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1ST SUNDAY IN LENT  
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FEBRUARY 26,

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PRE-SERVICE MUSIC + WELCOME

**HYMN:** "Come to Calvary's Holy Mountain" (LSB #435)

1. Come to Cal'vry's holy mountain, sinners ruined by the fall;  
Here a pure and healing fountain Flows for you, for me, for  
all,  
In a full, perpetual tide, Opened when our Savior died.
3. Come in sorrow and contrition, Wounded, impotent, and  
blind; Here the guilty, free remission, Here the troubled,  
peace may find. Health this fountain will restore;  
They that drink shall thirst no more.
4. They that drink shall live forever; 'Tis a soul renewing flood.  
God is faithful; God will never Break His covenant of blood,  
Signed when our Redeemer died, Sealed when He was  
glorified.

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INVOCATION

BAPTISM OF KAISA VANVLEET

LENTEN SELF-EXAMINATION:

P. The first Commandment is:

**C. You shall have no other gods before Me.**

P. What does this mean?

**C. We should fear, love, and trust in God above all things.**

P. Who is the only true God?

**C. The only true God is the Triune God; Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Three distinct persons in one divine being.**

P. When do people have other gods?

**C. When they regard and worship any creature or thing as God; when they believe in a god who is not the Triune God; when they fear, love, or trust in any person or thing as they should fear, love and trust in God alone; and when they join in the worship of one who is not the Triune God.**

P. What does God require of us in the first Commandment?

**C. God requires that we fear, love and trust in Him above all things. We fear God above all things when we revere Him alone as the highest being, honor Him with our lives and avoid what displeases Him. We love God above all things when we cling to Him alone as our God and gladly devote our lives to His service. We trust in God above all things when we commit our lives completely to His keeping and rely on Him for help in every need.**

P. The second Commandment is:

**C. You shall not misuse the name of the Lord your God.**

P. What does this mean?

**C. We should fear and love God so that we do not curse, swear, use witchcraft, lie, or deceive by His name, but call upon it in every trouble, pray, praise, and give thanks.**

CONFESSION OF SIN: *(Spoken together)*

God of life, You created each one of us to live under Your love in fellowship with You. Yet each day we make choices that lead us away from you and Your love. We dishonor Your name and allow other things to take Your place and become our first love, or the "god" of our life. God of life, we have sinned and we are sorry. We are in need of Your forgiveness. Grant us forgiveness in Christ and with it a new life. Amen.

**HYMN: "Lamb of God" (LSB #550)**

1. Your only Son, no sin to hide  
But You have sent Him from Your side  
To walk upon this guilty sod,  
And to become the Lamb of God.

Refrain:

O Lamb of God, sweet Lamb of God,  
I love the holy Lamb of God!  
O wash me in His precious blood,  
My Jesus Christ, the Lamb of God.

2. Your Gift of love they crucified,  
They laughed and scorned Him as He died:  
The humble King they named a fraud,  
And sacrificed the Lamb of God. *(Refrain)*

3. I was so lost, I should have died,  
But You have brought me to Your side  
To be led by Your staff and rod,  
And to be call a lamb of God. (*Refrain*)

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**OLD TESTAMENT READING:** Genesis 2:7-9, 15-17; 3:1-7

<sup>7</sup>the LORD God formed the man from the dust of the ground and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life, and the man became a living being. <sup>8</sup>Now the LORD God had planted a garden in the east, in Eden; and there he put the man he had formed. <sup>9</sup>And the LORD God made all kinds of trees grow out of the ground—trees that were pleasing to the eye and good for food. In the middle of the garden were the tree of life and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil...

<sup>15</sup>The LORD God took the man and put him in the Garden of Eden to work it and take care of it. <sup>16</sup>And the LORD God commanded the man, “You are free to eat from any tree in the garden; <sup>17</sup>but you must not eat from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, for when you eat of it you will surely die.”...<sup>1</sup>Now the serpent was more crafty than any of the wild animals the LORD God had made. He said to the woman, “Did God really say, ‘You must not eat from any tree in the garden’?” <sup>2</sup>The woman said to the serpent, “We may eat fruit from the trees in the garden, <sup>3</sup>but God did say, ‘You must not eat fruit from the tree that is in the middle of the garden, and you must not touch it, or you will die.’” <sup>4</sup>“You will not surely die,” the serpent said to the woman. <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>When the woman saw that the fruit of the tree was good for food and pleasing to the eye, and also desirable for gaining wisdom, she took some and ate it. She also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate it. <sup>7</sup>Then the eyes of both of them were opened, and they realized they were naked; so they sewed fig leaves together and made coverings for themselves.

