

# Lent 1 — February 22, 2026

## Prelude

## Welcome & Announcements

## Confession and Absolution

Pg 94-95

L Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever.  
**C Amen.**

L Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
**C Amen.**

L Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another. Most merciful God,

**All: We confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.**

L In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God Forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**People: Amen.**

## Children's Sermon

## Opening Hymn

**I Want Jesus to Walk With Me**

**ELW 325**

## Apostolic Greeting

**ELW Pg. 138**

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

## Prayer of the Day

**ELW Pg. 138-139**

L The Lord be with you

**C And also with you**

L Lord God, our strength, the struggle between good and evil rages within and around us, and the devil and all the forces that defy you tempt us with empty promises. Keep us steadfast in your word, and when we fall, raise us again and restore us through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever..

**C Amen**

## First Reading: Genesis 2:15-17; 3:1-7

<sup>15</sup> The Lord God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to till it and keep it. <sup>16</sup> And the Lord God commanded the man, "You may freely eat of every tree of the garden, <sup>17</sup> but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall die." <sup>3:1</sup> Now the serpent was more crafty than any other wild animal that the Lord God had made. He said to the woman, "Did God say, 'You shall not eat from any tree in the garden'?" <sup>2</sup> The woman said to the serpent, "We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden, <sup>3</sup> but God said, 'You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the middle of the garden, nor shall you touch it, or you shall die.'" <sup>4</sup> But the serpent said to the woman, "You will not die, <sup>5</sup> for God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil." <sup>6</sup> So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food and that it was a delight to the eyes and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate, and she also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate. <sup>7</sup> Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked, and they sewed fig leaves together and made loincloths for themselves.

" Holy Wisdom, Holy Word.

**C Thanks be to God!**

## Psalm 32 *chanted*

<sup>1</sup> Happy are they whose transgressions <sup>1</sup> are forgiven,  
and whose sin is <sup>1</sup> put away!

<sup>2</sup> **Happy are they to whom the LORD im- <sup>1</sup> putes no guilt,  
and in whose spirit there <sup>1</sup> is no guile!**

<sup>3</sup> While I held my tongue, my bones with- <sup>1</sup> ered away,  
because of my groaning <sup>1</sup> all day long.

<sup>4</sup> **For your hand was heavy upon me <sup>1</sup> day and night;  
my moisture was dried up as in the <sup>1</sup> heat of summer.**

<sup>5</sup> Then I acknowledged my sin to you, and did not con- <sup>1</sup> ceal my guilt.

I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the LORD." Then you forgave me the guilt <sup>1</sup> of my sin.

<sup>6</sup> **Therefore all the faithful will make their prayers to you in <sup>1</sup> time of trouble;  
when the great waters overflow, they <sup>1</sup> shall not reach them.**

<sup>7</sup> You are my hiding-place; you preserve <sup>1</sup> me from trouble;  
you surround me with shouts <sup>1</sup> of deliverance.

<sup>8</sup> **"I will instruct you and teach you in the way that <sup>1</sup> you should go;  
I will guide you <sup>1</sup> with my eye.**

<sup>9</sup> Do not be like horse or mule, which have no <sup>1</sup> understanding;  
who must be fitted with bit and bridle, or else they will <sup>1</sup> not stay near you."

<sup>10</sup> **Great are the tribulations <sup>1</sup> of the wicked;  
but mercy embraces those who trust <sup>1</sup> in the LORD.**

<sup>11</sup> Be glad, you righteous, and rejoice <sup>1</sup> in the LORD;  
shout for joy, all who are <sup>1</sup> true of heart.

## Second Reading: Romans 5: 12-19

<sup>12</sup> Just as sin came into the world through one man, and death came through sin, and so death spread to all because all have sinned <sup>13</sup> for sin was indeed in the world before the law, but sin is not reckoned when there is no law. <sup>14</sup> Yet death reigned from Adam to Moses, even over those who did not sin in the likeness of Adam, who is a pattern of the one who was to come.

<sup>15</sup> But the free gift is not like the trespass. For if the many died through the one man's trespass, much more surely have the grace of God and the gift in the grace of the one man, Jesus Christ, abounded for the many. <sup>16</sup> And the gift is not like the effect of the one man's sin. For the judgment following one trespass brought condemnation, but the gift following many trespasses brings justification. <sup>17</sup> If, because of the one man's trespass, death reigned through that one, much more surely will those who receive the abundance of grace and the gift of righteousness reign in life through the one man, Jesus Christ.

