

Midweek of Lent 1
February 25, 2026
8:30am and 6:00pm
The Robe of Human Frame

AS WE GATHER

Why did Jesus have to come among us as a human being? Why didn't He come as an angel or some other kind of being that is stronger and more powerful than us? While angels may be a source of endless fascination to the Christian and to the world, they have no power to save us. In this week's sermon, we will hear why taking on the "robe of [our] human frame" was not only a good idea but also necessary for our salvation. Angels are wonderful, but they are not Jesus. He came as one of us so that He could redeem us as His own.

430 My Song Is Love Unknown (v. 1,2,7)

- 1 My song is love unknown,
My Savior's love to me,
Love to the loveless shown
That they might lovely be.
Oh, who am I
That for my sake
My Lord should take
Frail flesh and die?

- 2 He came from His blest throne
Salvation to bestow;
But men made strange, and none
The longed-for Christ would know.
But, oh, my friend,
My friend indeed,
Who at my need
His life did spend!

7 Here might I stay and sing,
No story so divine!
Never was love, dear King,
Never was grief like Thine.
This is my friend,
In whose sweet praise
I all my days
Could gladly spend!
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Stand

INVOCATION

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

OPENING SENTENCES *Joel 2:13; Matthew 16:24;
Isaiah 53:5, alt.*

P Return to the LORD, your God, for He is gracious
and merciful,
C **slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast
love; and He relents over disaster.**
P Jesus said, "If anyone would come after Me,
C **let him deny himself and take up his cross
and follow Me."**
P Christ was wounded for our transgressions;
C **He was crushed for our iniquities.**

PSALM *Psalms 104:1–10, 33–35*

P Bless the LORD, O my soul! O LORD my God, You
are very great!
C **You are clothed with splendor and majesty,
covering Yourself with light as with a
garment, stretching out the heavens like a
tent.**
P He lays the beams of His chambers on the
waters;

- C He makes the clouds His chariot; He rides on the wings of the wind;**
- P He makes His messengers winds, His ministers a flaming fire.
- C He set the earth on its foundations, so that it should never be moved.**
- P You covered it with the deep as with a garment; the waters stood above the mountains.
- C At Your rebuke they fled; at the sound of Your thunder they took to flight.**
- P The mountains rose, the valleys sank down to the place that You appointed for them.
- C You set a boundary that they may not pass, so that they might not again cover the earth.**
- P You make springs gush forth in the valleys; they flow between the hills;
- C I will sing to the LORD as long as I live; I will sing praise to my God while I have being.**
- P May my meditation be pleasing to Him, for I rejoice in the LORD.
- C Let sinners be consumed from the earth, and let the wicked be no more!**
- P Bless the LORD, O my soul! Praise the LORD!
- C Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

Sit

READING

Micah 5:2–5a

- P A reading from the fifth chapter of Micah.

²But you, O Bethlehem Ephrathah,
 who are too little to be among the clans of
 Judah,
 from you shall come forth for Me
 one who is to be ruler in Israel,
 whose origin is from of old,

from ancient days.

³Therefore He shall give them up until the time
when she who is in labor has given birth;
then the rest of His brothers shall return
to the people of Israel.

⁴And He shall stand and shepherd His flock in the
strength of the LORD,
in the majesty of the name of the LORD His
God.

And they shall dwell secure, for now He shall be
great
to the ends of the earth.

^{5a}And He shall be their peace.

P O Lord, have mercy on us.

C **Thanks be to God.**

READING

Hebrews 1

P A reading from the first chapter of Hebrews.

¹Long ago, at many times and in many ways,
God spoke to our fathers by the prophets, ²but in
these last days He has spoken to us by His Son,
whom He appointed the heir of all things, through
whom also He created the world. ³He is the
radiance of the glory of God and the exact imprint
of His nature, and He upholds the universe by the
word of His power. After making purification for
sins, He sat down at the right hand of the Majesty
on high, ⁴having become as much superior to
angels as the name He has inherited is more
excellent than theirs.

