



Characters of the Bible:

Satan

March 10th, 2019

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First Sunday in Lent

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Order of Service – Service of the Word (p. 38)

Opening Hymn

#431: I Walk in Danger All the Way
(The congregation may rise for the final verse of the hymn.)

Minister: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you.

Congregation: And also with you.

Confession of Sins

M: 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.

M: 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.

Prayer and Praise

Hymn

#104: Go to Dark Gethsemane



1 Go to dark Geth - sem - a - ne, All who feel the
2 Fol - low to the judg - ment hall; View the Lord of
3 Cal - v'ry's mourn - ful moun - tain climb; There, a - dor - ing
4 Ear - ly has - ten to the tomb Where they laid his



tempt - er's pow'r; Your Re - deem - er's con - flict see.
life ar - raigned. Oh, the worm - wood and the gall!
at his feet, Mark that mir - a - cle of time,
breath - less clay; All is sol - i - tude and gloom.



Watch with him one bit - ter hour; Turn not from his
Oh, the pangs his soul sus - tained! Shun not suf - f'ring,
God's own sac - ri - fice com - plete. "It is fin - ished!"
Who has tak - en him a - way? Christ is ris'n! He



griefs a - way; Learn of Je - sus Christ to pray.
pain, or loss; Learn of him to bear the cross.
hear him cry; Learn of Je - sus Christ to die.
meets our eyes. Sav - ior, teach us so to rise.

Text: James Montgomery, 1771–1854, alt.

Tune: GETHSEMANE (77 77 77) Richard Redhead, 1820–1901.

Prayer of the Day

M: Let us pray.

Lord our strength, the battle of good and evil rages within and around us, and our ancient foe tempts us with his deceits and empty promises. Keep us steadfast in your Word, and when we fall, raise us up again and restore us through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

The Word

Old Testament Lesson – Deuteronomy 26:5-10

⁵“And you shall make response before the LORD your God, ‘A wandering Aramean was my father. And he went down into Egypt and sojourned there, few in number, and there he became a nation, great, mighty, and populous. ⁶And the Egyptians treated us harshly and humiliated us and laid on us hard labor. ⁷Then we cried to the LORD, the God of our fathers, and the LORD heard our voice and saw our affliction, our toil, and our oppression. ⁸And the LORD brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm, with great deeds of terror, with signs and wonders. ⁹And he brought us into this place and gave us this land, a land flowing with milk and honey. ¹⁰And behold, now I bring the first of the fruit of the ground, which you, O LORD, have given me.’ And you shall set it down before the LORD your God and worship before the LORD your God.”

Psalm 91 (p. 100)

Epistle Lesson – Romans 10:8-13

⁸But what does it say? “The word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart” (that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); ⁹because, if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. ¹⁰For with the heart one believes and is justified, and with the mouth one confesses and is saved. ¹¹For the Scripture says, “Everyone who believes in him will not be put to shame.” ¹²For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; for the same Lord is Lord of all, bestowing his riches on all who call on him. ¹³For “everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.”

Verse of the Day (Matthew 4:10)

M: It is written, “You shall worship the Lord your God and him only shall you serve.”

Hymn of the Day

#378: All Mankind Fell in Adam’s Fall (v. 1-4)

Sermon:

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Gospel Lesson – Matthew 4:1-11

¹Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. ²And after fasting forty days and forty nights, he was hungry. ³And the tempter came and said to him, “If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread.” ⁴But he answered, “It is written, ‘Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.’” ⁵Then the devil took him to the holy city and set him on the pinnacle of the temple ⁶and said to him, “If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down, for it is written, ‘He will command his angels concerning you,’ and ‘On their hands they will bear you up, lest you strike your foot against a stone.’” ⁷Jesus said to him, “Again it is written, ‘You shall not put the Lord your God to the test.’” ⁸Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their glory. ⁹And he said to him, “All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me.” ¹⁰Then Jesus said to him, “Be gone, Satan! For it is written, ‘You shall worship the Lord your God and him only shall you serve.’” ¹¹Then the devil left him, and behold, angels came and were ministering to him.



