

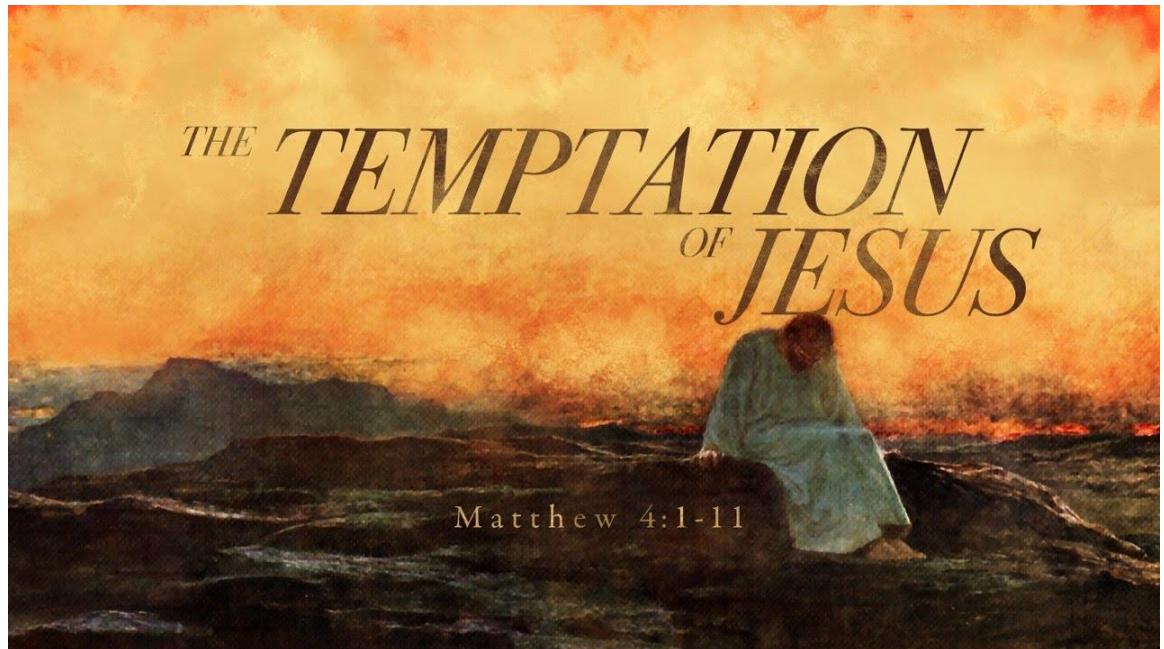
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First Sunday in Lent

“SALT AND LIGHT”

*Whoever you are...
Wherever you are in your JOURNEY OF FAITH...
YOU are WELCOME here!*

WE GATHER IN THE PRESENCE OF GOD

Welcome

Gathering Music

Our celebration begins with this morning's pre-service music selection. Use this time to prepare your heart for worship by reading and meditating on the lessons for today.



Invocation and Prayer

Introduction of Today's Theme

Leader: Only weeks ago, Jesus was called out by John as the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world. Now, Jesus reveals what He must do for us and our salvation. He must stand where Adam stood, tempted by the devil. This time, however, Jesus refuses to surrender His righteousness in the face of evil but preserves it so that He might give it to you and to me. With confidence in Jesus' righteousness, which we wear by Baptism, and His forgiveness, which restores us when we fall, we know that the devil can harm us no more. In the power of Jesus we are made strong and in Him we are brought through death to life everlasting.

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

People: Amen.

Leader: Let us pray: Almighty and most merciful God, when Adam, as parent of us all, chose sin and its death, You did not condemn the people You had made; but sent forth the promise of a new Adam, Jesus, Your Son, to resist the lies of the evil one and earn a righteousness great enough to be given to all people in His name. Help us to abide in Jesus and in His strength before the temptations of the devil; in the holy name of Jesus do we pray. **Amen.**

WE ARE RENEWED IN GOD'S GRACE

Leader: I acknowledged my sin to You.

People: I did not cover up my iniquity.

Leader: I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the Lord."

People: And You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

Leader: 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 punishment now and forever. 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 Jesus 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 He who began this good work within you bring it to completion on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.

People: **Amen.**



Opening Song: "Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word" – LW #334

GOD SPEAKS THROUGH HIS WORD
(SCRIPTURE READINGS ON PAGE 7-8)

First Reading: Genesis 3:1 – 21

Reader: This is God's Word.
People: **Thanks be to God.**



Second Reading: Romans 5:12 – 19

Reader: This is God's Word.
People: **Thanks be to God.**



Gospel Reading: Matthew 4:1 – 11

Pastor: This is the Gospel of our Lord.
People: **Praise to You, O Christ.**



Song of the Day: "In the Hour of Trial" – LW #511

Message: "Temptation" – Pastor Tom Hurley

WE BRING OUR PRAISES, PRAYERS AND GIFTS

 Apostles Creed – *speak together*)

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth. And in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life † everlasting. Amen.

The Prayers – Congregation response, “Hear our prayer.”

Offering – The offering plate is by the door as you exit today.

Lord’s Prayer:

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.



