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**Sunday, February 22, 2026**  
First Sunday of Lent

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Service Theme  
**EXACTLY WHAT I NEED: A CHAMPION**

I recognize my inability to defend myself against spiritual enemies. The world is against me, but I look for ways to imitate it. I try to master my own sinful flesh, but I recognize desires in myself that war against my soul. And when it comes to the devil, I fall into temptation again and again. My impending death proves that I have sinned. I realize that what I really need is a champion. God the Father realized it too. He sent his Son to be my Saviour. Through the obedience of the Son of God, I have victory over my enemies.



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# 535 Come, Behold the Wondrous Mystery

CW 535



- 1 Come, be-hold the won-drous mys - t'ry, in the dawn-ing of the King,
- 2 Come, be-hold the won-drous mys - t'ry, he the per - fect Son of Man;
- 3 Come, be-hold the won-drous mys - t'ry, Christ the Lord up - on the tree;
- 4 Come, be-hold the won-drous mys - t'ry, slain by death the God of life;



he the theme of heav-en's prais - es, robed in frail hu-man-i - ty.  
in his liv - ing, in his suf - f'ring nev - er trace nor stain of sin.  
in the stead of ru - ined sin - ners hangs the Lamb in vic - to - ry.  
but no grave could e'er re - strain him; praise the Lord; he is a - live!



In our long - ing, in our dark - ness, now the light of life has come.  
See the true and bet - ter Ad - am, come to save the hell-bound man.  
See the price of our re - demp - tion, see the Fa - ther's plan un - fold,  
What a fore - taste of de - liv - rance; how un - wa - ver - ing our hope.



Look to Christ, who con - de - scend - ed, took on flesh to ran - som us.  
Christ the great and sure ful - fill - ment of the law; in him we stand.  
bring - ing man - y sons to glo - ry, grace un - mea - sured, love un - told.  
Christ in pow - er res - ur - rect - ed as will we be when he comes.

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## The Service

### *Setting Three (page 188)*

In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

## **Confession**

CW 189

Blessed are they whose transgressions are forgiven, whose sins are covered.

**Blessed are they whose sin the Lord does not count against them.**

Let us confess our sins to the Lord.

**Almighty and merciful Father,**

**we have strayed from your ways like lost sheep.**

**We have followed what we have devised and desired in our hearts.**

**We have offended you and sinned against your holy law.**

**We have done those things that we should not have done,**

**and we have not done those things that we should have done.**

**Have mercy on us, Lord!**

**Spare us, forgive us, and restore us,**

**according to your promises in Christ Jesus.**

*Silence for meditation and reflection*

God, our merciful Father, has forgiven all our sins. He sent his Son, Jesus Christ, to be our Redeemer and Savior. Jesus paid the penalty for our guilt by his death on the cross and freed us from death by his resurrection from the grave. We have peace with God now and forever.

**Amen.**

# Lord, Have Mercy

CW 190



In peace let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mer - cy.**



For the peace from above and for our sal - vation, let us pray to the Lord.



**Lord, have mer - cy.**



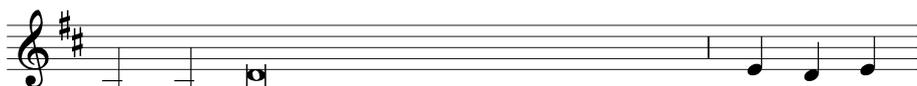
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



and for the un - it - y of all, let us pray to the Lord.



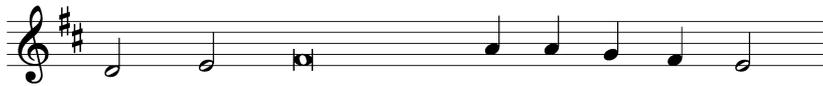
**Lord, have mer - cy.**



For this holy house and for all who offer here their wor - ship and



praise, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mer - cy.**



Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gra - cious Lord.



