

1st Sunday of Lent

March 9th, 2025

Liturgy: WS p. 12

A collage of four vertical panels showing a desert landscape at sunset or sunrise. The sky is a mix of blue, orange, and yellow. The ground is rocky and arid. A central yellow-bordered box contains the text:

*Tempted*  
as we are  
yet  
*without*  
sin.



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## ✠ Opening Prayer ✠

Hymn: TLH #149

"Come to Calvary's Holy Mountain"

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

### Confession of Our Sins

**P** Pastor

**C** Congregation

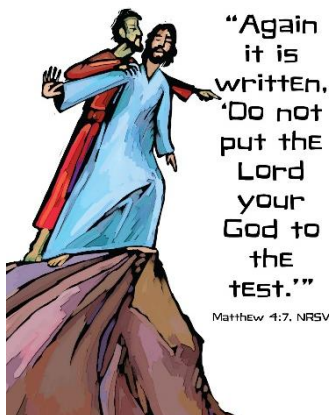
*We come before God recognizing that we are sinful & need His forgiveness.*

- P** We have come into the presence of God, who created us to love and serve Him as His dear children. But we have disobeyed Him and deserve only His wrath and punishment. Therefore, let us confess our sins to Him and plead for His mercy.

- C** Merciful Father in heaven, I am altogether sinful from birth. In countless ways I have sinned against You and do not deserve to be called Your child. But trusting in Jesus, my Savior, I pray: Have mercy on me according to Your unfailing love. Cleanse me from my sin and take away my guilt.

- P** God, our heavenly Father, has forgiven all your sins. By the perfect life and innocent death of our Lord Jesus Christ, He has removed your guilt forever. You are His own dear child. May God give you strength to live according to His will!

- C** Amen!



### The Kyrie & The Gloria Patri

*Latin for "Lord, Have Mercy" and "Glory be to the Father"*





C: 1 Glo - ry to God, we give You thanks and praise;  
 2 Lord Je - sus Christ, the Fa - ther's on - ly Son,  
 3 A - lone, O Christ, You on - ly are the Lord,



Of heav'n - ly joy and peace on earth we sing.  
 You bore for us the load of this world's sin.  
 At God's right hand in maj - es - ty most high:



We wor - ship You, to You our hearts we raise,  
 O Lamb of God, Your glo - rious vic - t'ry won,  
 Who, with the Spir - it wor - shiped and a - dored,



Lord God, al - might - y Fa - ther, heav'n - ly King.  
 Re - ceive our prayer, grant us Your peace with - in.  
 With all the heav'n - ly host we glo - ri - fy.

## Collect Prayer of the Day

*A prayer to God that collects together the thoughts and theme of the day.*

**P** O Lord God, You led Your ancient people through the wilderness and brought them to the promised land. Guide the people of Your Church that following our Savior we may walk through the wilderness of this world toward the glory of the world to come; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**G** Amen.



### Genesis 3:1-21

Now the serpent was more crafty than any other beast of the field that the LORD God had made. He said to the woman, "Did God actually say, 'You shall not eat of any tree in the garden'?" <sup>2</sup> And the woman said to the serpent, "We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden, <sup>3</sup> but God said, 'You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the midst of the garden, neither shall you touch

it, lest you die." <sup>4</sup> But the serpent said to the woman, "You will not surely die. <sup>5</sup> For God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil." <sup>6</sup> So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate, and she also gave some to her husband who was with her, and he ate. <sup>7</sup> Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked. And they sewed fig leaves together and made themselves loincloths. <sup>8</sup> And they heard the sound of the LORD God walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the LORD God among the trees of the garden. <sup>9</sup> But the LORD God called to the man and said to him, "Where are you?" <sup>10</sup> And he said, "I heard the sound of you in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked, and I hid myself." <sup>11</sup> He said, "Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten of the tree of which I commanded you not to eat?" <sup>12</sup> The man said, "The woman whom you gave to be with me, she gave me fruit of the tree, and I ate." <sup>13</sup> Then the LORD God said to the woman, "What is this that you have done?" The woman said, "The serpent deceived me, and I ate." <sup>14</sup> The LORD God said to the serpent, "Because you have done this, cursed are you above all livestock and above all beasts of the field; on your belly you shall go, and dust you shall eat all the days of your life. <sup>15</sup> I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and her offspring; he shall bruise your head, and you shall bruise his heel." <sup>16</sup> To the woman he said, "I will surely multiply your pain in childbearing; in pain you shall bring forth children. Your desire shall be contrary to your husband, but he shall rule over you." <sup>17</sup> And to Adam he said, "Because you have listened to the voice of your wife and have eaten of the tree of which I commanded you, 'You shall not eat of it,' cursed is the ground because of you; in pain you shall eat of it all the days of your life; <sup>18</sup> thorns and thistles it shall bring forth for you; and you shall eat the plants of the field. <sup>19</sup> By the sweat of your face you

shall eat bread, till you return to the ground, for out of it you were taken; for you are dust, and to dust you shall return." <sup>20</sup> The man called his wife's name Eve, because she was the mother of all living. <sup>21</sup> And the LORD God made for Adam and for his wife garments of skins and clothed them.



