



**1<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Lent**  
**March 9, 2025**

**Opening Hymn #74**  
***Once He Came in Blessing***

1. Once He came in blessing,  
All our ills redressing;  
Came in likeness lowly,  
Son of God most holy;  
Bore the cross to save us,  
Hope and freedom gave us.
2. Still He comes within us,  
Still His voice would win us  
From the sins that hurt us;  
Would to Truth convert us  
From our foolish errors  
Ere He comes in terrors.
3. Thus, if thou hast known Him,  
Not ashamed to own Him,  
But wilt trust Him boldly  
Nor dost love Him coldly,  
He will then receive thee,  
Heal thee, and forgive thee.
4. He who thus endureth  
Bright reward secureth.  
Come, then, O Lord Jesus,  
From our sins release us;

Let us here confess Thee  
Till in heaven we bless Thee.

### **Invocation**

**P:** In the Name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen**

### **Confession and Absolution**

**P:** 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.**

**P:** 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**

### **Kyrie – sing**

Lord, have mercy on us. Christ, have mercy on us. Lord have mercy on us.

### **Prayer of the Day**

**P:** Let us pray...

... through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C: Amen**

## **The First Lesson – Deuteronomy 26:1-11**

<sup>1</sup>“When you come into the land that the Lord your God is giving you for an inheritance and have taken possession of it and live in it, <sup>2</sup>you shall take some of the first of all the fruit of the ground, which you harvest from your land that the Lord your God is giving you, and you shall put it in a basket, and you shall go to the place that the Lord your God will choose, to make his name to dwell there. <sup>3</sup>And you shall go to the priest who is in office at that time and say to him, ‘I declare today to the Lord your God that I have come into the land that the Lord swore to our fathers to give us.’ <sup>4</sup>Then the priest shall take the basket from your hand and set it down before the altar of the Lord your God. <sup>5</sup>“And you shall make response before the Lord your God, ‘A wandering Aramean was my father. And he went down into Egypt and sojourned there, few in number, and there he became a nation, great, mighty, and populous. <sup>6</sup>And the Egyptians treated us harshly and humiliated us and laid on us hard labor. <sup>7</sup>Then we cried to the Lord, the God of our fathers, and the Lord heard our voice and saw our affliction, our toil, and our oppression. <sup>8</sup>And the Lord brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm, with great deeds of terror, 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>And behold, now I bring the first of the fruit of the ground, which you, O Lord, have given me.’ And you shall set it down before the Lord your God and worship before the Lord your God. <sup>11</sup>And you shall rejoice in all the good that the Lord your God has given to you and to your house, you, and the Levite, and the sojourner who is among you.”

## **Psalm of the Day- Psalm 91:1-13**

<sup>1</sup>He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High  
**will abide in the shadow of the Almighty.**  
<sup>2</sup>I will say to the Lord, “My refuge and my fortress,  
**my God, in whom I trust.”**

<sup>3</sup>For he will deliver you from the snare of the fowler  
**and from the deadly pestilence.**

<sup>4</sup>He will cover you with his pinions,  
**and under his wings you will find refuge;**  
**his faithfulness is a shield and buckler.**

<sup>5</sup>You will not fear the terror of the night,  
**nor the arrow that flies by day,**

<sup>6</sup>nor the pestilence that stalks in darkness,  
**nor the destruction that wastes at noonday.**

<sup>7</sup>A thousand may fall at your side,  
**ten thousand at your right hand,**  
**but it will not come near you.**

<sup>8</sup>You will only look with your eyes  
**and see the recompense of the wicked.**

<sup>9</sup>Because you have made the Lord your dwelling place—  
**the Most High, who is my refuge—**

<sup>10</sup>no evil shall be allowed to befall you,  
**no plague come near your tent.**

<sup>11</sup>For he will command his angels concerning you  
**to guard you in all your ways.**

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

<sup>13</sup>You will tread on the lion and the adder;  
**the young lion and the serpent you will trample underfoot.**

### **The Second Lesson – Romans 10:8b-13**

“The word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart” (that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); <sup>9</sup>because, if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. <sup>10</sup>For with the heart one believes and is justified, and with the mouth one confesses and is saved. <sup>11</sup>For the Scripture says, “Everyone who believes in him will not be put to shame.” <sup>12</sup>For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all, bestowing his riches on all who

call on him. <sup>13</sup>For “everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.”

### **Verse of the Day – Ephesians 6:11**

Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the schemes of the devil.

### **The Gospel – Luke 4:1-13**

<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>for forty days, being tempted by the devil. And he ate nothing during those days. And when they were ended, he was hungry. <sup>3</sup>The devil said to him, “If you are the Son of God, command this stone to become bread.” <sup>4</sup>And Jesus answered him, “It is written, ‘Man shall not live by bread alone.’” <sup>5</sup>And the devil took him up and showed him all the kingdoms of the world in a moment of time, <sup>6</sup>and said to him, “To you I will give all this authority and their glory, for it has been delivered to me, and I give it to whom I will. <sup>7</sup>If you, then, will worship me, it will all be yours.” <sup>8</sup>And Jesus answered him, “It is written, “‘You shall worship the Lord your God, and him only shall you serve.’” <sup>9</sup>And he took him to Jerusalem and set him on the pinnacle of the temple and said 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 guard you,’ <sup>11</sup>and “‘On their hands they will bear you up, lest you strike your foot against a stone.’” <sup>12</sup>And Jesus answered him, “It is said, ‘You shall not put the Lord your God to the test.’” <sup>13</sup>And when the devil had ended every temptation, he departed from him until an opportune time.

