

The First Sunday in Lent  
February 26, 2023

## **Christ, the Life of All the Living** *LSB 420 vs 1-4*

### **INVOCATION**

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.  
People **Amen.**

### **CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION**

Pastor: Let us, who so often give into temptation, come in humility before the King of kings and confess our need for His mercy.

*Silence for personal reflection and confession*

Pastor: We humbly confess together:

People: **I confess to God Almighty, before the whole company of heaven and to you, my brothers and sisters, that I have sinned in thought, word, and deed by my fault, by my own fault, by my own most grievous fault; wherefore I pray God Almighty to have mercy on me, forgive me all my sins, and bring me to everlasting life. Amen.**

Pastor: The almighty and merciful Lord grant you pardon, forgiveness, and remission of all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: **Amen.**

Pastor: May the Lord, who has begun this good work in us, bring it to completion in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.

People: **Amen.**

☩ **WORD** ☩

### **SALUTATION**

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

### **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Pastor: Let us pray.

O Lord God, You led Your ancient people through the wilderness and brought them to the promised land. Guide the people of Your Church that following our Savior we may walk through the wilderness of this world toward the glory of the world to come; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**People:** Amen.

**OLD TESTAMENT**     *Genesis 3:1–21*

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People:** Thanks be to God.

**EPISTLE**     *Romans 5:12–19*

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People:** Thanks be to God.

**VERSE**

Pastor: “Man shall not live by bread alone,

**People:** But by every word that comes from the mouth of God.”

**HOLY GOSPEL**     *Matthew 4:1–11*

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the fourth chapter.

**People:** Glory to You, O Lord.

(The Gospel is read.)

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**People:** Praise to You, O Christ.

**In Adam We Have All Been One**     *LSB 569 tune 524*

**SERMON**

**The Tree of Life**     *LSB 561*

**CREED**     *Apostles' Creed*

People: I believe in God, the Father Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth.

And 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 sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.  
From thence 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.

**OFFERTORY** "Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow' LSB 805

## **PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

**LORD'S PRAYER** *Matthew 6:9–13*

**People:** **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.**

**BENEDICTION** *Hebrews 13:20–21; Numbers 6:24–26*

Pastor: The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.  
The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.

People: **Amen.**

**Glory Be to Jesus** *LSB 433*