

FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT
Jesus Faces Temptation
February 29 & March 1, 2020

AS WE GATHER

Today is the First Sunday in Lent as we make our annual journey with Christ to the cross. Though the Sundays in Lent are not technically part of this somber season, they do reflect the same penitential theme that characterizes our forty days of prayerful devotion and repentance. Today we watch as Jesus faces the slick lies of the tempter. He does not face them on His own but in the strength and power of God's Word and truth. When the devil hands Jesus the opportunity to doubt or fear or deny Himself and His Father in heaven, Jesus responds with the stronger Word. He does this not to prove Himself, but for us, that we who live in Him by Baptism and faith may also be made strong in the Word of the Lord before the devil's wiles and lies.

WELCOME

"For our sake God made him to be sin who knew no sin,
so that in him we might become the righteousness of God."
(2 Corinthians 5:21, ESV)

HANDSHAKES & HUGS

✠ PREPARATION ✠

OPENING HYMN #656 "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God"

A mighty fortress is our God, A trusty shield and weapon;
He helps us free from every need That hath us now o'er taken.
The old evil foe Now means deadly woe; Deep guile and great might
Are his dread arms in fight; On earth is not his equal.

With might of ours can naught be done, Soon were our loss effected;
But for us fights the valiant One, Whom God Himself elected.
Ask ye, Who is this? Jesus Christ it is, Of Sabaoth Lord,
And there's none other God; He holds the field forever.

Though devils all the world should fill, All eager to devour us,
We tremble not, we fear no ill; They shall not over pow'r us.
This world's prince may still Scowl fierce as he will, He can harm us none.
He's judged; the deed is done; One little word can fell him.

The Word they still shall let remain Nor any thanks have for it;
He's by our side upon the plain With His good gifts and Spirit.
And take they our life, Goods, fame, child, and wife,
Though these all be gone, Our vict'ry has been won'
The Kingdom ours remaineth.

(Rise)

INVOCATION

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION

Pastor: I acknowledged my sin to you,

People: and I did not cover my iniquity;

Pastor: I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the LORD,"

People: and you forgave the iniquity of my sin.

Silence for meditation and reflection

Pastor: O almighty God, merciful Father:

People: I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto you all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended you and justly deserved your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray you of your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being. Forgive me all my sins and grant me the power of your Holy Spirit that I may amend my sinful life.

Pastor: Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the +Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

Pastor: May the Lord, who has begun this good work in us, bring it to completion in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.

People: Amen.

SALUTATION & PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Let us pray. 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.

People: Amen.

(Be seated)

✠ WORD ✠

OLD TESTAMENT READING *Genesis 3:1–21* (The sin of our first parents stole us from God and left us captive to death.) Now the serpent was more crafty than any other beast of the field that the LORD God had made. He said to the woman, “Did God actually say, ‘You shall not eat of any tree in the garden?’”² And the woman said to the serpent, “We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden,³ but God said, ‘You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the midst of the garden, neither shall you touch it, lest you die.’”⁴ But the serpent said to the woman, “You will not surely die.⁵ For God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil.”⁶ So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate, and she also gave some to her husband who was with her, and he ate.⁷ Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked. And they sewed fig leaves together and made themselves loincloths.⁸ And they heard the sound of the LORD God walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the LORD God among the trees of the garden.⁹ But the LORD God called to the man and said to him, “Where are you?”¹⁰ And he said, “I heard the sound of you in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked, and I hid myself.”¹¹ He said, “Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten of the tree of which I commanded you not to eat?”¹² The man said, “The woman whom you gave to be with me, she gave me fruit of the tree, and I ate.”¹³ Then the LORD God said to the woman, “What is this that you have done?” The woman said, “The serpent deceived me, and I ate.”¹⁴ The LORD God said to the serpent, “Because you have done this, cursed are you above all livestock and above all beasts of the field; on your belly you shall go, and dust you shall eat all the days of your life.¹⁵ I will put enmity

