

“He was there in the wilderness forty days,
tempted by Satan”



St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church of Clarkston WA

1107 14th Street

11:00 am Service; 10:00 am Sunday School; 10:15 am Bible Class

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FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT

MARCH 13, 2011

Preparation for Worship: Psalm 22 front of hymnal p. 127
The Hymns: 721, 145, 166, 179

Prayer: Almighty and everlasting God, who for the sake of the bitter sufferings and death of Thy dear Son dost again, during the present Lenten Season, graciously and earnestly offer to us forgiveness of sins, life, and eternal salvation, we beseech Thee, give us Thy Holy Spirit, that we may not boldly or lightly set at naught the offer of Thy grace and mercy, but follow Thy gracious invitation with joyful obedience, and by holiness of living give Thee continual thanks and praise; through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

Opening Prayer

First Hymn 721

THE INVOCATION

*We invoke ("call upon") the name of the one true God – Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
(Hymnal, page 5 – Congregation Stands)*

PASTOR In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.
CONGR. (sing) Amen.

THE CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION OF SINS

We come before our Holy God recognizing that we are sinful and daily need His forgiveness.

PASTOR Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God, our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

Our help is in the name of the Lord.

CONGR. (sing) Who made heaven and earth

PASTOR I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord.

CONGR. (sing) And Thou forgavest the iniquity of my sin.

PASTOR Almighty God, our Maker and Redeemer, we poor sinners confess unto You that we are by nature sinful and unclean and that we have sinned against You by thought, word, and deed. Wherefore we flee for refuge to Your infinite mercy, seeking and imploring Your grace for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ.

ALL O most merciful God, who hast given Thine only-begotten Son to die for us, have mercy upon us and for His sake grant us remission of all our sins; and by Thy Holy Spirit increase in us

true knowledge of Thee and of Thy will and true obedience to Thy Word, to the end that by Thy grace we may come to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

PASTOR Almighty God, our heavenly Father, has had mercy upon us and has given His only Son to die for us and for His sake forgives us all our sins. To those who believe in His name He gives power to become the sons of God and has promised them His Holy Spirit. He who believes and is baptized shall be saved. Grant this, Lord, unto us all.

CONGR. (sing) **Amen.** (*congregation is seated*)

THE INTROIT

Having received the Lord's forgiveness, we are glad to enter into His courts with praise and thanksgiving. This we do with Introit - the Lord's own Word, most often from the Psalms.

P: He shall call upon me, and I will answer Him:

C: I will deliver him and honor him.

P: With long life will I satisfy him:

C: And show him My salvation.

P: He who dwells in the secret place of the Most High:

C: Shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty.

THE GLORIA PATRI

Latin for "Glory to the Father" (Hymnal, page 6)

CONGR. (sing) **Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.**

THE KYRIE

Latin for "O Lord." We approach our Lord with a cry for help in all the needs of our earthly life. (Hymnal page 7 - sing)

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Christ, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

THE GLORIA

A hymn glorifying and praising our God (Hymn 798:1 - sing)

God, we praise You! God, we bless You!

God, we name You sovereign Lord!

Mighty King whom angels worship,

Father by Your Church adored: All creation shows Your glory;

Heav'n and earth draw near Your throne

Singing "Holy, holy, holy, Lord of hosts and God alone!"

THE SALUTATION (*Greeting*)

PASTOR The Lord be with you.

CONGR. (sing) **And with thy spirit.**

THE COLLECT FOR THE DAY

The main thoughts for the day are "collected" together in this prayer.

PASTOR Let us pray.

CONGR. (sing) **Amen.**

THE BIBLE LESSONS

God speaks to us.

The Old Testament Reading:

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PASTOR Here ends the Old Testament Reading. We continue with the responsive reading of:

THE GRADUAL

The Gradual is a "Bridge of praise" that links the Old Testament with the New Testament.

P: He shall give His angels charge over you:

C: To keep you in all your ways.

