

# *Invocavit – The First Sunday in Lent*

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## 438 A Lamb Goes Uncomplaining Forth

- 1 A Lamb goes uncomplaining forth,  
The guilt of sinners bearing  
And, laden with the sins of earth,  
None else the burden sharing;  
Goes patient on, grows weak and faint,  
To slaughter led without complaint,  
That spotless life to offer,  
He bears the stripes, the wounds, the lies,  
The mockery, and yet replies,  
“All this I gladly suffer.”
  
- 2 This Lamb is Christ, the soul’s great friend,  
The Lamb of God, our Savior,  
Whom God the Father chose to send  
To gain for us His favor.  
“Go forth, My Son,” the Father said,  
“And free My children from their dread  
Of guilt and condemnation.  
The wrath and stripes are hard to bear,  
But by Your passion they will share  
The fruit of Your salvation.”
  
- 3 “Yes, Father, yes, most willingly  
I’ll bear what You command Me.  
My will conforms to Your decree,  
I’ll do what You have asked Me.”  
O wondrous Love, what have You done!  
The Father offers up His Son,  
Desiring our salvation.  
O Love, how strong You are to save!  
You lay the One into the grave  
Who built the earth’s foundation.

4 Lord, when Your glory I shall see  
And taste Your kingdom's pleasure,  
Your blood my royal robe shall be,  
My joy beyond all measure!  
When I appear before Your throne,  
Your righteousness shall be my crown;  
With these I need not hide me.  
And there, in garments richly wrought,  
As Your own bride shall we be brought  
To stand in joy beside You.

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*The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.*

**P** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C Amen.**

**P** Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

**P** Our help is in the name of the Lord,

**C who made heaven and earth.**

**P** I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,

**C and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.**

**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 temporal and eternal punishment. 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.**

**P** Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit. **C Amen.**

## Introit

He shall call upon Me, and I will answer Him:

**I will deliver him and honor him.**

With long life will I satisfy him:

**and show him My salvation.**

He that dwelleth in the secret place of the Most High:

**shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty.**

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;**

**as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end.**

**Amen.**

He shall call upon Me, and I will answer Him:

**I will deliver him and honor him.**

With long life will I satisfy him:

**and show him My salvation.**

## Kyrie

*LSB 186*

**☩ Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us.**

**Lord, have mercy upon us.**

## Salutation and Collect of the Day

**☩** The Lord be with you.

**☩** And with thy spirit.

**☩** Let us pray: O Lord, mercifully hear our prayer : and stretch forth the right hand of Thy majesty to defend us from them that rise up against us; through Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with Thee and Holy Ghost : ever one God, world without end. **☩** Amen.

## Old Testament Reading

*Genesis 3:1-21*

<sup>1</sup>Now the serpent was more crafty than any other beast of the field that the LORD God had made. He said to the woman, “Did God actually say, ‘You shall not eat of any tree in the garden’?” <sup>2</sup>And the woman said to the serpent, “We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden, <sup>3</sup>but God said, ‘You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the midst of the garden, neither shall you

touch it, lest you die.”<sup>4</sup> But the serpent said to the woman, “You will not surely die.<sup>5</sup> For God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil.”<sup>6</sup> So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate, and she also gave some to her husband who was with her, and he ate.<sup>7</sup> Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked. And they sewed fig leaves together and made themselves loincloths.<sup>8</sup> And they heard the sound of the LORD God walking in the garden in the cool 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> But the LORD God called to the man and said to him, “Where are you?”<sup>10</sup> And he said, “I heard the sound of you in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked, and I hid myself.”<sup>11</sup> He said, “Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten of the tree of which I commanded you not to eat?”<sup>12</sup> The man said, “The woman whom you gave to be with me, she gave me fruit of the tree, and I ate.”<sup>13</sup> Then the LORD God said to the woman, “What is this that you have 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, cursed are you above all livestock and above all beasts of the field; on your belly you shall go, and dust you shall eat all the days of your life.<sup>15</sup> I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and her offspring; he shall bruise your head, and you shall bruise his heel.”<sup>16</sup> To the woman he said, “I will surely multiply your pain in childbearing; in pain you shall bring forth children. Your desire shall be for your husband, and he shall rule over you.”<sup>17</sup> And to Adam he said, “Because you have listened to the voice of your wife and have eaten of the tree of which I commanded you, ‘You shall not eat of it,’ cursed is the ground because of you; in pain you shall eat of it all the days of your life;<sup>18</sup> thorns and thistles it shall bring forth for you; and you shall eat the plants of the field.<sup>19</sup> By the sweat of your face you shall eat bread, till you return to the ground, for out of it you were taken; for you are dust, and to dust you shall return.”<sup>20</sup> The man called his wife’s name Eve, because she was the mother of all living.<sup>21</sup> And the LORD God made for Adam and for his wife garments of skins and clothed them.