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between you and the woman, and between your offspring and her offspring; he shall bruise your head, and you shall bruise his heel.”¹⁶ To the woman he said, “I will surely multiply your pain in childbearing; in pain you shall bring forth children. Your desire shall be contrary to your husband, but he shall rule over you.”¹⁷ And to Adam he said, “Because you have listened to the voice of your wife and have eaten of the tree of which I commanded you, ‘You shall not eat of it,’ cursed is the ground because of you; in pain you shall eat of it all the days of your life;¹⁸ thorns and thistles it shall bring forth for you; and you shall eat the plants of the field.¹⁹ By the sweat of your face you shall eat bread, till you return to the ground, for out of it you were taken; for you are dust, and to dust you shall return.”²⁰ The man called his wife's name Eve, because she was the mother of all living.²¹ And the LORD God made for Adam and for his wife garments of skins and clothed them.

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE *Romans 5:12–19* (Paul describes the poisoned fruits of the fall and the grace born of the obedience, suffering, and death of our Lord Jesus.)¹² Therefore, just as sin came into the world through one man, and death through sin, and so death spread to all men because all sinned—¹³ for sin indeed was in the world before the law was given, but sin is not counted where there is no law.¹⁴ Yet death reigned from Adam to Moses, even over those whose sinning was not like the transgression of Adam, who was a type of the one who was to come.¹⁵ But the free gift is not like the trespass. For if many died through one man's trespass, much more have the grace of God and the free gift by the grace of that one man Jesus Christ abounded for many.¹⁶ And the free gift is not like the result of that one man's sin. For the judgment following one trespass brought condemnation, but the free gift following many trespasses brought justification.¹⁷ For if, because of one man's trespass, death reigned through that one man, much more will those who receive the abundance of grace and the free gift of righteousness reign in life through the one man Jesus Christ.¹⁸ Therefore, as one trespass led to condemnation for all men, so one act of righteousness leads to justification and life for all men.¹⁹ For as by the one man's disobedience the many were made sinners, so by the one man's obedience the many will be made righteous.

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

5:00 ANTHEM

"Do Not Be Afraid"

K-1 Choir

8:00 ANTHEM

"When I Survey the Wondrous Cross"

Solo

HOLY GOSPEL *Matthew 4:1–11* (Our Lord is tempted by Satan in the wilderness.)

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the fourth chapter.

People: Glory to you, O Lord.

Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. ² And after fasting forty days and forty nights, he was hungry. ³ And the tempter came and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread." ⁴ But he answered, "It is written, "'Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.'" ⁵ Then the devil took him to the holy city and set him on the pinnacle of the temple ⁶ and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down, for it is written, "'He will command his angels concerning you,' and "'On their hands they will bear you up, lest you strike your foot against a stone.'" ⁷ Jesus said to him, "Again it is written, 'You shall not put the Lord your God to the test.'" ⁸ Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their glory. ⁹ And he said to him, "All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me." ¹⁰ Then Jesus said to him, "Be gone, Satan! For it is written, "'You shall worship the Lord your God and him only shall you serve.'" ¹¹ Then the devil left him, and behold, angels came and were ministering to him.

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, O Christ.

(Be seated)

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

HYMN

"A Stable Lamp is Lighted"

Verse 1 sung by soloist

*A stable lamp is lighted whose glow shall wake the sky;
The stars shall bend their voices, and ev'ry stone shall cry.
And ev'ry stone shall cry, and straw like gold shall shine;
A barn shall harbor heaven, a stall become a shrine.*

This child through David's city shall ride in triumph by;
The palm shall strew its branches, and ev'ry stone shall cry.
And ev'ry stone shall cry. Though heavy, dull and dumb,
And lie within the roadway to pave His kingdom come.

Yet He shall be forsaken, and yielded up to die:
The sky shall groan and darken, and ev'ry stone shall cry.
And ev'ry stone shall cry, for stony hearts of men:
God's blood upon the spearhead, God's love refused again.

