

*Jesus Faces the Temptations of satan and  
Overcomes them for us!*



**FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT**

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Guests. Welcome to Zion. We are glad to have you with us. Please sign our guestbook located in the Narthex. About Holy Communion: We welcome to the Lord's Table all who have repented of their sins and seek to amend their sinful life; all who believe that Jesus is truly present in, with, and under the bread and the wine; and all who believe that through the words "given and shed for you" forgiveness of sins, life, and salvation are given. If this is your confession and you are a member of the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod, then come with a thankful heart and join us. See p.329, 330 in the front part of the hymnal for guidance in preparing to receive Holy Communion. *We offer gluten free wafers.* Please talk with an Elder or Pastor before the service if you would appreciate the gluten free. *If you are a visitor and would like to commune, please talk with Pastor Dan before the service.*

## **AS WE GATHER**

**T**oday 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.

*Altar Guild for March:*

*Betsy S*

*920-927-2228*

*Thank You!*

## **Welcome and Opening Announcements**

### **Order of Worship**

#### **Opening Hymn**

**"A Mighty Fortress Is Our God"**

**LSB 657**

#### **Invocation**

## Confession and Absolution

**All: I acknowledged my sin to You, O God, and I did not cover my iniquity from You;**

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

**People: and You, O Lord, forgave the iniquity of my sin.**

*A time of Silence to reflect on those sins heavy on our hearts*

Pastor: We continue with our confession;

**All: O Almighty God, merciful Father: 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.**

## Introit for First Sunday in Lent

When he calls to me, I will answer him; I will be with him in trouble; **I will rescue him and honor him.**

With long life I will satisfy him **and show him my salvation.**

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.**

For he will command his angels concerning you **to guard you in all your ways.**

On their hands they will bear you up, **lest you strike your foot against a stone.**

You will tread on the lion and the adder; **the young lion and the serpent you will trample underfoot. 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.**

When he calls to me, I will answer him; I will be with him in trouble; **I will rescue him and honor him.**

With long life I will satisfy him **and show him my salvation.**

### **Collect for First Sunday in Lent**

Pastor: 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**

### **Announcement of the Day**

Pastor: Today is the First Sunday in Lent. The color has changed to purple, signifying sorrow and repentance. Our focus is on the cross, where our Lenten journey will lead us. From Genesis we hear how sin entered the world and took us captive to death. Paul describes the consequences of the fall and the reign of sin since Adam in the Epistle from Romans. In the Gospel, we hear how Jesus was tempted by Satan in the wilderness and was victorious.

### **Old Testament Reading**

**Genesis 3:1–21**

Now the serpent was more crafty than any of the wild animals the LORD God had made. He said to the woman, “Did God really say, ‘You must not eat from any tree in the garden?’” The woman said to the serpent, “We may eat fruit from the trees in the garden, but God did say, ‘You must not eat fruit from the tree that is in the middle of the garden, and

you must not touch it, or you will die.’ ” “You will not certainly die,” the serpent said to the woman. “For God knows that when you eat from it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil.” When the woman saw that the fruit of the tree was good for food and pleasing to the eye, and also desirable for gaining wisdom, she took some and ate it. She also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate it. Then the eyes of both of them were opened, and they realized they were naked; so they sewed fig leaves together and made coverings for themselves. Then the man and his wife heard the sound of the LORD God as he was walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and they hid from the LORD God among the trees of the garden. But the LORD God called to the man, “Where are you?” He answered, “I heard you in the garden, and I was afraid because I was naked; so I hid.” And he said, “Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten from the tree that I commanded you not to eat from?” The man said, “The woman you put here with me—she gave me some fruit from the tree, and I ate it.” Then the LORD God said to the woman, “What is this you have done?” The woman said, “The serpent deceived me, and I ate.” So the LORD God said to the serpent, “Because you have done this, ‘Cursed are you above all livestock and all wild animals! You will crawl on your belly and you will eat dust all the days of your life. And I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and hers; he will crush your head, and you will strike his heel.’” To the woman he said, “I will make your pains in childbearing very severe; with painful labor you will give birth to children. Your desire will be for your husband, and he will rule over you.” To Adam he said, “Because you listened to your wife and ate fruit from the tree about which I commanded you, ‘You must not eat from it,’ ‘Cursed is the ground because of you; through painful toil you will eat food from it all the days of your life. It will produce thorns and thistles for you, and you will eat the plants of the field. By the sweat of your brow you will eat your food until you return to the ground, since from it you were taken; for dust you are and to dust you will return.’”

Adam named his wife Eve, because she would become the mother of all the living. The LORD God made garments of skin for Adam and his wife and clothed them.

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

### **Epistle**

**Romans 5:12–19**

Therefore, just as sin entered the world through one man, and death through sin, and in this way death came to all people, because all sinned— To be sure, sin was in the world before the law was given, but sin is not charged against anyone's account where there is no law.

Nevertheless, death reigned from the time of Adam to the time of Moses, even over those who did not sin by breaking a command, as did Adam, who is a pattern of the one to come. But the gift is not like the trespass. For if the many died by the trespass of the one man, how much more did God's grace and the gift that came by the grace of the one man, Jesus Christ, overflow to the many! Nor can the gift of God be compared with the result of one man's sin: The judgment followed one sin and brought condemnation, but the gift followed many trespasses and brought justification. For if, by the trespass of the one man, death reigned through that one man, how much more will those who receive God's abundant provision of grace and of the gift of righteousness reign in life through the one man, Jesus Christ!