⁵For to which of the angels did God ever say,
“You are My Son,
today I have begotten You”?

Or again,

“I will be to Him a father,
and He shall be to Me a son”?

⁶And again, when He brings the firstborn into the world, He says,
“Let all God’s angels worship Him.”
⁷Of the angels He says,
“He makes His angels winds,
and His ministers a flame of fire.”
⁸But of the Son He says,
“Your throne, O God, is forever and ever,
the scepter of uprightness is the scepter of
Your kingdom.
⁹You have loved righteousness and hated
wickedness;
therefore God, Your God, has anointed You
with the oil of gladness beyond Your
companions.”
¹⁰And, “You, Lord, laid the foundation of the earth
in the beginning,
and the heavens are the work of Your hands;
¹¹they will perish, but You remain;
they will all wear out like a garment,
¹²like a robe You will roll them up,
like a garment they will be changed.
But You are the same,
and Your years will have no end.”

¹³And to which of the angels has He ever said,
“Sit at My right hand until I make Your enemies a
footstool for Your feet”?

¹⁴Are they not all ministering spirits sent out to
serve for the sake of those who are to inherit
salvation?

P O Lord, have mercy on us.

C **Thanks be to God.**

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PASSION READING

Mark 14:12–31

P The Passion of Our Lord according to St. Mark,
the fourteenth chapter.

¹²And on the first day of Unleavened Bread, when they sacrificed the Passover lamb, His disciples said to Him, "Where will You have us go and prepare for You to eat the Passover?" ¹³And He sent two of His disciples and said to them, "Go into the city, and a man carrying a jar of water will meet you. Follow him, ¹⁴and wherever he enters, say to the master of the house, 'The Teacher says, Where is My guest room, where I may eat the Passover with My disciples?' ¹⁵And he will show you a large upper room furnished and ready; there prepare for us." ¹⁶And the disciples set out and went to the city and found it just as He had told them, and they prepared the Passover.

¹⁷And when it was evening, He came with the twelve. ¹⁸And as they were reclining at table and eating, Jesus said, "Truly, I say to you, one of you will betray Me, one who is eating with Me." ¹⁹They began to be sorrowful and to say to Him one after another, "Is it I?" ²⁰He said to them, "It is one of the twelve, one who is dipping bread into the dish with Me. ²¹For the Son of Man goes as it is written of Him, but woe to that man by whom the Son of Man is betrayed! It would have been better for that man if he had not been born."

²²And as they were eating, He took bread, and after blessing it broke it and gave it to them, and said, "Take; this is My body." ²³And He took a cup, and when He had given thanks He gave it to them, and they all drank of it. ²⁴And He said to them, "This is My blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many. ²⁵Truly, I say to you, I will not drink again of the fruit of the vine until that day when I drink it new in the kingdom of God."

²⁶And when they had sung a hymn, they went out to the Mount of Olives. ²⁷And Jesus said to them, "You will all fall away, for it is written, 'I will strike the shepherd, and the sheep will be scattered.'
²⁸But after I am raised up, I will go before you to Galilee." ²⁹Peter said to Him, "Even though they all fall away, I will not." ³⁰And Jesus said to him, "Truly, I tell you, this very night, before the rooster crows twice, you will deny Me three times." ³¹But he said emphatically, "If I must die with You, I will not deny You." And they all said the same.

P O Lord, have mercy on us.

C **Thanks be to God.**

RESPONSORY

P We have an advocate with the Father; Jesus Christ, the Righteous One.

C **He was delivered up to death; He was delivered for the sins of the people.**

P Blessed is the one whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered.

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Sit

544 O Love, How Deep (v. 1,2)

1 O love, how deep, how broad, how high,
Beyond all thought and fantasy,
That God, the Son of God, should take
Our mortal form for mortals' sake!

2 He sent no angel to our race,
Of higher or of lower place,
But wore the robe of human frame,
And to this world Himself He came.

