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**Sunday, March 9, 2025**

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

Service of Word and Prayer

Hymns from ELW

10:00 A.M.

# Order of Service

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

*O Master, Let Me Walk With Thee*

Vicki Moore

## CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,  
who forgives all our sin,  
whose mercy endures forever.

**Amen.**

Let us return to God, confessing our sin in the assurance of God's abiding love.

Compassionate One,  
**you are slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love,  
but our lives do not always reflect you  
and your love for the world.  
We do not show others the tender compassion  
you have shown to us.  
We do not welcome others with the radical hospitality  
you grant to all people.  
We oppress others,  
even though you have set us free again and again.  
We squander the abundant gifts of the earth.  
Transform our lives  
and guide us again in the way of the cross.  
Amen.**

Beloved in Christ,  
God's arms are always stretched open wide  
to welcome the wandering ones home.  
In † Christ your sins are forgiven.  
You have a place in God's house forever.  
**Amen.**

\*GATHERING SONG

*Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross*

ELW 335

**\*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.**

**\*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.**

**\*CANTICLE OF PRAISE – *Lord, Let My Heart Be Good Soil***

Lord, let my heart be good soil, o-pen to the seed of your word.

Lord, let my heart be good soil, where love can grow and peace is un-der-stood.

When my heart is hard, break the stone a - way. When my heart is cold,

warm it with the day. When my heart is lost, lead me on your way.

Lord, let my heart, Lord, let my heart, Lord, let my heart be good soil.

The musical score is written on five staves in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics printed below each staff. The final staff ends with a double bar line.

*Youth are released for Jr. Church.*

**FIRST READING:** 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.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

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

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

<sup>2</sup>**will say to the LORD, "My refuge and my fortress;  
my God, in whom I trust."**

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

<sup>10</sup>**no evil shall befall you,  
no scourge 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,  
so that you will not dash 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 under foot.

**14Those who love me, I will deliver;  
I will protect those who know my name.**  
**15When they call to me, I will answer them;**  
 I will be with them in trouble,  
 I will rescue them and honor them.  
**16With long life I will satisfy them,  
and show them my salvation.**

**SECOND READING:** Romans 10:8b-13

<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 generous 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.**

*Assembly stands to welcome the gospel.*

**\*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION** (*Return to the Lord*)

Re - turn to the Lord, your God, for he is gra - cious and  
 mer - ci - ful, slow to an - ger, and a - bound - ing in  
 stead - fast love, and a - bound - ing in stead - fast love.

**\*GOSPEL: Luke 4:1-13**

The Holy Gospel according to Luke, the 4<sup>th</sup> chapter.  
**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 opportune time.

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

*Assembly is seated.*

**SERMON**

*Shortcuts*

Pastor Stephanie

**HYMN OF THE DAY**

*Let Us Ever Walk With Jesus*

ELW 802

*The assembly stands.*

**\*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 INTERCESSION**

Led by the Spirit, let us turn to God in prayer for the church, the world,  
and all those in need.

God, in your mercy,  
**receive our prayer.**

Receive the prayers of your people and draw all things together in your  
love, in the name of Jesus, who leads us from death to life.  
**Amen.**

**\*SHARING OF THE PEACE**

The peace of Christ be with you always.  
**And also with you.**

*Assembly is seated.*

*The assembly stands*

**\*OFFERTORY HYMN** *Create in Me a Clean Heart (WOV 732)*

Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re - new a right  
spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a - way from your pres - ence, and take  
not your Ho - ly Spir - it from me. Re - store to me the joy of  
your sal - va - tion, and up - hold me with your free Spir - it.

**\*OFFERING PRAYER**

Gracious Provider,  
you set your immense treasures among us,  
opening your heart to the world.  
As we prepare to feast on your bountiful love,  
deepen our commitment to sharing those  
treasures with others,  
through our Savior, Jesus Christ.  
**Amen.**

**\*LORD'S PRAYER**

Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.

**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.**



**\*SUNG BLESSING** to the tune of “*Edelweiss*”

**May the Lord, mighty God, bless and keep you forever.  
Grant you peace, perfect peace, courage in every endeavor.  
Lift up your eyes and see His face, and His grace forever.  
May the Lord, mighty God, bless and keep you forever.**

**\*BLESSING**

God our tender parent,  
God the crucified one,  
God the reconciling Spirit,  
‡ bless you now and forever.

**Amen.**

**\*SENDING HYMN**

*How Firm a Foundation*

ELW 796

**\*DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. Care for others as God cares for you.  
**Thanks be to God.**

**\*POSTLUDE**

*Worthy is the Lamb*

Vicki Moore