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



Fa - ther; re - ceive our prayer. For  
 you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the  
 Lord, you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus  
 Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir - it in the  
 glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.  
 Glo - ry to God in the high - est, glo - ry to  
 God, and peace to his peo - ple on earth,  
 and peace to his peo - ple on earth.

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## The Word

The Lord be with you.  
**And also with you.**

## Prayer of the Day

Let us pray.

Mighty God and Father, our Lord Jesus walked into the wilderness to face the devil's temptations, but he did not succumb to Satan's lies or falter in his resolve to save the world from the prison of hell. Bolster our faith by his mighty victory that we may battle against the forces of evil with courage and confidence; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

## First Reading

Genesis 3:1–15

*God promised to send a champion to do what I could not, defeating my greatest enemy.*

<sup>1</sup>Now the serpent was more clever than any wild animal which the LORD God had made. He said to the woman, "Has God really said, 'You shall not eat from any tree in the garden'?"

<sup>2</sup>The woman said to the serpent, "We may eat fruit from the trees of the garden, <sup>3</sup>but not from the fruit of the tree that is in the middle of the garden. God has said, 'You shall not eat from it. You shall not touch it, or else you will die.'"

<sup>4</sup>The serpent said to the woman, "You certainly will not die. <sup>5</sup>In fact, God knows that the day you eat from it, your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil."

<sup>6</sup>When the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was appealing to the eyes, and that the tree was desirable to make one wise, she took some of its fruit and ate. She gave some also to her husband, who was with her, and he ate it.

<sup>7</sup>The eyes of both of them were opened, and they realized that they were naked. They sewed fig leaves together and made coverings for their waists. <sup>8</sup>They heard the voice of the LORD God, who was walking around in the garden during the cooler part of the day, and the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the LORD God among the trees of the garden.

<sup>9</sup>The LORD God called to the man and said to him, “Where are you?”

<sup>10</sup>The man said, “I heard your voice in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked, so I hid myself.”

<sup>11</sup>God said, “Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten from the tree from which I commanded you not to eat?”

<sup>12</sup>The man said, “The woman you gave to be with me—she gave me fruit from the tree, and I ate it.”

<sup>13</sup>The LORD God said to the woman, “What have you done?”

The woman said, “The serpent deceived me, and I ate.”

<sup>14</sup>The LORD God said to the serpent:

Because you have done this,  
you are cursed more than all the livestock,  
and more than every wild animal.

You shall crawl on your belly,  
and you shall eat dust all the days of your life.

<sup>15</sup>I will put hostility between you and the woman,  
and between your seed and her seed.

He will crush your head,  
and you will crush his heel.

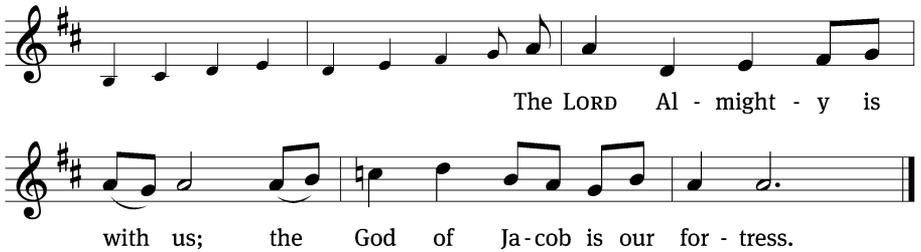
The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

# 46A The LORD Almighty Is with Us

Psalm 46A

## Refrain



The LORD Al - might - y is  
with us; the God of Ja - cob is our for - tress.

## Tone



God is our ref- / uge and strength,  
an ever-present help in / trouble.  
Therefore we will not fear, though the / earth give way  
and the mountains fall into the heart / of the sea,  
though its waters / roar and foam  
and the mountains quake with their / surging. *Refrain*

There is a river whose streams make glad the cit- / y of God,  
the holy place where the Most / High dwells.  
God is within her, she / will not fall;  
God will help her at / break of day.  
“Be still, and know that / I am God;  
I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted / in  
the earth.”

