

# First Sunday in Lent

February 22, 2026

\* *Please stand if you are able*

Prelude: "Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring"

J.S. Bach

## Gathering

WELCOME & LIGHTING THE CHRIST CANDLE

Acolyte: Let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith. For he didn't consider equality with God something to be grasped, but he emptied himself, even unto death on a cross. As we wait for the day of resurrection let us look to Jesus.

\* CALL TO WORSHIP

Liturgist: Let us worship God, who has done great things.

**All: We rejoice in our God, who made a way through the desert of this world.**

Liturgist: Let us worship God, who caused streams of mercy to flow in the wasteland.

**All: We are the people God has formed through Christ; we worship him, and we rejoice.**

Liturgist: Let us worship God in spirit and in truth.

**All: We praise God for the grace that has saved us.** *Isaiah 43:19-21 adapted*

\* **All Singing: 572 "Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above"**  
*Singing verses 1, 2, 4, and 5*

\* GOD'S GREETING

\* GOD'S PEOPLE GREETING ONE ANOTHER

\* **All Singing: 134 "Throughout These Lenten Days and Nights"**  
*Singing verses 1 – 4*

*Children ages 2–7 may come forward for a brief word and blessing before they leave for “God Loves Me” and “Children in Worship.”*

#### CHILDREN’S BLESSING

Children: The peace of Christ be with you.

**All: And also with you.**

## Reconciliation

Liturgist: Happy are those whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered.

**All: Happy are those to whom the Lord imputes no iniquity, and in whose spirit there is no deceit.**

Liturgist: While I kept silence, my body wasted away through my groaning all day long.

**All: For day and night your hand was heavy upon me; my strength was dried up as by the heat of summer.**

Liturgist: Then I acknowledged my sin to you, and I did not hide my iniquity; I said,

**All: I will confess my transgressions to the Lord.**

Liturgist: Therefore, let all who are faithful offer prayer to you; at a time of distress, the rush of mighty waters shall not reach them.

**All: You are a hiding place for me; you preserve me from trouble; you surround me with glad cries of deliverance.**

*Psalm 32:1-6*

### *Silent Confession and Lament*

Liturgist: Just as sin came into the world through one man, and death came through sin, and so death spread to all because all have sinned –

**All: But the free gift is not like the trespass. For if the many died through the one man's trespass, much more surely have the grace of God and the free gift in the grace of the one man, Jesus Christ, abounded for the many.**

Liturgist: And the free gift is not like the effect of the one man's sin. For the judgment following one trespass brought condemnation, but the free gift following many trespasses brings justification.

**All: Just as one man's trespass led to condemnation for all, so one man's act of righteousness leads to justification and life for all.**

Liturgist: For just as by the one man's disobedience the many were made sinners, so by the one man's obedience the many will be made righteous.

*Romans 5:12-19 adapted*

Choir: “Since By Man Came Death”

from *Messiah* by G.F. Handel

Since by man came death, by man came also the resurrection of the dead.  
For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ shall all be made alive.

*1 Corinthians 15:21-22*

## Proclamation

#### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

\* **All Singing: 755 “Speak, O Lord”**

Scripture: Matthew 4:12-17

Minister: The Word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

Sermon: Walking With Jesus

\* **All Singing: 140 "I Want Jesus to Walk with Me"**

## Dedication

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Liturgist: With joy, let us now offer our gifts, in music, heart, and resource, as a sign of our deep devotion and covenant faithfulness.

OFFERING

1. General Fund
2. Roseland Christian Ministries

Choir: "When Peace Like a River" arr. Grotenhuis

When peace like a river attendeth my way, when sorrows like sea billows roll,  
whatever my lot, thou hast taught me to say: It is well, it is well with my soul.

Though Satan should buffet, though trials should come, let this blest assurance  
control, that Christ has regarded my helpless estate, and has shed his own blood  
for my soul.

O Lord, haste the day when my faith shall be sight, the clouds be rolled back as a  
scroll; the trump shall resound and the Lord shall descend; even so, it is well with  
my soul.

## Communion

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**All Singing: "He Will Hold Me Fast"**

**When I fear my faith will fail, Christ will hold me fast;  
When the tempter would prevail, He can hold me fast!**

*Refrain*

**He will hold me fast, He will hold me fast;  
For my Savior loves me so, He will hold me fast.**

**I could never keep my hold, He must hold me fast;  
For my love is often cold, He must hold me fast. *Refrain***

**I am precious in His sight, He will hold me fast;  
Those He saves are His delight, He will hold me fast. *Refrain***

**He'll not let my soul be lost, Christ will hold me fast;  
Bought by Him at such a cost, He will hold me fast. *Refrain***

**825 "Beneath the Cross"**

*Standing to sing last verse*

## Sending

\* BENEDICTION


Postlude: "Amazing Grace" Fred Bock

**Worship Leaders**

Organist / Pianist: Dora Diephouse  
Pianist / Accompanist: Anna Triezenberg-Sims  
Prelude Musicians: Gwen & Reid Quist  
Choir Director: David Baar  
Minister: Roger Nelson

Acolyte: Grant Quist  
Liturgist: Sharon Aardema  
Prayer: Nadia Swearingen-Friesen

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