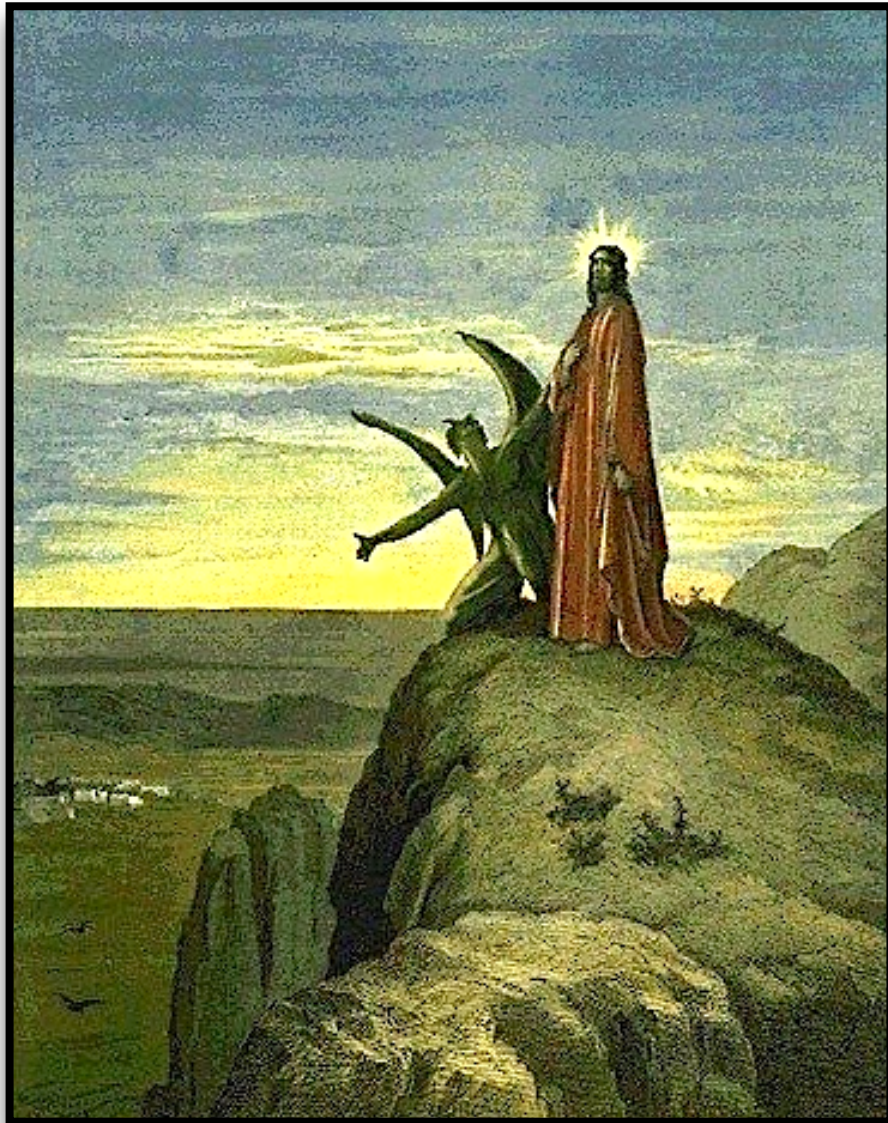


# St. Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church

– Church of the Lutheran Confession –  
Lakewood, Colorado



*The Temptation of Christ*

**1st Sunday in Lent**  
**March 6, 2022**

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### **Order of Worship: Service of Word & Sacrament**

(printed on insert inside front cover of maroon hymnal)

Serving Us At God's House Today

Organist: Jeana Kettner – Usher: Don Claeys

- ◆ Pre-Service Devotion: Psalm 27 (pew bible, p.493)
- ◆ The Hymns: 684, 421 (1-4), 637, 919
- ◆ Scripture Lessons: 1 Peter 5:6-11, John 8:31-44
- ◆ Psalm of the Day: From Psalm 91
- ◆ Confession of Faith: Nicene Creed (last page of liturgy insert)

### **Sermon Text – Luke 4:1-13**

#### ***Learn from Jesus How To Defeat Satan's Power***

1. Recognize Satan's tactics.
2. Use Scripture as a weapon.

- ◆ Presentation of the Offering
- ◆ Altar Prayer & Lord's Prayer
- ◆ Communion Liturgy (liturgy insert, pp.17-21)
- ◆ Benediction & Closing Hymn (919)

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Large print bulletins are available on the shelf by  
the tract rack or by request from an usher.

