



Arlington Hills Lutheran Church
March 6, 2022

First Sunday of Lent

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Introduction

These forty days called Lent are like no other. It is our opportune time to return to the God who rescues, to receive the gifts of God's grace, to believe with the heart and confess with the mouth the wonder of God's love in Jesus, and to resist temptation at every turn. This is no small pilgrimage on which we have just embarked. It is a struggle Jesus knew. It is a struggle Jesus shares. The nearness of the Lord, in bread and wine, water and word, will uphold and sustain us.

Prelude

“Just As I Am, Without One Plea”

arr. Gregory Hamilton

Welcome and Announcements

Confession and Forgiveness

P: In the name of God,
who makes a way in the wilderness,
walks with us,
and guides us in our pilgrimage.

C: **Amen.**

.....*Silence is kept for reflection*.....

P: Holy One,

C: **we confess that we have wandered far from you:**

**we have not trusted your promises,
we have ignored your prophets in our own day,
we have squandered our inheritance of grace,
we have failed to recognize you in our midst.**

Have mercy on us!

Forgive us and turn us again to you.

**Teach us to follow in your ways,
assure us again of your love,
and help us to love our neighbor.**

Amen.

P: Beloved in Christ, the Word draws near to you,
and all who call out to God shall be saved.

In Jesus, God comes to you again and again
and gathers you under wings of love.

In ✝ Jesus' name, your sins are forgiven.

God journeys with you and teaches you how-to live-in love.

C: **Amen.**

Hymn ELW#319
vs 1-4

“O Lord, throughout These Forty Days”

greeting

P: 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.**

Prayer of the Day

P: Let us pray,

C: **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.**

First Reading: Deuteronomy 26:1-11

Assisting Minister

The annual harvest festival, called the Feast of Weeks, provides the setting for this reading. This festival celebrates the first fruits of the produce of the land offered back to God in thanks. In this text, worshipers announce God’s gracious acts on behalf of Israel.

¹When 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, ²you 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. ³You 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.” ⁴When the priest takes the basket from your hand and sets it down before the altar of the LORD your God, ⁵you 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. ⁶When the Egyptians treated us harshly and afflicted us, by imposing hard labor on us, ⁷we cried to the LORD, the God of our ancestors; the LORD heard our voice and saw our affliction, our toil, and our oppression. ⁸The 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; ⁹and he brought us into this place and gave us this land, a land flowing with milk and honey.

¹⁰So 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. ¹¹Then 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.

Psalm 91:1-2, 9-16 (*spoken responsively*)

God will give the angels charge over you, to guard you in all your ways. (Ps. 91:11)

¹You who dwell in the shelter of the Most High,
who abide in the shadow of the Almighty
²**you will say to the LORD, “My refuge and my stronghold,
my God in whom I put my trust.”**

⁹Because you have made the LORD your refuge,
and the Most High your habitation,
¹⁰**no evil will befall you,
nor shall affliction come near your dwelling.**

¹¹For God will give the angels charge over you,
to guard you in all your ways.
¹²**Upon their hands they will bear you up,
lest you strike your foot against a stone.**

¹³You will tread upon the lion cub and viper;
you will trample down the lion and the serpent.
¹⁴**I will deliver those who cling to me;
I will uphold them, because they know my name.**

¹⁵They will call me, and I will answer them;
I will be with them in trouble; I will rescue and honor them.
¹⁶**With long life will I satisfy them,
and show them my salvation.**

Second Reading: Romans 10:8b-13

Paul reminds the Christians at Rome of the foundation of their creed, the confession of faith in the risen Christ as Lord.

^{8b}“The word is near you, on your lips and in your heart” (that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); ⁹because 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. ¹⁰For one believes with the heart and so is justified, and one confesses with the mouth and so is saved. ¹¹The scripture says, “No one who believes in him will be put to shame.” ¹²For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all and is generous to all who call on him. ¹³For, “Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.”

AM “Word of God, word of life,”

C: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

Gospel: Luke 4: 1-19 (*please stand as you are able*)

P: The holy gospel according to Luke the 4th Chapter

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

After being filled with the Holy Spirit at his baptism, Jesus is led in the wilderness. Through his responses to the temptations of the devil, he defines what it means to be called “the Son of God.”

