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Full Meal

How Jesus gets into the wilderness is intriguing. Having just been affirmed as God's beloved Son, who would choose to fast for forty days? Not even Jesus does. Certainly this can only be the work of the Spirit.

While in the wilderness Jesus confronts three temptations from the devil. A pastor asked some catechism students what is at stake in these temptations. Why is it so important for Jesus to reject them? One student said, "It's like when my parents have a dinner party." She was asked to say more. "Well," she started, "the party always starts with hors d'oeuvres. Everyone stands around sampling, but no one gets really excited about eating everything because they know dinner is coming." Not getting it, the pastor asked her how that helped her understand Jesus' behavior. She explained, "Jesus came to be a meal for us. If he had changed the stones into bread, he'd have just given us hors d'oeuvres!"

In Matthew 14 and 15, Jesus will feed thousands with bread, fish, prayer, and blessing. Ultimately in 26:26 he will reveal himself to be the meal of forgiveness and salvation for all people. It is this meal, the bread of life, we receive at the Lord's table.

Jesus will be raised up on the cross and again challenged to save himself—"If you are the Son of God, come down from the cross" (Matt. 27:40)—but again he rejects the temptation. Instead, for our sake, he dies and is laid in a tomb. People find Christ's meaning for the world not by possessing power over earthly kingdoms, but through encountering the resurrected Christ who sends disciples to serve in the world God loves. This walk is not accomplished alone. We, like Jesus, minister to others only through the leading and partnership of the Spirit.

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BEFORE WORSHIP

Our Participation Card has two sides to complete. Please fill it out and place it in the offering plate every Sunday. This card helps the ministry of both the Congregational Care and Community Outreach Committees.

1st Sunday in Lent

March 5, 2017

Lent is a season on contrition and renewal. The color purple has become a symbol of penitence. The music of the season reflects our need for repentance and renewal, which is our effort to turn, again, towards God.

Holy Silence is observed as we enter to worship.

Pre- Service Music

Welcome/Worship Instructions

Stand as you are able.

Gathering Hymn

Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus

ELW 802 (red book)

Kyrie

Your Heart, O God, is Grieved

ELW 602

Greeting

☞ The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

☛ **And also with you.**

Prayer of the Day

Ⓐ Let us pray . . . Lord God, our strength, the struggle between good and evil rages within and around us, and the devil and all the forces that defy you tempt us with empty promises.

☛ **Keep us steadfast in your word, and when we fall, raise us again and restore us through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

Sit

First Reading

Genesis 2:15-17, 3:1-7

Human beings were formed with great care, to be in relationship with the creator, creation, and one another. The serpent's promise to the first couple that their eyes would be opened led, ironically, to the discovery only that they were naked.

☞ A reading from **Genesis:**

¹⁵The LORD God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to till it and keep it. ¹⁶And the LORD God commanded the man, "You may freely eat of every tree of the garden; ¹⁷but 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 die."

^{3:1}Now the serpent was more crafty than any other wild animal that the LORD God had made. He said to the woman, "Did God say, 'You shall not eat from any tree in the garden'?" ²The woman said to the serpent, "We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden; ³but God said, 'You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the middle of the garden, nor shall you touch it, or you shall die.'" ⁴But the serpent said to the woman, "You will not die; ⁵for God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil."
⁶So 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. ⁷Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together and made loincloths for themselves.

☐ God, we thank you for your Word,

☑ **the story of your grace.**

Psalm 32



Mer-cy em - brac - es those who trust in the LORD.



- ¹Happy are they whose transgressions | are forgiven,
and whose sin is | put away!
- ²**Happy are they to whom the LORD im- | putes no guilt,
and in whose spirit there | is no guile!**
- ³While I held my tongue, my bones with- | ered away,
because of my groaning | all day long.
- ⁴**For your hand was heavy upon me | day and night;
my moisture was dried up as in the | heat of summer. ☒**
- ⁵Then I acknowledged my sin to you, and did not con- | ceal my guilt.
I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the LORD." Then you forgave me the guilt | of my
sin.
- ⁶**Therefore all the faithful will make their prayers to you in | time of trouble;
when the great waters overflow, they | shall not reach them.**
- ⁷You are my hiding-place; you preserve | me from trouble;
you surround me with shouts | of deliverance.
- ⁸**"I will instruct you and teach you in the way that | you should go;
I will guide you | with my eye. ☒**
- ⁹Do not be like horse or mule, which have no | understanding;
who must be fitted with bit and bridle, or else they will | not stay near you."
- ¹⁰**Great are the tribulations | of the wicked;
but mercy embraces those who trust | in the LORD.**
- ¹¹Be glad, you righteous, and rejoice | in the LORD;
shout for joy, all who are | true of heart. ☒

Second Reading

Romans 5:12-19

Through Adam's disobedience, humanity came under bondage to sin and death, from which we cannot free ourselves. In Christ's obedient death, God graciously showers on us the free gift of liberation and life.

