

# INVOCAVIT

## THE FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT

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# OUR SAVIOR

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✠ Hymns ✠

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Wooden kneeling stools are available to all for use during the Preparation, Consecration, and Benediction. If you would like one, please take it from underneath the last row of chairs on the pulpit side of the nave before service. You may tuck it under the pew in front of you while not in use and may leave it there after the service.

### This morning we will celebrate Holy Communion

Visitors who have not before received communion from Pastor McCall are kindly asked to speak with him before Divine Service begins and before approaching the altar for the first time. Because Holy Communion is a confession of the faith which is confessed at this altar and because those who eat and drink our Lord's Body and Blood unworthily do so to their great harm, it is very important to speak with pastor before service if you desire the Blessed Sacrament. Also, those who receive the Lord's Supper at Our Savior Evangelical Lutheran Church are baptized Christians who have been instructed in and publicly confess the Evangelical Lutheran faith. For these reasons, *only members of this congregation or sister congregations of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod* receive Holy Communion at this altar. If you have any questions regarding the doctrine and practice of Closed Communion, please talk to the pastor before or after the Divine Service.



## ✠ THE DIVINE SERVICE ✠

10:30am

*Please silence all phones and devices before service begins.*

### THE PRELUDE

*The bell tolls three times to signify the beginning of service in reverence of the Holy Trinity. After the tolls, the Processional Hymn will begin.*

*Please STAND and FACE THE PROCESSION as it passes.*

**THE PROCESSIONAL HYMN** 505 *Triune God, Be Thou Our Stay*  
(3-stanza version, beginning with <sub>1</sub> "God the Father, be our stay...")

✠ THE PREPARATION ✠

In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.  
ST. MATTHEW 28:19B; [18:20]

**Amen.**

Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God, our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

[HEBREWS 10:22]

*Please KNEEL IF YOU DESIRE AND ARE ABLE*

Our help is in the name of the Lord,  
**who made heaven and earth.**

PSALM 124:8

I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the LORD,  
**and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.**

PSALM 32:5

*Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination. The pastor will resume...*

**O almighty God, merciful Father, I a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.**

Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

[ST. JOHN 20:19-23]

*Please STAND*

✠ THE SERVICE OF THE WORD ✠

**THE INTROIT**

PSALM 91:15A, C-16A; PSALM 91:1



[He shall] call upon Me, and I will answer him:

I will deliver / him, and honor him;

With long life will I / satisfy him.—

**He that dwelleth in the secret place of / the most High  
Shall abide under the shadow / of the Almighty.**

***Glory be to the Fa- / ther and to the Son  
and to / the Holy Spirit;***

**as it was in / the beginning,**

**is now, and will be / forever. Amen.**

[He shall] call upon Me, and I will answer him:

I will deliver / him, and honor him;

With long life will I / satisfy him.—

**THE KYRIE**

ST. MARK 10:47



Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -



on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

**THE SALUTATION**

2 TIMOTHY 4:22

The Lord be with you.

**And with thy spirit.**

**THE COLLECT OF THE DAY**

Let us pray. O Lord, mercifully hear our prayer and stretch forth the right hand of Thy majesty to defend us from them that rise up against us; through Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end.

**Amen.**

**THE PROPHECY**

GENESIS 3:1-21

*In those days:* The serpent was more cunning than any beast of the field which the LORD God had made. And he said to the woman, “Has God indeed said, ‘You shall not eat of every tree of the garden?’” And the woman said to the serpent, “We may eat the fruit of the trees of the garden; but of the fruit of the tree which is in the midst of the garden, God has said, ‘You shall not eat it, nor shall you touch it, lest you die.’” Then the serpent said to the woman, “You will not surely die. For God knows that in the day you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil.” So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, that it was pleasant to the eyes, and a tree desirable to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate. She also gave to her husband with her, and he ate. Then the eyes of both of them were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together and made themselves coverings. And they heard the sound of the LORD God walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and Adam and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the LORD God among the trees of the garden. Then the LORD God called to Adam and said to him, “Where are you?” So he said, “I heard Your voice in the garden, and I was afraid because I was naked; and I hid myself.” And He said, “Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten from the tree of which I commanded you that you should not eat?” Then the man said, “The woman whom You gave to be with me, she gave me of the tree, and I ate.” And the LORD God said to the woman, “What is this you have done?” The woman said, “The serpent deceived me, and I ate.” So the LORD God said to the serpent: “Because you have done this, you are cursed more than all cattle, and more than every beast of the field; on your belly you shall go, and you shall eat dust all the days of your life. And I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your seed and her Seed; He shall bruise your head, and

you shall bruise His heel.” To the woman He said: “I will greatly multiply your sorrow and your conception; in pain you shall bring forth children; your desire shall be for your husband, and he shall rule over you.” Then to Adam He said, “Because you have heeded the voice of your wife, and have eaten from the tree of which I commanded you, saying, ‘You shall not eat of it’: Cursed is the ground for your sake; in toil you shall eat of it all the days of your life. Both thorns and thistles it shall bring forth for you, and you shall eat the herb of the field. In the sweat of your face you shall eat bread till you return to the ground, for out of it you were taken; for dust you are, and to dust you shall return.” And Adam called his wife’s name Eve, because she was the mother of all living. Also for Adam and his wife the LORD God made tunics of skin, and clothed them.

