

\*Lord's Prayer  
Distribution

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*Everyone who believes in Jesus is welcome at Christ's table.*

"Lamb of God"

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**\*PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

Tender and merciful one,

**at your feast, you fed us who brought nothing,  
turning our emptiness into joy.**

**Filled with your abundant grace,**

**send us now to be ministers of reconciliation,  
mending broken hearts, working for justice,**

**and striving for peace among all people,  
in the name of Jesus Christ.**

**Amen**

**\*SENDING**

Benediction

Sending Hymn

"Guide Me Ever, Great Redeemer"

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Dismissal:

Go in peace. Remember the poor.

**Thanks be to God.**



St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church  
Wilton, WI

First Sunday in Lent

March 10, 2019

**Inviting People to Journey with  
Christ's Family in Spreading God's  
Love and Mercy**

*These forty days called Lent are like no other. It is our opportune time to return to the God who rescues; to receive the gifts of God's grace; to believe with the heart and confess with the mouth the wonder of God's love in Jesus; and to resist temptation at every turn. This is no small pilgrimage on which we have just embarked. It is a struggle Jesus knew. It is a struggle Jesus shares. The nearness of the Lord, in bread and wine, water and word, will uphold and sustain us.*

**Confession and Forgiveness**

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God,  
who gathers us in the wilderness to redeem us,  
anoint us,  
and make us new.

**Amen.**

In these forty days, let us be honest, confess our sin,  
and receive God's promise of mercy.

God at the margins,

**We have wandered far from your home;  
again and again, we lose our way.**

**We turn inward, afraid of the world around us.**

**We forget that you have saved your people before  
and promise to do so again.**

**Do not remember the deeds of our past,  
but turn our faces toward the future,  
where your forgiveness is sure,  
your welcome is clear,  
and your love overflows.**

**Amen.**

\*Gathering Hymn

"If You But Trust in God to Guide You"

**ELW #769**

\*Greeting

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,  
And the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.  
**And also with you.**

\*Kyrie

In peace, let us pray to the Lord.  
**Lord, have mercy.**

For the peace from above,  
and for our salvation,  
let us pray to the Lord.  
**Lord, have mercy.**

For the peace of the whole world,  
for the well-being of the Church of God,  
and for the unity of all,  
let us pray to the Lord.  
**Lord, have mercy.**

For this holy house,  
and for all who offer here their worship and praise,  
let us pray to the Lord.  
**Lord, have mercy.**

Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.  
**Amen.**

\*Canticle of Praise                      "Glory to God"                      ELW pp. 148-149

\*Prayer of the Day

O Lord God,  
**you led your people through the wilderness and brought them to the  
promised land. Guide us now, so that, following your Son, we may  
walk safely through the wilderness of this world toward the life you  
alone can give, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives  
and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.  
Amen.**

**who has spoken through the prophets.  
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.  
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.  
We look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

\*PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION (Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**)

\*PEACE

P: The peace of Christ be with you all.

**C: And also with you.**

P: Let us show signs of Christ's peace.

**OFFERING**

\*Offertory Hymn                      "Create in Me a Clean Heart"                      **ELW #186**

\*Offertory Prayer

Generous God,

**you feed us with the harvest of the land,  
and you provide for our every need.  
Receive our gifts of money, imagination, and labor,  
and transform them into a feast that welcomes all,  
in Jesus Christ, our host and our guest.  
Amen.**

**GREAT THANKSGIVING**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to our Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

"Holy, Holy, Holy"

\*Words of Institution

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The gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sermon

\*Hymn

“A Mighty Fortress Is Our God”

**ELW #504**

**\*NICENE CREED**

**We believe in one God,  
the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,  
the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God,  
begotten, not made,  
of one Being with the Father;  
through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation  
he came down from heaven,  
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary  
and became truly human.  
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered death and was buried.**

**On the third day he rose again  
in accordance with the scriptures;  
he ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,**

**WORD**

*The annual harvest festival, called the Feast of Weeks, provides the setting for this reading. This festival celebrates the first fruits of the produce of the land offered back to God in thanks. In this text, worshipers announce God’s gracious acts on behalf of Israel.*