**EPISTLE:** Romans 5:12-19

<sup>12</sup>Therefore, just as sin entered the world through one man, and death through sin, and in this way death came to all men, because all sinned— <sup>13</sup>for before the law was given, sin was in the world. But sin is not taken into account when there is no law. <sup>14</sup>Nevertheless, death

reigned from the time of Adam to the time of Moses, even over those who did not sin by breaking a command, as did Adam, who was a pattern of the one to come. <sup>15</sup> But the gift is not like the trespass. For if the many died by the trespass of the one man, how much more did God's grace and the gift that came by the grace of the one man, Jesus Christ, overflow to the many! <sup>16</sup> Again, the gift of God is not like the result of the one man's sin: The judgment followed one sin and brought condemnation, but the gift followed many trespasses and brought justification. <sup>17</sup> For if, by the trespass of the one man, death reigned through that one man, how much more will those who receive God's abundant provision of grace and of the gift of righteousness reign in life through the one man, Jesus Christ. <sup>18</sup> Consequently, just as the result of one trespass was condemnation for all men, so also the result of one act of righteousness was justification that brings life for all men. <sup>19</sup> For just as through the disobedience of the one man the many were made sinners, so also through the obedience of the one man the many will be made righteous.

## ECC CHILDREN SING

### CHILDREN'S LESSON

#### **HYMN:** "Dear Christians, One and All, Rejoice" (*LSB #556*)

1. Dear Christians, one and all, rejoice, With exultation  
springing, And with united heart and voice And holy rapture  
singing, Proclaim the wonders God has done,  
How His right arm the vict'ry won.  
What price our ransom cost Him!
6. The Son obeyed His Father's will, Was born of virgin  
mother;  
And God's good pleasure to fulfill, He came to be my  
brother.  
His royal pow'r disguised He bore;  
A servant's form, like mine, He wore  
To lead the devil captive.
7. To me He said: "Stay close to Me, I am your rock and castle.  
Your ransom I Myself will be; For you I strive and wrestle.  
For I am yours, and you are Mine,  
And where I am you may remain; The foe shall not divide us.

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## SERMON: Matthew 4:1-11 "In the Midst of Temptations"

### THE OFFERING

#### PRAYER OF THE CHURCH:

P. Lord Jesus, bless Your church,

**C. That we as Your redeemed people might be steadfast and unmovable in the face of temptation and trial.**

P. In a world where we are constantly tempted to compromise our faith, and stray from the truth,

**C. Help us hold firmly to the trustworthy foundation which has been given us in Your divinely inspired word.**

P. For the many people of this world, as well as close family members and friends that are enduring hardship and trial, especially...*(special requests)*...Lord, in Your mercy,

**C. Hear our prayer, and give comfort, healing where needed, and peace. Amen.**

### THE LORD'S PRAYER

### BLESSING

#### **HYMN:** "Onward Christian Soldiers" *(LSB #662)*

1. Onward, Christian soldiers, Marching as to war,  
With the cross of Jesus Going on before.  
Christ, the royal master, Leads against the foe;  
Forward into battle See His banners go!

Refrain: Onward, Christian soldiers, Marching as to war,  
With the cross of Jesus Going on before.

3. Crowns and thrones may perish, Kingdoms rise and wane,  
But the Church of Jesus Constant will remain.  
Gates of hell can never 'Gainst that Church prevail;  
We have Christ's own promise, And that cannot fail.  
*(Refrain)*

4. Onward, then, ye faithful, Join our happy throng,  
Blend with ours your voices In the triumph song:  
Glory, laud, and honor Unto Christ, the king;  
This through countless ages Men and angels sing. *(Refrain)*

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