**Glory be to the Father and / to the Son  
and to the Holy / Spirit,  
as it was in the be- / ginning,  
is now, and will be forever. / Amen. *Refrain***

## Second Reading

Romans 5:12–19

*Adam's defeat meant death for me. Christ's victory means life for me.*

<sup>12</sup>So then, just as sin entered the world through one man and death through sin, so also death spread to all people because all sinned. <sup>13</sup>For even before the law was given, sin was in the world. Now, sin is not charged to one's account if there is no law, <sup>14</sup>and yet death reigned from the time of Adam to the time of Moses, even over those whose sin was not like the transgression of Adam, who is a pattern of the one who was to come.

<sup>15</sup>But the gracious gift is not like Adam's trespass. For if the many died by the trespass of this one man, it is even more certain that God's grace, and the gift given by the grace of the one man Jesus Christ, overflowed to the many!

<sup>16</sup>And the gift is not like the effect of the one man's sin, for the judgment that followed the one trespass resulted in a verdict of condemnation, but the gracious gift that followed many trespasses resulted in a verdict of justification.

<sup>17</sup>Indeed, if by the trespass of the one man, death reigned through the one man, it is even more certain that those who receive the overflowing grace of the gift of righteousness will reign in life through the one man Jesus Christ!

<sup>18</sup>So then, just as one trespass led to a verdict of condemnation for all people, so also one righteous verdict led to life-giving justification for all people. <sup>19</sup>For just as through the disobedience of one man the many became sinners, so also through the obedience of one man the many will become righteous.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## Verse of the Day

Hebrews 4:15

Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

We do not have a high priest who is unable to empathize with our weaknesses; we have one who has been tempted in every way, just as we are—yet he did not sin.

**Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

## Gospel

Luke 4:1–13

*The champion of demons and the champion of mankind do battle.  
Jesus wins.*

<sup>1</sup>Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the wilderness, <sup>2</sup>where he was tempted by the Devil for forty days. He did not eat anything during those days. When they came to an end, he was hungry. <sup>3</sup>The Devil said to him, “If you are the Son of God, tell this stone to become bread.”

<sup>4</sup>Jesus answered him, “It is written: ‘Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word of God.’”

<sup>5</sup>The Devil led him up to a high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world in a moment of time.

<sup>6</sup>The Devil told him, “I will give you all this power and the glory of these kingdoms, because it has been entrusted to me, and I can give it to anyone I want. <sup>7</sup>So, if you worship me, it will all be yours.”

<sup>8</sup>Jesus answered him, “It is written: ‘You shall worship the Lord your God and serve him only.’”

<sup>9</sup>The Devil led him to Jerusalem and had him stand on the pinnacle of the temple. “If you are the Son of God,” he said, “throw yourself down from here, <sup>10</sup>because it is written:

He will command his angels concerning you, to protect you,

<sup>11</sup>and they will lift you up with their hands, so that you will not strike your foot against a stone.”

<sup>12</sup>Jesus answered him, “It says: ‘You shall not test the Lord your God.’”

<sup>13</sup>When the Devil had finished every temptation, he left him until an opportune time.

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise be to you, O Christ!**

### 556 All Mankind Fell in Adam's Fall

CW 556



1 All man-kind fell in Ad - am's fall; one com - mon  
2 Through all our pow'rs cor - rup - tion creeps and us in  
3 From hearts de - praved, to e - vil prone, flow thoughts and  
4 But Christ, the sec - ond Ad - am, came to bear our



sin in - fects us all. From one to all the  
dread - ful bond - age keeps; in guilt we draw our  
deeds of sin a - lone; God's im - age lost, the  
sin and woe and shame, to be our life, our



curse de - scends, and o - ver all God's wrath im - pends.  
in - fant breath and reap its fruits of woe and death.  
dark - ened soul nor seeks nor finds its heav'n - ly goal.  
light, our way, our on - ly hope, our on - ly stay.