¹Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the wilderness, ²where 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. ³The devil said to him, “If you are the Son of God, command this stone to become a loaf of bread.” ⁴Jesus answered him, “It is written, ‘One does not live by bread alone.’”

⁵Then the devil led him up and showed him in an instant all the kingdoms of the world. ⁶And 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. ⁷If you, then, will worship me, it will all be yours.” ⁸Jesus answered him, “It is written, ‘Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him.’”

⁹Then 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, ¹⁰for it is written, ‘He will command his angels concerning you, to protect you,’¹¹and ‘On their hands they will bear you up,

so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.’”

¹²Jesus answered him, “It is said, ‘Do not put the Lord your God to the test.’” ¹³When the devil had finished every test, he departed from him until an opportune time.

P: This is the gospel of the Lord.

C: **Praise to you, O Christ.** (*Please be seated*)

Sermon

“Gotta Serve Somebody”

Pastor Mitch

Hymn of the Day ELW#592

“Just As I Am, Without One Plea”

Vs 1-4

Apostles’ Creed

All: 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

Assisting Minister

AM: Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

Offering

Offering Anthem

“I Want Jesus to Walk With Me”

arr. Kurt Kaiser

Pickup Choir

Offering Prayer

P: Extravagant God, you have blessed us with the fullness of creation.

Now we gather at your feast where you offer us the food that satisfies. Take and use what we offer here, come among us, and feed us with the body and blood of Christ, in whose name we pray.

C: Amen.

Holy Communion

Words of Institution

P: Let us proclaim the mystery of our faith.

All: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

Lord's Prayer

**All: 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**

Distribution

Prayer after Communion

P: Blessed Jesus,
in this rich meal of grace,
you have fed us with your body, the bread of life.
Now send us forth to bear your life-giving hope
to a world in need.

C: Amen.

Sending of Communion (*Lay Ministers come forward*)

Please pray this week for AHLC Members and friends: Clair and Dona Haberman, Dean Anderson, Richard Johnson, Priscilla Reeve, Jerry Ekblad, Gary Winter, Betty Richter, Ron Hanson, Velta Krauze, Joanne Policone, Shirley Johnson, Margaret Cleary, MaryAnn Wistrom, John Lind, John Hollman, Deb Perry, Esther Hallgren, Jan Kowitz, Richard Edge, Jerry Schaber, Jackie Staples, Sharon Anderson, Roy Wong and Tom Nyman.

March Birthdays

- 3 Carol Hansen
- 6 Chris Anderson
- 6 Nancy Seagren
- 6 Nancy Swanson
- 12 Alexander Connors
- 12 Ethan Peterson
- 18 Lu Warn
- 21 Cheryl Hollman
- 25 Carol Baldwin
- 27 Linda McInerney
- 28 Amanda Grace
- 28 Justin Hanson
- 29 Esther Hallgren
- 29 Priscila Wieken
- 31 Jacqueline Spiess

Anniversaries

- 10 Ron and Sharon Hanson 60 years
- 12 Kevin and Priscila Wieken 12 years
- 21 John and Cheryl Hollman 28 years
- 24 David and Nancy Seagren 49 years



Let's fill the ship of food. During the month of March we will be collecting food for the East side food shelf.

Can we collect 2022 lbs. of food and monetary contributions? We can do it!

Bring any food contributions on Sunday or Monday thru Thursday. 9-3. Thank you to everyone for their help.

It seems Amy & Adams is in the Top Ten of the balloting for FAVORITE COUNTRY GOSPEL DUET in CHRISTIAN VOICE MAGAZINE's annual GOSPEL MUSIC FAN awards. Winners will be announced on Saturday, May 14, 2022, at the Gospel Music Fan Awards in Somerset, KY. So we'd love and appreciate it if all our fans would follow the link below. Then scroll down to: Favorite Country Gospel Duet and click the circle to the left of Amy & Adams. Thank you so much!