## Today's Scriptures

### First Lesson – 1 Peter 5:6-11

6 Humble yourselves, therefore, under God's mighty hand, that he may lift you up in due time. 7 Cast all your anxiety on him because he cares for you. 8 Be self-controlled and alert. Your enemy the devil prowls around like a roaring lion looking for someone to devour. 9 Resist him, standing firm in the faith, because you know that your brothers throughout the world are undergoing the same kind of sufferings. 10 And the God of all grace, who called you to his eternal glory in Christ, after you have suffered a little while, will himself restore you and make you strong, firm and steadfast. 11 To him be the power for ever and ever. Amen.

### Psalm of the Day – From Psalm 91

P He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High:

**C Will rest in the shadow of the Almighty.**

P I will say of the LORD:

**C "He is my refuge and my fortress: my God, in whom I trust."**

P You will not fear the terror of night:

**C Nor the arrow that flies by day.**

P If you make the Most High your dwelling:

**C Then no harm will befall you, no disaster will come near your tent.**

P For he will command his angels concerning you:

**C To guard you in all your ways.**

P They will lift you up in their hands:

**C So that you will not strike your foot against a stone.**

### Second Lesson – John 8:31-44

31 To the Jews who had believed him, Jesus said, "If you hold to my teaching, you are really my disciples. 32 Then you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free." 33 They answered him, "We are Abraham's descendants and have never been slaves of anyone. How can you say that we shall be set free?" 34 Jesus replied, "I tell you the truth, everyone who sins is a slave to sin. 35 Now a slave has no permanent place in the family, but a son belongs to it forever. 36 So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed. 37 I know you are Abraham's descendants. Yet you are ready to kill me, because you have no room for my word. 38 I am telling you what I have seen in the Father's presence, and you do what you have heard from your father." 39 "Abraham is our father," they answered. "If you were Abraham's children," said Jesus, "then you would do the things Abraham did. 40 As it is, you are determined to kill me, a man who has told you the truth that I heard from God. Abraham did not do such things. 41 You are doing the things your own father does." "We are not illegitimate children," they

protested. “The only Father we have is God himself.”<sup>42</sup> Jesus said to them, “If God were your Father, you would love me, for I came from God and now am here. I have not come on my own; but he sent me. <sup>43</sup> Why is my language not clear to you? Because you are unable to hear what I say. <sup>44</sup> You belong to your father, the devil, and you want to carry out your father’s desire. He was a murderer from the beginning, not holding to the truth, for there is no truth in him. When he lies, he speaks his native language, for he is a liar and the father of lies.

### **Sermon Text – Luke 4:1-13**

1 Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the desert, 2 where for forty days he was tempted by the devil. He ate nothing during those days, and at the end of them he was hungry. 3 The devil said to him, “If you are the Son of God, tell this stone to become bread.” 4 Jesus answered, “It is written: ‘Man does not live on bread alone.’” 5 The devil led him up to a high place and showed him in an instant all the kingdoms of the world. 6 And he said to him, “I will give you all their authority and splendor, for it has been given to me, and I can give it to anyone I want to. 7 So if you worship me, it will all be yours.” 8 Jesus answered, “It is written: ‘Worship the Lord your God and serve him only.’” 9 The devil led him to Jerusalem and had him stand on the highest point of the temple. “If you are the Son of God,” he said, “throw yourself down from here. 10 For it is written: “‘He will command his angels concerning you to guard you carefully; 11 they will lift you up in their hands, so that you will not strike your foot against a stone.’” 12 Jesus answered, “It says: ‘Do not put the Lord your God to the test.’” 13 When the devil had finished all this tempting, he left him until an opportune time.

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**A Warm Welcome in Christ to our Worship Guests.** We are glad for the opportunity to share with you the Gospel of forgiveness through Jesus! Please introduce yourself to the pastor and sign our guest book. We invite you to come worship with us again. If you would like to know more about St. Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church and our national organization, the Church of the Lutheran Confession, please speak with the pastor. He will be happy to call on you to share our confession and mission with you.

### **This Week at St. Paul**

Today (3/6)	9:30 am	Worship Service with Holy Communion
	10:45 am	Sunday School & Bible Class
Wed (3/9)	7:00 pm	Wednesday Lenten Service
Sun (3/13)	8:30 am	Elders' Meeting
	9:30 am	Worship Service
	10:45 am	Sunday School & Bible Class

**Our Current Sunday Adult Bible Study Topic** is Lesson 16 from study course *“Learn from Me”* on the subject of *“Prayer.”* In this we will consider “the elements of prayers,” wrong and right kinds of prayer, and we will undertake a study of the cream of all prayers: *The Lord’s Prayer.*

**Our Midweek Lenten Service Schedule** continues this Wednesday, March 9. Our theme this year is *“Meditating On Our Lord’s Passion Through Hymns.”* Conducting the service this week: Pastor Timothy Wheaton.

