



1ST SUNDAY IN LENT
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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. We are also walking through the wilderness of this world, taunted and tempted by the devil, who still would try to use even God's precious Word to entrap us. Jesus does not simply show us how to resist; he proves that our strength lies in the same Word of God. In Christ, we stand strong against the schemes of the devil and, when and if we fall, we find refuge in Christ to be forgiven and restored.

Prelude

"Jesus, Lead Thou On"

P. Manz

Opening Hymn

"Jesus, Lead Thou On"

#718

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| 1 Jesus, lead Thou on
Till our rest is won;
And although the way be cheerless,
We will follow calm and fearless.
Guide us by Thy hand
To our fatherland. | 3 When we seek relief
From a long-felt grief,
When temptations come alluring,
Make us patient and enduring.
Show us that bright shore
Where we weep no more. |
| 2 If the way be drear,
If the foe be near,
Let not faithless fears o'ertake us;
Let not faith and hope forsake us;
For through many_a woe
To our home we go. | 4 Jesus, lead Thou on
Till our rest is won.
Heav'nly leader, still direct us,
Still support, console, protect us,
Till we safely stand
In our fatherland. |

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Invocation

- P** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C Amen.

Confession and Absolution

Based on Psalm 91:15–16

- P** When you call to Me, I will answer you, says the Lord.
C I will be with you in trouble; I will rescue you and honor you.
P With long life the Lord will satisfy you
C and show you His salvation.

We pause in silence to remember our sins before Almighty God...

- P** Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.
C 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. Therefore I pray God Almighty to have mercy on me, forgive me all my sins, and bring me to everlasting life. Amen.

P 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 Christ, 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. To the impenitent and unbelieving I must declare that as 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.

C Amen.

P May the Lord, who has begun this good work in us, bring it to completion in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.

C Amen.

✠ WORD ✠

Introit

Psalm 91:9–13; antiphon: vv. 15–16

P When he calls to me, I will answer him;

C I will be with him in trouble; I will rescue him and honor him.

P 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—

P no evil shall be allowed to befall you, no plague come near your tent.

C For he will command his angels concerning you to guard you in all your ways.

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

C You will tread on the lion and the adder;

the young lion and the serpent you will trample underfoot.

P Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;

C as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

When he calls to me, I will answer him;

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

Prayer of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Let us pray. Almighty God, Your Son was led by the Spirit to fast for forty days in the wilderness and was tempted as we are, yet without sin. Give us Your grace and Spirit that we may be faithful before temptation and delivered from slavery to sin through forgiveness to serve You faithfully all our days; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Old Testament Reading

✠ Offerings of Firstfruits and Tithes ✠

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.”

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Epistle

✠ The Message of Salvation to All ✠

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.”

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Anthem of Praise Solo

“On Eagles’ Wings”

Hymn #727

Holy Gospel

✠ The Temptation of Jesus ✠

Luke 4:1-13

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

C **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.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise to You, O Christ.**

Confession of Faith

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.

The Apostles' Creed

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.

Sermon Hymn

“O Christ, You Walked the Road”

#424

- 1 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.
- 2 No bread of earth alone
Can fill our hung'ring hearts.
Lord, help us seek Your living Word,
The food Your grace imparts.
- 3 No blinding sign we ask,
No wonder from above.
Lord, help us place our trust alone
In Your unswerving love.
- 4 When lures of easy gain
With promise brightly shine,
Lord, help us seek Your kingdom first;
Our wills with Yours align.
- 5 O Christ, You walked the road
Our wand'ring feet must go.
Stay with us through temptation's hour
To fight our ancient foe.

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Sermon

Prayer of the Church

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Offertory Meditation

† SERVICE of the SACRAMENT †

Preface

- 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 Him thanks and praise.

Proper Preface
Prayer of Thanksgiving
Words of Our Lord

Proclamation of Christ

- P** As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord’s death until He comes.
C Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

Lord’s Prayer

- C** Our Father, who art in Heaven...

Pax Domini

- P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.
C Amen.

✠ DISTRIBUTION of the SACRAMENT ✠

Hymn

“Lord Jesus, Think on Me”

#610

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| <p>1 Lord Jesus, think on me
 And purge away my sin;
 From worldly passions set me free
 And make me pure within.</p> <p>2 Lord Jesus, think on me,
 By anxious thoughts oppressed;
 Let me Your loving servant be
 And taste Your promised rest.</p> <p>3 Lord Jesus, think on me
 Amid the battle’s strife;
 In all my pain and misery,
 O be my health and life!</p> | <p>4 Lord Jesus, think on me
 Nor let me go astray;
 Through darkness and perplexity
 Point out Your chosen way.</p> <p>5 Lord Jesus, think on me
 That, when this life is past,
 I may the_ eternal brightness see
 And share Your joy at last.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>Text: Synesius of Cyrene, c. 365–c. 414; tr. Allen W. Chatfield, 1808–96, alt. Text: Public domain</i></p> |
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Hymn

“Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word”

#655

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| <p>1 Lord, keep us steadfast in Your Word;
 Curb those who by deceit or sword
 Would wrest the kingdom from Your Son
 And bring to naught all He has done.</p> <p>2 Lord Jesus Christ, Your pow’r make known,
 For You are Lord of lords alone;</p> | <p>Defend Your holy Church that we
 May sing Your praise eternally.</p> <p>3 O Comforter of priceless worth,
 Send peace and unity on earth;
 Support us in our final strife
 And lead us out of death to life.</p> |
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Communion Blessing

P The Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting. Depart † in peace.

Closing 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.

Dismissal

P Go in peace! Serve the Lord!

C Thanks be to God.

Closing Hymn

“I Walk in Danger All the Way”

#716 sts. 1, 4-5

1 I walk in danger all the way. The thought shall never leave me That Satan, who has marked his prey, Is plotting to deceive me. This foe with hidden snares May seize me unawares If I should fail to watch and pray. I walk in danger all the way.	All fear and sorrow, hence! Unharmed by foes, do what they may, I walk with angels all the way.
4 I walk with angels all the way, They shield me and befriend me; All Satan’s pow’r is held at bay When heav’nly hosts attend me; They are my sure defense,	5 I walk with Jesus all the way, His guidance never fails me; Within His wounds I find a stay When Satan’s pow’r assails me; And by His footsteps led, My path I safely tread. No evil leads my soul astray; I walk with Jesus all the way.

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Postlude

“Sinfonia from Cantata 156”

J. S. Bach



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We pray for those who grieve:

Rev. David Erber, whom we help support through our mission offerings, and all the family and friends of his father, Glenn Erber, called from this life on Jan. 28.

Announcements & Notes:

Lenten Suppers and Worship Schedule through

April 6th: *Beginning this Wednesday, March 9th, supper will be served before each of our midweek Lenten services from 5:30 – 6:30. The “Hymn Sing” is back @ 6:45 in church, and Lenten Worship services begins @ 7:00.*

This Wednesday, Faith in Action will serve Chili, corn muffins and desserts on Wed., Mar. 9th

“Just Cuz” will serve Hot Dogs for supper on Mar. 16th but they’d like your help. A clipboard with a signup sheet is on the counter by the church office door where you can let them know what you would like to bring.

Lenten Devotional Booklets are available in the narthex and wings.

The March Newsletter is also available in the narthex and wings, or see it on our website (www.stpauloaklawn.org).

Please pray for these St. Paul friends and family:

Andrew Mrochen	Vern Howe
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