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**THE GRADUAL**

PSALM 91:11-12



He shall give his angels charge / over thee,  
 To / keep thee in all thy ways.

**They shall bear thee up / in their hânds,  
 Lest thou dash / thy foot against a stone.**

**THE EPISTLE**

2 CORINTHIANS 6:1-10

*Brethren:* We plead with you not to receive the grace of God in vain. For He says: “In an acceptable time I have heard you, and in the day of salvation I have helped you.” Behold, now is the accepted time; behold, now is the day of salvation. We give no offense in anything, that our ministry may not be blamed. But in all things we commend ourselves as ministers of God: in much patience, in tribulations, in needs, in distresses, in stripes, in

imprisonments, in tumults, in labors, in sleeplessness, in fastings; by purity, by knowledge, by longsuffering, by kindness, by the Holy Spirit, by sincere love, by the word of truth, by the power of God, by the armor of righteousness on the right hand and on the left, by honor and dishonor, by evil report and good report; as deceivers, and yet true; as unknown, and yet well known; as dying, and behold we live; as chastened, and yet not killed; as sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; as poor, yet making many rich; as having nothing, and yet possessing all things.

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

*Please STAND*

**THE TRACT**

PSALM 91:1-7, 11-16



He that dwelleth in the secret place of / the most High  
Shall abide under the shadow / of the Almighty.

**I will say of the LORD,**

**He is my refuge / and my fortress:**

**My God; in / Him will I trust.—**

Surely He shall deliver thee from the snare / of the fowler:  
And from / the noisome pestilence.

**He shall cover thee / with His feathers,  
and under His / wings shalt thou trust.—**

His truth shall be thy / shield and buckler.

Thou shalt not be afraid / for the terror by night:

**Nor for the arrow that flieth by day;**

**nor for the pestilence that walk- / eth in darkness;**

**Nor for the destruction that / wasteth at noonday.**

A thousand shall fall at thy side,

and ten thousand / at thy right hand;

But / it shall not come nigh thee.

**For He shall give his angels charge / over thêe:**

**To / keep thee in all thy ways.**

They shall bear thee up / in their hânds:

Lest thou dash / thy foot against a stone.

**Thou shalt tread upon the li- / on and adder:**

**The young lion and the dragon**

**shalt / thou trample under feet.**

Because he hath set his love upon Me,

therefore will / I deliver him:

I will set him on high, be- / cause he hath known My name.

**He shall call upon Me, and / I will answer him:**

**I will be / with him in trouble:**

I will deliver / him, and honor him.

With long life will I satisfy him: and show / him My salvation.

**THE HOLY GOSPEL**

ST. MATTHEW 4:1-11

The Lord be with you.

**And with thy spirit.**

The continuation of the ✠ Holy Gospel ✠ according to ✠ St. Matthew.

**Glory be to Thee, O Lord.**

✠ *At that time:* Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. And when He had fasted forty days and forty nights, afterward He was hungry. Now when the tempter came to Him, he said, “If You are the Son of God, command that these stones become bread.” But He answered and said, “It is written, ‘Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceeds from the mouth of God.’ ” Then the devil took Him up into the holy city, set Him on the pinnacle of the temple, and said to Him, “If You are the Son of God, throw Yourself down. For it is written: ‘He shall give His angels charge over you,’ and, ‘In their hands they shall bear you up, lest you dash your foot against a stone.’ ” Jesus said to him, “It is written again, ‘You shall not tempt the LORD your God.’ ” Again, the

devil took Him up on an exceedingly high mountain, and showed Him all the kingdoms of the world and their glory. And he said to Him, “All these things I will give You if You will fall down and worship me.” Then Jesus said to him, “Away with you, Satan! For it is written, ‘You shall worship the LORD your God, and Him only you shall serve.’” Then the devil left Him, and behold, angels came and ministered to Him.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise be to Thee, O Christ.**

### THE NICENE CREED

**I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.**

**And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven *and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man*; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.**

**And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the  $\text{✠}$  life of the world to come. Amen.**

*Please BE SEATED*

### THE HYMN OF THE DAY

8 **656** *A Mighty Fortress Is Our God*

### THE SERMON

*Please STAND*

### THE OFFERTORY

PSALM 51:10-12



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 Thy pres - ence, and take not Thy Ho - ly Spir - it  
from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of Thy sal - va -  
tion, and up - hold me with Thy free spir-it. A - men.

### THE OFFERTORY VERSE

PSALM 91:4



The Lord shall cover thee with His feathers,  
and under His wings / shalt thou trust:  
His truth shall be / thy shield and buckler.