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SERMON

OFFERING

Stand

LITANY

P Let us pray to our Father in heaven in the name
of our Lord Jesus Christ.

From all sin, from all error, from all evil;
From the crafts and assaults of the devil; from
sudden and evil death;
From pestilence and famine; from war and
bloodshed; from sedition and from rebellion;
From lightning and tempest; from all calamity by
fire and water; and from everlasting death:

C Good Lord, deliver us.

P By the mystery of Your holy incarnation; by Your
holy nativity;
By Your baptism, fasting, and temptation; by
Your agony and bloody sweat; by Your cross and
Passion; by Your precious death and burial;
By Your glorious resurrection and ascension; and
by the coming of the Holy Spirit, the Comforter:

C Help us, good Lord.

P In all time of our tribulation; in all time of our
prosperity; in the hour of death; and in the day of
judgment:

C Help us, good Lord.

P We poor sinners implore You
C **to hear us, O Lord.**

P To rule and govern Your Holy Christian Church;
to preserve all pastors and ministers of Your
church in the true knowledge and understanding
of Your wholesome Word and to sustain them in
holy living;
To put an end to all schisms and causes of
offense; to bring into the way of truth all who
have erred and are deceived;
To beat down Satan under our feet; to send
faithful laborers into Your harvest; and to
accompany Your Word with Your grace and
Spirit:

C **We implore You to hear us, good Lord.**

P To raise those who fall and to strengthen those
who stand; and to comfort and help the
weakhearted and the distressed:

C **We implore You to hear us, good Lord.**

P To give to all peoples concord and peace; to
preserve our land from discord and strife; to give
our country Your protection in every time of need;
To direct and defend our president and all in
authority; to bless and protect our magistrates
and all our people;
To watch over and help all who are in danger,
necessity, and tribulation; to protect and guide all
who travel;
To grant all women with child, and all mothers
with infant children, increasing happiness in their
blessings; to defend all orphans and widows and
provide for them;
To strengthen and keep all sick persons and
young children; to free those in bondage; and to
have mercy on us all:

C **We implore You to hear us, good Lord.**

P To forgive our enemies, persecutors, and slanderers and to turn their hearts; to give and preserve for our use the kindly fruits of the earth; and graciously to hear our prayers:

C We implore You to hear us, good Lord.

SALUTATION

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

COLLECT OF THE DAY

P Let us pray.

Lord Jesus, You loved us with all You had.

C We give thanks that You became one of us, no matter the pain, so that You might redeem each of us as Your own.

P Hear us, Jesus Christ, for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

LUTHER'S MORNING PRAYER (8:30AM)

I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have kept me this night from all harm and danger; and I pray that You would keep me this day also from sin and every evil, that all my doings and life may please You. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the evil foe may have no power over me. Amen.

LUTHER'S EVENING PRAYER (6:00PM)

I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have graciously kept me this day; and I pray that You would forgive me all my sins where I have done wrong, and graciously keep me this night. For into

**Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul,
and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me, that
the evil foe may have no power over me. Amen.**

LORD'S PRAYER

**C 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.**

BENEDICTION

**P The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine on you and
be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor and
✠ give you peace.**

C Amen.

Sit

883 All Praise to Thee, My God, This Night

**1 All praise to Thee, my God, this night
For all the blessings of the light.
Keep me, O keep me, King of kings,
Beneath Thine own almighty wings.**

**2 Forgive me, Lord, for Thy dear Son,
The ill that I this day have done,
That with the world, myself, and Thee,
I, ere I sleep, at peace may be.**

- 3 Teach me to live that I may dread
The grave as little as my bed.
Teach me to die that so I may
Rise glorious at the awe-full day.
- 4 Oh, may my soul in Thee repose,
And may sweet sleep mine eyelids close,
Sleep that shall me more vig'rous make
To serve my God when I awake!
- 5 When in the night I sleepless lie,
My soul with heav'nly thoughts supply;
Let no ill dreams disturb my rest,
No pow'rs of darkness me molest.

Stand

- 6 Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host:
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

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