

# A HOLY LENT

**The First Sunday in Lent**

Sunday, February 18, 2024



**TODAY'S OFFERING OF WORSHIP  
THIS FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT**

*We gather together...*

**PRELUDE**

*String Band*

**WELCOME**

**CONFESSION**

**Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hidden; cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, so that we may truly love you and worthily praise your holy name; through our Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.**

**ABSOLUTION**

Christ himself bore our sins in his body on the cross, so that, free from sins, we might live for righteousness. (*1 Peter 2:24*)

**KYRIE ELEISON**

Lord, Have Mercy (*Kyrie Eleison*)

Thomas Pavlechko

The musical score is written on two staves of music. The first staff contains three measures of music. The first measure is labeled '(Choir)' and the second and third are labeled '(Congregation)'. The lyrics are: 'Lord, have merc - y. Lord, have merc -- y. Christ, have merc - y.' The second staff contains three measures of music. The first measure is labeled '(Congregation)' and the second and third are labeled '(Choir)'. The lyrics are: 'Christ, have merc -- y. Lord, have merc - y. Lord, have mer - cy.'

**\*INVOCATION AND LORD'S PRAYER**

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be your name.  
Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.  
Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.  
For yours is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, forever and ever.  
Amen.**

**\*HYMN #214: *Lord, Who throughout These Forty Days?***

*...to hear God's Word...*

**FIRST LESSON**

Genesis 9:8-17 (*Old Testament page 7*)

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people. **Amen.**

**PSALM**

**HYMNAL #793: Psalm 25**

**SECOND LESSON**

I Peter 3:18-22 (*New Testament page 234*)

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people. **Amen.**

**\*GOSPEL LESSON**

Mark 1:9-15 (*New Testament page 34*)

The Gospel of our Lord, God's living Word. **Thanks be to God.**

**CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

**\*HYMN #202: *Once When Jesus Christ Was Hungry***

**SERMON:** *Pastor Lauren St. Martin*

*...and to respond with our lives...*

**\*HYMN #592:** *With God As Our Friend*

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

**OFFERINGS TO GOD**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**OFFERING**

**\*DOXOLOGY**

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise Him all creatures here below;  
Praise Him above ye heavenly host;  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.  
Amen.**

*...in the places we now go.*

**\*HYMN #408:** *Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah*

**\*BENEDICTION**

*(There will be no Postlude during Lent. Depart in peace.)*

*Join us after the service for coffee and conversation,  
in the Narthex.*

*Welcome!*

GREETERS: Ron and Judy Hedstrom

READERS: Aaron and Rachael Nilson

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE: Corbin Sheffels

USHER: Claire Scranton

COFFEE SERVERS: Tom and Linda Morris

LIVESTREAM: Catelyn Anderson