*Please BE SEATED*

### THE OFFERING

*Agnus Dei - I*

*Please STAND*



## THE ANNOUNCEMENTS

*- please read the announcements and prayer list details on bulletin insert*

*Please KNEEL IF YOU DESIRE AND ARE ABLE*

**THE LITANY** (*see insert*; it is THE PRAYER OF THE CHURCH for Lent)  
[1 TIMOTHY 2:1-4]

*Please STAND*

## THE SERVICE OF ✠ THE SACRAMENT OF THE ALTAR ✠

### THE PREFACE

The Lord be with you. 2 TIMOTHY 4:22

**And with thy spirit.**

Lift up your hearts. [COLOSSIANS 3:1]

**We lift them up unto the Lord.**

Let us give thanks unto the LORD our God. [PSALM 136]

**It is meet and right so to do.**

It is truly meet, right, and salutary... praising You and saying:

**THE SANCTUS** ISAIAH 6:3; ST. MATTHEW 21:9



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth;



heav'n and earth are full of Thy glo - ry. Ho - san - na,



ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est. ✠ Bless-ed is He,



bless-ed is He, bless - ed is He that com-eth in the name of the Lord.



Ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

*Please KNEEL IF YOU DESIRE AND ARE ABLE*

### THE LORD'S PRAYER

ST. MATTHEW 6:9-13

**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 WORDS OF CHRIST'S TESTAMENT** ST. MATTHEW 26:26-28;

ST. MARK 14:22-24; ST. LUKE 22:19-20; 1 CORINTHIANS 11:23-25

Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: TAKE, EAT, THIS IS MY ✠ BODY, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me.

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying, DRINK OF IT, ALL OF YOU; THIS CUP IS THE NEW TESTAMENT IN MY ✠ BLOOD, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me.

## THE PAX DOMINI

ST. JOHN 20:19

The ☩ peace of the Lord be with you always.  
Amen.

## THE AGNUS DEI

ST. JOHN 1:29

O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak - est a-way the sin of the  
world, have mer - cy up - on us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that  
tak - est a-way the sin of the world, have mer - cy up - on us.  
O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak - est a-way the sin of the  
world, grant us Thy peace. A - men.

## THE COMMUNION VERSE

PSALM 91:4

He shall cover thee with His feathers,  
and under His wings / shalt thou trust:  
His truth shall be / thy shield and buckler.

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## THE COMMUNION HYMNS

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**619** *Thy Body, Given for Me, O Savior*  
**544** *O Love, How Deep*

*Please STAND*

## THE NUNC DIMITTIS

ST. LUKE 2:29-32

Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant de - part in peace ac -  
cord - ing to Thy word, for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation,  
which Thou hast pre - pared be - fore the face of all people,  
a light to light - en the Gen - tiles and the glo - ry of Thy  
peo - ple Is - ra - el. Glo - ry be to the Father and  
to the Son and to the Ho - ly Ghost; as it was in the beginning,  
is now, and ev - er shall be, world with - out end. A - men.

## THE THANKSGIVING

PSALM 107: 1

Oh, give thanks unto the LORD for He is good.

**And His mercy endureth forever.**

Let us pray. Grant, O Lord, that this holy Sacrament, which we have received, may restore us: and, having purged us of the old man, make us to pass onward to the fellowship of Thy saving mysteries; through Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end.

**Amen.**

## THE SALUTATION

2 TIMOTHY 4: 22

The Lord be with you.

**And with thy spirit.**

## THE BENEDICAMUS

[PSALM 103: 1]

Bless we the LORD.

**Thanks be to God.**

*Please KNEEL IF YOU DESIRE AND ARE ABLE*

## THE BENEDICTION

NUMBERS 6: 24- 26

The LORD bless you and keep you.

The LORD make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you.

The LORD lift up His countenance upon you and ✠ give you peace.

**Amen. Amen. Amen.**

*Please STAND*

## THE RETIRING PROCESSION WITH POSTLUDE

*Please FACE THE PROCESSION as it passes.*

*Once the Procession reaches the narthex, you may depart in ✠ peace.*

*Alas, My God, My Sins Are Great*

1 A - las, my God, my sins are great, My con-science  
 2 And fled I hence in my de-spair In some lone  
 3 Lord, Thee I seek. I mer-it naught; Yet pit-y  
 4 If pain and woe must fol-low sin, Then be my

doth up-braid me; And now I find that in my  
 spot to hide me, My griefs would still be with me  
 and re-store me. Just God, be not Thy wrath my  
 path still rough-er. Here spare me not; if heav'n I

strait No man hath pow'r to aid me.  
 there And peace still be de-nied me.  
 lot; Thy Son hath suf-fered for me.  
 win, On earth I glad-ly suf-fer. A-men.

5 But curb my heart, forgive my guilt, 6 Then deal with me as seems Thee  
 Make Thou my patience firmer; best,—  
 For thy must miss the good Thou Thy grace will help me bear it,—  
 wilt If but at last I see Thy rest  
 Who at Thy chastenings murmur. And with my Savior share it.

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