<sup>18</sup> Therefore just as one man's trespass led to condemnation for all, so one man's act of righteousness leads to justification and life for all. <sup>19</sup> For just as through the one man's disobedience the many were made sinners, so through the one man's obedience the many will be made righteous. Holy wisdom, holy word. **C** **Thanks be to God**

**Return to the Lord, your God, who is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love**

**Holy Gospel according to Matthew in the 4<sup>th</sup> Chapter. C Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>1</sup> Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tested by the devil. <sup>2</sup> He fasted forty days and forty nights, and afterward he was famished. <sup>3</sup> The tempter came and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread." <sup>4</sup> But he answered, "It is written, 'One does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.'" <sup>5</sup> Then the devil took him to the holy city and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, <sup>6</sup> saying to him, "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down, for it is written, 'He will command his angels concerning you,' and 'On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.'" <sup>7</sup> Jesus said to him, "Again it is written, 'Do not put the Lord your God to the test.'" <sup>8</sup> Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their glory, <sup>9</sup> and he said to him, "All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me." <sup>10</sup> Then Jesus said to him, "Away with you, Satan! for it is written, 'Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him.'" <sup>11</sup> Then the devil left him, and suddenly angels came and waited on him.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C Praise to you, O Christ.**

### **Sermon**

**Hymn of the Day**

**O Lord, Throughout These Forty Days**

**ELW 319**

### **Apostles Creed**

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

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead.**

**On the third day he rose again;  
he ascended into heaven,  
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

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



## Prayers of the Church

L: In the face of temptation and sin, let us seek God's grace and protection.

AM: For the vast and diverse assembly of God's people, that the temptation to treat one another as strangers not lead to the sins of apathy, prejudice, or discord, Lord in your mercy, **People: Hear our prayer.**

AM: For the whole human family, that the temptation to care only for ourselves and our loved ones not lead to the sins of greed or selfishness Lord in your mercy, **People: Hear our prayer.**

AM: For the blessing of God's good creation, that the temptation to take it for granted not lead us to the sins of wastefulness, carelessness, or destruction, Lord in your mercy, **People: Hear our prayer.**

AM: For our partners in the Synod and the ELCA, that the temptation to focus only on our local ministry not lead to the sin of isolation or disconnection from our fellow servants of the Gospel, Lord in your mercy, **People: Hear our prayer.**

L: For protection from all other temptations and sins, we humbly pray. Lord in your mercy, **People: Hear our prayer. Amen.**

## Peace

P The peace of Christ be with you always.

**C And also with you.**

*Please share a sign of God's peace.*

*The offering is received*

**Anthem                  Fall on Me                  Words: J. Paul Williams          Music: Douglas Nolan**

Fall on me, fall on me. Let your Spirit fall on me. Descending as a dove, come fill me with your love. Holy Spirit, fall on me. Fall on me, fall on me, let your Spirit fall on me. Come take away my sin and make me new again. Let your Spirit fall on me. Come now and take away my sin. Come now and make me whole again. Purer in heart, Lord, help me to be. O let your Spirit fall on me. Fall on me, fall on me. Let your Spirit fall on me. May everything I do reflect my love for you. Let your Spirit fall, O let your Spirit fall, O let your Spirit fall on me. Holy Spirit, fall on me. Amen.

## Offertory Hymn

**ELW 188**

**Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from your presence, and take not your Holy Spirit from me. Restore unto me the joy of your salvation, and uphold me with your free Spirit.**

## Offertory Prayer



## Great Thanksgiving – page 144

L The Lord be with you. C And also with you.

L Lift up your hearts. C We lift them to the Lord.

L Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. C It is right to give our thanks and praise.

*The Proper Preface is chanted.*

L It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ. You call your people to cleanse their hearts and prepare with joy for the paschal feast, that, renewed in the gift of baptism, we may come to the fullness of your grace. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

### Sanctus Pg. 144

C Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of pow'r and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna. Hosanna. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

## The Great Thanksgiving

### LORD'S PRAYER

C 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

### Agnus Dei Pg. 146

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; grant us peace.

Communion is distributed.

### Communion Music

### Post Communion Prayer

## Benediction

L The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy. The Lord look upon you with favor and grant you peace C **Amen.**

Closing Hymn

Shout to the Lord

ELW 821

## Dismissal

AM Go now in peace, to love and serve the Lord and your neighbors.  
C Thanks be to God

## Postlude

*Thank you for coming.  
May God's peace be yours today.*



## IN OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS

The following is a listing of those who need your prayers. Our hope is that you will take this listing home with you and in your daily prayers remember those listed below. If you would like to add or subtract for this list, please write name(s) on the Prayer of Concerns form in the Narthex located on the stand up desk to the right of the exit doors or email the office. Thank you!

