

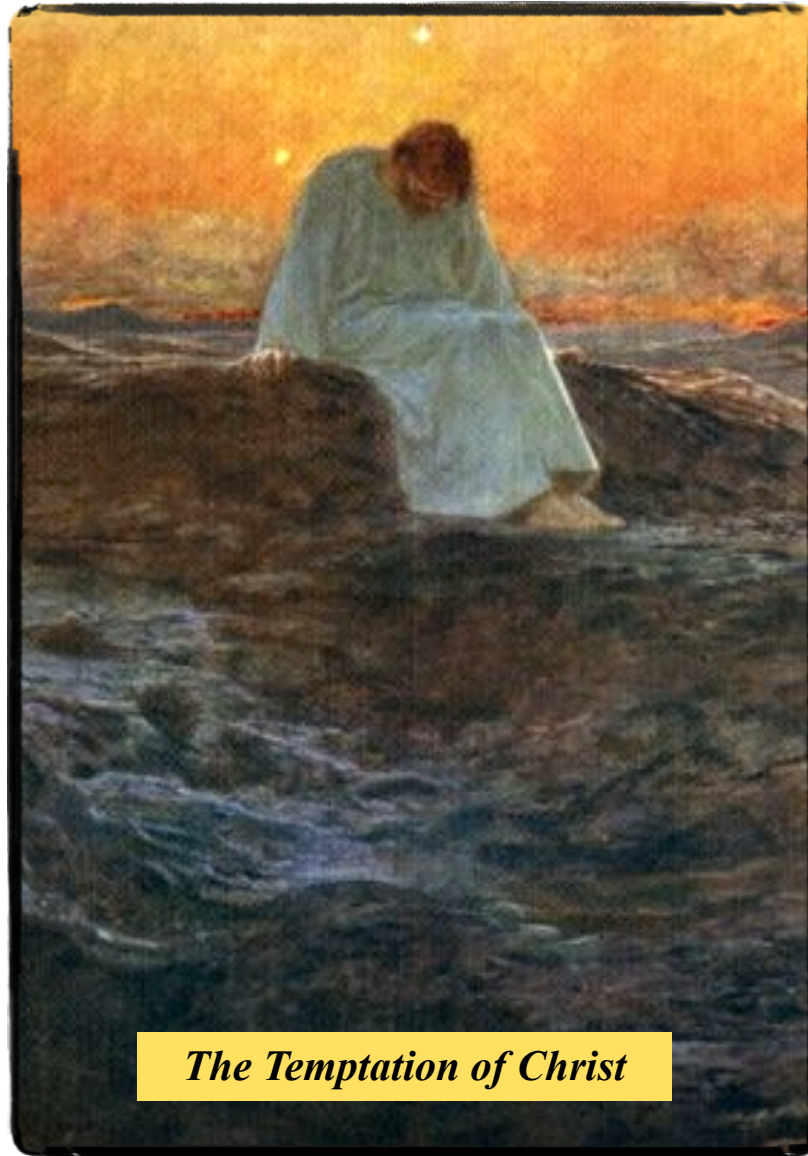
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+++ **1st Sunday in Lent – February 26, 2023** +++

Serving Us At God's House Today

Organist: Suzannah Miller

Ushers: Mark Hartmeister, Ed Chiappetti

Order of Worship: Service of the Word

(printed on insert inside front cover of maroon hymnal)

- ◆ Pre-Service Devotion: Psalm 26 (pew bible, p.493)
- ◆ The Hymns: 903, 562, 556 (1-6), 556 (7-8)
- ◆ Scripture Lessons: Genesis 2:7-9,15-17, 3:1-7; Romans 5:12-17
- ◆ Psalm of the Day: From Psalm 130
- ◆ Confession of Faith: The Apostles' Creed (liturgy insert, p.15)

Sermon Text – Matthew 4:1-11

In Our Place Jesus Overcame Temptation

1. To stop trusting God.
2. To put God to the test.
3. To worship a false god.

- ◆ Offering of Thankful Hearts
- ◆ Prayer & Lord's Prayer
- ◆ Benediction
- ◆ Closing Hymn: 556, stanzas 7-8