**P** This is the Word of the Lord.

**G** Thanks be to God.

## Epistle

*Hebrews 4:14–16*

<sup>14</sup>Since then we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession. <sup>15</sup>For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin. <sup>16</sup>Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

**P** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

## Tract

*Psalm 91:1, 4a, 15a, 16*

He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High  
will abide in the shadow of the Almighty.  
He will cover you with his pinions,  
and under his wings you will find refuge.  
When he calls to me, I will answer him;  
I will be with him in trouble.  
With long life I will satisfy him  
and show him my salvation.

## Holy Gospel

*Matthew 4:1–11*

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the fourth chapter.

**C** Glory be to Thee, O Lord.

<sup>1</sup>Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. <sup>2</sup>And after fasting forty days and forty nights, he was hungry. <sup>3</sup>And the tempter came and said to him, “If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread.” <sup>4</sup>But he answered, “It is written, “Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.”” <sup>5</sup>Then the devil took him to the holy city and set him on the pinnacle of the temple <sup>6</sup>and said to him, “If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down, for it is written, “He will command his angels concerning you,’ and “On their hands they will bear you up, lest you strike your foot against a stone.”” <sup>7</sup>Jesus said to him, “Again it is written, ‘You shall not put the Lord your God to the test.’” <sup>8</sup>Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their glory. <sup>9</sup>And he said to him, “All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me.” <sup>10</sup>Then Jesus said to him,

“Be gone, Satan! For it is written, “You shall worship the Lord your God and him only shall you serve.” <sup>11</sup>Then the devil left him, and behold, angels came and were ministering to him.

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.      **C** Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

### Nicene Creed

**C** I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life † of the world to come. Amen.

## 656 A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

- 1 A mighty fortress is our God, A trusty shield and weapon;  
He helps us free from ev'ry need That hath us now o'ertaken.  
The old evil foe Now means deadly woe;  
    Deep guile and great might Are his dread arms in fight;  
On earth is not his equal.
  
- 2 With might of ours can naught be done, Soon were our loss effected;  
But for us fights the valiant One, Whom God Himself elected.  
Ask ye, Who is this? Jesus Christ it is,  
    Of Sabaoth Lord, And there's none other God;  
He holds the field forever.
  
- 3 Though devils all the world should fill, All eager to devour us,  
We tremble not, we fear no ill; They shall not overpow'r us.  
This world's prince may still Scowl fierce as he will,  
    He can harm us none. He's judged; the deed is done;  
One little word can fell him.
  
- 4 The Word they still shall let remain Nor any thanks have for it;  
He's by our side upon the plain With His good gifts and Spirit.  
And take they our life, Goods, fame, child, and wife,  
    Though these all be gone, Our vict'ry has been won;  
The Kingdom ours remaineth.

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## Sermon

### Offertory

*LSB 192*

**☒ Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from Thy presence, and take not Thy Holy Spirit from me. Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation, and uphold me with Thy free spirit. Amen.**

### [ Offering ]

## Prayer of the Church

### Preface

*LSB 194*

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And with thy spirit.

