

A Guide to the Divine Service

9:00 a.m.

March 9, 2025

Invocabit: The First Sunday in Lent *Jesus Does Battle in Our Place*

With the spiritual weapons of fasting, prayer, and almsgiving now firmly in our grasp after Ash Wednesday and the two days following, the First Sunday in Lent, *Invocabit*, introduces the theme of spiritual warfare, one which will predominate and intensify as the season progresses. The Prophecy shows us the first temptation of man, in which Satan lured our first parents to destruction with food and the promise of being like God. The Holy Gospel shows the evil one using the same tactics once again to draw the new Adam to destruction, but our Lord Jesus pushes back the assaults of the evil one, one after another by using God's holy Word, which gives us strength to do the same.

The Epistle from 2 Corinthians tells us that *now* is the day of salvation, now is the time to cast off the works of darkness and put on the armor of light. St. Paul also shows us the paradoxes of serving this Christ as His minister: "*as dying, and behold we live...as sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; as poor, yet making many rich; as having nothing, and yet possessing all things.*"



Invocabit me, et exaudiam eum

"He shall call upon Me, and I will hear him"

**[Invocabit: The First Sunday in Lent]
"Temptation Sunday"**

Readings for Next Sunday:

Reminiscere: The Second Sunday in Lent

Prophecy of the Day:	Genesis 32:22-30
Epistle of the Day:	1 Thessalonians 4:1-7
Holy Gospel of the Day:	St. Matthew 15:21-28

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NOTE ON PARTICIPATING IN THE LORD'S SUPPER

As intended by Christ and as practiced by the one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church throughout history, "closed communion" is observed here, in which the Lord's Supper is distributed only to those who:

- (a) are baptized in the Name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit;
- (b) have been instructed in the truth of Holy Scriptures as taught in the Lutheran Confessions, have been confirmed in this Lutheran faith and practice, and now embrace this same Lutheran faith in the same way that it is believed, taught, confessed, and practiced in this congregation;
- (c) believe that in this Sacrament the real Body and Blood of Christ are truly distributed to them and orally received by them, bestowing on them the forgiveness of sins, life and salvation;
- (d) repent of all their sins, and desire to receive God's forgiveness in this holy meal.

Guests at our services who are able to affirm these facts should speak to our pastor or the elder on duty before receiving the Sacrament. To other guests with us today, we express to you our sincere interest, friendship, and concern, and we assure you that it is for the spiritual welfare of all that we practice closed communion. Those desiring to learn more about our beliefs are asked to speak with our pastor.

[We rise and face the Processional Cross]

Processional Hymn "Lord Jesus, Think on Me" #610

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[Spoken] The Service of the Word
Introit

When He calls to me, I will answer Him;
I will rescue Him and honor Him.
 With long life I will satisfy Him
and show Him My salvation.
 He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High
will abide in the shadow of the Almighty.
 I will say to the LORD, "My refuge and my fortress,
My God in whom I trust."
 Because you have made the LORD Your dwelling place-
the Most High, Who is My refuge-
 no evil shall be allowed to befall you,
no plague come near Your tent.
 You will tread on the lion and the adder;
the young lion and the serpent you will trample
underfoot.

(Ps. 91:1-2, 9-10, 13; antiphon: Ps. 91:15a, 15c, 16)

Gloria Patri, Kyrie p. 186
Gloria in Excelsis [omitted during Lent]
Salutation p. 189

Collect for Invocabit: 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. **Amen!**

[We are seated]

Prophecy of the Day **Genesis 3:1-21**
[The Fall]
This is the Word of the Lord **Thanks be to God!**

Catechism Review:

First Chief Part The Ten Commandments **Booklet**

Epistle of the Day **2 Corinthians 6:1-10**
[Marks of the Ministry]
This is the Word of the Lord **Thanks be to God!**

[We rise] **Tract**
 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.

(Ps. 91:1, 4a, 15a, 16)

The Lord be with you. **And with thy spirit.**
Holy Gospel of the Day **St. Matthew 4:1-11**
[Christ Tempted by the Devil in the Wilderness]
Responses to the Holy Gospel p. 190

Nicene Creed p. 191

[Remain standing for "The Battle Hymn of the Lutheran Reformation"]

Hymn of the Day "A Mighty Fortress" #656

[We are seated]

Sermon
[We rise] **Offertory** p. 192

[We are seated]

The offering is received
God richly bless you for your support of His work among us!

[We rise] **Prayer of the Church**

[Please review our Communion Policy inside this Guide]

[Chanted] The Service of the Sacrament p. 194

[We are seated for the Distribution of the Body & Blood of Christ]

Hymn "Jesus Sinners Doth Receive" #609
[We rise] **Doxology** #805

Dismissal, Nunc Dimittis, Thanksgiving, Salutation, Benedicamus, Benediction p. 199

[We are seated for announcements]

[We rise for the Recessional Hymn]

"If God Himself Be for Me" #724