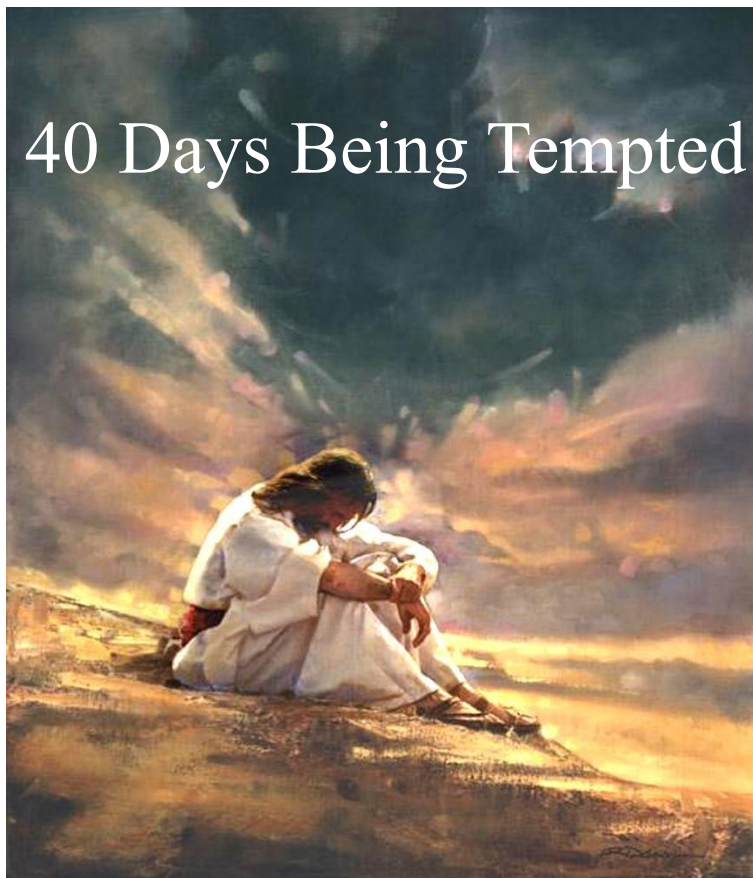


St. Johns Lutheran Church



40 Days Being Tempted

Lent - The Wilderness
Ground

AS WE GATHER

The First Sunday in Lent begins with the temptation of Jesus. Alone in the wilderness, Jesus faces the temptations of the devil, who tries to use God's own Word to entrap Jesus. The collect reminds us that we are also walking through the wilderness of this world, taunted and tempted by the devil, who still uses God's Word to entrap us. Jesus does not simply show us how to resist but reveals that our strength lies in the same Word of God. In Christ, we stand strong against the wiles of the devil and, when and if we fall, we find refuge in Christ to be forgiven and restored.

RINGING OF THE BELLS

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

WELCOME GUESTS

We're glad you are here! Make it a point to introduce yourself to the pastor. Please take time to fill out an attendance card and drop it in the basket during the offering. Please consider liking us on Facebook (St. Johns Lutheran Church – St. Louis City) and checking out our website (<https://stjohnslutheranstlouis.org/>).

PREPARATION

HYMN O Lord, throughout These Forty Days *LSB 418*

**O Lord, throughout these forty days
You prayed and kept the fast;
Inspire repentance for our sin,
And free us from our past.**

**You strove with Satan, and You won;
Your faithfulness endured;
Lend us Your nerve, Your skill and trust
In God's eternal Word.**

**Through parched and hungry, yet You prayed
And fixed Your mind above;
So teach us to deny ourselves,
Since we have known God's love.**

**Be with us through this season, Lord,
And all our earthly days,
That when the final Easter dawns,
We join in heaven's praise.**

INVOCATION

In the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Based on Psalm 91:15–16

When you call to Me, I will answer you, says the Lord.

I will be with you in trouble; I will rescue you and honor you.

With long life the Lord will satisfy you
and show you His salvation.

Silence for meditation and reflection

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

**I confess to God Almighty, before the whole company of
heaven and to you, my brothers and sisters, that I have sinned
in thought, word, and deed by my fault, by my own fault, by
my own most grievous fault; wherefore I pray God Almighty to
have mercy on me, forgive me all my sins, and bring me to
everlasting life. Amen.**

In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ is given to die for us, and for His sake God forgives us all our sins.