P: They shall bear you up in their hands:

C: Lest you dash your foot against a stone.

P: I will say of the Lord, He is my Refuge and my Fortress, my God:

C: In Him I will trust. Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

P: He shall cover you with His feathers:

C: And under His wings you shall trust. Hallelujah!

CONGR. (sing) Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

PASTOR The New Testament Reading is from Romans chapter 8, beginning there in the 31st verse.

CONGR. (sing) Glory be to Thee, O Lord!

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PASTOR Here ends the New Testament Reading.

CONGR. (sing) Praise be to Thee, O Christ!

Congregation stands for:

THE APOSTLES' CREED

We boldly confess what we believe. (Hymnal, page 12)

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of Heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord; Who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, Born of the Virgin Mary; Suffered under Pontius Pilate, Was crucified, dead, and buried; He descended into hell; the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven And sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; From thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost; The Holy Christian Church, the communion of saints; The forgiveness of sins; The resurrection of the body; And the life everlasting.

Amen.

Congregation sings Hymn 145

THE SERMON

Mark 1:12-15 Immediately the Spirit drove Him into the wilderness. 13 And He was there in the wilderness forty days, tempted by Satan, and was with the wild beasts; and the angels ministered to Him. 14 Now after John was put in prison, Jesus came to Galilee, preaching the gospel of the kingdom of God, 15 and saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand. Repent, and believe in the gospel."

Theme: "LENT IN A NUTSHELL"

I. Satan Defeated (12-13)

II. Salvation Completed (14-15)

THE OFFERTORY

In this prayer we OFFER God our hearts, asking Him for that best of all gifts, the Holy Spirit. (Hymnal, pages 12-13) (sing)

**Create in me a clean heart, O God,
And renew a right spirit within me.
Cast me not away from Thy presence
And take not Thy Holy Spirit from me
Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation
And uphold me with Thy free spirit. Amen.**

THE OFFERING OF THANKFUL HEARTS

In tangible evidence of our gratitude, we offer the Lord the gift of our money, remembering that He has first given to us that we might have to give to Him. While the ushers present our offerings at the Lord's Altar, we stand and sing the offering hymn 441:1-2:

**We give Thee but Thine own, Whate'er the gift may be;
All that we have is Thine alone, A trust, O Lord, from Thee.
May we Thy bounties thus As stewards true receive
And gladly, as Thou blessest us, To Thee our first-fruits give!**

THE GENERAL PRAYER (Pastor)

THE LORD'S PRAYER (All)

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.

Congregation sings Hymn 166

Congregation stands for:

THE BENEDICTION

The blessing given by God for the blessing of His people (Numbers 6:24-26).

PASTOR 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 peace.

CONGR. (sing) Amen, Amen, Amen.

The Closing Hymn 179

*** *Silent Prayer* ***

Announcements

"If the LORD wills, we will do this or that." James 4:15

THE TOUR CHOIR OF IMMANUEL LUTHERAN COLLEGE

will give a concert of praise this Tuesday, March 15 at 7:00 pm at St. John's in Clarkston. There is still time to invite friends and neighbors! A free will offering will be taken during the concert to help defray traveling costs.



IN OUR PRAYERS Last Monday Donna Darrah had a successful surgery to correct a problem with her neck. She's is recuperating at home. Last Thursday Fern Moulton had a successful surgery at St. Joe's to fix a broken ankle, she also is healing at home. **Zechariah 13:9 They will call on my name and I will answer them; I will say, 'They are My people,' and they will say, 'The LORD is our God.'"**

NEW WEBSITE FOR PEACE Thanks to the efforts of Lorraine Busse, we now have a beautiful website for Peace Lutheran Church of Orofino. Recent bulletins as well as audio sermons are now available. Check it out at: <http://orofino.clclutheran.org>

ST. JOHN'S REMINDERS:

Today: Ladies Aid meets following service.

We'll need lots of help hosting the Tour Choir, so please see the sign up sheets in the back if you are able to lend a hand. Thanks!