A A reading from **Romans**:

¹²Just as sin came into the world through one man, and death came through sin, and so death spread to all because all have sinned—¹³sin was indeed in the world before the law, but sin is not reckoned when there is no law. ¹⁴Yet death exercised dominion from Adam to Moses, even over those whose sins were not like the transgression of Adam, who is a type of the one who was to come.

¹⁵But the free gift is not like the trespass. For if the many died through the one man's trespass, much more surely have the grace of God and the free gift in the grace of the one man, Jesus Christ, abounded for the many. ¹⁶And the free gift is not like the effect of the one man's sin. For the judgment following one trespass brought condemnation, but the free gift following many trespasses brings justification. ¹⁷If, because of the one man's trespass, death exercised dominion through that one, much more surely will those who receive the abundance of grace and the free gift of righteousness exercise dominion in life through the one man, Jesus Christ.

¹⁸Therefore just as one man's trespass led to condemnation for all, so one man's act of righteousness leads to justification and life for all. ¹⁹For just 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.

L God, we thank you for your Word,

G the story of your grace.

Stand

Gospel Acclamation



Let your stead-fast love come to us, O Lord.



Let your stead-fast love come to us, O Lord.



Save us as you prom-ised; we will trust your word.



Let your stead-fast love come to us, O Lord.

Gospel Reading

Matthew 4:1-11

Jesus experiences anew the temptations that Israel faced in the wilderness. As the Son of God, he endures the testing of the evil one.

☞ The Holy Gospel, according to **Matthew**.

☛ **Glory to you, O Lord.**

¹Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. ²He fasted forty days and forty nights, and afterwards he was famished. ³The tempter came and said to him, “If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread.” ⁴But he answered, “It is written, ‘One does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.’” ⁵Then the devil took him to the holy city and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, ⁶saying 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, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.’” ⁷Jesus said to him, “Again it is written, ‘Do not put the Lord your God to the test.’”

⁸Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendor; ⁹and he said to him, “All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me.” ¹⁰Jesus said to him, “Away with you, Satan! for it is written, ‘Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him.’” ¹¹Then the devil left him, and suddenly angels came and waited on him.

☞ The Gospel of the Lord.

☛ **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sit

Children’s Message/Children’s Church

All children [including infants] and youth who desire to come forward for the children’s sermon are welcomed and encouraged to do so. Parents/caregivers are welcome to accompany their child during the children’s message.

Message

Silence for reflection

Song of the Day

Our Father, We Have Wandered

ELW 606 (red book)

Kneel or sit as able.

Prayers

☛ Lifting our voices and turning toward God, let us pray for the church, the earth, and all who are in need.

A brief silence.

☛ Holy God, lead your church on earth to do your will and strive for your kingdom. Teach us your ways and increase our understanding. Empower and guide the faith of our bishops and congregations and all the servants of your church, especially *Bishops Elizabeth and Craig, Assistants David, Chrysanne and Sarah; our synod companion churches, Evangelical Lutheran Church is East Jordan, Good Shepherd Lutheran Church in Middleville; Minister of Music Cindy*

and Pastor Paul. Hear us, O God.

☞ Your mercy is great.

A Show us how to care for your creation and to treasure the fruits of your creating. Guide our actions and increase our commitment. Hear us, O God.

☞ Your mercy is great.

A Give knowledge and wisdom to all leaders throughout your world. Turn hardened hearts of stone toward your nourishing word and let the powerful become providers of daily bread. Protect the lives of those who serve in the military, especially *Myrina Clements, Kayla Pohl, Joshua Wright, Tim Krewson and Tyler Van Houten*. Hear us, O God.

☞ Your mercy is great.

A Rush to the aid of your people in times of distress. Send your peace and healing to those in need. Comfort the sick and their caregivers, especially *Victoria Steadman, Danny Gillons, Angela Kuhlman, Corinna & Hope Palmer, Tim Lowe, Jodi Reid, Kaylee and Mattea Markwart, Debra Wood and George Ulrich Jr.* Hear us, O God.

☞ Your mercy is great.

A Guide those preparing for baptism, sponsors, and this whole assembly toward living into the promises made in baptism. Lead us to scripture, the holy supper, and toward your will for all creation. Hear us, O God.

☞ Your mercy is great.

A Be attentive, gracious God, to the individual petitions we lift to you in loud voice or in the silence of our hearts.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

A Hear us, O God.

☞ Your mercy is great.

A Accompany us on our Lenten journeys and inspire us by the witness of the saints who walked faithfully with you. Hear us, O God.

☞ Your mercy is great.

