

THE TEMPTATION OF JESUS



The First Sunday In Lent
Living Shepherd Lutheran Church
365 W. Grand Ave Laramie, WY
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WELCOME TO LIVING SHEPHERD!

A FEW NOTES BEFORE WORSHIP

- *We're so glad you joined us for worship today!*
- *Restrooms are located on your right and on your left immediately after you walk through the double doors next to the fire place.*
- *We love having children in our worship service! However, if your child becomes restless, the café (first door on the left past the restrooms) is a great place to regroup and grab a cup of coffee.*
- *You are our guest! If there is something else we can help you with, please let any one of us know!*
- *Finally, you'll find everything you need for worship printed in this service folder. Lord's blessings on your worship!*

TODAY'S SERVICE

The Son of God goes to war and defeats the devil for us. The Prayer of the Day sets the tone for the Sunday: the ancient foe waged war on mankind in the garden, but God promised to send a champion to battle on our behalf. The Second Adam (Jesus) came to do what the first could not. Today we see Jesus join the battle against the devil. "But for us fights the valiant one whom God himself elected... he holds the field forever" (A Mighty Fortress Is Our God—Hymn of the Day).

A PRAYER BEFORE WORSHIP

Heavenly Father, You are rich and glorious but I am poor and sinful. Forgive me for the times I have forgotten this. Thank You for sending Jesus to give up His riches and become poor like me. Remind me every day that his death on the cross is payment for all my sins! In Jesus' name, Amen.

WE GATHER BEFORE THE LORD

Please Stand

- P: We begin our worship in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
- C: **Amen**
- P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
- C: **And also with you.**

CONFESSiON OF SINS

- P: God invites us to come into his presence and worship him with humble and penitent hearts. Therefore, let us acknowledge our sinfulness and ask him to forgive us.
- C: **Out of the depths we cry to you, O Lord; O Lord, hear our voices, let your ears be attentive to our cries for mercy. If you kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?**

We confess that we have wandered far from you and have squandered the wealth of your blessings in our lives. When we come to our senses we must return to you and cry: Father, we have sinned against heaven and against you. We are no longer worthy to be called your children. Have mercy on us!

ANNOUNCEMENT OF FORGIVENESS*

- P: Wait for the Lord and place your hope in his Word.
- C: **We wait for the Lord, our souls wait, and in his Word we put our hope.**

* Today's confession and announcement of forgiveness is built off of words from Psalm 130, a penitential Psalm, and Luke 15:11-32, the Parable of the Lost Son.

P: Put your hope in the Lord, for with the Lord is unfailing love, and with him is full redemption. God your heavenly Father says to you, "You are mine. Everything I have is yours. You were dead, but you are alive again. You were lost, but now you are found." He himself has redeemed you from all of your sins, through the innocent suffering and death of his Son, Jesus Christ. Therefore, as his called servant, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Lord our strength, the battle of good and evil rages within and around us, and our ancient foe tempts us with his deceits and empty promises. Keep us steadfast in your Word, and when we fall, raise us up again and restore us through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.



GOD'S WORD

GENESIS 3:1-15

Now the serpent was more crafty than any of the wild animals the LORD God had made. He said to the woman, “Did God really say, ‘You must not eat from any tree in the garden’?”

² *The woman said to the serpent, “We may eat fruit from the trees in the garden, ³ but God did say, ‘You must not eat fruit from the tree that is in the middle of the garden, and you must not touch it, or you will die.’”*

⁴ *“You will not surely die,” the serpent said to the woman. 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 *When the woman saw that the fruit of the tree was good for food and pleasing to the eye, and also desirable for gaining wisdom, she took some and ate it. She also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate it. ⁷ Then the eyes of both of them were opened, and they realized they were naked; so they sewed fig leaves together and made coverings for themselves.*

⁸ *Then the man and his wife heard the sound of the LORD God as he was walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and they hid from the LORD God among the trees of the garden. ⁹ But the LORD God called to the man, “Where are you?”*

