



BAPTISM, TEMPTATION, & THE
MISSION OF GOD

Mark 1:9-15

*First Lutheran Church
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With Readings for the 1st Sunday in Lent*

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WELCOME! We hope that this service will be a blessing to you.

THE SERVICE BEGINS

P We begin this service IN THE NAME OF THE FATHER:

C O Loving God, you gave your only Son to die for us, that whoever believes in Him may have eternal life;

P AND OF THE SON:

C O Jesus, our Lord, you humbled yourself, and became obedient unto death - even the death of the cross;

P AND OF THE HOLY SPIRIT:

C O Holy Spirit, guide us into all truth, and remind us of everything Jesus has taught us. Amen.

OPENING SONG: “In the Hour of Trial”

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WE CONFESS

P Let us confess our sin and griefs, and hear the comfort of the Lord.

C O Lord, we have often given in to temptation. We have often been weak under pressure, and because of fear or flattery, we have disobeyed you. We ask you of your great mercy, to forgive us, to make us whole, to draw us near to you, and to strengthen us for the next time we are tempted.

WE HEAR THE GOOD NEWS OF SALVATION

P Our savior is able to sympathize with our weakness, for He too was tempted by the devil. In the wilderness, Satan encouraged Jesus to use his power for himself, instead of for others. And when He was dying, some tempted Him to come down off the cross. Had He given in, we would have been lost! But He prayed, “Father, not my will, but Thine be done.” And thus strengthened, He gave himself into death for our sins. In His name, I declare to you that Jesus Christ has made full satisfaction for all your sins. Your guilt is removed. You are clean and pure, and standing in the presence of God. The peace of the Lord be with you always!

C And also with you.

SHARING OF THE PEACE

PRAYER OF THE DAY

FIRST READING:**Genesis 22:1-18**

¹After these things God tested Abraham and said to him, "Abraham!" And he said, "Here I am." ²He said, "Take your son, your only son Isaac, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah, and offer him there as a burnt offering on one of the mountains of which I shall tell you." ³So Abraham rose early in the morning, saddled his donkey, and took two of his young men with him, and his son Isaac. And he cut the wood for the burnt offering and arose and went to the place of which God had told him. ⁴On the third day Abraham lifted up his eyes and saw the place from afar. ⁵Then Abraham said to his young men, "Stay here with the donkey; I and the boy will go over there and worship and come again to you." ⁶And Abraham took the wood of the burnt offering and laid it on Isaac his son. And he took in his hand the fire and the knife. So they went both of them together. ⁷And Isaac said to his father Abraham, "My father!" And he said, "Here I am, my son." He said, "Behold, the fire and the wood, but where is the lamb for a burnt offering?" ⁸Abraham said, "God will provide for himself the lamb for a burnt offering, my son." So they went both of them together. ⁹When they came to the place of which God had told him, Abraham built the altar there and laid the wood in order and bound Isaac his son and laid him on the altar, on top of the wood. ¹⁰Then Abraham reached out his hand and took the knife to slaughter his son. ¹¹But the angel of the Lord called to him from heaven and said, "Abraham, Abraham!" And he said, "Here I am." ¹²He said, "Do not lay your hand on the boy or do anything to him, for now I know that you fear God, seeing you have not withheld your son, your only son, from me." ¹³And Abraham lifted up his eyes and looked, and behold, behind him was a ram, caught in a thicket by his horns. And Abraham went and took the ram and offered it up as a burnt offering instead of his son. ¹⁴So Abraham called the name of that place, "The Lord will provide"; as it is said to this day, "On the mount of the Lord it shall be provided." ¹⁵And the angel of the Lord called to Abraham a second time from heaven ¹⁶and said, "By myself I have sworn, declares the Lord, because you have done this and have not withheld your son, your only son, ¹⁷I will surely bless you, and I will surely multiply your offspring as the stars of heaven and as the sand that is on the seashore. And your offspring shall possess the gate of his enemies,

¹⁸and in your offspring shall all the nations of the earth be blessed, because you have obeyed my voice.”

P The Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

PSALM 25:1-10 (Read by whole verse)

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SECOND READING:

James 1:12-18

¹²Blessed is the man who remains steadfast under trial, for when he has stood the test he will receive the crown of life, which God has promised to those who love him. ¹³Let no one say when he is tempted, “I am being tempted by God,” for God cannot be tempted with evil, and he himself tempts no one. ¹⁴But each person is tempted when he is lured and enticed by his own desire. ¹⁵Then desire when it has conceived gives birth to sin, and sin when it is fully grown brings forth death. ¹⁶Do not be deceived, my beloved brothers. ¹⁷Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change. ¹⁸Of his own will he brought us forth by the word of truth, that we should be a kind of firstfruits of his creatures.