5 As by one man all mankind fell  
and, born in sin, was doomed to hell,  
so by one Man, who took our place,  
we all were justified by grace.

6 We thank you, Christ; new life is ours,  
new light, new hope, new strength, new pow'rs.

This grace our ev'ry way attend  
until we reach our journey's end.

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## Sermon

Luke 4:1–13

### “It is Written”

- 1) This was Jesus' answer to win our righteousness.
- 2) This is our answer to live in Christ's righteousness.

## 863 A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

CW 863



1 A might - y for - tress is our God, a trust - y shield  
2 With might of ours can naught be done, soon were our loss  
3 Though dev - ils all the world should fill, all ea - ger to  
4 The Word they still shall let re - main nor an - y thanks



and weap - on; he helps us free from ev - 'ry need  
ef - fect - ed; but for us fights the val - iant one  
de - vour us, we trem - ble not, we fear no ill;  
have for it; he's by our side up - on the plain



that has us now o'er - tak - en. The old  
whom God him - self e - lect - ed. You ask,  
they shall not o - ver - pow'r us. This world's  
with his good gifts and Spir - it. And take



e - vil foe now means dead - ly woe;  
“Who is this?” Je - sus Christ it is,  
prince may still scowl fierce as he will,  
they our life, goods, fame, child, and wife,



deep guile and great might are his dread arms in fight;  
 the al - might - y Lord, and there's no oth - er God;  
 he can harm us none. He's judged; the deed is done;  
 though all may be gone, our vic - to - ry is won;



on earth is not his e - qual.  
 he holds the field for - ev - er.  
 one lit - tle word can fell him.  
 the king - dom's ours for - ev - er!

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## Apostles' Creed

CW 197

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

**I believe 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 is seated at the right hand of God the Father  
 Almighty.**

**From there 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.**

## **Prayer For Lent**

Gracious Father, after his baptism your Son faced the stern attacks of Satan who tried to derail his journey to the cross. On this day we rejoice in Jesus' victory in the wilderness and praise him for his ultimate triumph over the works of the devil.

**Send us your Spirit that we may believe this truth and apply it in our lives.**

Satan and his followers seek to overturn our faith and love every day. Their goal is to separate us from your presence and destroy our relationship with your Son. Give us wisdom to be alert for their attacks and recognize the danger they bring.

**Protect us as we endure temptation. Keep us from becoming Satan's victims. Forgive us and restore us when we give in to him.**

Make our faith stronger than it is now so that we might know more and more that Jesus matters most to us in life and death. Give us wisdom and power to follow him and do his will.

**Keep us from thinking that sins are harmless and cannot lead us away from him.**

According to your will, Lord, curb the influence of Satan in our world and society. Help people to grasp the appalling effects of his power and to refrain from doing wicked and harmful deeds.

**Come to the aid of those who are the objects of devilish power.**

Give us courage to warn those we love about the dangers of the devil's temptations. Lead us to speak the truth in love so that family members and friends may discern evil and step back from error and sin.

**Move us to share the horror of Satan's power honestly and to offer your forgiveness in love.**

Keep in your care all who are struggling with pain, battling with sickness, and facing death. [Especially bless...] Spare your people from Satan's temptations in their difficult hours and strengthen them with the promise of your Son's ultimate victory over sin, death, and the grave.

**Help us to support them when we can and to keep them in our prayers.**

Protect us, gracious God, from the power of Satan, the allure of the world, and the seduction of our sinful nature.