**P** Lift up your hearts.

**C** We lift them up unto the Lord.

**P** Let us give thanks unto the Lord, our God.

**C** It is meet and right so to do.

**P** It is truly meet, 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 overcame the assaults of the devil and gave His life as a ransom for many that with cleansed hearts we might be prepared joyfully to celebrate the paschal feast in sincerity and truth. 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

*LSB 195*

**C** Holy, holy, holy Lord God of Sabaoth; heav'n and earth are full of Thy glory. Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest. Blessed is He, blessed is He, blessed is He that cometh in the name of the Lord. Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.

### Lord's Prayer

*LSB 196*

**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.**

## The Words of Our Lord

LSB 197

**P** Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: “Take, eat; this is My ✠ body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me.”

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: “Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My ✠ blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me.”

## Pax Domini

LSB 197

**P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.      **C** Amen.

## Agnus Dei

LSB 198

**C** O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, grant us Thy peace. Amen.

## Distribution

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

- 1 All mankind fell in Adam's fall; One common sin infects us all.  
From one to all the curse descends, And over all God's wrath impends.
- 2 Through all our pow'rs corruption creeps And us in dreadful bondage keeps;  
In guilt we draw our infant breath And reap its fruits of woe and death.
- 3 From hearts depraved, to evil prone, Flow thoughts and deeds of sin alone;  
God's image lost, the darkened soul Seeks not nor finds its heav'nly goal.
- 4 But Christ, the second Adam, came To bear our sin and woe and shame,  
To be our life, our light, our way, Our only hope, our only 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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### **730 What Is the World to Me**

- 1 What is the world to me With all its vaunted pleasure  
When You, and You alone, Lord Jesus, are my treasure!  
You only, dearest Lord, My soul's delight shall be;  
You are my peace, my rest. What is the world to me!
  
- 2 The world seeks to be praised And honored by the mighty  
Yet never once reflects That they are frail and flighty.  
But what I truly prize Above all things is He,  
My Jesus, He alone. What is the world to me!
  
- 3 The world seeks after wealth And all that mammon offers  
Yet never is content Though gold should fill its coffers.  
I have a higher good, Content with it I'll be:  
My Jesus is my wealth. What is the world to me!
  
- 4 What is the world to me! My Jesus is my treasure,  
My life, my health, my wealth, My friend, my love, my pleasure,  
My joy, my crown, my all, My bliss eternally.  
Once more, then, I declare: What is the world to me!

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### **716 I Walk in Danger All the Way**

- 1 I walk in danger all the way. The thought shall never leave me  
That Satan, who has marked his prey, Is plotting to deceive me.  
This foe with hidden snares May seize me unawares  
If I should fail to watch and pray. I walk in danger all the way.
  
- 2 I pass through trials all the way, With sin and ills contending;  
In patience I must bear each day The cross of God's own sending.  
When in adversity I know not where to flee,  
When storms of woe my soul dismay, I pass through trials all the way.

- 3 And death pursues me all the way, Nowhere I rest securely;  
He comes by night, he comes by day, He takes his prey most surely.  
A failing breath, and I In death's strong grasp may lie  
To face eternity today As death pursues me all the way.
- 4 I walk with angels all the way, They shield me and befriend me;  
All Satan's pow'r is held at bay When heav'nly hosts attend me;  
They are my sure defense, All fear and sorrow, hence!  
Unharmed by foes, do what they may, I walk with angels all the way.
- 5 I walk with Jesus all the way, His guidance never fails me;  
Within His wounds I find a stay When Satan's pow'r assails me;  
And by His footsteps led, My path I safely tread.  
No evil leads my soul astray; I walk with Jesus all the way.
- 6 My walk is heav'nward all the way; Await, my soul, the morrow,  
When God's good healing shall allay All suffering, sin, and sorrow.  
Then, worldly pomp, begone! To heav'n I now press on.  
For all the world I would not stay; My walk is heav'nward all the way.
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### 919 Abide, O Dearest Jesus

- 1 Abide, O dearest Jesus, Among us with Your grace  
That Satan may not harm us Nor we to sin give place.
- 2 Abide, O dear Redeemer, Among us with Your Word,  
And thus now and hereafter True peace and joy afford.
- 3 Abide with heav'nly brightness Among us, precious Light;  
Your truth direct and keep us From error's gloomy night.
- 4 Abide with richest blessings Among us, bounteous Lord;  
Let us in grace and wisdom Grow daily through Your Word.
- 5 Abide with Your protection Among us, Lord, our strength,  
Lest world and Satan fell us And overcome at length.