WE GO OUT TO SHARE GOD'S GRACE



Closing Litany: "Blessed Is He Whose Transgressions"

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Leader: **Blessed is he whose transgressions By God are all forgiv'n,**
People: **Relieved of guilt through life he'll walk, And one day live in heav'n.**

Leader: **When I keep silent in my sin I feel God's weight on me,**
People: **And know I need to come confess All my iniquity.**

Leader: **But when, to God, I then confess My guilt, and shame, and sin,**
People: **He covers me with Christ's own blood, And cleanses me within.**

Leader: **You are our hiding place, O God; To you, alone, we pray,**
People: **That you protect us from all harm 'Til Christ returns one day.**

Benediction

Pastor: Let us pray: Blessed Lord, from Your Baptism You were led into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil and You did not succumb to his wiles. Grant to all the baptized people of God strength in the hour of temptation that we may not fall victim to the devil's lies, as Adam did, bringing sin and death upon all. Cover us with the righteousness by which Christ, the new Adam, equips us to endure the trial and receive the crown of everlasting life He won for us; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
Amen.

Pastor: "The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make His face to shine on you and be gracious to you; the Lord lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace."



Closing Hymn: "O Lord, Throughout These Forty Days" – LW #92

Announcements

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ADULT FORUM – Join us today after service for the Adult Forum to discuss today's message or join us Monday morning on ZOOM to discuss the message.

SERVING IN THE LORD'S FIELD TODAY: **SERVING IN THE LORD'S FIELD NEXT SUNDAY:**

Lay Leader: Judy Montoya

Comm. Assistant: ***No Comm.**

Ushers/Greeter: Chuck & Elfi Bakken

Reader: Fe Rittenbach

Altar/Pre-Post Clean: **Cecilia Bowman***

Counter: Chuck Bakken

Fellowship: John & Gail Hutson

Lay Leader: Judy Montoya

Comm. Assistant: Judy Montoya

Usher/Greeter: Sherrald McMurray

Reader: Doug Holm

Altar/Pre-Post Clean: Chuck Roncancio

Counter: Dan Bastien

Fellowship: Sherrald McMurray

**No Communion on these Sundays. Altar person will fill the candles on the Altar, change and light the hanging candle.*

BIRTHDAY: Nancy Warren

WEDDING ANNIVERSARY: None

SERVING IN THE MILITARY: Joseph Worthington (Grandson of the Bakken's) and

LTJG Charles Gremmels (Grandson of Nelson & Shirley Gremmels).

SURGERY/ILLNESS/PRAYER REQUEST:

Jan Goldberg – Prayers for her health issues (Cameron Gremmels' grandmother).

Carol Desmond – Pray for her recovery from hip surgery and her cognitive awareness. She is now on Hospice (*Lance's mother*).

Joy Bloom – Supportive prayers of encouragement about her son, Brian Brooks.

Susan Desmond – Prayers for her full recovery from heart surgery.

Lance Desmond – Prayers for healing from dialysis procedure, also an available kidney transplant to become available, as he continues dialysis.

Dave Hurley – He needs prayer for stage 4 prostate cancer, (*John Bowman's Cousin*).

Eddie Hailey – Prayers for completely restoring his ability to walk again and healing his brain damage (*Sherrald McMurray's brother*).

Fern Johnson – Prayers for her continued health.

Carmen Roncancio – Prayers for her health & finances for her great-grandson, Gabriel & his father, Daniel.

Ken Benson – Continued healing from cancer.



First Reading: Genesis 2:1 – 21

Thus the heavens and the earth were finished, and all the host of them. And on the seventh day God finished his work that he had done, and he rested on the seventh day from all his work that he had done. So God blessed the seventh day and made it holy, because on it God rested from all his work that he had done in creation.

These are the generations of the heavens and the earth when they were created, in the day that the Lord God made the earth and the heavens.

When no bush of the field was yet in the land and no small plant of the field had yet sprung up—for the Lord God had not caused it to rain on the land, and there was no man to work the ground, and a mist was going up from the land and was watering the whole face of the ground— then the Lord God formed the man of dust from the ground and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life, and the man became a living creature. And the Lord God planted a garden in Eden, in the east, and there he put the man whom he had formed. And out of the ground the Lord God made to spring up every tree that is pleasant to the sight and good for food. The tree of life was in the midst of the garden, and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil.

A river flowed out of Eden to water the garden, and there it divided and became four rivers. The name of the first is the Pishon. It is the one that flowed around the whole land of Havilah, where there is gold. And the gold of that land is good; bdellium and onyx stone are there. The name of the second river is the Gihon. It is the one that flowed around the whole land of Cush. And the name of the third river is the Tigris, which flows east of Assyria. And the fourth river is the Euphrates.

The Lord God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to work it and keep it. And the Lord God commanded the man, saying, “You may surely eat of every tree of the garden, but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall surely die.”

Then the Lord God said, “It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him a helper fit for him.” Now out of the ground the Lord God had formed every beast of the field and every bird of the heavens and brought them to the man to see what he would call them. And whatever the man called every living creature, that was its name. The man gave names to all livestock and to the birds of the heavens and to every beast of the field. But for Adam there was not found a helper fit for him. So the Lord God caused a deep sleep to fall upon the man, and while he slept took one of his ribs and closed up its place with flesh.

Second Reading: Romans 5:12 – 19

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—for sin indeed was in the world before the law was given, but sin is not counted where there is no law. 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.

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. 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. 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.

Therefore, as one trespass led to condemnation for all men, so one act of righteousness leads to justification and life for all men. 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.

Gospel Reading: Matthew 4:1 – 11

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, he 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 he 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 he said to him, “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.