But now, as at the ending, the low is lifted high;
The stars shall bend their voices, and ev'ry stone shall cry.
And ev'ry stone shall cry, in praises of the Child
by whose decent among us the worlds are reconciled.

Text: Richard Wilbur, b. 1921 Music: Kurt E von Kampen, b 1960

SERMON

"Jesus Does What We Can't Do"

(Rise)

NICENE CREED

People: I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible. And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father.

And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end. And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life ☩ of the world to come. Amen.

(Be seated)

OFFERING As your offering is collected, **please sign our attendance book** located at the end of the pew. If you are a visitor, please leave your address and phone. After you are finished, please pass the book along to others in your pew, and return the book to the center aisle. You may check the register to see the names of those to greet after the service.

(Rise)

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Pastor: Let us pray to the Lord on behalf of ourselves and all people as they have need.

Brief silence

Pastor: Merciful Father, though you created all things good, our first parents rebelled against your goodness and came under the curse of sin and its death. We, too, have often chosen our sinful ways instead of the paths of righteousness.

People: We give you thanks for the mercy you showed to fallen humanity, for your patience with us, and for sending forth your Son to be our Savior and Redeemer.

Pastor: Merciful Father, though we have given in to the tempter and his lies, your Son was resolute as Satan tempted Him in the wilderness, overcoming temptation for us.

People: Count us righteous in Christ, and give us His strength, that we may endure days of trial and be steadfast and immovable before temptation.

Pastor: Merciful Father, though sin left us isolated and alone, your Son restored us to you and made us your own children by Baptism and faith. We also rejoice with Zack and Dani as their firstborn, Hazel Elizabeth Smith, is baptized into Christ this weekend.

People: Bless us to rejoice daily that we are your baptized and redeemed children.

Pastor: Lord of the church, continue to provide faithful pastors to speak your Word and administer your Sacraments. Give us faithful deaconesses, teachers and church workers to care for us in your name. Bless all those in the mission field, especially Chuck Ferry, Rachel Meyer, POBLO, and our Groundwork Guatemala team.

People: Grant that we may be kept in the faith, teach it to our children, and do the good works that show forth our identity as your own people.

Pastor: Merciful Father, your might is greater than we can know and you rule all things. Bless us with wise and faithful leaders who will preserve our freedom and inspire us to use our liberty for noble purposes. Guide all those who make, judge and administer our laws in the nation, state and all the localities where we live and work.

People: Bless us to live in humility toward all those who lead and help us to love our neighbors as ourselves.

Pastor: Merciful Father, though we deserve nothing of your kindness, you have shown yourself to be the strength of the weak, the healer of the sick and the hope of those who mourn. Hear us on behalf of those who are troubled in mind or body, the dying and those who grieve, especially Doug, Edith, Norma, Marilyn, Tim, Dennis, Barb, Carol, Sydney, Diane, Dorothy, June, John, Arlene, Jerry, Judi, Nancy, Robert, Russ, Steve, Sharon, Bette, Nathan, Cindy, Shirley, Bill, Katie, Sarah, Gladys, Shirley and Sarah.

People: In their afflictions and pain, sustain and heal them according to your gracious will and, at the last, deliver them to everlasting life in Christ, our Savior.

Pastor: Merciful Father, though we are unworthy of a place at the table of our Lord, you have bid us to come and eat of His flesh and blood.

People: Give us faith, that we may come in repentance, receive your grace and mercy, and bless us to show forth the love of Christ in our witness before the world.

Pastor: Merciful Father, though we have lived too much in fear of the judgment of others, make us bold in heart so that we may speak your Word confidently to those who do not yet know you.

People: Open our hearts to generously supply the resources for your Church to fulfill her calling, both here and throughout the world.

Pastor: All these things, O merciful Father, and whatever else we need, we pray you to grant us for the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

People: 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.

✠ SACRAMENT ✠

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

THE PEACE OF THE LORD

Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

People: Amen.