Amy & Mark <http://www.christianvoicemagazine.com/GMFA10.html>

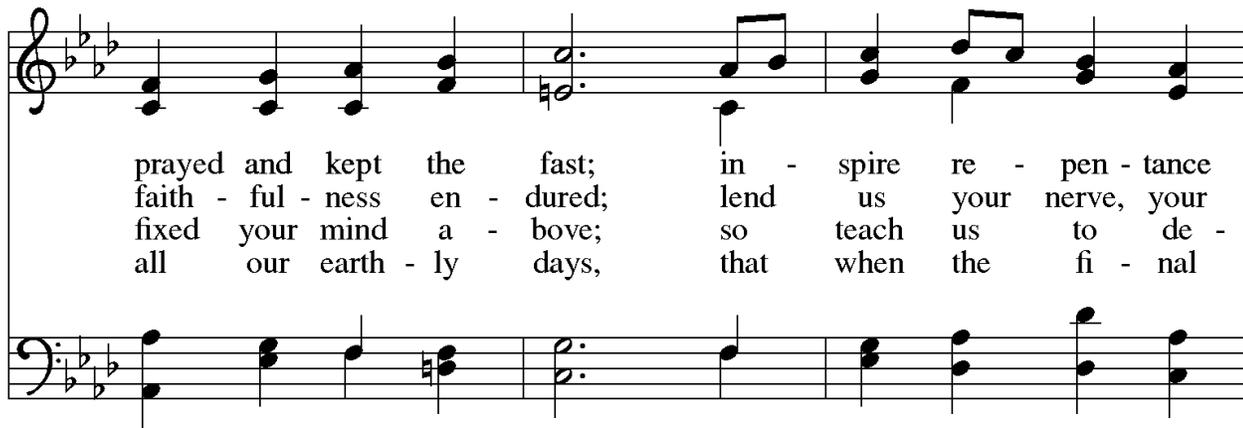
"Aluminum Can Collection, CANS for MISSION - is scheduled (*after Easter*) Saturday and Sunday - April 23 & 24 – 9 a.m. - 11a.m. in the church parking lot. Before that, cans can be dropped at 1859 Arcade Street - at your convenience. Thanks for support of our companion congregation of IDEGENDA.

Hymn vs 1-4

O Lord, throughout These Forty Days



1 O Lord, through - out these for - ty days you
2 You strove with Sa - tan, and you won; your
3 Though parched and hun - gry, yet you prayed and
4 Be with us through this sea - son, Lord, and



prayed and kept the fast; in - spire re - pen - tance
faith - ful - ness en - dured; lend us your nerve, your
fixed your mind a - bove; so teach us to de -
all our earth - ly days, that when the fi - nal



for our sin, and free us from our past.
skill and trust in God's e - ter - nal word.
ny our - selves that we may know God's love.
Eas - ter dawns, we join in heav - en's praise.

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Just As I Am, without One Plea

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

1 A might - y for - tress is our God, a sword and shield vic -
 2 No strength of ours can match his might! We would be lost, re -
 3 Though hordes of dev - ils fill the land all threat -'ning to de -
 4 God's Word for - ev - er shall a - bide, no thanks to foes, who

lood was con - flict,
 par - don,
 ev - 'ry

to - rious; he breaks the cruel op - pres - sor's rod and
 ject - ed. But now a cham - pion comes to fight, whom
 vour us, we trem - ble not, un - moved we stand; they
 fear it; for God him - self fights by our side with

wins sal - va - tion glo - rious. The old sa - tan - ic foe
 God him - self e - lect - ed. You ask who this may be?
 can - not o - ver - pow'r us. Let this world's ty - rant rage;
 weap - ons of the Spir - it. Were they to take our house,

has sworn to work us woe! With craft and dread - ful might
 The Lord of hosts is he! Christ Je - sus, might - y Lord,
 in bat - tle we'll en - gage! His might is doomed to fail;
 goods, hon - or, child, or spouse, though life be wrenched a - way,

he arms him - self to fight. On earth he has no e - qual.
 God's on - ly Son, a - dored. He holds the field vic - to - rious.
 God's judg - ment must pre - vail! One lit - tle word sub - dues him.
 they can - not win the day. The king - dom's ours for - ev - er!

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Sending
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