P The Word of the Lord. **C** Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL:

Mark 1:9-15

⁹In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. ¹⁰And when he came up out of the water, immediately he saw the heavens being torn open and the Spirit descending on him like a dove. ¹¹And a voice came from heaven, “You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased.” ¹²The Spirit immediately drove him out into the wilderness. ¹³And he was in the wilderness forty days, being tempted by Satan. And he was with the wild animals, and the angels were ministering to him. ¹⁴Now after John was arrested, Jesus came into Galilee, proclaiming the gospel of God, ¹⁵and saying, “The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand; repent and believe in the gospel.”

P The Gospel of the Lord. **C** Thanks be to God.

SERMON: PASTOR PHIL GRONBACH

SONG: “You Satisfy the Hungry Heart” vv.1-3

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THE PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

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WE PREPARE FOR HOLY COMMUNION

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.

THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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POST COMMUNION PRAYER

THE BENEDICTION

P When Jesus instituted Holy Communion at the Last Supper, He promised His disciples that one day they would again feast together in the kingdom of heaven.

C Dear Lord, keep us steadfast in faith until that day!

P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

C Amen.

CLOSING SONG: "You Satisfy the Hungry Heart" vv. 4-5 **WOV 711**

P Go in peace! Serve the Lord!

C Thanks be to God!

Next Week's Readings:

Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16; Psalm 22:23-31; Romans 5:1-11;

Mark 8:27-38

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Attendance Last Week: Saturday 2/13:16

Sunday, 2/14: 26

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BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS!!!

Val Norris 2/20

Gunner Chastain 2/22/2008

Layla Mielke 2/24/18

Allen Klus 2/25/2000

Wyatt Mielke 2/26/2014

Kailey Haberkamp 2/28/2011

Peggy Wince 2/29

ANNIVERSARY BLESSINGS!!!

Randal & Angela Nelson 2/20/1993

Steve & June May 2/27/1974

LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF PERSONAL CARE KITS

Please consider purchasing some dark bath towels or a few bars of soap (3 – 4 oz. each) to help those in need. The other items have been donated or purchased with a Thrivent gift card. These kits will be blessed before going to their next destination, a third world country. There is a box in the narthex and a small group will be assembling them in March. Please have your donations to the church by March 16th.

MIDWEEK LENTEN SERVICES:

We will be having in-church Lenten services at 6:30pm each Wednesday for Lent. The theme is:

“THE MISSION OF CHRIST’S CHURCH”

We will focus on the themes of the Workshop in Preparation for Calling a Pastor which our congregation participated in during December: “The Mission of Christ’s Church”.

- February 24 – The Church: Status Quo or Mission
- March 4 – The Church: Division or Unity
- March 11 – The Ministry of Church and Pastor
- March 17 – Church Guidance: Listen to God or Listen to Self
- March 24 – Church Decisions: Thy Will be Done or
My Will be Done



PASTOR PHIL’S ON-LINE BIBLE STUDY

You are invited to join Pastor Phil Gronbach for a Zoom meeting Bible study of the Book of Acts. There are two meeting times offered: Mondays at 7pm and Tuesdays at 9am. Please share with Dianna the email address that you would like to use for the zoom meetings.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS:

Sunday 2/21: Join us for coffee in the Fellowship hall.

Monday 2/22: Clothes Closet Open, 12-1:30pm.

Tuesday 2/23: Food Pantry Set-up, 9:30am; dist., 12-2pm.

Wednesday 2/24: Confirmation Class, 4pm;

Midweek Lenten Service, 6:30pm.

Thursday 2/25: Wittenberg Door, Pastor's Fellowship, 10am.

Saturday 2/27: Worship Service, 5:30pm.

Sunday 2/28: Worship Service, 9am.

Please keep in your daily prayers all people in need, including:

- Louie Mielke had a CT scan and will be seeing his pulmonologist.
- Jackie Conner, Jo Boehmer's niece, who is going through chemo for pancreatic cancer.
- Elaine Sheets, Peggy Veach's sister is having adverse effects from the CoVid vaccine and not doing so good.
- Pray for our next Pastor as they listen to God's leading and our patience to wait.
- All those who are not able to worship with us because they are in health care facilities or homebound: Ina Koehler, Nancy Bakanas and George Vodden.
- All pregnant women and the babies they are carrying.
- All those who are suffering physical or mental illness, and their families, caregivers, and medical teams.
- Animals that are out in the cold.
- Our church and its activities, and all Christian churches.
- The NALC, NALS, the Great Rivers Mission District, all Christian churches, and our partners in SC and PA.
- All who are providing essential services during the pandemic, and all who are affected by it.
- May God bless America, our president, elected leaders, police officers, first responders, and military personnel, that they hear, and receive God's guidance and protection.