**A reading from Deuteronomy 26:1-11**

<sup>1</sup>When you have come into the land that the LORD your God is giving you as an inheritance to possess, and you possess it, and settle in it, <sup>2</sup>you shall take some of the first of all the fruit of the ground, which you harvest from the land that the LORD your God is giving you, and you shall put it in a basket and go to the place that the LORD your God will choose as a dwelling for his name. <sup>3</sup>You shall go to the priest who is in office at that time, and say to him, “Today I declare to the LORD your God that I have come into the land that the LORD swore to our ancestors to give us.” <sup>4</sup>When the priest takes the basket from your hand and sets it down before the altar of the LORD your God, <sup>5</sup>you shall make this response before the LORD your God: “A wandering Aramean was my ancestor; he went down into Egypt and lived there as an alien, few in number, and there he became a great nation, mighty and populous. <sup>6</sup>When the Egyptians treated us harshly and afflicted us, by imposing hard labor on us, <sup>7</sup>we cried to the LORD, the God of our ancestors; the LORD heard our voice and saw our affliction, our toil, and our oppression. <sup>8</sup>The LORD brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm, with a terrifying display of power, and with signs and wonders; <sup>9</sup>and he brought us into this place and gave us this land, a land flowing with milk and honey. <sup>10</sup>So now I bring the first of the fruit of the ground that you, O LORD, have given me.” You shall set it down before the LORD your God and bow down before the LORD your God. <sup>11</sup>Then you, together with the Levites and the aliens who reside among you, shall celebrate with all the bounty that the LORD your God has given to you and to your house. <sup>1</sup>  
The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

***Psalm 91:1-2, 9-16***

<sup>1</sup>You who dwell in the shelter of the Most High,  
who abide in the shadow of the Almighty—

<sup>2</sup>**you will say to the LORD, “My refuge and my stronghold,  
my God in whom I put my trust.”**

<sup>9</sup>Because you have made the LORD your refuge,  
and the Most High your habitation,

<sup>10</sup>**no evil will befall you,  
nor shall affliction come near your dwelling.**

<sup>11</sup>For God will give the angels charge over you,  
to guard you in all your ways.

<sup>12</sup>**Upon their hands they will bear you up,  
lest you strike your foot against a stone.**

<sup>13</sup>You will tread upon the lion cub and viper;  
you will trample down the lion and the serpent.

<sup>14</sup>**I will deliver those who cling to me;  
I will uphold them, because they know my name.**

<sup>15</sup>They will call me, and I will answer them;  
I will be with them in trouble; I will rescue and honor them.

<sup>16</sup>**With long life will I satisfy them  
and show them my salvation.**

### ***A reading from Romans 10:8b-13***

*Paul reminds the Christians at Rome of the foundation of their creed, the confession of faith in the risen Christ as Lord.*

<sup>8b</sup>“The word is near you,  
on your lips and in your heart”  
(that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); <sup>9</sup>because if you confess with  
your lips that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him  
from the dead, you will be saved. <sup>10</sup>For one believes with the heart and so is  
justified, and one confesses with the mouth and so is saved. <sup>11</sup>The scripture  
says, “No one who believes in him will be put to shame.” <sup>12</sup>For there is no  
distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all and is gen-  
erous to all who call on him. <sup>13</sup>For, “Everyone who calls on the name of the  
Lord shall be saved.”

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

**Gospel Acclamation**

“Return to the Lord”

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*After being filled with the Holy Spirit at his baptism, Jesus is led in the wilder-  
ness. Through his responses to the temptations of the devil, he defines what  
it means to be called “the Son of God.”*

### ***The gospel according to Luke 4:1-13***

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>1</sup>Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the  
Spirit in the wilderness, <sup>2</sup>where for forty days he was tempted by the devil.  
He ate nothing at all during those days, and when they were over, he was  
famished. <sup>3</sup>The devil said to him, “If you are the Son of God, command this  
stone to become a loaf of bread.” <sup>4</sup>Jesus answered him, “It is written, ‘One  
does not live by bread alone.’”

<sup>5</sup>Then the devil led him up and showed him in an instant all the kingdoms  
of the world. <sup>6</sup>And the devil said to him, “To you I will give their glory and all  
this authority; for it has been given over to me, and I give it to anyone I  
please. <sup>7</sup>If you, then, will worship me, it will all be yours.” <sup>8</sup>Jesus answered  
him, “It is written,  
‘Worship the Lord your God,  
and serve only him.’”

<sup>9</sup>Then the devil took him to Jerusalem, and placed him on the pinnacle of  
the temple, saying to him, “If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down  
from here, <sup>10</sup>for it is written,

‘He will command his angels concerning you,  
to protect you,’

<sup>11</sup>and

‘On their hands they will bear you up,  
so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.’”

<sup>12</sup>Jesus answered him, “It is said, ‘Do not put the Lord your God to the test.’”

<sup>13</sup>When the devil had finished every test, he departed from him until an op-  
portune time.