¹⁰ *He answered, “I heard you in the garden, and I was afraid because I was naked; so I hid.” ¹¹ And he said, “Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten from the tree that I commanded you not to eat from?” ¹² The man said, “The woman you put here with me—she gave me some fruit from the tree, and I ate it.”*

¹³ *Then the LORD God said to the woman, “What is this you have done?” The woman said, “The serpent deceived me, and I ate.” ¹⁴ So the LORD God said to the serpent, “Because you have done this, “Cursed are you above all the livestock and all the wild animals! You will crawl on your belly and you will eat dust all the days of your life. ¹⁵ And I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and hers; he will crush your head, and you will strike his heel.”*

PSALM 3 (printed on the next page in your service folder)

Psalm 3

Refrain



From the Lord comes de - liv - er - ance,



there - fore we will not fear.

Psalm Tone



O LORD, how many are my foes!
How many rise up against me!
Many are saying of me,
“God will not deliver him.”

But you are a shield around me, O LORD;
you bestow glory on me and lift up my head.
To the LORD I cry aloud,
and he answers me from his holy hill.

Refrain

I lie down and sleep;
I wake again, because the LORD sustains me.
I will not fear the tens of thousands
drawn up against me on ev'ry side.

Arise, O LORD!
Deliver me, O my God!
From the LORD comes deliverance.
May your blessing be on your people.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit,
as it was in the beginning,
is now, and will be forever. Amen.

Refrain

ROMANS 5:12-19

Therefore, just as sin entered the world through one man, and death through sin, and in this way death came to all men, because all sinned—¹³ for before the law was given, sin was in the world. But sin is not taken into account when there is no law. ¹⁴ Nevertheless, death reigned from the time of Adam to the time of Moses, even over those who did not sin by breaking a command, as did Adam, who was a pattern of the one to come.

¹⁵ But the gift is not like the trespass. For if the many died by the trespass of the one man, how much more did God's grace and the gift that came by the grace of the one man, Jesus Christ, overflow to the many! ¹⁶ Again, the gift of God is not like the result of the one man's sin: The judgment followed one sin and brought condemnation, but the gift followed many trespasses and brought justification. ¹⁷ For if, by the trespass of the one man, death reigned through that one man, how much more will those who receive God's abundant provision of grace and of the gift of righteousness reign in life through the one man, Jesus Christ.

¹⁸ Consequently, just as the result of one trespass was condemnation for all men, so also the result of one act of righteousness was justification that brings life for all men. ¹⁹ For just as through the disobedience of the one man the many were made sinners, so also through the obedience of the one man the many will be made righteous.

HYMN OF THE DAY

The Hymn of the Day is assigned to this day because of its rich content and connection to the day's Gospel.

HYMN 200 — A MIGHTY FORTRESS IS OUR GOD
(The children may come forward during verse 3 for the children's devotion)

(printed on the next page)

200

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God



1 A might - y for - tress is our God, A trust - y shield
 2 With might of ours can naught be done; Soon were our loss
 3 Though dev - ils all the world should fill, All ea - ger to
 4 The Word they still shall let re - main, Nor an - y thanks



and weap - on; He helps us free from ev - 'ry need
 ef - effect - ed. But for us fights the val - iant one
 de - vour us, We trem - ble not, we fear no ill;
 have for it; He's by our side up - on the plain



That has us now o'er - tak - en. The old
 Whom God him - self e - lect - ed. You ask,
 They shall not o - ver - pow'r us. This world's
 With his good gifts and Spir - it. And do



e vil foe Now means dead - ly woe;
 "Who is this?" Je - sus Christ it is,
 prince may still Scowl fierce as he will,
 what they will— Hate, steal, hurt, or kill—



Deep guile and great might Are his dread arms in fight;
 The al - might - y Lord. And there's no oth - er God;
 He can harm us none. He's judged; the deed is done!
 Though all may be gone, Our vic - to - ry is won;

On earth is not his e - qual.
 He holds the field for - ev er.
 One lit - tle word can fell him.
 The king - dom's ours for - ev er!

