



*The Temptation of Christ, relief sculpture (1130)
Cathedral of St. Lazare, Autun, France*

THE FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT

March 6, 2022

Dove of Peace Lutheran Church

9:30 a.m.

Covid Policies

Vaccinations are urged for all who qualify, for the good of all.
Masks are optional.

EXTRA PRECAUTIONS AREA

The northeast quadrant of the sanctuary is set aside for worshipers who are taking extra precautions to protect themselves and others.

1. Masks are required.
2. A physical distance of at least six feet must be maintained.
3. If the peace is exchanged, worshipers must still remain at least six feet away from those who are not members of their household.

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WELCOME

Eric Holtan, Director of Music and Liturgical Arts

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.

PROLOGUE

Pamela Decker, pipe organ

Ein feste Burg ist Unser Gott
Johann Gottfried Walther (1684 – 1748)

Johann Gottfried Walther was an organist and composer of the German Baroque period who compiled and wrote the first music encyclopedia to include biographical information on composers, definitions of terms, and bibliography details. From 1707 until 1748 he served as organist at the Weimar Stadtkirche. He was a cousin of J.S. Bach. Walther was a prolific composer. His work based on the tune of today's gathering hymn is a bright and energetic setting that represents the hymn's text effectively.

***CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

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

Amen.

Silence for reflection.

Holy One,
**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.

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.

Amen.

1 A might - y for - tress is our God,
 2 No strength of ours can match his might!
 3 Though hordes of dev - ils fill the land
 4 God's Word for - ev - er shall a - bide,

a sword and shield vic - to - rious;
 We would be lost, re - ject - ed.
 all threat - 'ning to de - vour us,
 no thanks to foes, who fear it;

he breaks the cruel op - pres - sor's rod
 But now a cham - pion comes to fight,
 we trem - ble not, un - moved we stand;
 for God him - self fights by our side

and wins sal - va - tion glo - rious.
 whom God him - self e - lect - ed.
 they can - not o - ver - pow'r us.
 with weap - ons of the Spir - it.

The old e - vil foe, sworn to work us woe,
 Ask who this may be: Lord of hosts is he!
 This world's prince may rage, in fierce war en - gage.
 If they take our house, goods, fame, child, or spouse,

with dread craft and might he arms him - self to fight.
 Christ Je - sus our Lord, God's on - ly Son, a - dored.
 He is doomed to fail; God's judg - ment must pre - vail!
 wrench our life a - way, they can - not win the day.

On earth he has no e - qual.
 He holds the field vic - to - rious.
 One lit - tle word sub - dues him.
 The king - dom's ours for - ev - er!

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 Music: EIN FESTE BURG, Martin Luther
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*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

Let us pray.

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

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.

A reading from Deuteronomy.

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

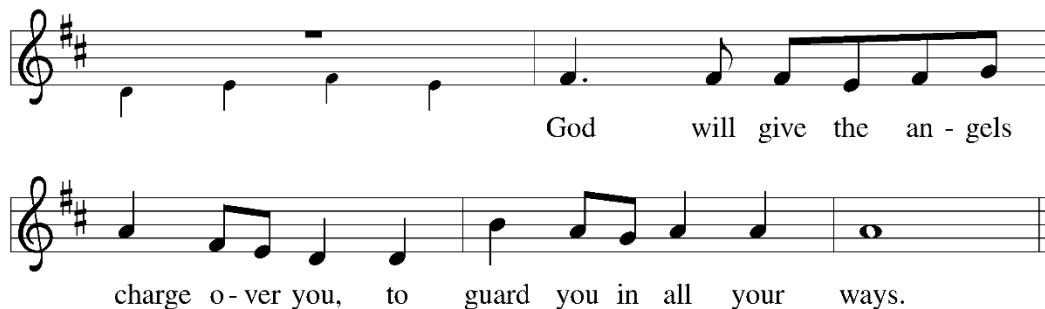
terrifying display of power, and with signs and wonders; ⁹and he brought us into this place and gave us this land, a land flowing with milk and honey. ¹⁰So now I bring the first of the fruit of the ground that you, O Lord, have given me.” You shall set it down before the Lord your God and bow down before 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.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALMODY (ELW): Psalm 91:1-2, 9-16

The refrain is first introduced by the leader, then repeated by the assembly.



God will give the an - gels
charge o - ver you, to guard you in all your ways.