To those who believe in Jesus Christ He gives the power to become the children of God and bestows on them the Holy Spirit. May the Lord, who has begun this good work in us, bring it to completion in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.

To the impenitent and unbelieving I declare that so long as you continue in your impenitence, God will not forgive your sins and will visit your iniquity upon you until you turn from your sinful ways, come to repentance, and trust in the merits of Jesus Christ alone.

Amen.

WORD

KYRIE To Thee, Omniscient Lord of All LSB 613; Verse 1

**To Thee, omniscient Lord of all,
In grief and shame I humbly call;
I see my sins against Thee, Lord,
The sins of thought and deed and word.
They press me sore; I cry to Thee:
O God, be merciful to me!**

SALUTATION

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

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.

Amen.

MEMORIZED WORD

⁴ But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us, ⁵ even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved—Ephesians 2:4-5

OLD TESTAMENT READING *Deuteronomy 26:1–11*

¹“When you come into the land that the Lord your God is giving you for an inheritance and have taken possession of it and live in it, ²you shall take some of the first of all the fruit of the ground, which you harvest from your land that the Lord your God is giving you, and you shall put it in a basket, and you shall go to the place that the Lord your God will choose, to make his name to dwell there. ³And you shall go to the priest who is in office at that time and say to him, ‘I declare today to the Lord your God that I have come into the land that the Lord swore to our fathers to give us.’ ⁴Then the priest shall take the basket from your hand and set it down before the altar of the Lord your God. ⁵“And you shall make response before the Lord your God, ‘A wandering Aramean was my father. And he went down into Egypt and sojourned there, few in number, and there he became a nation, great, mighty, and populous. ⁶And the Egyptians treated us harshly and humiliated us and laid on us hard labor. ⁷Then we cried to the Lord, the God of our fathers, and the Lord heard our voice and saw our affliction, our toil, and our oppression. ⁸And the Lord brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm, with great deeds of terror, with signs and wonders. ⁹And he brought us into this place and gave us this land, a land flowing with milk and honey. ¹⁰And behold, now I bring the first of the fruit of the ground, which you, O Lord, have given me.’ And you shall set it down before the Lord your God and worship before the Lord your God. ¹¹And you shall rejoice in all the good that the Lord your God has given to you and to your house, you, and the Levite, and the sojourner who is among you.”

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GRADUAL

Hebrews 12:2

**[O come, let us fix our eyes on] * Jesus,
the founder and perfecter * of our faith,
who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross,
despise * ing the shame,
and is seated at the right hand of the * throne of God.**

EPISTLE *Romans 10:8b–13*

“The word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart” (that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); ⁹because, if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. ¹⁰For with the heart one believes and is justified, and with the mouth one confesses and is saved. ¹¹For the Scripture says, “Everyone who believes in him will not be put to shame.” ¹²For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all, bestowing his riches on all who call on him. ¹³For “everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.”

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

HYMN OF THE DAY A Mighty Fortress Is Our God *LSB 657*

**A mighty fortress is our God,
A sword and shield victorious;
He breaks the cruel oppressor’s rod
And wins salvation glorious.
The old satanic foe
Has sworn to work us woe.
With craft and dreadful might**

**He arms himself to fight.
On earth he has no equal.**

**No strength of ours can match his might.
We would be lost, rejected.
But now a champion comes to fight,
Whom God himself elected.
You ask who this may be?
The Lord of hosts is he,
Christ Jesus, mighty Lord,
God's only Son, adored.
He holds the field victorious.**

**Though hordes of devils fill the land
All threat 'ning to devour us,
We tremble not, unmoved we stand;
They cannot over pow'r us.
Let this world's tyrant rage;
In battle we'll engage.
His might is doomed to fail;
God's judgment must prevail!
One little word subdues him.**

**God's Word for ever shall abide,
No thanks to foes, who fear it;
For God himself fights by our side
With weapons of the Spirit.
Were they to take our house,
Goods, honor, child, or spouse,
Though life be wrenched away,
They cannot win the day.
The Kingdom's ours forever!**

HOLY GOSPEL *Luke 4:1-13*

**The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the fourth chapter.
Glory to You, O Lord.**

¹Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the wilderness ²for forty days, being tempted by the devil. And he ate nothing during those days.

