



Jesus engaged our enemy

First Sunday in Lent
Our Savior Lutheran Church, Roanoke, Virginia
February 21, 2021 10 a.m.

Welcome

Welcome to Our Savior's house!

Jesus chose to go to the cross for the sake of all human beings – including us. His path led through the wilderness of Judea where our enemy lay in wait. Our Savior engaged our enemy and resisted all temptations so that nothing would ever separate us from God's love for us.

We celebrate and give thanks for Jesus' victory over the same temptations that cause us to stumble and would have led to our condemnation if it had not been for Jesus.

Guests, thank you for letting us share Jesus' love with you this morning! We'll do our best to make you feel welcome and at home with friends. Please come back and learn more about the extraordinary love our God has for all of us!

OUR WORSHIP

Our entire worship service is printed out in this worship folder to make it easy to follow. The **congregation speaks the parts in bold** while the pastor speaks the parts in plain type.

Participate in the worship service as much or as little as you like. More than anything we want you to feel comfortable here so you can take to heart the main message—Jesus gave his life to give us real life.

We enjoy having children in worship because Jesus gave his life for them too. If you feel like they need a break, we do have a quiet nursery with a video feed from our worship. Our nursery is across the hallway from worship. You'll find signs just outside the double doors.

RESTROOMS

The restrooms are located just outside the double doors in the rear of the worship area. Just follow the signs.

LORD'S SUPPER

We are celebrating the Lord's Supper today. We invite every confirmed member of our church family or of sister congregations in the Wisconsin Synod or the Evangelical Lutheran Synod to join us at the Lord's table. If you aren't part of our church "family" yet and would like to take this meal, please talk with our worship leader, Dwight Luedtke. He would be glad to get you in contact with Pastor Workentine who will work with you so you can take it in our fellowship in the future. Thank you!

WE ENTER GOD'S PRESENCE

SING, MY TONGUE, THE GLORIOUS BATTLE..... HYMN 122



1. Sing, my tongue, the glo - rious bat - tle; Sing the end - ing
2. Tell how, when at length the full - ness Of th'ap - point - ed
3. Thus, with thir - ty years ac - com - plished, He went forth from
4. Faith - ful cross, true sign of tri - umph, Be for all the
5. Un - to God be praise and glo - ry; To the Fa - ther



of the fray. Now a - bove the cross, the tro - phy,
time was come, He, the Word, was born of wom - an,
Naz - a - reth, Des - tined, ded - i - cat - ed, will - ing,
no - blest tree; None in fo - liage, none in blos - som,
and the Son, To th'e - ter - nal Spir - it hon - or



Sound the loud tri - um - phant lay. Tell how Christ, the
Left for us his Fa - ther's home, Blazed a path of
Did his work and met his death; Like a lamb he
None in fruit your e - qual be, Sym - bol of the
Now and ev - er - more be done. Praise and glo - ry



world's Re - deem - er, As a vic - tim won the day.
true o - be - dience, Shone as light a - midst the gloom.
hum - bly yield - ed On the cross his dy - ing breath.
world's re - demp - tion, For your bur - den makes us free.
in the high - est While the time - less a - ges run.

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you.

And also with you.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

God invites us to come into his presence and worship him with humble and penitent hearts. Therefore, let us acknowledge our sinfulness and ask him to forgive us.

Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful and that I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. For this I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior Jesus Christ, I pray: Lord have mercy on me, a sinner.

God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given us his only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

PRAISE AND PRAYER

For all that we need in life and for the wisdom to use all your gifts with gratitude and joy, hear our prayer, O Lord.



For the steadfast assurance that nothing can separate us from your love and for the courage to stand firm against the assaults of Satan and every evil, hear our prayer, O Christ.



For the well-being of your holy Church in all the world and for those who offer here their worship and praise, hear our prayer, O Lord.



Merciful God, maker and preserver of life, uphold us by your power and keep us in your tender care.



The works of the Lord are great and glorious; his name is worthy of praise.

THE LAMB..... HYMN 714



1. The Lamb, the Lamb, One per - fect fi - nal of - fer - ing. The Lamb, the
2. The Lamb, the Lamb, As way - ward sheep their shep - herd kill So still, his
3. He sighs, he dies, He takes my sin and wretch-ed - ness. He lives, for -



Lamb, Let earth join heav'n his praise to sing.
will, On our be - half the law to fill. Wor-ty is the Lamb whose
gives, He gives me his own righ - teous-ness.



death makes me his own! The Lamb is reign-ing on his throne.

