



First Sunday in Lent  
*A Champion*

# St. Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church | *Jordan, Minnesota*

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*February 22, 2026*

## **WELCOME TO WORSHIP**

Welcome and thank you for joining us for worship today! In our service we gather before our almighty and saving God to offer him our worship and praise. We also assemble to hear God's holy and powerful word and celebrate his life-giving sacraments. Through these means, God strengthens our faith and walks us ever closer to our eternal home with him.

## **TODAY'S THEME**

I recognize my inability to defend myself against spiritual enemies. The world is against me, but I look for ways to imitate it. I try to master my own sinful flesh, but I recognize desires in myself that war against my soul. And when it comes to the devil, I fall into temptation again and again. My impending death proves that I have sinned. I realize that what I really need is a champion. God the Father realized it too. He sent his Son to be my Savior. Through the obedience of the Son of God, I have victory over my enemies.

**Pastor.....**.....Jeremy Glowicki  
**Accompanist.....**.....Noah Helke

*Stand*

In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

**Confession**

**CW 172**

If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us.

**If we confess our sins, God is faithful and just**

**and will forgive us our sins**

**and purify us from all unrighteousness.**

Let us confess our sins to the Lord.

**Holy God, gracious Father,**

**I am sinful by nature**

**and have sinned against you in my thoughts, words, and actions.**

**I have not loved you with my whole heart;**

**I have not loved others as I should.**

**I deserve your punishment both now and forever.**

**But Jesus, my Savior, paid for my sins**

**with his innocent suffering and death.**

**Trusting in him, I pray: God, have mercy on me, a sinner.**

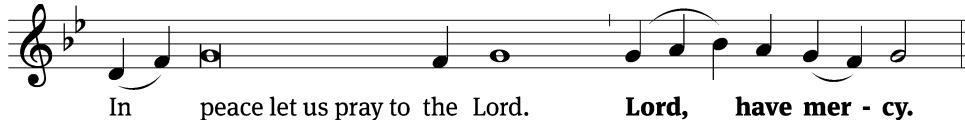
*Silence for meditation and reflection*

Our gracious Father in heaven has been merciful to us. He sent his only Son, Jesus Christ, who gave his life as the atoning sacrifice for the sins of the whole world. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

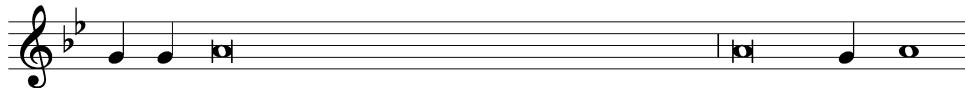
# Lord, Have Mercy

CW 174



Music for the first stanza: Treble clef, B-flat key signature. The melody consists of eighth and sixteenth notes. The lyrics are: "In peace let us pray to the Lord. Lord, have mer - cy."

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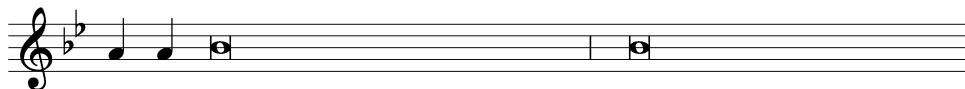
Continuation of the melody for the first stanza.

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



Continuation of the melody for the first stanza.

Lord, have mer - cy.



Music for the second stanza: Treble clef, B-flat key signature. The melody consists of eighth and sixteenth notes. The lyrics are: "For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of

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Continuation of the melody for the second stanza.

God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



Continuation of the melody for the second stanza.

Lord, have mer - cy.



Music for the third stanza: Treble clef, B-flat key signature. The melody consists of eighth and sixteenth notes. The lyrics are: "For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and

For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and



Continuation of the melody for the third stanza.

praise, let us pray to the Lord. Lord, have mer - cy.

Help, save, com - fort, and de - fend us, gra - cious Lord.

A - men.

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## The Word

The Lord be with you.  
**And also with you.**

### Prayer of the Day

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.

**Amen.**

*Be seated*

## First Reading

Genesis 3:1-15

*God promised to send a champion to do what I could not, defeating my greatest enemy.*

