new hymnal, we are offering the opportunity to order your own personal hymnal or donate a hymnal personally or as a memorial. There is a sign-up sheet in the Fellowship Hall where you can put down an order for a personal hymnal and/or psalter, or a donation. Please speak to Pastor if you have any questions.
- **Sunday School** – There will be Sunday School after worship today.

## Volunteer Schedule

| <i>Date</i>     | <i>Streaming</i> | <i>Music</i> | <i>Usher</i> | <i>Communion Assistant</i> | <i>Greeter</i> |
|-----------------|------------------|--------------|--------------|----------------------------|----------------|
| <b>March 16</b> | Audrey S.        | Ellen C.     | Tim C.       | Dan M.                     | Kathy K.       |
| <b>March 23</b> | Mark F.          | Dan M.       | Matt W.      |                            | Karen M.       |
| <b>March 30</b> | Dan M.           | Angie C.     | Bruce G.     | Matt W.                    | Ellen C.       |



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