Lord our strength, the battle of good and evil rages within and around us, and our ancient foe tempts us with his deceits and empty promises. Keep us steadfast in your Word to fight temptation. When we fall, raise us up again and restore us through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



A - men.

GOD SPEAKS TO US

GENESIS 22:1-18

Would Abraham sacrifice his only son for his LORD?

Some time later God tested Abraham. He said to him, "Abraham!"

"Here I am," he replied.

Then God said, "Take your son, your only son, Isaac, whom you love, and go to the region of Moriah. Sacrifice him there as a burnt offering on one of the mountains I will tell you about."

Early the next morning Abraham got up and saddled his donkey. He took with him two of his servants and his son Isaac. When he had cut enough wood for the burnt offering, he set out for the place God had told him about. On the third day Abraham looked up and saw the place in the distance. He said to his servants, "Stay here with the donkey while I and the boy go over there. We will worship and then we will come back to you."

Abraham took the wood for the burnt offering and placed it on his son Isaac, and he himself carried the fire and the knife. As the two of them went on together, Isaac spoke up and said to his father Abraham, "Father?"

"Yes, my son?" Abraham replied.

"The fire and wood are here," Isaac said, "but where is the lamb for the burnt offering?"

Abraham answered, "God himself will provide the lamb for the burnt offering, my son." And the two of them went on together.

When they reached the place God had told him about, Abraham built an altar there and arranged the wood on it. He bound his son Isaac and laid him on the altar, on top of the wood. Then he reached out his hand and took the knife to slay his son. But the angel of the LORD called out to him from heaven, "Abraham! Abraham!"

"Here I am," he replied.

"Do not lay a hand on the boy," he said. "Do not do anything to him. Now I know that you fear God, because you have not withheld from me your son, your only son."

Abraham looked up and there in a thicket he saw a ram caught by its horns. He went over and took the ram and sacrificed it as a burnt offering instead of his son. So Abraham called that place The LORD Will Provide. And to this day it is said, "On the mountain of the LORD it will be provided."

The angel of the LORD called to Abraham from heaven a second time and said, "I swear by myself, declares the LORD, that because you have done this and have not withheld your son, your only son, I will surely bless you and make your descendants as numerous as the stars in the sky and as the sand on the seashore. Your descendants will take possession of the cities of their enemies, and through your offspring all nations on earth will be blessed, because you have obeyed me." NIV

PSALM 3



1. O Lord, how man - y are my foes! How man - y
 2. But you are my pro - tec - tor, Lord; You are a
 3. When to the Lord I lift my voice, In face of
 4. I set - tle down and sleep in peace; I wake in
 5. A - rise, O Lord! Save me, my God! De - liv - er
 6. The Lord a - lone de - liv - 'rance sends; No oth - er

up a - gainst me rise! They all are say - ing
 shield a - round me spread. My glo - ry comes from
 those who hate me still, The Lord will hear my
 God's up - hold - ing hand. I will not fear ten
 for your merc - y's sake! Strike all my en - 'mies
 source of help have we. There - fore u - pon your

now of me, "In vain he on his God re - lies."
 you a - lone, The one who rais - es up my head.
 cry to him And an - swer from his hol - y hill.
 thous - and foes Who circl - ing round a - gainst me stand.
 on the jaw; The wick - ed's teeth in piec - es break.
 peo - ple all May your e - ter - nal bless - ing be.

sung to the tune of CW 102

ROMANS 8:31-39

Why would we ever fear anything when God was willing to sacrifice his only Son for us?

What, then, shall we say in response to this? If God is for us, who can be against us? He who did not spare his own Son, but gave him up for us all—how will he not also, along with him, graciously give us all things? Who will bring any charge against those whom God has chosen? It is God who justifies. Who is he that condemns? Christ Jesus, who died—more than that, who was raised to life—is at the right hand of God and is also interceding for us. Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall trouble or hardship or persecution or famine or nakedness or danger or sword? As it is written:

“For your sake we face death all day long;
 we are considered as sheep to be slaughtered.”