**Cause us to believe that we are more than conquerors through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## **Offertory Prayer**

## **Closing Prayer**

CW 171

Almighty God, we thank you for teaching us the things you want us to believe and do. Help us by your Holy Spirit to keep your Word in pure hearts that we may be strengthened in faith, guided in holiness, and comforted in life and in death, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

## **Lord's Prayer**

CW 171

**Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your name,  
your kingdom come,  
your will be done  
on earth as in heaven.  
Give us today 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 the kingdom, the power,  
and the glory are yours  
now and forever. Amen.**

## **Blessing**

CW 171

**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 T give you peace.  
Amen.**

# 879 Though All Our Life Is Like a Scroll

CW 879



1 Though all our life is like a scroll un -  
 2 Though pomp - ous - ly we try to dress in  
 3 Though earth's deep wa - ters foam and roar as  
 4 Though crit - ics cut out Scrip - ture's claims and  
 5 Now sing a high dox - ol - o - gy to



rolled with blem - ished pa - ges; though sin has shred - ded  
 cos - tumes of our mak - ing; though fig leaves of self -  
 surg - ing waves are roll - ing; though all the na - tions  
 treat them with de - ri - sion; though they con - duct their  
 God who gives sal - va - tion. Both here and in e -



what was whole and death is now our wa - ges; yet  
 right - eous - ness are fu - tile and heart - break - ing; yet  
 rage with war while bells of doom are toll - ing; yet  
 hos - tile aims with scal - pels of sus - pi - cion; yet  
 ter - ni - ty let this be our vo - ca - tion. To



here we stand in con - fi - dence, with Je - sus as our  
 filth - y rags Christ glad - ly wore so we would per - ish  
 God gives peace - ful for - ti - tude, he nur - tures us with  
 how the liv - ing, two - edged sword pro - claims the dead and  
 Fa - ther, Son, and Spir - it raise a sym - pho - ny of



sole de - fense, for he a - lone still saves us.  
 nev - er - more. His grace a - lone still clothes us.  
 heav - en's food. True faith a - lone still an - chors.  
 ris - en Lord! God's Word a - lone: still truth - ful.  
 grate - ful praise, for he a - lone is wor - thy.

## **Announcements**

### ***Church Cleaners***

March 1– Thomas / March 8 – John

### ***Lent by Candlelight***

Planned for March 7 @ 2:00 pm. This is a wonderful event for women to reflect on the wonderful hope we have in Christ in spite of the darkness of the world all around us. Mark your calendars and invite your friends. If you would like to be involved in this event in any way, please talk to Laura.

### ***Easter for Kids Volunteer Request***

We are hoping to host an Easter for Kids on March 21 from 1:30pm – 4:30pm. If you would be willing to help out for this event, contact Rebecca Hill at (613) 404-6874 or [rschroeder@rogers.com](mailto:rschroeder@rogers.com).

### ***Divine Sisters Meeting***

The next Divine Sisters meeting will be held on Sunday, March 8th, after worship.

## DIVINE WORD'S TWO-WEEK CALENDAR

- Su (22) 9:00 am Sunday School / Bible Study**  
**10:30 am Worship**  
11:45 am Coffee Hour
- Tu (23) 5:00 pm Communicating Christ Class  
7:00 pm Council Meeting
- We (24) 10:00 am Bible Information Class Review  
7:00 pm Midweek Lent Service
- Th (26) 2:00 pm Pastoral Circuit Meeting
- Fr (27) 3:00 pm Women's Bible Study  
6:00 pm Friday Fellowship
- Su (1) 9:00 am Sunday School / Bible Study**  
**10:30 am *Worship with Communion***  
11:45 am First Fellowship  
**3:00 pm Worship in Poltimore**  
4:00 pm Bible Class in Poltimore
- Tu (3) 5:00 pm Communicating Christ Class
- We (4) 10:00 am Bible Information Class Review  
7:00 pm Midweek Lent Service
- Th (5) 10:00 am Longfield Manor Devotion
- Fr (6) 3:00 pm Women's Bible Study
- Sa (7) 2:00 pm Lent by Candlelight
- Su (8) 9:00 am Sunday School / Bible Study**  
**10:30 am Worship**  
11:45 am Coffee Hour

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Setting Three from Christian Worship

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