

Living Savior Lutheran Church



Jesus Tempted

Invocabit Sunday March 9, 2025

DIVINE SERVICE

Liturgy Setting Three (page 184)

Hymns 714, 420 (v 1,2,7), 657, 663, 727

Opening Hymn 714: Who Trusts in God a Strong Abode

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SERVICE OF THE WORD

Introit:

P: When he calls to me, I will answer him; I will rescue him and honor him. With long life I will satisfy him and show him my salvation. He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High will abide in the shadow of the Almighty. I will say to the LORD, "My refuge and my fortress, my God, in whom I trust." 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. You will tread on the lion and the adder; the young lion and the serpent you will trample underfoot.



C: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

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Kyrie (page 186)

Hymn 420 (V. 1,2,7): Christ, the Life of All the Living

(In place of Gloria in Excelsis)

Collect of the Day:

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.

Old Testament Reading: Genesis 3:1-24

3 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 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. 22 Then the Lord God said, "Behold, the man has become like one

of us in knowing good and evil. Now, lest he reach out his hand and take also of the tree of life and eat, and live forever—”

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Gradual

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.

Epistle Reading: 2 Corinthians 6:1-10 (sermon text)

6 Working together with him, then, we appeal to you not to receive the grace of God in vain. 2 For he says, “In a favorable time I listened to you, and in a day of salvation I have helped you.” Behold, now is the favorable time; behold, now is the day of salvation. 3 We put no obstacle in anyone's way, so that no fault may be found with our ministry, 4 but as servants of God we commend ourselves in every way: by great endurance, in afflictions, hardships, calamities, 5 beatings, imprisonments, riots, labors, sleepless nights, hunger; 6 by purity, knowledge, patience, kindness, the Holy Spirit, genuine love; 7 by truthful speech, and the power of God; with the weapons of righteousness for the right hand and for the left; 8 through honor and dishonor, through slander and praise. We are treated as impostors, and yet are true; 9 as unknown, and yet well known; as dying, and behold, we live; as punished, and yet not killed; 10 as sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; as poor, yet making many rich; as having nothing, yet possessing everything.

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C: Thanks be to God.

Tract

He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High will abide in the shadow of the Almighty. He will cover you with his pinions, and under his wings you will find refuge. When he calls to me, I will answer him; I will be with him in trouble. With long life I will satisfy him and show him my salvation.

Holy Gospel

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

C: 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.

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to You, O Christ.

Nicene Creed (page 191)

Hymn of the day 657: A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

Sermon:

"Receive the Grace of God"

1. Not in Vain
2. In a Favorable Time

Offering Hymn 663: Rise, My Soul, to Watch and Pray

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Prayer of The Church & Lord's Prayer

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Closing Hymn 727: On Eagles' Wings

Lent: Repentance and Relief

Lent, as well as Advent, is a season of repentance. Advent: “Consider your actions! The Savior is about to arrive! Wash away your sins in God’s mercy. Live for Him!” It’s repentance in anticipation of and relief in the rescuing Savior’s arrival. Lent: “The Savior is about to die in agony in His mission to give you, even you, an escape from the doom you deserve—in His blood you are spared! Consider your actions. Cling to Jesus for forgiveness. Live for Him!” It’s repentance, with the somber realization that your rescue called for your Rescuer’s death. It took His death—or, shall we say, took His life—to save you. What exactly is repentance? To repent literally means to “re-think” a matter. Christian repentance—re-thinking—involves three elements:

1) Lord, I have done wrong. I have acted contrary to Your will. I admit it.

2) Lord, I am “sorry,” I am “sorrowful” that I have disobeyed. It’s not just regret for the negative consequences I face, but sorrow for having broken the directives You lovingly entrusted to me.



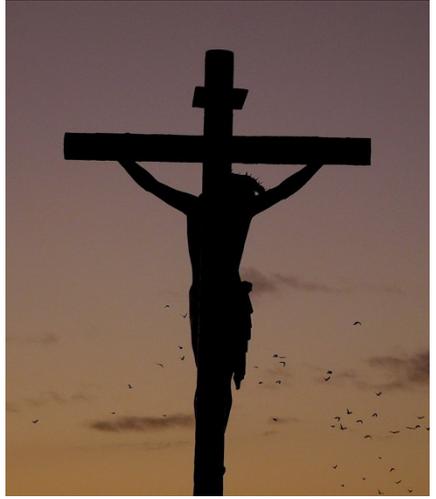
3) Lord, I am unable to right the wrong I have done. Although I do it over a thousand times and do it right each time, I cannot erase the failure. I have no “credit balance” before You upon which I can draw. I meekly ask for mercy and pardon. Forgive me. I dare ask this only through my crucified and risen Jesus.