No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord. NIV

It is written: "Worship the Lord your God, and serve him only." Matthew 4:10b

MARK 1:12-15

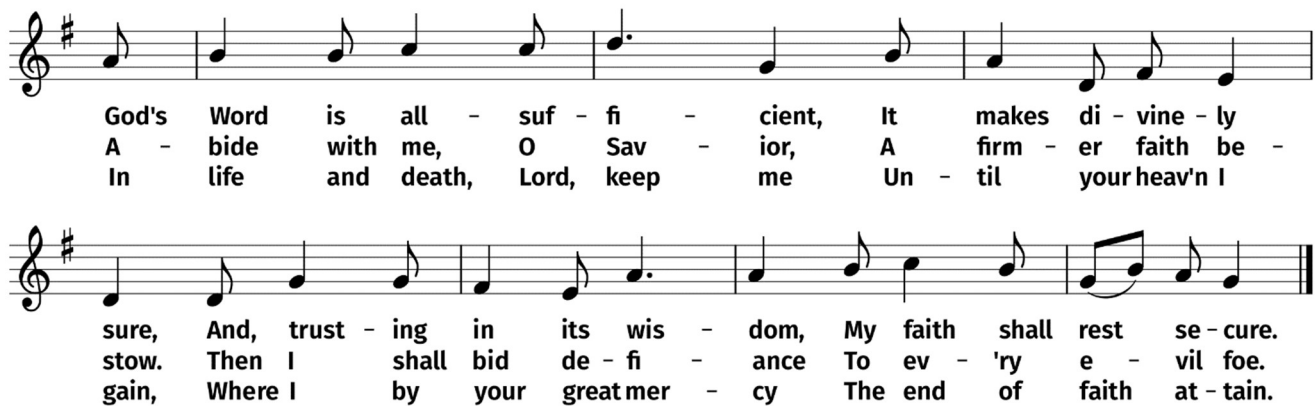
The Son of God marches to war in the desert for us.

Immediately the Spirit drove him into the wilderness. He was in the wilderness forty days, being tempted by Satan. He was with the wild animals, and the angels were serving him.

After John was arrested, Jesus went to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God: "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near. Repent and believe the good news!" CSB

I KNOW MY FAITH IS FOUNDED.....HYMN 403

1. I know my faith is found - ed On Je - sus Christ, my
2. In - crease my faith, dear Sav - ior, For Sa - tan seeks by
3. In faith, Lord, let me serve you; Though per - se - cu - tion,
God and Lord; And this my faith con - fess - ing, Un - moved I stand u -
night and day To rob me of this trea - sure And take my hope of
grief, and pain Should seek to o - ver - whelm me, Let me a stead - fast
pon his Word. Man's rea - son can - not fath - om The truth of God pro -
bliss a - way. But, Lord, with you be - side me I shall be un - dis -
trust re - tain. And then at my de - par - ture, Lord, take me home to
found; Who trusts in world - ly wis - dom Re - lies on shift - ing ground.
mayed; And led by your good Spir - it, I shall be un - a - fraid.
you, And let me there in - her - it All you have prom - sed me.



SERMON: MARK 1:12-15

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THE BATTLE IS JOINED

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S GRACE

THE NICENE CREED

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,
begotten, not made, of one being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us
and for our salvation, he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the
virgin Mary, and became fully human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate. He
suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the
Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will
come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who in unity with the Father and the Son is
worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy
Christian and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

OFFERING

After worship, you may place your offering in the basket near the hymnal bookshelves in the back of the sanctuary.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Heavenly Father, you loved the world and gave your Son to liberate us from sin and death by his obedient death on the cross.

We confess that without your love we are lost.

Lord of the Church, we thank you for the treasure of the gospel. By your Spirit, keep our eyes fixed on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith.

Strengthen our determination to do what pleases you, no matter what the danger or the cost.

Let us pray for those who carry a cross in the name of Christ and face ridicule and persecution for the sake of the kingdom: missionaries and chaplains, young people who stand up for what is right in the face of pressure to do what is wrong, and all who pay a high price for their faith and their values as Christians.

By your Spirit, O Lord, grant them patience and endurance.

Let us pray for those who carry heavy burdens in life: the sick and the chronically ill, the depressed and the lonely, those torn by conflict in personal relationships, those victimized by war and injustice, and all who face the terrors of life with a heavy heart.

Grant them peace, O Lord, and in your mercy, be their guardian and friend, their comfort and hope.

Let us pray for those who care for others: pastors and counselors; physicians and nurses; social workers and caring friends; all who feed the hungry, comfort the hurting, and stand beside the dying.