Hymn

#378: All Mankind Fell in Adam's Fall (v. 5-6)

Apostles' Creed

C: 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.

Thanksgiving

Offering

If you are a guest visiting us this morning, please do not feel obligated to give an offering. We understand that you may want to know more about our ministry before supporting it with your gifts. If, however, you desire to give, you are welcome to do so.

During the gathering of the offering, please sign the friendship register located in your pew.

Prayer of the Church

Lord's Prayer

C: 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.

Collect

M: Almighty God, we thank you for teaching us the things you want us to believe and do. Help us by your Holy Spirit to keep your Word in pure hearts that we may be strengthened in faith, guided in holiness, and comforted in life and in death, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

Benediction

M: Brothers and sisters, go in peace. Live in harmony with one another. Serve the Lord with gladness.

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look on you with favor and give you peace.

C: Amen.

Closing Hymn

#201: A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

Announcements

Choir Rehearsal

Tuesday, March 19, 6:30 p.m.

Blood Drive

Tuesday, March 12, 3:00-7:00 p.m.

Sunday Morning Bible Class

We continue our study on the subject of church fellowship.

Wednesday Evening Bible Class

Wednesday evening Bible study will resume after Easter.

NLHS (see bulletin board for more information on each event):

Lent/Easter Concert

Sunday, March 10, 3:00 p.m.

Grade School Lock-In

March 15-16

Wisconsin River Valley OWLS

For our March meeting we are traveling, at least in pictures and words, to Germany with Pastor Glenn Seefeldt from Grace, Ringle. Pastor Seefeldt will share his experiences and the sites he visited including many sites of the Reformation. Our meeting will be on Tuesday, March 12, at 1:30 p.m. at Our Saviors Lutheran Church, 703 Flieth St., Wausau. Please join us for this interesting and informative presentation.

Questions: call Ruth at 715-241-8879.

Usher Meeting

Sunday, March 17, 10:30 a.m.

Volunteers Needed to Run Service Display

If you would be willing to help operate the display on the screens during services, please sign up on the bulletin board.

Lenten Suppers & Worship - March 13, 20, & 27; April 3 & 10

Please sign up on the appropriate day if you would like to help provide and serve one of the meals. Each meal will begin at 5:15 p.m.

Join us at 6:30 p.m. to meditate on the suffering and death of our Lord for our salvation.

IMAGE

Would you be willing to help our congregation expand our presence on social media? Please sign up on the bulletin board or contact Ray Ficken for more information.

80th Anniversary Committee

2019 marks 80 years since the start of our congregation in 1939. How shall we celebrate this milestone in our history? Special service? Potluck dinner? Catered meal? If you would like to help make these plans, please sign up on the bulletin board to join our Anniversary Committee.

Easter Egg Hunt

Volunteers Needed! Join us after second service on April 7 to help fill eggs.
Candy Needed! Please bring all candy donations to church before April 7.

Church Directory

Directories are now available. If you have not yet received a copy, you may request one from Pastor.

Thrivent Choice

If you have an account with Thrivent, please contact Thrivent sometime this month to designate your Choice Dollars. You may direct Choice Dollars to our congregation, to Northland Lutheran High School, or to another nonprofit organization of your choosing. Your 2018 Choice Dollars will expire on March 31.

WELS United – WSAW Easter Service

You are cordially invited to attend WELS United CW's special Easter Service, which will be held at St. Matthew Lutheran, 206 Hemlock St., Marathon, on Sunday, April 7 at 3:00 p.m. WSAW will be recording this service. Pastors and choirs from our circuit congregations will be participating.

Anyone interested in taking part in the "mass choir" should contact Pastor Hadler (St. Matthew) no later than Sunday, March 31, preferably by e-mail (stmatthewmarathon@charter.net) or by telephone (715-443-2028). Mass choir practice will be held on April 7 at 2:00 p.m.