And when they were ended, he was hungry. ³The devil said to him, “If you are the Son of God, command this stone to become bread.” ⁴And Jesus answered him, “It is written, ‘Man shall not live by bread alone.’” ⁵And the devil took him up and showed him all the kingdoms of the world in a moment of time, ⁶and said to him, “To you I will give all this authority and their glory, for it has been delivered to me, and I give it to whom I will. ⁷If you, then, will worship me, it will all be yours.” ⁸And Jesus answered him, “It is written, “‘You shall worship the Lord your God, and him only shall you serve.’” ⁹And he took him to Jerusalem and set him on the pinnacle of the temple and said to him, “If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down from here, ¹⁰for it is written, “‘He will command his angels concerning you, to guard you,’ ¹¹and “‘On their hands they will bear you up, lest you strike your foot against a stone.’” ¹²And Jesus answered him, “It is said, ‘You shall not put the Lord your God to the test.’” ¹³And when the devil had ended every temptation, he departed from him until an opportune time.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to You, O Christ.

CREED (WE ALL BELIEVE IN ONE TRUE GOD) LSB 953

**We all believe in one true God,
Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,
Ever-present help in need,
Praised by all the heav'nly host;
All He made His love enfolds,
All creation He upholds.**

**We all believe in Jesus Christ,
Son of God and Mary's son,**

**Who descended from His throne
And for us salvation won;
By whose cross and death are we
Rescued from all misery.**

**We all confess the Holy Ghost,
Who from both in truth proceeds,
Who sustains and comforts us
In all trials, fears, and needs.
Blessed, holy Trinity,
Praise forever be to Thee!**

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SERMON

OFFERING *Create In Me a Clean Heart sung by Pastor*

Create in me a clean heart, O God
Let me be like You in all my ways.
Give me Your strength,
Teach me Your song;
Shelter me in the shadow of your wings,
For we are Your righteousness,
If we die to ourselves and live through Your death,
We shall be born again to be blessed in Your will.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Let us pray
For the Church, the people of God led from slavery in the
wilderness of death to freedom and life through the forgiveness of
sin; let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For boldness to proclaim this saving Gospel to all those still
captive; and for strength in the face of temptation,
let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For all pastors and church workers, that they be kept in holiness, and for those who receive their ministry that they be brought to faith and sustained in hope, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For courage in the face of temptation, strength in time of test, and hope in the face of despair that nothing may cause our faith to waver from our confidence in Christ, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For blessing upon the government and institutions of our land, for the light of God's Word to shine in the wilderness of unbelief, and for peace in our nation and among the nations of the world, [*especially the Ukraine*] let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the sick and those who suffer any need of body, mind, or soul, that God grant them healing according to His will and strength to endure their afflictions, [*especially . . .*], let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For hearts fully prepared through repentance and faith to receive the gifts of the Lord's body and blood and for the will to show forth in our lives the fruits of this blessed communion, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend ourselves and all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy, through Jesus Christ.

Amen.

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.

BENEDICTION

The Lord bless us and keep us.
The Lord make His face shine on us and be gracious to us.
The Lord look upon us with favor and ✠ give us peace.
Amen.

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

**O Christ, You walked the road
Our wand'ring feet must go.
You faced with us temptation's pow'r
And fought our ancient foe.**

**No bread of earth alone
Can fill our hung'ring hearts.
Lord, help us seek Your living Word,
The food Your grace imparts.**

**No blinding sign we ask,
No wonder from above.
Lord, help us place our trust alone
In Your unswerving love.**

**When lures of easy gain
With promise brightly shine,
Lord, help us seek Your kingdom first;
Our wills with Yours align.**

**O Christ, You walked the road
Our wand'ring feet must go.
Stay with us through temptation's four
To flight our ancient foe.**

Preacher	Pastor Michael Tanney
Liturgist	Allen Dass
Lector	Dan Reh
Elders	Al Bohannon & Earl Welch

Organist	Suzanne Manelli
Ushers	William Gebhart and Roger Schmidt
Children's Message	Dan Reh
Acolytes	Tra-Mi and Thao-Vy
Greeter	Roger Schmidt
Worship Screen	Tra-Mi and Thao-Vy
Bible Class	Pastor Michael Tanney
Confirmation	Allen Dass

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LUTHERAN SOUTH SUMMER CAMPS Does your child enjoy shooting hoops? Love being on stage? Want to learn a new sport like football or field hockey? Lutheran South Summer Camp offers a variety of athletic and enrichment activities with morning and afternoon sessions available for students in K - 8th grade. From playing tennis to the trombone, we have coaches and instructors who offer positive reinforcement. Your campers will have fun while developing new skills. Enjoy summer at South! Register at LSlancers.org/summer

WORD OF LIFE RESTAURANT NIGHT will be Tuesday, March 8th All Day at JJ Twig's pizza & pub on South Hampton for Dine In or Carry Out. No Flyer Needed (You do not need to mention "Word of Life"... unless you would like to do so!) 10% of ALL sales, regardless of affiliation, goes to WOL!