Psalm 91:11

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¹You who dwell in the shelter of ¹the Most High,
who abide in the shadow of ¹the Almighty—

²**you will say to the LORD, “My refuge ¹and my stronghold,
my God in whom I ¹put my trust.” REFRAIN**

⁹Because you have made the ¹LORD your refuge,
and the Most High your ¹habitation,

¹⁰**no evil ¹will befall you,
nor shall affliction come ¹near your dwelling.**

¹¹For God will give the angels charge ¹over you,

to guard you in ¹ all your ways.

¹²**Upon their hands they will ¹ bear you up,
lest you strike your foot a- ¹ gainst a stone. REFRAIN**

¹³You will tread upon the lion ¹ cub and viper;
you will trample down the lion ¹ and the serpent.

¹⁴**I will deliver those who ¹ cling to me;
I will uphold them, because they ¹ know my name.**

¹⁵They will call me, and I will ¹ answer them;
I will be with them in trouble; I will rescue and ¹ honor them.

¹⁶**With long life will I ¹ satisfy them,
and show them ¹ my salvation. REFRAIN**

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.

A reading from Romans.

^{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.”

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The assembly sings the acclamation before and after the verse of the day.



Cantor: One does not live by ¹ bread alone,*
but by every word that comes from the ¹ mouth of God. [Matt. 4:4]

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

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.”

The Holy Gospel According to Luke.

Glory to you, O Lord.

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.

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

SERMON

Rev. Stewart McDonald



1 Bless now, O God, the jour - ney that all your peo - ple make,
2 Bless so - journ - ers and pil - grims who share this wind - ing way;
3 Di - vine e - ter - nal lov - er, you meet us on the road.



the path through noise and si - lence, the way of give and take.
your hope burns through the ter - rors, your love sus - tains the day.
We wait for lands of prom - ise where milk and hon - ey flow,



The trail is found in des - ert and wīnds the moun - tain round,
We yearn for ho - ly free - dom while of - ten we are bound;
but wait - ing not for plac - es, you meet us all a - round.



then leads be - side still wa - ters, the road where faith is found.
to - geth - er we are seek - ing the road where faith is found.
Our cov - e - nant is writ - ten on roads, as faith is found.

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Music: LLANGLOFFAN, Welsh tune, 19th cent.

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*PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Each petition concludes, “Lord in your, mercy,”
and the assembly responds, “**Hear our prayer.**”

*THE LORD’S PRAYER

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

**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.**

MUSIC MEDITATION

Pamela Decker, pipe organ

Prelude on “Aberystwyth”
Healey Willan (1880-1968)

Healey Willan was born in England and emigrated to Canada in 1913. In 1921 he assumed the position of precentor at the Church of St. Mary Magdalene (Anglican) in Toronto. He taught at the Toronto Conservatory, which was part of the University of Toronto, where he later became vice principal. Willan composed over 800 works, including—among many sacred and secular works—a significant contribution to twentieth-century organ literature.

COMMISSION

The Lord sends us forth into his world.

*BLESSING

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy.

The Lord look upon you with favor and ☩ give you peace.

Amen.

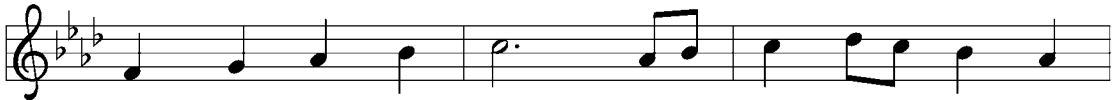
SENDING SONG

O Lord, Throughout These Forty Days

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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.

Text: based on Claudia F. Hernaman, 1838–1898; para. Gilbert E. Doan Jr., b. 1930

Music: CONSOLATION, A. Davison, *Kentucky Harmony*, 1816

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Postlude on "Consolation"
David N. Johnson (b. 1923-1987)

David N. Johnson was an American organist/composer who earned his bachelor's degree at Trinity University in San Antonio, Texas, and his master's and doctoral degrees at Syracuse University, where he later served on the faculty. He then moved to Arizona State University and joined their music faculty. He was Director of Music and Organist at Trinity Cathedral in Phoenix. Johnson was extremely active as a composer, with over 300 works. His postlude on the tune Consolation, which is today's sending hymn, is a strong statement on this distinctive melody.

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Remember the poor.

Thanks be to God.

Dianne Huston, assisting minister

Christine Alexander, lector

Eric Holtan, cantor

Pamela Decker, organist

In our prayers...

Member **Craig Priest**, receiving in-patient physical therapy at Catalina Post Acute Care and Rehabilitation.

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