P Into your hands, merciful God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your steadfast love; through Christ our Lord.

☞ Amen.

Stand as you are able

Sharing the Peace of God

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

☞ And also with you.

(We share the peace of Christ with one another.)

Sit

Offering of Gifts and Music

Everyone at worship is encouraged to fill out a Participation card and place it in the offering plate every Sunday morning.

Stand as you are able.

Offering Song

Create in Me

ELW 188 (red book)

Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re - new a right

The first system of the musical score consists of two staves. The upper staff is in treble clef with a key signature of two flats (B-flat and E-flat). The lower staff is in bass clef with the same key signature. The music is primarily chordal, with some melodic lines in the upper staff. The lyrics are: "Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re - new a right".

spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a - way from your

The second system continues the musical score. The upper staff has a melodic line that begins to emerge. The lyrics are: "spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a - way from your".

pres-ence, and take not your Ho - ly Spir - it from me. Re -

The third system continues the musical score. The upper staff has a melodic line that begins to emerge. The lyrics are: "pres-ence, and take not your Ho - ly Spir - it from me. Re -".

store un - to me the joy of your sal - va - tion,

The fourth system continues the musical score. The upper staff has a melodic line that begins to emerge. The lyrics are: "store un - to me the joy of your sal - va - tion,".

and up - hold me with your free Spir - it.

The fifth system concludes the musical score. The upper staff has a melodic line that begins to emerge. The lyrics are: "and up - hold me with your free Spir - it.".

Offering Prayer

A Let us pray . . . Merciful God, receive the sacrifice of our praise and thanksgiving and the offering of our lives,

C that following in the way of the cross, we may know the joy of the resurrection; through Christ our Lord. Amen

Great Thanksgiving

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Lift up your hearts.

C We lift them to the Lord.

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C It is right to give our thanks and praise.

P It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ. By the leading of a star he was shown forth to all nations; in the waters of the Jordan you proclaimed him your beloved Son; and in the miracle of water turned to wine he revealed your glory. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,

The first system of musical notation consists of a treble and bass staff in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is written in the treble clef, and the bass line is in the bass clef. The lyrics are placed below the notes. The melody features a series of eighth notes for 'Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly' followed by a quarter note for 'Lord,' and then a series of quarter notes for 'God of pow'r and might,' ending with a half note and a quarter rest.

ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,

The second system of musical notation is identical to the first, continuing the melody and bass line. The lyrics are placed below the notes. The melody features a series of eighth notes for 'ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly' followed by a quarter note for 'Lord,' and then a series of quarter notes for 'God of pow'r and might,' ending with a half note and a quarter rest.

heav-en and earth are full, full of your glo - ry.

Ho - san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Ho - san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

Eucharistic Prayer

☞ Holy God, our living Water and our merciful Guide, together with all creation, we bless and magnify you. You led your people Israel through the desert, and provided them water from the rock.

☞ **We praise you for Christ, our Rock and our Water, who joined us in our desert experience of life, pouring out his life for the world.**

P In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; He broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

☞ **Remembering, therefore, his life, death and resurrection, we await your salvation for all this thirsty world.**

☞ Pour out your Spirit on this holy food and on all the baptized gathered for this feast: wash away our sin, that we may be revived for our journey by the love of Christ. Through him all glory and honor is yours, Almighty Father, with the Holy Spirit, in your holy Church, both now and forever.

☞ **Amen.**

Lord's Prayer

☞ Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray:

☞ **Our Father in heaven, holy be your name. Your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.**

Invitation to Communion

☞ Return to God with all your heart. Receive bread for the journey, drink for the desert.

Communion at Grace

All who are present are invited to receive Holy Communion. This sacrament is a gift to all who come with open hands and open hearts to the presence of Jesus.

✠ **Bread** is served by the Pastor. **Wine** is served from a *common cup* by the Assisting Minister.

✠ If you need gluten free bread, please let the Pastor know when you come forward.

✠ If you prefer wine from the *pouring chalice* in an **individual cup**, take an empty cup from the tray and have it filled by the Worship Assistant. Return the individual chalice/cup to the basket provided.

✠ **Grape Juice** is provided in the pre-filled cups in the center of the serving tray.

✠ A **Verbal Blessing** may be given by the Pastor, if you do not wish to commune.

✠ If you wish **communion brought to you** in the pew, please notify the usher.

Sit

Lamb of God

ELW 341 (red book)

Bread of Life from Heaven

ELW 474

Softly and Tenderly

ELW 608

How Great Thou Art

ELW 856

Stand

Prayer after Communion

A Let us pray . . . Compassionate God, you have fed us with the bread of heaven.