VOTER'S MEETING There will be a Voter's Meeting next Sunday, March 13th @ 11:30am after Bible Study.

Announcements

Saved to Share Called to Care

Our Response to God's Love Last Week

Attendance Sunday: 38

Communion: 45

Offering: \$1,498.00

CONCORDIA SEMINARY AFTER CHAPEL CONCERT

SERIES The After Chapel Concerts are mini concerts featuring musicians from within and beyond the Seminary community. Concerts are held in the Chapel of St. Timothy and St. Titus directly following morning chapel services from 9:55 a.m. to 10:15 a.m. Concerts are typically held in the chapel balcony. These concerts also will be streamed at csl.edu/live. Check out their website for a full schedule and details! The next concert is on Tuesday, March 15th featuring Laudamus.

IN VIEW OF GOD'S MERCY Join us for the Lent midweek 1 service (3/9/22 @ 6pm) in our In View of God's Mercy series for Lent, as we look at our lives through the lens of God's love toward us in the sacrifice of his Son, Jesus. In this service, we recall that in the midst of temptation, our merciful God provides us with a way out through Christ, who was tempted just as we are, yet without sin. **We will also be providing a soup supper before the service @ 5:30pm.** We encourage you to bring a side dish to share.

YOUNG ADULT BIBLE STUDY for young adults between the ages of 18-30. The Bible Study will run from 5:30pm-7:30pm, and will include a pizza dinner (provided by St. Johns). Our next date being March 26th. If interested, please RSVP to stjohnslcstl@gmail.com or call 314-773-0126 and let us know what your preferred pizza topping is.

LUTHERAN SOUTH MUSIC CONCERTS On Sunday, March 6, 2022, at 7:00 pm the Lutheran South Wind Symphony will share a concert with the Concordia University - St. Paul Concert Band at Concordia Lutheran Church in Kirkwood. The program will feature *Festivity: A Celebration for Band* by James Curnow and *On a Hymnsong of Philip Bliss* by David Holsinger performed by both groups together. The Concordia University Concert Band will be traveling on their annual tour of the Midwest. On Tuesday, March 8, 2022, at 7:00 pm the Lutheran South Concert Band, Jazz Band, and Choir will perform in the Kuhlmann Center on the campus of Lutheran South. The concert will feature repertoire by Timothy Broege, Clare Grundmann, Donald Busarow, and John LaBarbera.

Prayers

Special Prayer Petitions –For those infected by the corona virus for quick healing and recovery; **Maureen Rehmer** as she continues to recover at home; **Dennis Solomon** for healing from bed sores; **Dennis Schwab** who is now on hospice; **Family & Friends** of Irene Hurst; **Field-workers** and **Vicars**; **Nepali & African Congregation** blessings; **EAGLE schools & Compass** as they make decisions due to the outbreak of covid.
Shut Ins – Bobbie Kepford, Dennis Solomon, Jerry Schmaltz, Carol Carr, Steve Bain, Maureen Rehmer, Eileen Wehrheim, Don Osiek

Opportunities to Love and Serve Christ this Week March 6-March 13

Sunday	9:00am Worship 10:30am Bible Study 12:30pm African Worship
Monday	8am-2pm Office Open 3pm-6pm Compass 6pm Ladies Exercise Class 7pm Elders
Tuesday	8am-2pm Office Open 3pm-6pm Compass 6pm Seminary Students
Wednesday	8am-2pm Office Open 3pm-6pm Compass 3:45pm Compass Chapel 5:30pm Soup Supper 6:00pm Lenten Service
Thursday	8am-2pm Office Open 2pm Ridgewood Apartments Bible Study 3pm-6pm Compass
Friday	8am-1pm Office Open 8am Bible Study 2pm-6pm Compass
Saturday	8:30am Food Pantry 1pm Vicar Meeting
Next Sunday	9:00am Worship w/ Communion 10:30am Bible Study 11:30am Voter's Meeting 12:30pm African Worship