Now the serpent was more clever than any wild animal which the LORD God had made. He said to the woman, “Has God really said, ‘You shall not eat from any tree in the garden?’” The woman said to the serpent, “We may eat fruit from the trees of the garden, but not from the fruit of the tree that is in the middle of the garden. God has said, ‘You shall not eat from it. You shall not touch it, or else you will die.’” The serpent said to the woman, “You certainly will not die. In fact, God knows that the day you eat from it, your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil.” When the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was appealing to the eyes, and that the tree was desirable to make one wise, she took some of its fruit and ate. She gave some also to her husband, who was with her, and he ate it. The eyes of both of them were opened, and they realized that they were naked. They sewed fig leaves together and made coverings for their waists. They heard the voice of the LORD God, who was walking around in the garden during the cooler part of the day, and the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the LORD God among the trees of the garden. The LORD God called to the man and said to him, “Where are you?” The man said, “I heard your voice in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked, so I hid myself.” God said, “Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten from the tree from which I commanded you not to eat?” The man said, “The woman you gave to be with me—she gave me fruit from the tree, and I ate it.” The LORD God said to the woman, “What have you done?” The woman said, “The serpent deceived me, and I ate.” The LORD God said to the serpent: Because you have done this, you are cursed more than all the livestock, and more than every wild animal. You shall crawl on your belly, and you shall eat dust all the days of your life. I will put hostility between you and the woman, and between your seed and her seed. He will crush your head, and you will crush his heel.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## 46A The LORD Almighty Is with Us

Psalm 46A

## Second Reading

*Romans 5:12-19*

*Adam's defeat meant death for me. Christ's victory means life for me.*

So then, just as sin entered the world through one man and death through sin, so also death spread to all people because all sinned. For even before the law was given, sin was in the world. Now, sin is not charged to one's account if there is no law, and yet death reigned from the time of Adam to the time of Moses, even over those whose sin was not like the transgression of Adam, who is a pattern of the one who was to come. But the gracious gift is not like Adam's trespass. For if the many died by the trespass of this one man, it is even more certain that God's grace, and the gift given by the grace of the one man Jesus Christ, overflowed to the many! And the gift is not like the effect of the one man's sin, for the judgment that followed the one trespass resulted in a verdict of condemnation, but the gracious gift that followed many trespasses resulted in a verdict of justification. Indeed, if by the trespass of the one man, death reigned through the one man, it is even more certain that those who receive the overflowing grace of the gift of righteousness will reign in life through the one man Jesus Christ! So then, just as one trespass led to a verdict of condemnation for all people, so also one righteous verdict led to life-giving justification for all people. For just as through the disobedience of one man the many became sinners, so also through the obedience of one man the many will become righteous.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

*Stand*

## Gospel Acclamation

Hebrews 4:15

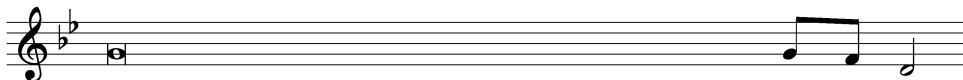


*Refrain*

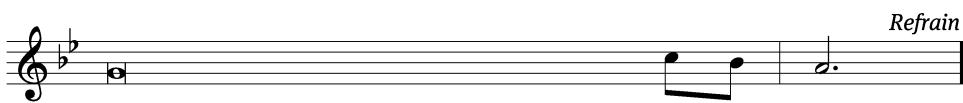


Praise to you, Lord Je-sus Christ, king of end - less glo - ry.

*Tone*



We do not have a high priest who is unable to empathize with our weak - ness - es;



we have one who has been tempted in every way,  
just as we are—yet he did not sin.

*Refrain*

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## Gospel

Matthew 4:1–11

*The champion of demons and the champion of mankind do battle. Jesus wins.*

Then Jesus was led by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the Devil. After he had fasted forty days and forty nights, he was hungry. The Tempter came and said to him, “If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become bread.” But Jesus answered, “It is written: Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes out of the mouth of God.” Then the Devil took him into the holy city. He placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, and he said to him, “If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down. For it is written: He will command his angels concerning you. And they will lift you up in their hands, so that you will not strike your foot against a stone.” Jesus said to him, “Again, it is written: You shall not test the Lord your God.” Again the Devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their glory. He said to him, “I will give you all of these things, if you will bow down and worship me.” Then Jesus said to him, “Go away, Satan! For it is written,

‘Worship the Lord your God, and serve him only.’” Then the Devil left him, and just then angels came and served him.

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise be to you, O Christ!**

*Be seated*

**863 A Mighty Fortress Is Our God**

CW 863

## **Sermon**

*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*

## **Prayer of the Church**

Eternal Lord, give us peace as we ponder the good news that you forgive our sins in Christ. Lead us to see clearly the path you have laid out for us.

**Work in us so that we believe and live the Word we have heard today.**

Provide courage and compassion to all who preach and teach your Word. Fill them with a love like yours as they proclaim your grace to us and all people.

**Move us to love all ministers of the Word wherever they serve.**

Guard and guide the families of our congregation. Lead husbands and wives to love each other with commitment, respect, and patience. Help parents to grasp the eternal value of keeping their children close to Jesus all their lives. Grant joy to those who are single, and make them a blessing to others.