AGNUS DEI

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Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; grant us peace.

(Be seated)

DISTRIBUTION Those guests who desire to commune who are members of another LCMS congregation may do so; if you are coming from another church background, please see the pastor or an elder first.

HYMN #626 "Come, Let Us Eat" (Leader: Anna Carson, Bev Baumgart)

Come, let us eat, for now the feast is spread,

Come, let us eat, for now the feast is spread.

Our Lord's body let us take together,

Our Lord's body let us take together.

Come, let us drink, for now the wine is poured,

Come, let us drink, for now the wine is poured.

Jesus' blood poured let us drink together,

Jesus' blood poured let us drink together.

In His presence now we meet and rest,

In His presence now we meet and rest.

In the presence of our Lord we gather,

In the presence of our Lord we gather.

Rise, then, to spread abroad God's mighty Word.

Rise, then, to spread abroad God's mighty Word.

Jesus risen will bring in the Kingdom.

Jesus risen will bring in the Kingdom.

HYMN #544 "O Love, How Deep"

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!

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.

For us baptized, for us He bore His holy fast and hungered sore;
For us temptation sharp He knew; For us the tempter over threw.

For us He prayed; for us He taught; For us His daily works He wrought,
By words and signs and actions thus Still seeking not Himself but us.

For us by wickedness betrayed, For us, in crown of thorns arrayed,
He bore the shameful cross and death; For us He gave His dying breath.

For us He rose from death again; For us He went on high to reign;
For us He sent His Spirit here To guide, to strengthen, and to cheer.

All glory to our Lord and God For love so deep, so high, so broad;
The Trinity whom we adore Forever and forevermore.

HYMN #625 "Lord Jesus Christ, Life-Giving Bread"

Lord Jesus Christ, life giving bread, May I in grace possess You.

Let me with holy food be fed. In hunger I address You.

Prepare me well for You, O Lord, And, humbly by my prayer implored,

Give me Your grace and mercy.

To pastures green, Lord, safely guide, To restful waters lead me;
Your table well for me provide, Your wounded hand now feed me.
Though weary, sinful, sick, and weak, Refuge in You alone I seek,
To share Your cup of healing.

O bread of heav'n, my soul's delight, For full and free remission
I come with prayer before Your sight In sorrow and contrition.
Your righteousness, Lord, cover me That I receive You worthily,
Assured of Your full pardon.

I do not merit favor, Lord, My weight of sin would break me;
In all my guilty heart's discord, O Lord, do not forsake me.
In my distress this comforts me That You receive me graciously,
O Christ, my Lord of mercy!

COMMON DISMISSAL

(Rise)

POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

Pastor: Let us pray. Almighty and everlasting God, through your Son you have promised us forgiveness of sins and everlasting life. Govern our hearts by your Holy Spirit that in our daily need, and especially in all time of temptation, we seek your help and, by a true and lively faith in your Word, obtain all that you have promised, remembering all that our Savior accomplished for us that we not be alone or without the refuge of your grace in time of test or trial; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord.

People: Amen.

BENEDICAMUS

Pastor: Let us bless the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

BENEDICTION

Pastor: 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.

People: Amen.

DISMISSAL

Pastor: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord!

People: Thanks be to God.

HYMN #418 "O Lord, Throughout These Forty Days"

O Lord, throughout these forty days You prayed and kept the fast;
Inspire repentance for our sin, And free us from our past.

You strove with Satan, and You won; Your faithfulness endured;
Lend us Your nerve, Your skill and trust In God's eternal Word.

Though parched and hungry, yet You prayed And fixed Your mind above;
So teach us to deny ourselves. Since we have known God's love.

Be with us through this season, Lord, And all our earthly days,
That when the final Easter dawns, We join in heaven's praise.

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Lenten Mid-Week Worship

Wednesday at 10:00am & 6:00pm

Lenten Meal 4:45pm

March 4: Chicken & Rice Casserole, green beans, dessert, hot dog kids meal