Text: Martin Luther, 1483–1546; tr. composite.

Tune: EIN FESTE BURG (87 87 55 56 7) Martin Luther, 1483–1546.

GOD'S WORD IN OUR LIVES

MATTHEW 4:1-11

THE TEMPTATION OF JESUS

Then Jesus was led by the Spirit into the desert to be tempted by the devil.

² *After fasting forty days and forty nights, he was hungry. ³ The tempter came to him and said, “If you are the Son of God, tell these stones to become bread.”*

⁴ *Jesus answered, “It is written: ‘Man does not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.’”*

⁵ *Then the devil took him to the holy city and had him stand on the highest point of the temple. ⁶ “If you are the Son of God,” he said, “throw yourself down. For it is written: ‘He will command his angels concerning you, and they will lift you up in their hands, so that you will not strike your foot against a stone.’” ⁷ Jesus answered him, “It is also written: ‘Do 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 splendor. ⁹ “All this I will give you,” he said, “if you will bow down and worship me.”*

¹⁰ *Jesus said to him, “Away from me, Satan! For it is written: ‘Worship the Lord your God, and serve him only.’” ¹¹ Then the devil left him, and angels came and attended him.*

CONFESSTION OF FAITH

- P: Living in a world where people believe that the universe was formed through chance and accident, what do you believe?
- C: **I believe in God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth.**
- P: Living in a world where people are confronted with the guilt and punishment of sin, what do you believe Jesus did for you?
- C: **I believe 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 is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty. From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.**
- P: Living in a world where people are without hope and certainty, what do you believe?
- C: **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.**

OFFERING

*Moved by God's love in Christ, the people of Living Shepherd
offer him our first and best gifts, purely out of thanks
to him. To those visiting, you are our guests.
While your gifts are welcome, please
do not feel obligated to give.*

WORSHIP REGISTERS

*Thanks for visiting us today! We'd love to have a record of your visit!
Any information you'd be willing to share would be greatly appreciated!*

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

We pray on behalf of this church as well as on behalf of God's people throughout our nation and the world.

- P: Heavenly Father, you loved the world and gave your Son to liberate us from sin and death by his obedient death on the cross.
- C: **We confess that without your love we are lost.**
- P: Lord of the Church, we thank you for the treasure of the gospel. By your Spirit, keep our eyes fixed on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith.
- C: **Strengthen our determination to do what pleases you, no matter what the danger or the cost.**
- P: Let us pray for those who carry a cross in the name of Christ and face ridicule and persecution for the sake of the kingdom: missionaries and chaplains, young people who stand up for what is right in the face of pressure to do what is wrong, and all who pay a high price for their faith and their values as Christians.
- C: **By your Spirit, O Lord, grant them patience and endurance.**
- P: Let us pray for those who carry heavy burdens in life: the sick and the chronically ill, the depressed and the lonely, those torn by conflict in personal relationships, those victimized by war and injustice, and all who face the terrors of life with a heavy heart.
- C: **Grant them peace, O Lord, and in your mercy, be their guardian and friend, their comfort and hope.**
- P: Let us pray for those who care for others: pastors and counselors; physicians and nurses; social workers and caring friends; all who feed the hungry, comfort the hurting, and stand beside the dying.
- C: **Strengthen them in their work, O Lord, and do not let them become weary in doing good.**
- P: Hear us, Lord, as we bring you our private petitions.

Silent prayer.

P: Help us run with perseverance the race marked out for us. Keep us faithful even to the point of death, that we may receive the crown of life, through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C: **Amen.**

PREFACE

The words of the Preface mark the beginning of the Sacrament section of the service and lift the worshipers' hearts in praise. The opening sentences are among the oldest in the Christian liturgy.