Consequently, just as one trespass resulted in condemnation for all people, so also one righteous act resulted in justification and life for all people. For just as through the disobedience of the one man the many were made sinners, so also through the obedience of the one man the many will be made righteous.

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

### **Holy Gospel**

**Matthew 4:1–11**

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. And after fasting forty days and forty nights, Jesus was hungry. And the tempter came and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread." But Jesus answered, "It is written, "Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.'" Then the devil took him to the holy city and set him on the pinnacle of the temple 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.'" Jesus said to him, "Again it is written, 'You shall not put the Lord your God to the test.'" Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their glory. And the devil said to Jesus, "All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me." 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.'" 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.**

**Hymn: "Jesus Lead Thou On"**

**LSB 718**

**Sermon**

**Nicene Creed**

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**Responsive Prayers of the Church**

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**We Gather our Tithes and Offerings**

**✠ The Service of the Sacrament ✠**

**Preface**

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

**People: We lift them to the Lord.**

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**People: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

## **Proper Preface**

Pastor: It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, who on the tree of the cross did give salvation unto mankind that, whence death arose, thence life might rise again; and that he who by a tree once overcame might likewise by a tree be overcome; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, through whom with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and singing:

**Sanctus**

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**(Spoken) Lord's Prayer**

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## **The Word of Our Lord – Consecration of the Elements**

### **Proclamation of Christ**

Pastor: As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.

**People: Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

### **Pax Domini**

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

**People: Amen.**

### **Agnus Dei**

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## **Distribution of the Lord's Supper**

### **Communion Hymns:**

**"Jesus Refuge of the Weary" LSB 423**

**"O Christ, You Walked the Road" LSB 424**

**"The Gifts Christ Freely Gives" LSB 602**

**"All Mankind Fell in Adam's Fall" LSB 562**

### **Post-Communion Thanksgiving**

Pastor: 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.**

## **Benediction**

**Hymn: "Through Jesus Blood..." \*\*vs 1 & 2\*\* LSB 746**

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### **\*Announcements\***

#### ***From the Board of Stewardship and Evangelism:***

**Matt. 4:7 – Jesus said to him, “Again it is written, ‘You shall not put the Lord your God to the test.’”** Jesus defeats Satan in our place – not by using His power as God but by His perfect obedience in His perfect humanity. Jesus defeats Satan – not by miracles but by quoting the Scriptures and living according to it. This should cause us great joy for two reasons. First, because we see Jesus win the victory for us. Second, because here Jesus shows us how to stand in that victory – on the Word of God alone.

## ***The Pewpoint***

### **THEME OF THE DAY**

#### ***The Lord Jesus Christ Is Our Champion against Satan***

Following His Baptism, Jesus is *“led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil”* (Matt. 4:1). As He takes upon Himself the curse of our sin and sets Himself against our enemy, He trusts His Father’s voice and waits upon His Father’s hand for all things. The devil questions His sonship, but the beloved and well-pleasing Son remains faithful and lives *“by every word that comes from the mouth*

of God” (Matt. 4:4). Jesus patiently suffers hunger in His mortal flesh and returns to the dust whence man was taken, and by His pain He brings forth food for all the children of men (Gen. 3:18–19). By the sweat of His brow, we eat the fruit of His cross, even as our nakedness is covered by His righteousness. Although all people live in bondage to death through the trespass of the first man, Adam, all the more *“have the grace of God and the free gift by the grace of that one man Jesus Christ abounded for many”* (Rom. 5:15). His righteous obedience *“leads to justification and life for all men”* (Rom. 5:18).

**Attendance:**

Sunday Service:	62	Communed:	55
Ash Wednesday Service:	58		58

**YES IN CHRIST -- Saying Yes With Our Treasures**

Needed per week to make budget: \$2,677

Sunday Envelopes: \$2,407

General Memorial: Judy Neuberger \$20

Steeple Memorial: Judy Neuberger \$25

Children’s Envelope \$1

Midweek Lenten Services have started –  
Come and worship with us and don’t  
forget about the Meal before worship.  
We start serving at 6pm until 6:45pm.  
Come and enjoy the fellowship.



**Today** - Sunday School & Bible Classes following Worship Services.

Tuesday March 3<sup>rd</sup> – Elder’s Meeting 5pm

Wednesday March 4<sup>th</sup> Soup Supper 6pm and Worship at 7pm

Thursday March 5<sup>h</sup> – Quilting 10am to 2pm

Council Meeting 6pm

Bell Choir 6pm

Voice Choir 7pm



**March grapevines are ready to be picked up.**

**If anyone is interested there's Lenten Devotion Calendars available on the tables that you can take.**

*The  
Season  
of  
Lent*



*Lenten* SOUP  *Suppers*

You can sign up for any Wednesday – all the pages are out there so come and enjoy the evening with food conversation and learning about the path of our Lord. Council will be leading this Wednesday Soup Supper so hopefully we'll see you there.

**\*\* ALSO \*\***



There's Sign up sheets for the Easter Breakfast – also if you want to give a monetary donation you are welcome to do that too as Marti has decided that she will be purchasing items to make our breakfast a wonderful meal as usual.