Strengthen them in their work, O Lord, and do not let them become weary in doing good.

Special prayers and intercessions may follow.

Hear us, Lord, as we bring you our private petitions.

Silent prayer.

Help us run with perseverance the race marked out for us. Keep us faithful even to the point of death, that we may receive the crown of life, through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Amen.

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For all our unasked needs we pray:

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.

Jesus gives us his body and blood

The Lord be with you.



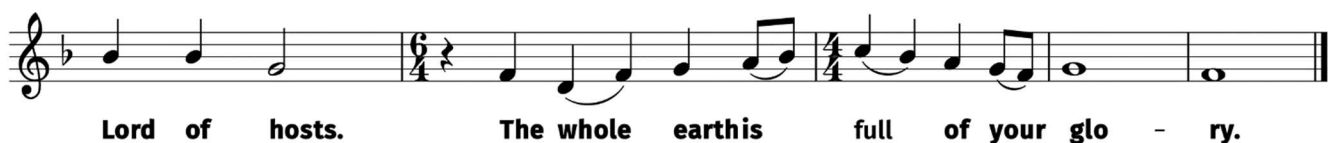
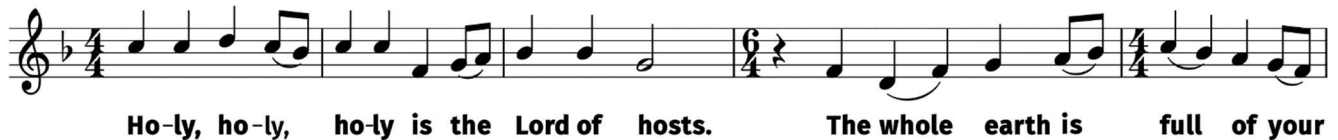
Lift up your hearts.



Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.



Praise to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In love he has blessed us with every spiritual blessing. He made his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not only for ours but also for the sins of the whole world. Now have come the salvation and the power and the kingdom of our God and the authority of his Christ. To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be praise and thanks and honor and glory forever and ever.



Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying: "Drink from it, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

The peace of the Lord be with you always.



A - men.



O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have



mer-cy on us. O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the



sin of the world; have mer-cy on us. O Christ, Lamb of God, you



take a - way the sin of the world; grant us your peace. A - men.

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Thank the Lord and sing his praise. Tell ev'-ry-one what he has done.

Let all who seek the Lord re-joice and proud-ly bear his name.

He re-news his prom-is-es and leads his peo-ple forth in joy with

shouts of thanks-gi-ving. Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia!

Hear the prayer of your people, O Lord, that the lips which have praised you here may glorify you in the world, that the eyes which have seen the coming of your Son may long for his coming again, and that all who have received in his true body and blood the pledge of your forgiveness may be restored to live a new and holy life, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



A - men.

THE LORD'S BLESSING

Brothers and sisters, go in peace. Live in harmony with one another. Serve the Lord with gladness.

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look on you with favor and give you peace.



A - men. A - men. A - men.

CHILDREN OF THE HEAVENLY FATHERHYMN 449

1. Chil - dren of the heav'n - ly Fa - ther Safe - ly
 2. God his own doth tend and nour - ish; In his
 3. Nei - ther life nor death shall ev - er From the
 4. Though he giv - eth or he tak - eth, God his

in his bos - om gath - er; Nest - ling bird or star in
 ho - ly courts they flour - ish. From all e - vil things he
 Lord his chil - dren sev - er; Un - to them his grace he
 chil - dren ne'er for - sa - keth; His the lov - ing pur - pose

heav - en Such a ref - uge ne'er was giv - en.
 spares them; In his might - y arms he bears them.
 show - eth, And their sor - rows all he know - eth.
 sole - ly To pre - serve them pure and ho - ly.

CALENDAR

Today	10 am	Worship and communion
	11:30 am	Sunday school
Wednesday	7 pm	Lenten service
Saturday	4 pm	Small group worship
Sunday	10 am	Worship
	11:30 am	Sunday school

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Pastor	Paul Workentine	Paul Workentine
Music	Betsy	Betsy
Greeters	Jan	Jocelyn
Ushers	Jim	Derek
Cleaning	Karin	Sally, Peggy, Ray
Snacks	Eileen	Greg & Tricia
Video	Jordan	Jocelyn



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