### **Confession of Faith – 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.**

**Hymn of the Day #774**  
***A Mighty Fortress Is Our God***

1. A mighty fortress is our God,  
A trusty shield and weapon;  
He helps us free from ev'ry need  
That has us now o'ertaken.  
The old evil foe  
Now means deadly woe;  
Deep guile and great might  
Are his dread arms in fight;  
On earth is not his equal.

2. With might of ours can naught be done;  
Soon were our loss effected.  
But for us fights the valiant One  
Whom God Himself elected.  
You ask, "Who is this?"  
Jesus Christ it is,  
The almighty Lord.

And there's none other God;  
He holds the field forever.  
3. Though devils all the world should fill,  
All eager to devour us,  
We tremble not, we fear no ill:  
They shall not overpow'r us.  
This world's prince may still  
Scowl fierce as he will,  
He can harm us none.  
He's judged; the deed is done!  
One little word can fell him.

4. The Word they still shall let remain,  
Nor any thanks have for it;  
He's by our side upon the plain  
With His good gifts and Spirit.  
And do what they will--  
Hate, steal, hurt, or kill--  
Though all may be gone,  
Our victory is won;  
The kingdom's ours forever!

### **Sermon Text – Deuteronomy 26:1-11**

#### **Sermon**

#### ***Jesus Christ Is Our Champion Against the Devil***

#### **Offertory – sing**

Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.  
Cast me not away from Your presence. Take not your Holy Spirit from me.  
Restore to me the joy of Your salvation. Uphold with Your Spirit free.

#### **Offering of Thankful Hearts**

#### **Prayer of the Church**

P: Let us pray for the whole Church of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

P: Lord Most High, You are the dwelling place of Your people. Be our refuge for the sake of Christ, who suffered temptation and death for our redemption. Preserve us from every evil and plague, and strengthen us in faith, that we may be satisfied with Your salvation.

**1 O Lord, throughout these forty days  
You prayed and kept the fast; ...**

P: God of all nations, You make no distinction between Jew and Greek, for everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved. Protect and provide for the missionaries of Your Church as they proclaim the Word of faith and bring it near to all who will hear, so that more would confess with their mouths that Jesus is Lord and believe in their hearts that You raised Him from the dead.

**Inspire repentance for our sin,  
And free us from our past.**

P: Almighty God, govern the kingdoms of this world according to Your holy and gracious will. Protect authorities from every temptation of the devil, who falsely claims sovereignty over them. Equip them to curb what is evil and promote what is good.

**2. You stoved with Satan, and You won;  
Your faithfulness endured; ...**

P: Lord of all, You bestow Your riches on all who call upon You. Bless parents with all wisdom as they teach their children Your ways, that all in the household may confess with their mouths that Jesus is Lord.

**Lend us Your nerve, Your skill and trust  
In God's eternal Word.**



P: God of all mercy, You answer those who call upon You. Hear our prayers for all people in need of healing and restoration [*especially* \_\_\_\_\_]. Be with them in their trouble, and rescue them according to Your gracious will.

**3. Though parched and hungry, yet You prayed  
And fixed Your mind above; ...**

P: Lord God, as You brought Your people to the Promised Land and gave them an inheritance of abundance, so You give us all that we have. Preserve us from greed, and grant us thankful hearts to declare Your goodness and gladly support what You will.

**So teach us to deny ourselves,  
Since we have known God's love.**

P: O Lord, everyone who believes that Jesus is Lord will not be put to shame. Unite Your people in a right confession of Your Word, and free them from disagreement over Your truth.

**4. Be with us through this season, Lord,  
And all our earthly days,  
That when the final Easter dawns,  
We join in heaven's praise.**

P: Lord God, heavenly Father, see how the adversary continually afflicts us and walks about as a roaring lion seeking to devour us. We implore You for the sake of the suffering and death of Your Son, Jesus Christ, to help us by the grace of the Holy Spirit and strengthen our hearts by Your Word, that our enemy would not prevail over us, but instead that we may abide evermore in Your grace and be preserved to life everlasting; through the same *\*please stand\** Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who taught us to pray:

### **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.**

### **The Benediction**

P: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious to you. The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace.

**C: Amen**

### **Closing Hymn #410** *Jesus, Lead Thou On*

1. Jesus, lead Thou on  
Till our rest is won;  
And although the way be cheerless,  
We will follow calm and fearless.  
Guide us by Thy hand  
To our fatherland.
2. If the way be drear,  
If the foe be near,  
Let not faithless fears o'ertake us;  
Let not faith and hope forsake us;  
For through many a woe  
To our home we go.

3. When we seek relief  
From a long-felt grief;  
When temptations come alluring,  
Make us patient and enduring;  
Show us that bright shore  
Where we weep no more.

4. Jesus, lead Thou on  
Till our rest is won.  
Heavenly Leader, still direct us,  
Still support, control, protect us,  
Till we safely stand  
In our fatherland.

### **Silent Prayer**

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