Today's Scriptures

First Lesson – Genesis 2:7-9,15-17, 3:1-15

2:7 The LORD God formed the man from the dust of the ground and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life, and the man became a living being. 8 Now the LORD God had planted a garden in the east, in Eden; and there he put the man he had formed. 9 And the LORD God made all kinds of trees grow out of the ground—trees that were pleasing to the eye and good for food. In the middle of the garden were the tree of life and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. | 15 The LORD God took the man and put him in the Garden of Eden to work it and take care of it. 16 And the LORD God commanded the man, “You are free to eat from any tree in the garden; 17 but you must not eat from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, for when you eat of it you will surely die.” | 3:1 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 of the Day – From Psalm 130

P Out of the depths I cry to you, O Lord:
C **O Lord, hear my voice.**
P Let your ears be attentive:
C **To my cry for mercy.**
P If you, O Lord, kept a record of sins:
C **O Lord, who could stand?**

P But with you there is forgiveness:

C Therefore you are feared.

P I wait for the Lord, my soul waits, and in his word I put my hope:

C My soul waits for the Lord more than watchmen wait for the morning.

P O Israel, put your hope in the Lord:

C For with the Lord is unfailing love, and with him is full redemption.

Second Lesson – Romans 5:12-19

12 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.

Sermon Text – Matthew 4:1-11

1 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.

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A Warm Welcome to Our Worship Guests!

It is our prayer that your faith is strengthened today by the preaching of our Lord's pure Word and by the psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs that our Scripture-based liturgy offers every week. St. Paul is a member of the Church of the Lutheran Confession (CLC). The CLC is represented by congregations throughout the United States and Canada, with affiliated churches in Africa, India, and neighboring nations. All of our churches confess the Bible to be the inspired and unerring Word of God. We invite our Guests to record their visit by signing the Guestbook and to come worship with us again.

This Week at St. Paul

Today (2/26)	9:30 am	Worship Service
	10:45 am	Sunday School & Bible Class
Wed	7:00 pm	Wednesday Lenten Service
Sun (3/5)	9:30 am	Worship Service
	10:45 am	Sunday School
	10:45 am	Holy Land Slide Presentation (<i>see note below</i>)

Extended Calendar

- Wed. Lenten Services: Mar. 1, 8, 15, 22, 29, 7:00 pm
- Choir Practices: March 19, 26; April 2, 16, 8:30 am
- Palm Sunday Brunch: Sunday, April 2, served by the men
- Front Range Mission Festival Service, hosted by St. Paul: Sunday, April 23, **11:00 am** (Choir: 9:30 am; Bible Class: 10:00 am; Meal: 12:00 noon). Guest speaker: Pastor David Reim of Vernon BC, Canada

Our Midweek Lenten Service Schedule continues this Wednesday, March 1. Pastor Ben Libby of Redeemer, Cheyenne, will conduct the service at St. Paul. This year's theme is *"Our Savior's Sorrows Foreshadowed in the Psalms."* This week's psalm prophecy: *"Jesus Will Be Deserted by His Friends"* (Psalm 38:10-12). See the poster on the door in the narthex for the full listing.

Special Event Next Sunday

Israel Trip 2023 Slide Presentation, after the worship service, by Mike Sprengeler, in the downstairs fellowship hall. Mike was a participant along with son John on the recent CLC Holy Land Tour. Come, and bring a friend!

March Birthday Blessings To . . .

Dennis Roberson, Mar 7	Norman Ross, Mar 18
Carly Mess, Mar 15	Lance Clark, Mar 25
Velma Clark, Mar 16	

Time Change Alert: Daylight savings time begins in two weeks, on Sunday, March 12.

Church Directory: It's that time of year to update our St. Paul Directory. Please check your 2022 Directory contact information to ensure it is current. Share with pastor any changes that need to be made. Thank you!