CLC NEWS The Rev. David Schaller, Dowagiac, MI has returned the call to Trinity Lutheran, Spokane WA. <> The Rev. Philip Matzke of Mankato, MN has returned the call to Ascension Lutheran of Batavia (Chicago), IL. <> This Saturday, March 19, the Northwest Women's Retreat will be held at Gethsemane Lutheran, Spokane.

MLBS GRADUATION 2011 Eighteen men graduated from the Martin Luther Bible School in Nagalapuram, India. After two years studying with men like D Paul, Ashirvadham, Sampath, and Rajamani eighteen new pastors were dedicated and sent out for the Lord's work in India on February 28, 2011. Two years may seem like too short of a time to properly prepare men for the work of ministry in God's kingdom, but here are eighteen men filled with the knowledge of their savior and ready to work. From an earthly standpoint how many years would it take? Including catechism class with my father I had ten years of schooling, yet I was hardly prepared for what awaited me. From a spiritual standpoint we know that the Lord who has received all authority will prepare His own workers. We dare not use such thinking as an excuse for neglecting the charge entrusted to us, yet when we have done what we can we send them forth into the Lord's keeping unto the task He has appointed for them. The day was sunny and cool, low 70s, as Dave Koenig, Mary and Myself set out. With a two and half hour drive ahead of us we had plenty of time to discuss upcoming work, read, and get in a quick nap. Upon arrival in Nagalapuram we were startled with large posters greeting us to the days ceremonies. Dave quickly signed the appropriate certificates for the graduating men and we ascended on top of the building where the assembled students and teachers waited for us. The ceremony itself began at 10am, with singing and music and the reading of appropriate biblical texts. Pastor D. Paul, president of the BELC and the MLBS, welcomed all with the traditional giving of garlands and shawls to the guests. Myself followed by Pastors Dave Koenig, T. Sampath, Moses Raghu, and V. Rajamani all gave sermons encouraging the graduates in the work that lay before them. Pastor D. Paul read the installation promises to which the students responded. After which individual prayers and passages were given for the individual graduates by the pastors present. Graduation certificates and gifts were handed out by Missionary Dave Koenig. The student representatives, Barnabas and David Venkatesh, gave thanks to their teachers. Finally Pastor Ashirvadham gave the closing prayer, and the students were sent out with the Lord's benediction. The missionaries and MLBS teachers ate a quick meal at the MLBS building, while the students were sent to Pastor D Paul's house for graduation lunch. These eighteen men will be assigned to congregations and villages throughout the BELC and will continue to participate in district conference meetings. We commit them to the grace of God and the word they have learned.

In Christ, Pastor Matthew Ude

WORK AND NEEDS OVERSEAS - Many of you have responded in years past to the need of our CLC brethren in foreign countries by donating books, computers, Spokesmans, cards and more for our work overseas. When Pastor Mayhew and the mission helpers that accompanied him returned to East Africa last August and September, they took four donated laptops and put them into service for the Lord's kingdom work. They are now being used for translation work, Bible study, monthly reports, regular correspondence and online Bible studies. In addition, five large boxes of Bibles, Catechisms, Seminary textbooks, Bible History books, Lutheran Spokesmans, and Sunday School teaching aids were taken over and distributed throughout our six districts in East Africa during their five week visitation. Books and computers have also been sent to our missions in Central Africa, West Africa, India, Nepal and Burma to assist with the work that is taking place in those countries. All of this has been done through the donation of materials by CLC members like you!

There is continuing need for these types of materials. Monetary support for our CLC missions program comes through the CLC General Fund and/or the CLC Mission Development Fund, through your local offerings, but this is an opportunity to assist our overseas brethren through non-monetary contributions.