G **Sustain us in our Lenten pilgrimage: may our fasting be hunger for justice, our alms, a making of peace, and our prayer, the song of grateful hearts; through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Congregational Announcements

Blessing

P May God who has called us forth from the dust of the earth, and claimed us as children of the light, strengthen you on your journey into life renewed. The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord's face shine upon you with grace and mercy. The Lord look upon you with favor and give you † peace.

G Amen.

All children and youth, as well as the young at heart and playful spirits, are invited to come forward to make music and dance during the Sending Hymn. Please choose one instrument to play or one scarf to use for waving and dancing.

Sending Song

Lord, I Lift Your Name on High

ELW 857 (red book)

Dismissal

A Marked with the cross of Christ, go forth to love and serve the Lord.

G Thanks be to God.

Stewardship Information

Worshippers last week: 68 Weekly Giving: \$2,505.00 Budget Amount: \$4,226.98

The local **Food Pantry** located at the Methodist Church on Green Street is currently in need of hamburger/tuna helper, cereal, canned pasta (ravioli, spaghetti-o's, etc).

New Sunday Adult Forum--Pastor Paul will begin a new class this morning that will run through Lent in between services titled, "Christian Worship 101." He will introduce the topic of Christian worship and will reveal the history of the different parts of our Sunday liturgy throughout the class. Now is the time to ask those questions about worship you have always wondered about.

Worship Committee – the meeting for March has been rescheduled. We will meet Tuesday, March 14th (instead of March 7th) at 6:30 pm.

Choir – no rehearsal on March 23rd.

Lent Wednesday Events – the Friends of CPR & First Aid, with the help of Kim Domke, will provide the first Wednesday Lenten Supper on **March 8**: soup & salad. A free will offering is appreciated. The supper begins at 6:00 and Wednesday Prayer Service is at 7:00 pm. Pastor Mike Kemper will deliver the Lenten message.

Daylight Savings Time – be sure to turn your clocks forward Saturday night, **March 11**, if you don't want to miss worship. Spring forward!

Pasty Week – coming up March 16-18. This is a reminder, if you pledged to help with dough making on the 16th, meat cutting on the 17th, and/or making/baking on the 18th. If you purchased pasties, you can pick them up on Saturday, March 18th, beginning at 10:45 am. Thanks to all those who volunteered. Your efforts will help with the cost of the new carpet for the church.

Thank you to all who helped yesterday to complete the Renovation Project – Phase 1.

Kitchen announcement - In order to be in compliance with our current food license every first Sunday of the month the kitchen refrigerator will be cleaned out of all food items that don't meet our food license criteria. These include items that are brought from home for pot lucks etc. and left. Please make note of this so we can avoid any violations. Any questions, see Tim Schoessel.

Today's Worship Leaders

| | 8:00 am | 10:00am |
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| Assisting Ministers | Steve Kaiser | Traci Wales |
| Cantor | Jack Vos | Vickey Argo |
| Lector | Carl Schoessel | Carla Neil |
| Communion Server | Jana Bishop | Diane Neeb |
| Acolyte/Crucifer | Grayson Patton | Mark Anton |
| Usher | Mark/Jana Bishop | Gary/Lisa Golnek Doug/Diane Neeb |
| Greeter/Coffee Hr. | Jack/Carol Vos | Eve Wright |
| Children's Church | n/a | Tom, Hope & Emma Peck |
| Chancel Team | Vicky Argo, Kay Howell | |

Next Sunday's Worship Leaders, March 12, 2017

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| Assisting Ministers | Chris Bush | Vickey Argo |
| Cantor | Steve Kaiser | Mark Anton |
| Lector | Chris Bush | Gwen Hansen |
| Communion Server | Brenda Teegardin | Mark Anton |
| Acolyte/Crucifer | Katie Pohl | Hope Peck |
| Usher | Randy/Brenda Teegardin | Ed Domke, Mark Anton |
| Greeter/Coffee Hr. | Steve/Peg Kaiser | Ingrid Morgan, Kristi Winick |
| Children's Church | n/a | Kim & Lydia Markwart |
| Chancel Team | Vicky Argo, Kay Howell | |

THIS WEEK AT GRACE

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| Today, March 5 | Worship at 8:00 & 10:45 am Adult Forum 9:30 am Children's Church 10:45 am Transition Team – after 2 nd service Youth Group 6:00-7:30 pm |
| Monday, March 6 | Communication Team 10:00 am |
| Tuesday, March 7 | Executive Board 5:30 pm |
| Wednesday, March 8 | VBS Planning 5:30 pm Prayer Group 6:00 pm Lent dinner 6:00 pm (public welcome) Lent Prayer Service 7:00 pm |
| Thursday, March 9 | Clapper Kids bell choir 3:45-5:00 pm Grace Notes adult bell choir 5:45-7:00 pm Grace Choir 7:15 pm |
| Saturday, March 11 | Spring ahead 1 hour |