Synod News & Notes

- **Eau Claire WI** – The Tour Choir of Immanuel Lutheran High School, College, and Seminary will be offering a series of fourteen special concerts from March 5-26, 2023 at locations in Texas and the Midwest. Visit tourchoir.org online for updated information on the choir's upcoming schedule. ◊ The concerts will be presented as choral worship services including anthems, hymns, and Scripture. Themed around the traditional Christian hours of daily prayer, the service will focus on Jesus' presence in our lives "every passing hour." Music will include classic works by Hubert Parry, J. S. Bach, Franz Joseph Haydn, and Orlando di Lasso as well as familiar hymns such as *Abide with Me*, *Jesus Loves Me*, *It Is Well with My Soul*, and others. The approximate duration of the service is 90 minutes including an intermission. ◊ The tour choir is made up of 24 students representing both the high school and college departments of Immanuel Lutheran. ◊ Immanuel Lutheran College (ilc.edu) is the higher educational institution of the Church of the Lutheran Confession (CLC). It consists of three departments. In the high school, young people can transition into adulthood by being a part of the Immanuel experience. The college offers four-year degrees in education and theology, as well as a two-year Associate of Arts degree. The seminary prepares young men to serve as well-prepared candidates for the preaching ministry in our CLC congregations and in various domestic and world missions. (standard press release)
- **Commissioning Service** – "On Sunday March 12, Pastor Bruce Naumann will be commissioned as our CLC missionary to Tanzania. During the weekend of the CLC Grade School Basketball Tournament in Eau Claire, WI there will be three church services at Messiah: Saturday at 5 and 6:30 pm, and Sunday at 9 am. We will have a guest speaker for the weekend services, with the actual commissioning taking place on Sunday morning. Missionary Todd Ohlmann will present an overview of CLC foreign missions for the Bible class hour (Saturday at 7:45 pm and Sunday at 10:15 am). On Sunday this will be followed by a cake and coffee reception. All are welcome to join in sending Missionary Naumann to his field of service with our prayers and support. In His service, Nathanael Mayhew, CLC Board of Missions, Secretary"
- **"CLC Youth Camp 2023** will be held at Pillager MN from June 11-17. Registration opens March 18 at 3pm CST for campers entering Grades 6-12. More information can be found at <https://youthcampclc.wixsite.com/camp>. Email youthcamp.clc@gmail.com with any questions." (Sam Rademacher & Amber Casto)

Daily Bible Readings for Home Devotions (February 27 – March 4 '23)

Mon Matthew 16:21-23 God's way of saving lost mankind is far beyond what the human mind would devise! The temptation to enter His reign without the suffering was also presented to Jesus by Satan when he offered to give Him all the kingdoms of the world if He would just bow down to him (Mt4:9-10).

Tues Matthew 16:24-26 Following Jesus does not bring the promise of earthly gain, honor, or fame, but rather the cross – and resurrection from the dead and life without end. Let us then not be tempted to give up the life He has given us for the life that the world offers.

Wed Luke 22:39-46 As Jesus prays on the Mount of Olives, He knows the betrayal, mockery, suffering, and death that lie ahead for Him and receives strength from above. He also knows of the temptations that lie ahead for His disciples and repeatedly urges them to pray that they may not enter into temptation.

Thurs Hebrews 4:15-16 Jesus knows what it is to be tempted, although He never succumbed to it. But He was tempted as we are and triumphed for us, turning God's judgment seat into a throne of grace for us, where we receive mercy and help in time of need.

Fri Genesis 22:1-8 When Satan tests us, he wants us to stumble and fall. When God tests His children, it is to exercise their faith and strengthen their spiritual "muscles." So He also tested Abraham, the father of believers, asking Him to love God's Word even more than His dear son Isaac. Abraham sets out at once to follow God's direction.

Sat Genesis 22:9-14 Abraham fears and loves God even when he may not understand how God will carry out His promises if he does what God says. Abraham also trusts that God can even raise his son Isaac from the dead if that is what it takes to keep His promises and, in effect, this is what happens (Hb11:19).