P: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: **We lift them up to the Lord.**

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: **It is right to give him thanks and praise**

P: Praise to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In love he has blessed us with every spiritual blessing. He made his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not only for ours, but also for the sins of the whole world. Now have come the salvation and the power and the kingdom of our God and the authority of his Christ. To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be praise and thanks and honor and glory for ever and ever. And we join to pray as he taught us.

C: **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.**

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

*As he speaks the Words of Institution, the minister both proclaims the words of Jesus to the congregation and sets apart the bread and wine for the Lord's use.
The sign of the cross reminds us of Christ's death.*

- P: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, “Take and eat; this is my (+) body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.”
- P: Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, “Drink from it, all of you; this is my (+) blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me.”

DISTRIBUTION

The Scriptures teach that the celebration of the Lord's Supper connects us intimately with Christ and with one another as Christians who are united around a common confession of faith. In light of our Lord's clear warning concerning His Holy Supper in 1 Corinthians 11:27-29, we ask you take the opportunity to join us in studying what our God has to say concerning this Holy Supper prior to communing. If you wish to come forward at the direction of our usher and have not yet declared fellowship with us, you may do so and will receive a blessing.

BLESSING

*The blessing of Aaron has been spoken over God's people for over 3,500 years.
The Lord said, "So they will put my name on [them],
and I will bless them" [Numbers 6:27].*

- P: The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look on you with favor and give you peace.
- C: Amen

CLOSING HYMN

HYMN 726 — CHRIST, THE LORD OF HOSTS, UNSHAKEN

(printed on pages 18 and 19)



1 Christ, the Lord of hosts, un - shak - en
2 Mi - chael fought the heav'n - ly bat - tle,
3 Long on earth the bat - tle rag - es,
4 Je - sus came, this word ful - fill - ing,
5 Swift as light - ning falls the ty - rant
6 Je - sus, send your an - gel le - gions



By the dev - il's seeth - ing rage,
God ly an - gels by his side;
Since the ser - pent's first de - ceit
Tram pled Sa - tan, death de - fied;
From his heav'n - ly perch on high,
When the foe would us en - slave.



Thwarts the plan of Sa - tan's min - ions;
Warred a - gainst the an - cient ser - pent,
Twist ed God's com - mand to Ad - am,
Bore the brunt of our temp - ta - tion,
As the word of Je - sus' vic - t'ry
Hold us fast when sin as - saults us;



Wins the strife from age to age;
Foiled the beast, so full of pride,
Made for - bid - den fruit look sweet.
On the wretch - ed tree he died.
Floods the earth and fills the sky.
Come then, Lord, your peo - ple save.

Con - quers sin and death for - ev - er;
 Cast him earth - bound with his an - gels;
 Then the curse of God was spok - en:
 Yet to life was raised vic - to - rious;
 Wound - ed by a wound e - ter - nal
 O - ver - throw at last the drag - on;

 Slams them in their steel - y cage.
 Now he prowls, un - sat - is - fied.
 "You'll lie crushed be - neath his feet!"
 By his life our life sup - plied.
 Now his judg - ment has drawn nigh!
 Send him to his fier - y grave.

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WELCOME!

We welcome everyone here today and thank you for joining us for Worship! We hope that you will join us again soon.

TREATS FROM SWEETS BAKERY AND COFFEE!

We hope you can stick around after worship to join us for some treats from Sweets Bakery and some freshly brewed coffee!

PLAN FOR MIDWEEK WORSHIP DURING LENT

Continuing this week we'll have worship on Wednesday evenings at 6:30 PM. Worship will be held on Wednesday evenings concluding on April 5th. We still need a few people to sign up for soup suppers. Look for a sign-up sheet in the café!

BIBLE STUDY CONTINUES THIS WEEK

After worship we'll continue an interactive Bible Study through the Gospel of John. This study will run through April 9th (Palm Sunday). Children are welcome to join us for the video of John's Gospel and then will move to the café for Sunday school. Plan to join us!

PASTOR'S CALL TO MICHIGAN

Following worship, pastor will share some information about the Divine Call he received to serve in Michigan.

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