



FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT

FEBRUARY 22, 2026

CONCORDIA LUTHERAN CHURCH, CONOVER

PRELUDE

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

We stand.

OPENING HYMN “A Mighty Fortress Is Our God” 657

INVOCATION

P In the name of the Father, and the Son T and the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

Psalm 32:5

P I acknowledged my sin to You.

C I did not cover up my iniquity.

P I said, “I will confess my transgressions to the LORD.”

C And You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

Silence for meditation and reflection.

P O almighty God, merciful Father,

C I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your punishment now and forever. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being. Forgive me all my sins and grant me the power of Your Holy Spirit that I may amend my sinful life.

P Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you 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 T and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

P May He who began this good work within you bring it to completion on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.

C Amen.

SALUTATION & PRAYER OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P 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.

C Amen.

We sit.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Genesis 3:1-21

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

“On Eagle’s Wings”

Joncas/arr. Hayes

EPISTLE LESSON

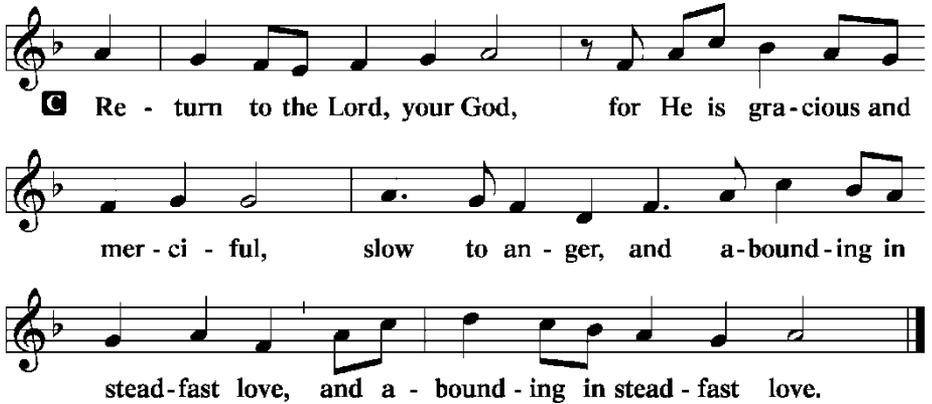
Romans 5:12-19

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

We stand.

VERSE FOR LENT



C Re - turn to the Lord, your God, for He is gra-cious and
mer - ci - ful, slow to an - ger, and a-bound-ing in
stead-fast love, and a - bound - ing in stead - fast love.

HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 4:1-11

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew the 4th chapter.

C Glory to You, O Lord.

After the Gospel is read:

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

We sit.

HYMN OF THE DAY “O Lord, throughout These Forty Days” 418

SERMON

“Lead Us Not”

Pastor Michael Geml

We stand.

APOSTLES’ CREED

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PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

PREFACE

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Lift up your hearts.

C We lift them to the Lord.

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

PROPER PREFACE

P It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who accomplished the salvation of mankind by the tree of the cross that, where death arose, there life also might rise again and that the serpent who overcame by the tree of the garden might likewise by the tree of the cross be overcome. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

SANCTUS



C Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might:



Heav-en and earth are full of Your glo - ry. Ho - san-na. Ho -



san-na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is He who



comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high - est.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

P Praise to You, Lord of heaven and earth. You have revealed Your mercy to us in granting us Your only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life. We give thanks for the redemption prepared for us through Jesus Christ and pray You to grant us Your Holy Spirit, that enlightened with a living faith, we might be worthy to receive Him who comes to us in His body and blood.

C Amen.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

LORD’S PRAYER

PAX DOMINI

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C And also with you.

We sit.

AGNUS DEI



C Lamb of God, You take a - way the sin of the world; have



mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a - way the sin of the



world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a - way the

sin of the world; grant us peace.

The musical notation is on a single staff in G major (one sharp). It consists of four measures. The first measure contains the notes G4, A4, B4, and G4. The second measure contains the notes F#4, E4, and D4. The third measure contains the notes C4, D4, E4, F#4, G4, and A4, with a slur over the entire phrase. The fourth measure contains the notes G4 and F#4.

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

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| “Lord, Take My Hand and Lead Me” | 722 |
| “Before the Throne of God Above” | 574 |

We stand.

DISMISSAL

POST-COMMUNION COLLECT

BENEDICTION

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| CLOSING HYMN | “Jesus Lead Thou On” | 718 |
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POSTLUDE