Joe Abbott  
Connie Aparo  
Charlie Blakeslee  
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Tom Sterling Sr.  
RuthAnn Stone  
Patricia Switzer  
Gloria Thibault

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Diane Engle  
Jan Eucalitto

Lucille Videtto  
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Kim Weissman

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Kathleen Hilton  
Shannon Hilton

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Clarence & Priscilla  
Ed  
Jen O.  
Jaiden

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Marilyn Killingbeck  
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Terry

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Richard Marine  
Janis Martin

Hagbard  
Peanut  
Diane L.  
Holly L.  
Al & Mary  
Isaac

Gil & Marilyn Martin  
Michael Meyers  
Brigitte Mueller  
Bob Murphy  
Barbara Nalette

### **Family and Friends of Judy Schaller**

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Tom O'Brien  
Karen Pagano  
Lisa & Dennis Polzun  
Ed & Susan Regner

Baerbel Roehl  
Patricia & Richard  
Sawitzke  
Sara Seelye  
Lori Sola  
Sigrid Smitley

Deb & Jon Sterling

### **Our Nursing Home Members**

Dee Gammon  
Midge Rosenbeck  
Mae Fay  
Francine Ahrens  
Betty Hilton  
Walter Joray  
Daine Wright  
Eleanor Klonoski

### **Our Military Friends**

Lord Jesus, Savior of the World and King of Peace, watch over our sons and daughters in the service of their Country. Protect them from the physical and moral dangers. Keep them close to you and help them live the commandments. Lord, Jesus give them courage to serve their country with honor and dignity. Be with them when they are in danger; strengthen them when they face hardship. Above all Lord, grant that when their service is finished that they may return to us, sound in mind, body and soul. Amen.

Tyler Quinn  
Eric Beyus  
Major Zachary Fulton  
Brandan Holbrook  
Jonathan Connell  
Tom Gregg, Jr.  
Eric Bremer  
Peter Hutchinson  
SPC Dominic Boscarino  
PVT Noah Braatz  
PVT 2 Christian Braatz  
Aiden Avenia USCG  
2nd Lt. Ben Speaker  
Pvt. Noah Roy

## Around the Church

Event	Date	Time
WELCA meeting Sign up by Sunday	2/23	7pm
Midweek Lenten Potluck Upper classrooms	2/26	6 pm
Finance	3/4	6 pm
Council	3/9	7 pm
Hilltop Advisory Board- Zoom	3/12	4:45 pm

### ***Bible Study***

Tuesday via Zoom 6:00 pm

In person Bible Study Wednesdays  
10:00 am

### **Wednesdays**

Tai Chi 11:00 am  
Quilting Group 1:00 pm

### **Guest preachers**

**Thank you to today's guest speaker  
The Rev. Mark Lingle, the Synod  
Staff person for this area. The  
Bishop will preach on Palm Sunday.**

### **Offerings Summary:**

<b>Needed Weekly</b>	<b>\$6,290</b>
<b>Received</b>	<b>\$7161</b>
<b>Shortfall</b>	<b>+871</b>
<b>YTD shortfall</b>	<b>(\$15,229)</b>

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The Rev. Dr. G. Scott Cady  
Music Director Marcia Newcome

**\*\*FRIDAY ~ MARCH 6<sup>TH</sup>\*\***

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# BINGO NIGHT

**FUNDRAISER**

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AT 6PM)

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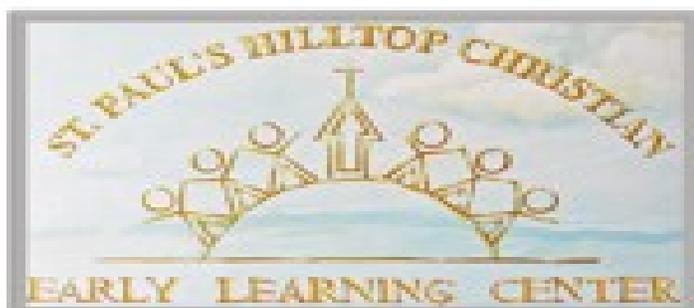
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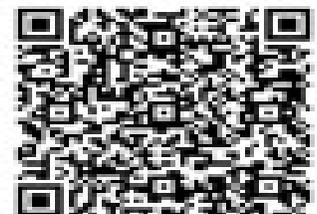
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