Here are some books and materials that have been received in the past and which have served well in our overseas mission work:

- E. Koehler's "A Summary of Christian Doctrine"
- T. Mueller's "Christian Dogmatics"
- M. Luther's Catechism (any version)
- J. Schaller's "Book of Books"
- Book of Concord (any kind)
- Bible History books (any kind),
- English Bibles (most any version),
- Greek and Hebrew grammars and lexicons,
- Hebrew Old Testaments
- Greek New Testaments
- Sunday School teaching materials and VBS materials
- Laptop computers (only laptops since it is not cost effective to transport desktop computers overseas)

There is an immediate need for one laptop computer for the Himalayan Church of the Lutheran Confession of Nepal. The 2011 Missions Helpers will be traveling to Nepal in July and would be able to transport the laptop then.

Pastor Mayhew has recently begun an online weekly Bible study with several pastors in East Africa through Skype. This was made possible by the donations of members of the CLC who provided

laptop computers for our overseas mission work! Thanks be to the LORD! Pastor Mayhew has volunteered to organize this effort to collect and distribute these types of donations. If you would like to help with this work in any way, or if you have a question about other resources which might also be useful, please contact him at ndmayhew@juno.com or (770) 962-9034 (office) or (404) 729-4602 (mobile). May the Lord bless our efforts to bring the Gospel to those who need it, whether they live across the street or around the world!

Your brother and fellow servant in Christ,
Pastor Todd Ohlmann, Chairman, CLC Board of Missions

CHRIST'S TEMPTATION IN THE WILDERNESS

“This narrative, however, is written both for our instruction and admonition. First, for instruction, that we should know how Christ has served and helped us by his fasting, hunger, temptation and victory; also that whoever believes on Christ shall never suffer need, and that temptation shall never harm him; but we shall have enough in the midst of want and be safe in the midst of temptation; because his Lord and Head triumphed over these all in his behalf, and of this he is assured, as Christ says in John 16,33: “Be of good cheer; I have overcome the world.” God, who was able to nourish Christ forty days without any food, can nourish also his Christians.

Secondly, this is written for our admonition, that we may in the light of this example also cheerfully suffer want and temptation for the service of God and the good of our neighbor, like Christ did for us, as often as necessity requires it; which is surely accomplished if we learn and confess God’s Word. Therefore this Gospel is sweet consolation and power against the unbelief and infamy of the stomach, to awaken and strengthen the conscience, that we may not be anxious about the nourishment of our bodies, but be assured that he can and will give us our daily bread.”

Sermons of Martin Luther - The Church Postils
Volume 2, Sermon for First Sunday in Lent
paragraph 5-6 – page 136

WEEKLY MEMORY VERSE

“For just as the sufferings of Christ flow over into our lives, so also through Christ our comfort overflows.” 2 Corinthians 1:52

St. John's and Peace Lutheran Churches

STRIVE TO BE . . .

- + A Church which keeps foremost the purpose to proclaim, preserve, and spread the Gospel of Jesus Christ
- + A Church which values faithfulness to the Word of God above the size and outward success of its membership
- + A Church which recognizes but one Master in all matters of faith, the God-man Christ Jesus, our Savior
- + A Church which promotes true Christian unity by both proclaiming the Gospel and by identifying error
- + A Church which backs its commitment to Christian education by supporting Sunday School, Confirmation here in our congregations, and Immanuel Lutheran High School, College and Seminary in Eau Claire, WI.
- + A Church which respects your privacy in the matter of Christian giving
- + A Church which refuses to become just another political pressure group
- + A Church which seeks people to serve the LORD

Welcome!

If you are curious about what we believe and teach... At your convenience the Pastor is ready to arrange free instruction classes at your home or at church for you and your family so that you may be sure of eternal life.

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Old Testament Reading 1st Sunday in Lent:

Faith trusts. Christian faith trusts God's Word. In these verses Abraham showed his simple but powerful trust in God's ability to deliver his only son Isaac from death. This love for God comes from His love for us in sending His only Son Jesus, whom He loves, as the sacrifice to pay for our sins and Victor Who liberates us from the devil. We read...

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