**Protect us from the temptations that surround us; give us pure hearts and minds.**

Provide wisdom and insight to those who make laws and set policies. Give us respect for those who protect us from crime. Lead us to value the rights of our fellow citizens and to defend those who cannot defend themselves.

**Bless our land with peace and prosperity so that the gospel may be proclaimed to all.**

Give us passion to share the story of your love with our family and friends. Overcome unbelief, and open the hearts of people everywhere to believe the good news that Jesus has forgiven their sins and opened the gates of heaven.

**Fill us with joy over every sinner who repents and comes to trust in you.**

Extend your healing power to those who are sick and suffering in body or mind. Give patience and compassion to all who care for the sick and dying.

**Lift the eyes of the distressed to your love in Christ.**

Hear us, Lord, as we pray in silence.

*Silent prayer*

Gracious God, you govern and direct all things and you love all people. Hear our prayers, spoken and silent, and answer them in your wisdom and grace.

**In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.**

## **Offering**

During the offering, please fill out the Friendship Register in the pew and pass it down to those sitting next to you.

### **836 I Walk in Danger All the Way**

CW 836

*Stand*

Blessed Lord, you have given us your Holy Scriptures for our learning. May we so hear them, read, learn, and take them to heart that, being strengthened and comforted by your holy Word, we may cling to the blessed hope of everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**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.**

## Blessing

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.  
**Amen.**

## 842 Jesus, Still Lead On

CW 842

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Hosted by Lutheran Girls Pioneers District 19



# Swim & Gym

Everyone is invited  
to join the Pioneers!

**Lake Crystal Area  
Recreation Center**

Sunday, April 12, 1-4 PM

**\$4/Participant**

**\$1.50 extra for slide**

**\$1 Spectator fee**

**SNACK POTLUCK** – bring a snack to  
share for the 4pm devotion in the  
upstairs gathering room.

**Invite your friends!**

**Pay at the Door.  
No registration required.**

**Participants can use  
the gym space also.**

For more information  
go to our Facebook Page

**Lutheran Girl Pioneers District-19**



# *News & Notes*

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## **Radio Broadcast**

The radio broadcast is sponsored by Paul and Janet Robling for blessings received. Thank you!

## **Usher Schedules**

There is an updated usher schedule available near the Fellowship Hall. You can also find the updated schedule on our website under the “Member Info” tab.

## **Senior Fellowship**

Senior Fellowship will meet at the Feedmill on Thursday March 5<sup>th</sup> at 9 am. Join in for breakfast and fellowship for seniors.

## **Committee & Council Meetings**

The next Committee meeting is Tuesday, March 3<sup>rd</sup> and the Council Meeting is Tuesday, March 10<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm.

## **CAMM Items for Donation**

Jill Jahn is collecting items to send to Malawi and Zambia. Current items requested are pill bottles, baby clothes, clothing for children, and light blankets. For a complete list of items, you can visit the Central Africa Medical Mission website at [www.camm.us/howtohelp](http://www.camm.us/howtohelp)

There is information on the bulletin board near the fellowship containing important information regarding pill bottles, please read this if you are planning to donate any.

## **Silent Auction**

The Woven silent auction is underway in the Fellowship Hall. Check out the items for bid there and bid using your envelope number. The auction will remain open until Easter Sunday.

# MARCH 2026

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Worship 9 am Communion Bible Study/ Sunday School 10:15 am	2 7:45 Choir	3 Committee Meeting Night 6:30 pm	4 5 pm Soup Supper 5:30 Founda- tions 6:30 Worship	5 Senior Fellowship 10 am	6	7
8 Worship 9 am <b>Fellowship</b> <b>Sunday</b> Bible Study/ Sunday School 10:15 am	9 7:45 Choir	10 Council Meet- ing 6:30 pm Reflections Bible Study for Women 7 pm	11 5 pm Soup Supper 5:30 Founda- tions 6:30 Worship	12	13	14
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## SERVING THE LORD

		Acolytes	Ushers	Media Booth	Organist
2/22	9 am	(Need Volunteer)	4	(Need Volunteer)	Noah Helke
2/25	6:30 pm	(Need Volunteer)	1	(Need Volunteer)	Noah Helke
3/1	9 am	(Need Volunteer)	2	(Need Volunteer)	Lois Zander

March Altar Guild	March Cleaners
Donna Breeggemann/Janet Robling	-
March Counters	Service Group 1 Leader
-	Need Volunteer
April Altar Guild	
Rachel Carlstrom/Karen Firle/Mary Zeman	

Attendance	
Sunday	102
Monday	n/a
<b>Total</b>	<b>102</b>

Gifts To Our Lord		
	Received	Needed
Current	\$3376	\$3834
Online Giving	\$602	
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$3978</b>	<b>\$3834</b>



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