6 Abide, O faithful Savior, Among us with Your love;  
Grant steadfastness and help us To reach our home above.

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## **Nunc Dimittis**

*LSB 199*

**☩** Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant depart in peace according to Thy word, for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation, which Thou hast prepared before the face of all people, a light to lighten the Gentiles and the glory of Thy people Israel. Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

## **Thanksgiving**

*LSB 200*

**☐** O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,

**☩** and His mercy endureth forever.

**☐** Let us pray: We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **☩** Amen.

**☐** The Lord be with you.

**☩** And with thy spirit.

## **Benedicamus**

*LSB 202*

**☐** Bless we the Lord.

**☩** Thanks be to God.

## **Benediction**

*LSB 202*

**☐** The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you. The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and ✠ give you peace. **☩** Amen, amen, amen.

## 659 Lord of Our Life

- 1 Lord of our life and God of our salvation,  
Star of our night and hope of ev'ry nation:  
Hear and receive Your Church's supplication,  
Lord God Almighty.
  
- 2 See round Your ark the hungry billows curling;  
See how Your foes their banners are unfurling  
And with great spite their fiery darts are hurling,  
O Lord, preserve us.
  
- 3 Lord, be our light when worldly darkness veils us;  
Lord, be our shield when earthly armor fails us;  
And in the day when hell itself assails us,  
Grant us Your peace, Lord:
  
- 4 Peace in our hearts, where sinful thoughts are raging,  
Peace in Your Church, our troubled souls assuaging,  
Peace when the world its endless war is waging,  
Peace in your heaven.

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## INVOCAVIT

Jesus Does Battle in our Place – In the Garden, man exalts himself to be a god in place of God (Genesis 3:1–21). He succumbs to the temptation of the devil, and eating of the forbidden fruit, he receives death. But in the sin-cursed wilderness, God humbles Himself to become man in place of man (Matthew 4:1–11). He does not eat but fasts and bears the onslaughts of the devil for us that we may be restored to life. Jesus stands as David in our place to do battle against the Goliath, Satan (1 Samuel 17:40–51). Though outwardly Jesus appears weak, yet He comes in the name of the Lord of hosts. He draws from the five smooth stones of the books of Moses and slings the Word of God. The stone sinks into the forehead, and the enemy falls. In Christ we are victorious over the devil. Let us therefore not receive the grace of God in vain (2 Corinthians 6:1–10), but seeing that we have a great High Priest, let us come boldly to the throne of grace, that we may obtain help in time of need (Hebrews 4:14–16).

Christ has served and helped us by His fasting, hunger, temptation and victory. Also, whoever believes on Christ shall never suffer need, and temptation shall never harm him. Instead, we shall have enough in the midst of want and be safe in the midst of temptation because the Lord triumphed in our behalf. Christ's fasting also encourages us to believe that, by His example, we can cheerfully suffer want and temptation for the service of God and the good of our neighbor, like Christ did for us. Therefore this Gospel is sweet consolation and power against the unbelief. It awakens and strengthens our conscience, that we may not be anxious about the nourishment of our bodies, but be assured that God can and will give us our daily bread.

– Martin Luther

### **The Meaning of *Invocavit***

The First Sunday in Lent is traditionally known as *Invocavit*, which is the first Latin word of the Historic Introit assigned to this Sunday. *Invocavit* means “He shall call”

(*Invocavit me, et ego exaudiam eum* = He shall call upon Me, and I will answer Him).