



The time is fulfilled,
and the kingdom of God
is at hand;
repent and believe
in the gospel

Second Sunday Of Lent

St. John's Lutheran Church—Sherburn, MN
Sunday, February 28, 2021
8:30 a.m.

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*Welcome: We are happy that you have joined us for worship.
May your worship of the living Lord enrich your faith and fill
your life with the lively hope and lasting joy.*

2nd Sunday of Lent - "Tempted or Tested?"

Creative Worship

February 28, 2021

As We Gather

Today we hear of God testing Abraham and of Satan tempting Jesus. James reminds us that God tempts no one. So, how can we know whether God is testing us or Satan is tempting us? James reminds us that "Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of lights with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change" (James 1:17). As we go through life, striving to live out our calling as God's people, we will hit obstacles and face tests to our faith and to how we live that faith. God can work through these tests to draw us closer to Him. On the other hand, Satan wants to lure and entice us away from the path God would have us walk.

Welcome and Announcements

Opening Hymn: "O Christ, You Walked The Road" LSB #424 vs 1-5

Stand

Invocation

P In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

Opening Sentences *Mark 14:38; 1 Peter 5:8; 1 Corinthians 10:12-13*

P Jesus said, "Watch and pray that you may not enter into temptation. The spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak."

C **Be sober-minded; be watchful. Your adversary the devil prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour.**

P Therefore let anyone who thinks that he stands take heed lest he fall. No temptation has overtaken you that is not common to man.

C **God is faithful, and he will not let you be tempted beyond your ability, but with the temptation he will also provide the way of escape, that you may be able to endure it.**

Confession and Absolution *Romans 6:20, 22-23, adapted; Mark 1:15*

P God's Word reminds us that when we were slaves of sin, we were free in regard to righteousness.

C **But now that we have been set free from sin and have become slaves of God, the fruit we get leads to sanctification and its end, eternal life.**

P For the wages of sin is death,

C **but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.**

P Let us confess our sins to God, who has brought us out of slavery and promises to lead us to the promised land of heaven.

A moment for silent confession.

P Heavenly Father, we know we are blessed when we remain steadfast under trial, yet we fall prey to the devil's schemes and give in to temptation. We are lured and enticed by our own evil desires—desires that contradict your good and gracious will.

C **For Jesus' sake, forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

P As Jesus began His ministry, He said, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand; repent and believe in the gospel." As you have repented of your sins, believe these words as if Jesus was standing here speaking them to you: I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

WORD

Introit *Psalm 91:9-13; antiphon: vv. 15-16*

P 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.

C **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.**

P For He will command His angels concerning you to guard you in all your ways.

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

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

C 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.

Kyrie *James 1:18; Psalm 102:1, adapted*

P Lord, have mercy.

C Christ, have mercy.

P Lord, have mercy.

C Of His own will He brought us forth by the word of truth, that we should be a kind of firstfruits of His creatures.

P O LORD, hear our prayer.

C And let our cry come to You!

Sit

Hymn of Lent: "Alas! And Did My Savior Bleed" *LSB #437 vs 1-5*

Stand

Salutation

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

P 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.

C Amen.

Sit

Old Testament Reading *Genesis 22:1–18*

¹After these things God tested Abraham and said to him, "Abraham!" And he said, "Here am I." ²He said, "Take your son, your only son Isaac, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah, and offer him there as a burnt offering on one of the mountains of which I shall tell you." ³So Abraham rose early in the morning, saddled his donkey, and took two of his young men with him, and his son Isaac. And he cut the wood for the burnt offering and arose and went to the place of

which God had told him. ⁴On the third day Abraham lifted up his eyes and saw the place from afar. ⁵Then Abraham said to his young men, "Stay here with the donkey; I and the boy will go over there and worship and come again to you." ⁶And Abraham took the wood of the burnt offering and laid it on Isaac his son. And he took in his hand the fire and the knife. So they went both of them together. ⁷And Isaac said to his father Abraham, "My father!" And he said, "Here am I, my son." He said, "Behold, the fire and the wood, but where is the lamb for a burnt offering?" ⁸Abraham said, "God will provide for himself the lamb for a burnt offering, my son." So they went both of them together.

⁹When they came to the place of which God had told him, Abraham built the altar there and laid the wood in order and bound Isaac his son and laid him on the altar, on top of the wood. ¹⁰Then Abraham reached out his hand and took the knife to slaughter his son. ¹¹But the angel of the LORD called to him from heaven and said, "Abraham, Abraham!" And he said, "Here am I." ¹²He said, "Do not lay your hand on the boy or do anything to him, for now I know that you fear God, seeing you have not withheld your son, your only son, from me." ¹³And Abraham lifted up his eyes and looked, and behold, behind him was a ram, caught in a thicket by his horns. And Abraham went and took the ram and offered it up as a burnt offering instead of his son. ¹⁴So Abraham called the name of that place, "The LORD will provide"; as it is said to this day, "On the mount of the LORD it shall be provided."

¹⁵And the angel of the LORD called to Abraham a second time from heaven ¹⁶and said, "By myself I have sworn, declares the LORD, because you have done this and have not withheld your son, your only son, ¹⁷I will surely bless you, and I will surely multiply your offspring as the stars of heaven and as the sand that is on the seashore. And your offspring shall possess the gate of his enemies, ¹⁸and in your offspring shall all the nations of the earth be blessed, because you have obeyed my voice."