Dear sinner, for Jesus’ sake the Father mercifully forgives and removes from your record all your trespasses—that is, your crossing the line. He removes all your sins—that is, your missing the target. He removes all your iniquities—that is, your being unequal to His expectations. In Jesus there is relief!

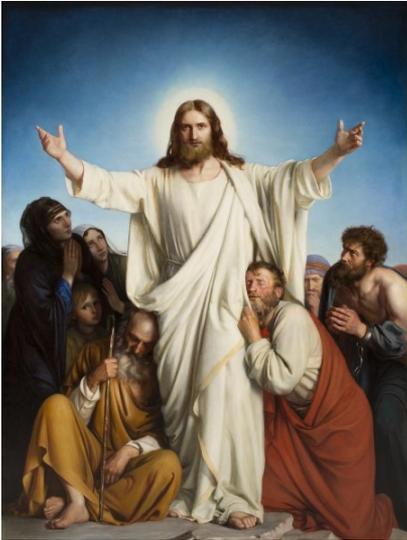
Consider a man unexpectedly released from prison because another, who is not guilty, willingly “does the time.” How wretched if the freed man were to say, “Thanks, fool!” and walk away. Rather it would be a time for humble and solemn reflection on what had just taken place—an unmerited kindness to help the helpless. Lent is a season during which we humbly and solemnly ponder the unmerited “forgiven status” and

“not-guilty status” rendered to us in exchange for the “guilty verdict” rendered to Jesus and willingly suffered by Him. That is why we read and hear the passion history (in its original sense, the “suffering” history) of our Lord at services during Lent. We review the record and the meaning of the Lord’s surrender to death for us.

During Lent, re-think your daily life, your actions, your words, your thoughts. Realize your relief in Jesus! You are forgiven! Live as the Lord wills, in devotion to the Redeemer Who paid the price for you.



The Old Testament book of Judges displays a sad pattern. The people of Israel repeatedly turned to other gods. The Lord sent oppressive nations against them to bring them to their knees. They cried out to Him for forgiveness and help. The Lord forgave. He sent deliverers, rescuers, judges (Gideon, Deborah, Samson, and others.) However, when the deliverer died, Israel again turned away from the Lord. The pattern continued for centuries, until the majority of Israel repented no more. They no longer re-thought their sin and situation, but plunged forward to their own great harm. Recognize the pattern? “Repenting, being forgiven through Jesus, following for a time, then off the road again.” Do not foolishly turn away from Jesus, Who lovingly saved you from your oppressors: sin, sin’s wages (death), Satan, and hell. During Lent re-think your life and situation, cling to Jesus by faith, and lovingly obey Him. Continue to do so all your life. Do not say, “Thanks, fool” and walk away.



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Regular Schedule

Divine Worship 9:00 am
Sunday School 10:15 am (singing)
Bible Class 10:20 am

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Announcements:

- Pastor will be on vacation next week, Nick Naumann will be filling in for him.
- Communion has been moved from the 16th to the 23rd of March
- Council meeting is this Thursday, March 13th at 7pm

CALL NEWS

- **Berea** has **called** members **Christine Starland** (part-time teacher) and **Deb Owens** (band) to fill the vacancy created by Cathy Augustin's retirement.
- **Pastor Johnathan Schnose** of Bethel Ev. Lutheran Church, Morris, MN, has **returned the call** to Faith Lutheran Church, Manchester, MO.
- **Teacher Claire Abbas** of Berea Lutheran School, Inver Grove Heights, MN has **received the call** to Luther Memorial School, Fond du Lac, WI
- **Pastor Caleb Schaller** of Messiah, Eau Claire, WI, has **received the call** to Grace Lutheran Church, Valentine, NE, Peace Lutheran Church, Mission, SD, and St. Paul's Ev. Lutheran Church, White River, SD.



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