**Time Change Alert:** Daylight savings time begins next Sunday, March 13. Remember to spring ahead one hour!

**March Birthday Blessings To:** Dennis Roberson, Mar 7      Norman Ross, Mar 18  
Velma Clark, Mar 16      Lance Clark, Mar 25

### **Synod News & Notes**

- Mrs. Dawn Mayhew, a member of Redeemer Lutheran Church, Cheyenne, has accepted the call to be the teacher and principal of Redeemer Lutheran School. <> Mrs. Becky Buck, a member of Messiah Lutheran Church, Eau Claire WI, has accepted the call to be the 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> grade teacher at Messiah Lutheran School.
- The Traveling Vacation Bible School Committee is making plans for our summer TVBS program. If your congregation is looking for help in hosting Vacation Bible School in your congregation, please contact us as soon as possible with a proposed date for your session and we’ll include that date in our summer plans. The deadline for requests is April 4. Please note this year we are only planning to send teaching teams. If this is something you plan on speaking with your congregation about, a quick reply stating that you are “interested and looking into it” is very helpful for planning purposes as we begin seeking volunteers soon. ++ The Committee is also looking for congregations willing to support the TVBS effort by either sponsoring or adopting a program in a sister congregation. Several congregations have helped in these ways and have found that both congregations benefit from this fellowship. The TVBS committee deeply appreciates the help we receive from congregations, ladies' groups, and individuals of the CLC who support the TVBS program with their prayers and donations. ++ You can find out more about the TVBS program and find contact information at [www.clctvbs.org](http://www.clctvbs.org) or by contacting Ryan Hammett at [hammettr@gmail.com](mailto:hammettr@gmail.com).

## Daily Bible Readings for Home Devotions March 7-12

**Mon 1 Samuel 17:4-11,32-40,45-49** presents highlights of a solemn chapter in God's history book. Goliath was gigantic, heavily armed, and a braggart. In contrast, David directed attention away from himself and praised the LORD. No contest; Goliath was a dead man walking, and the ground shook when he toppled face-down in the dirt. With might of ours can naught be done, while God used a lad from Bethlehem to bring down the monster.

**Tues Luke 4:1-13** The God-Man from Bethlehem was put to the test by a greater monster, and Jesus won each skirmish, for God outclasses Satan. The primary purpose of this clash was to show Satan who was Boss; secondarily, it's a show-and-tell demonstration of how to win our own spiritual frays: use God's Word intelligently, wielding the sword of the Spirit against Satan.

**Wed Hebrews 4:14-16** Jesus is Ultimate, superior in more ways than one. Here Jesus is displayed as the ultimate High Priest, the one who intercedes for us *before the throne of grace*. But does He understand us and *sympathize with our weaknesses*? YES, for He too was tested by Satan, but He deflected every attack and stood His ground. Thank You, dear Savior!

**Thurs 1 Samuel 18:1-16** *David behaved wisely in all his ways*—which says a lot. Being best friends with Prince Jonathan may have looked suspicious (1-5), and being a five-star general with his “boots on the ground” made King Saul envious (6-9). David had to toe a fine line between soldiering and relaxing (10-13), and that's why he entered every situation in life thoughtfully. He soon became a national hero (14-16) . . . so what could go wrong?

**Fri Matthew 4:1-11** When Jesus fended off Satan by steadfast devotion to His (and our) cause, it was a significant set-back for Satan, who backed off temporarily. Jesus *behaved wisely in all His ways* (we could say), for He had miles to go before Good Friday and the cross. There He was crucified for our sins, thus putting an end to the demands of God's Law (and Satan's claim on our souls). He descended into hell to prove He had beaten Satan, and He arose from the grave on Easter morning to prove our salvation was secure.

**Sat Hebrews 5:1-9** Other men became priests by the process of election, but the Father in heaven selected His Son to be High Priest both as Servant and as Champion (5-6). Besides, Jesus went beyond all others in His compassion for sinners. It was not an easy assignment, but Jesus put Himself into harness to become *the author of eternal salvation* (7-9). [BTW, the Greek language has no indefinite article (like our *a/an*), so v. 8 should read: “. . . *though He was Son, yet He learned* . . . “ Folks who don't believe that Jesus is truly God are not yielding to John 1:1-14, 5:19-30, 6:38-40, 9:58, etc, etc.]