

**Serving today February 26, 2023
First Sunday in Lent - Holy Communion**

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Usher: Jerry Marr

GATHERING

God of all mercy,
We confess that we have sinned against you,
Opposing your will in our lives.
We have denied your goodness in each other,
In ourselves, and in the world you have created.
We repent of the evil that enslaves us,
The evil we have done,
And the evil done on our behalf.
Forgive, restore, and strengthen us
Through our Saviour Jesus Christ,
That we may abide in your love
And serve only your will. Amen.

Kyrie (ELW page 213 from Service of the Word)

Prayer of the Day

Gathering Hymn.....**320**

WORD

Genesis 2:15-17; 3:1-7

Psalm 32

(all read the verses printed in bold)

1 Happy are they whose transgressions are forgiven,
And whose sin is put away!

2 Happy are they to whom the Lord imputes no guilt,
And in whose spirit there is no guile!

3 While I held my tongue, my bones withered away,
Because of my groaning all day long.

4 For your hand was heavy upon me day and night;
My moisture was dried up as in the heat of summer.

5 Then I acknowledged my sin to you, and did not conceal my guilt.

**I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the Lord."
Then you forgave me the guilt of my sin.**

6 Therefore all the faithful will make Their prayers to you in time of trouble;

When the great waters overflow, they shall not reach them.

7 You are my hiding place; you preserve me from trouble;
You surround me with shouts of deliverance.

8 "I will instruct you and teach you In the way that you should go;
I will guide you with my eye.

9 Do not be like a horse or mule which have no understanding;
Who must be fitted with bit and bridle,Or else they will not stay near you."

10 Great are the tribulations of the wicked;
But mercy embraces those who trust in the Lord.

11 Be glad, you righteous, and rejoice in the Lord;
Shout for joy, all who are true of heart.

Romans 5:1-12-19

Gospel Acclamation..... page 151

Gospel Matthew 4:1-11

Sermon

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Prayers of the People

Sharing the Peace