## Hebrews 4:14-16

Since then we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession. <sup>15</sup> For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin. <sup>16</sup> Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

**P** Blessed are they who hear the Word of God and keep it.

**🎵** *Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!*

***These words are written that we may believe that  
Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God.  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!***

## Confession of Faith

*The Apostles' Creed*

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### I BELIEVE...

**in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth;**

**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.**

**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.**

**Hymn: TLH #262**

*"A Mighty Fortress Is Our God"*



## Luke 4:1-13

Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the wil-

derness, <sup>2</sup>where he was tempted by the Devil for forty days. He did not eat anything during those days. When they came to an end, he was hungry. <sup>3</sup>The Devil said to him, "If you are the Son of God, tell this stone to become bread." <sup>4</sup>Jesus answered him, "It is written: 'Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word of God.'" <sup>5</sup>The Devil led him up to a high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world in a moment of time. <sup>6</sup>The Devil told him, "I will give you all this power and the glory of these kingdoms, because it has been entrusted to me, and I can give it to anyone I want. <sup>7</sup>So, if you worship me, it will all be yours." <sup>8</sup>Jesus answered him, "It is written: 'You shall worship the Lord your God and serve him only.'" <sup>9</sup>The Devil led him to Jerusalem and had him stand on the pinnacle of the temple. "If you are the Son of God," he said, "throw yourself down from here, <sup>10</sup>because it is written: He will command his angels concerning you, to protect you. <sup>11</sup>And, they will lift you up with their hands, so that you will not strike your foot against a stone." <sup>12</sup>Jesus answered him, "It says: 'You shall not test the Lord your God.'" <sup>13</sup>When the Devil had finished every temptation, he left him until an opportune time.

### "The Roaring Lion Meets His Match"

*As your Champion, Jesus beat the devil's temptation to:*

- I. Distrust His Father's Will
- II. Take the Easy Way Out
- III. Put the Father to the Test

### The Offertory

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*In this prayer we offer our hearts, asking God for the best gift, the Holy Spirit.*

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**☞** *♫ Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from Your presence. Take not Your Holy Spirit from me. Restore to me the joy of Your salvation. Uphold with Your Spirit free.*

✠ The Offering of Thankful Hearts ✠

Hymn: TLH #166

“Savior, When in Dust to Thee”

✠ The General Prayer & The Lord’s Prayer ✠

**The Benediction**

Numbers 6:24-26

*The blessing given by God for His people.*

**P** The LORD bless you and keep you; The LORD make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you; The LORD lift up His countenance upon you and give you His peace.

**G Amen!**

Hymn: TLH #369

“All Mankind Fell in Adam’s Fall”

**Saint Called Home** – On Friday, March 7, the Lord called Loren Marschel home to heaven. Funeral arrangements have been made: Visitation will be on Thursday, March 13<sup>th</sup> from 4-7 pm here at St. John’s. His victory service will be on Friday, March 14<sup>th</sup> here at St. John’s at 10 am with a 9 am visitation. Meal to follow. Please keep Loren’s family in your prayers.

**Lent Continues** – Pastor Joe Naumann of Immanuel-Mankato will be preaching for us this Wednesday evening as we continue with our Lenten theme: Sounds of the Passion.

**Basketball Practice** will be held today after the service.

**If you donated** food on Friday, please pick up your dishes!

**Pastor** and family will be out-of-town March 17-24<sup>th</sup>.

**Visitors’ Day** – Immanuel Lutheran High School in Eau Claire, WI will host their annual High School Visitors Day on Friday, May 2, 2025 for grades 7 and up. More info: [www.ilc.edu](http://www.ilc.edu).

<b>Ushers</b>	3/9	Kendall B, Larry B.
	3/16	Phil S, Nathan V, Anthony F, Daniel R.
	3/23	Trevor B, Tim Z, Josh E, Christian K, David R.
<b>Cleaning</b>	This Week – The Voits (wk. 1)	
	Up Next – The Ruthenbecks	

## Daily Bible Readings for Home Devotions

March 10<sup>th</sup> – 15<sup>th</sup>, 2025

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**Mon John 8:23-28** The Jewish leaders do not understand who Jesus is because they do not believe that He was sent by the heavenly Father. Jesus is looking ahead to His mission of being lifted up on the cross.

**Tues Hebrews 12:1-3** Encouraged by all the believers of old, let us look to the goal and endure all things, looking to Jesus. He endured the cross for us, looking to the joy in accomplishing our salvation.

**Wed Exodus 1:8-22** A new king imagined danger in God's blessings upon Israel, and took human measures against the perceived threat. God works in hearts to protect His own, and will continue to deliver.

**Thurs Psalm 50:4-10** The Lord testifies against the sin of His people. It is not their bulls and goats that He wants, but their hearts. He wants in truth to be their God.

**Fri Hebrews 10:19-23** Through Jesus' blood we may come into the presence of God, cleansed from our sins. Then let us come with a sincere heart, holding firmly to His Word, for He who promised is faithful.

**Sat Hebrews 10:23-25** As we hold firmly to our hope in Christ, let us also encourage one another, meeting together to spur each other on to love and good works (v24), looking forward to the Day.

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