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Psalm *Psalm 25:1–10*

P To You, O LORD, I lift up my soul. O my God, in You I trust; let me not be put to shame; let not my enemies exult over me.

C Indeed, none who wait for You shall be put to shame; they shall be ashamed who are wantonly treacherous.

- P Make me to know Your ways, O LORD; teach me Your paths. Lead me in Your truth and teach me, for You are the God of my salvation; for You I wait all the day long.
- C **Remember Your mercy, O LORD, and Your steadfast love, for they have been from of old. Remember not the sins of my youth or my transgressions; according to Your steadfast love remember me, for the sake of Your goodness, O LORD!**
- P Good and upright is the LORD; therefore He instructs sinners in the way. He leads the humble in what is right, and teaches the humble His way.
- C **All the paths of the LORD are steadfast love and faithfulness, for those who keep His covenant and His testimonies.**

Epistle *James 1:12–18*

¹²Blessed is the man who remains steadfast under trial, for when he has stood the test he will receive the crown of life, which God has promised to those who love him. ¹³Let no one say when he is tempted, “I am being tempted by God,” for God cannot be tempted with evil, and he himself tempts no one. ¹⁴But each person is tempted when he is lured and enticed by his own desire. ¹⁵Then desire when it has conceived gives birth to sin, and sin when it is fully grown brings forth death.

¹⁶Do not be deceived, my beloved brothers. ¹⁷Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of lights with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change. ¹⁸Of his own will he brought us forth by the word of truth, that we should be a kind of firstfruits of his creatures.

- P This is the Word of the Lord.
C **Thanks be to God.**

Holy Gospel *Mark 1:9–15*

- P The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the first chapter.
C **Glory to You, O Lord.**

⁹In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. ¹⁰And when he came up out of the water, immediately he saw the heavens opening and the Spirit descending on him like a dove. ¹¹And a voice came from heaven, “You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased.”

¹²The Spirit immediately drove him out into the wilderness. ¹³And he was in the wilderness forty days, being tempted by Satan. And he was with the wild animals, and the angels were ministering to him.

¹⁴Now after John was arrested, Jesus came into Galilee, proclaiming the gospel of God, ¹⁵and saying, “The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand; repent and believe in the gospel.”

- P This is the Gospel of the Lord.
C **Praise to You, O Christ.**

Apostles' Creed

- C **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.**

Sit

Hymn of The Day: "Let Us Ever Walk With Jesus" LSB #685 vs 1-4

Message: "Tempted and Tested"

Offertory: "O Lord, Throughout These Forty Days" LSB #418 vs. 1-4

Prayer of the Church

Lord's Prayer

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.**

Closing Hymn: "Sing Praise to the God of Israel!" LSB #936 vs. 1-4

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Offering: We ask that you please put your offerings into the plate located at the back of the church before worship so when we bring the offerings up to the altar after the message, it can be included.

Return To The Lord is our theme for Lent this year. Join us Wednesday evenings at 6:00 p.m.

Confirmation Class This Week: Due to early dismissal from school on Wednesday, the confirmation class will be held at 12:40 on Wednesday.

Jr. High FFF is scheduled for this coming Wednesday following confirmation class.

Power of Love series for parents will continue this morning during the Sunday school. Vicar Jeff Hagen is leading this study and it is held in the fireside room. Join in for a short video, coffee, snacks and discussion that help build relationships that work with your children!

Bridal Shower: A come and go bridal shower will be held for Jordan Gregory, bride to be of Nick Holm, on Saturday, March 13 at St. John's Lutheran Church in Sherburn.

Take My Moments and My Days

Sunday, February 28: 8:30 a.m. Worship Service, 9:30 a.m. Sunday School/Bible Class/Young Adult Class

Wednesday, March 3: 12:40 p.m. Confirmation Class followed by Jr. High FFF, 6:00 p.m. Lent Service

Sunday, March 7 8:30 a.m. Worship Service, 9:30 a.m. Sunday School/Bible Class/Young Adult Class



In Our Prayers: Dan Hanson, Sandy Claussen, Bob Brolsma, Jethro Zezulka, Ginny Ringnell, Robert Ziemer, Judith Nielson

Coping With Cancer: Brandon Krumwiede, Diane Beseke, Shirley Skogerboe, Serena Johnson, Marlene Kuntz, Tom Wescott, Bob Blazejak, Andrea Mileham, Cindi Crissinger, Lori Koerselman, Julie Krogman, Donna Nawrocki, Paul Overgaard, Elsie Swanson, Shelly Callahan, Gary Maday, Ginny Anderson, Larry Norem, Lacy McNicol, Roger Spiegeler, Cyndi Johnson, Gloria Maschoff, Kay Groth, Perry Caven, Harv Baird

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Members Celebrating Birthdays This Week Leah Amborn, Layne Asmus, Jenna House, Jacob Flohrs, Grace Steffen, Robb Larson, Jina Behne, Lindsay Brandt, Biny Claussen, Chris Lindholm, Pauline Steffen

Members Celebrating Wedding Anniversaries This Week: Dennis & Sue Crissinger, Garland & Kathy Hendricksen