



New Apostolic Church

Divine Service Experience Information

March 2025



This month each sermon will focus on a specific attribute of our God. On the first Sunday, through an expository view of Psalm 107, we see God, our Rescuer. By interpreting this text in light of the gospel, we'll understand how Jesus Christ rescues us when we are in distress and call out to Him.

The midweek sermon for this month is on March 5, Ash Wednesday, which celebrates the beginning of Lent. As we examine the temptations of Jesus in the wilderness, we will be strengthened by God to combat temptation with Scripture in our lives.

On the second Sunday, we will turn to Genesis and the Garden of Eden to experience a God who clothes us: He covers our shame, guilt, and sin with His grace and righteousness. Through self-reflection and repentance we realize our need for His forgiveness.

On the third Sunday, we will learn how God reveals His mercy in our lives, through forbearance, compassion, and patience. We are then encouraged to share this mercy with others.

On the fourth Sunday, we come to understand a God who suffers, through His Son, Jesus Christ. As His disciples, we are also called to suffer, to witness, and to look toward the future.

Lastly, on the fifth Sunday, we will explore the unique patience of farmers, prophets, and Job. In the challenging situations in our lives where patience is required, we will find God's compassion.

For Sunday, March 30: *The sermon that morning will be a recorded video message preached by District Apostle Schnabel. All other aspects of the divine service experience will take place locally, following the regular Sunday experience and liturgy. Please schedule musicians and an officiant accordingly.*

Sunday March 2 2025**Theme:** The Attributes of Our God**Title:** Our God, who rescues**Message:** God helps human beings in their distress and wants to save them.

Then they cried out to the Lord in their trouble, and He saved them out of their distresses. He sent His word and healed them, and delivered them from their destructions. (Psalm 107:19–20)

Summary

- God wants to help human beings in need.
- He wants human beings to live and die.
- God can heal all human suffering.
- This requires faith and a willingness to repent.

Ash Wednesday March 5 2025**Theme:** The Attributes of Our God**Title:** Our God, who strengthens**Message:** Let us remain faithful to God even when we are tempted.

Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. And when He had fasted forty days and forty nights, afterward He was hungry. (Matthew 4:1–2)

Summary

- God the Son came to earth as a human being in Jesus.
- The devil tried to tempt Jesus in the desert.
- Jesus resisted temptation and teaches us how we can respond to temptation.

Sunday March 9 2025**Theme:** The Attributes of Our God**Title:** Our God, who clothes**Message:** God still cares for humankind even after the fall into sin.

Also for Adam and his wife the Lord God made tunics of skin, and clothed them. (Genesis 3:21)

Summary

- Because they disobeyed God, Adam and Eve lost their innocence and, from then on, lived in a condition of remoteness from God.
- The clothes that God makes are a symbol of His love and care.
- God still cares for sinners and wants to lead them back into fellowship with Himself.
- We are also to “clothe” our neighbour, in other words, encourage others to accept God’s grace.

Sunday March 16 2025

Theme: The Attributes of Our God

Title: Our God, who reveals mercy

Message: We are merciful because God is merciful to us.

Therefore be merciful, just as your Father also is merciful. (Luke 6:36)

Summary

- God is merciful towards us.
- He shows us His forbearance, His compassion, and His patience.
- We thank Him by being merciful to our neighbour.
- Among other things, our mercy towards our neighbour is demonstrated by our forbearance, compassion, and patience.

Sunday March 23 2025

Theme: The Attributes of Our God

Title: Our God, who suffers

Message: We follow Jesus, our Savior, in good times and bad.

And He began to teach them that the Son of Man must suffer many things, and be rejected by the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. (Mark 8:31)

Summary

- Jesus speaks publicly about His impending suffering, death, and resurrection.
- He invites the people to follow Him.
- Suffering and serving go hand in hand with discipleship.
- Jesus promises eternal life to those who follow Him.

Sunday March 30 2025

Theme: The Attributes of Our God

Title: Our God, who shows compassion

Message: The patient endurance of spiritual tests leads to the goal.

Indeed we count them blessed who endure. You have heard of the perseverance of Job and seen the end intended by the Lord—that the Lord is very compassionate and merciful. (James 5:11)

Summary

- It takes faith and patience to remain steadfast in trials.
- The story of Job shows not only a happy ending, but also the danger that a relationship with God can be shaken by trials.
- There is comfort to be found in God's mercy and in the hope of Christ's return.