



# CHRIST OUR REDEEMER LUTHERAN CHURCH

*Lent One – March 5, 2017 - Pastor Mark Voss*

## ***Christ at the Crossroads*** **The Crossroad of Temptation**

### ***Opening***

P: We begin our worship in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen.**

***Opening Hymn – “If God Himself Be For Me”***

**CW 419 vv 1-4**

### ***A Psalm of Confession (Psalm 51)***

P: Have mercy on me, O God, according to your unfailing love;

C: **According to your great compassion blot out all my transgressions.**

P: Wash away all my iniquity and cleanse me from my sin.

C: **For I know my transgressions, and my sin is always before me.**

P: Against you, you only have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight.

C: **Surely I have been a sinner from birth, sinful from the time my mother conceived me.**

P: Hide your face from my sins.

C: **And blot out all my iniquity.**



**Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re - new a right spir-it with - in me.**



**Cast me not a - way from your pres-ence, and take not your Ho-ly Spir-it**



**from me. Re - store un-to me the joy of your sal - va - tion, and up - hold me with**



**your free Spir-it. A-men.**

P: Dear Father, as you said to King David so you say to us, "Be of good cheer, your sins are forgiven!" You grant us cleansing from all our sins and restore to us the joy of your salvation through our Savior Jesus Christ. Go now and live in that forgiveness! Serve God faithfully, rejoicing that his peace is your peace. Amen.

### ***Prayer for the Day***

P: 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.**

## ***God's Word***

### ***Jesus' Victory Over Satan Is Our Victory***

#### **Old Testament – Genesis 2:15-17, 3:1-7 – *Where sin and death all began***

The LORD God took the man and put him in the Garden of Eden to work it and take care of it. And the LORD God commanded the man, "You are free to eat from any tree in the garden; but you must not eat from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, for when you eat of it you will surely die."

Now the serpent was more crafty than any of the wild animals the LORD God had made. He said to the woman, "Did God really say, 'You must not eat from any tree in the garden'?" The woman said to the serpent, "We may eat fruit from the trees in the garden, but God did say, 'You must not eat fruit from the tree that is in the middle of the garden, and you must not touch it, or you will die.'" "You will not surely die," the serpent said to the woman. "For God knows that when you eat

of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil." When the woman saw that the fruit of the tree was good for food and pleasing to the eye, and also desirable for gaining wisdom, she took some and ate it. She also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate it. Then the eyes of both of them were opened, and they realized they were naked; so they sewed fig leaves together and made coverings for themselves.

### ***Verse of the Day***

P: It is written: "Worship the Lord your God, and serve him only."

Matthew 4:10b

### ***Epistle – Romans 5:12-19 – The first Adam brings death, the second Adam brings life***

Therefore, just as sin entered the world through one man, and death through sin, and in this way death came to all men, because all sinned-- for before the law was given, sin was in the world. But sin is not taken into account when there is no law. Nevertheless, death reigned from the time of Adam to the time of Moses, even over those who did not sin by breaking a command, as did Adam, who was a pattern of the one to come. But the gift is not like the trespass. For if the many died by the trespass of the one man, how much more did God's grace and the gift that came by the grace of the one man, Jesus Christ, overflow to the many! Again, the gift of God is not like the result of the one man's sin: The judgment followed one sin and brought condemnation, but the gift followed many trespasses and brought justification. For if, by the trespass of the one man, death reigned through that one man, how much more will those who receive God's abundant provision of grace and of the gift of righteousness reign in life through the one man, Jesus Christ. Consequently, just as the result of one trespass was condemnation for all men, so also the result of one act of righteousness was justification that brings life for all men. For just as through the disobedience of the one man the many were made sinners, so also through the obedience of the one man the many will be made righteous.

### ***The Confession of Faith***

P: In a world that has difficulty believing in the one true God, but is so ready to believe that our universe happened by some unknown accident, what do you believe?

**C: I believe in God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth.**

P: In a society that so quickly rejects what God did through his Son, what do you believe?

**C: 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.**

P: While many put their trust in things or people that they make into their gods, what do you believe that Jesus did that proves he has conquered death and is true God just as he said?

**C: He descended into hell. On 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.**

P: Those who refuse to trust the Lord are without hope. What do you believe that gives you hope?

**C: 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.**

## SERMON SERIES:

### Christ at the Crossroads

# *The Crossroad of Temptation*

## *Matthew 4:1-11*

<sup>1</sup>Then Jesus was led by the Spirit into the desert to be tempted by the devil. <sup>2</sup>After fasting forty days and forty nights, he was hungry. <sup>3</sup>The tempter came to him and said, "If you are the Son of God, tell these stones to become bread." <sup>4</sup>Jesus answered, "It is written: `Man does not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.' "

<sup>5</sup>Then the devil took him to the holy city and had him stand on the highest point of the temple. <sup>6</sup>"If you are the Son of God," he said, "throw yourself down. For it is written: "He will command his angels concerning you, and they will lift you up in their hands, so that you will not strike your foot against a stone.' " <sup>7</sup>Jesus answered him, "It is also written: `Do not put the Lord your God to the test.' "

<sup>8</sup>Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendor. <sup>9</sup>"All this I will give you," he said, "if you will bow down and worship me." <sup>10</sup>Jesus said to him, "Away from me, Satan! For it is written: `Worship the Lord your God, and serve him only.' " <sup>11</sup>Then the devil left him, and angels came and attended him.

***Offering and Signing of Friendship Register***

## ***Order of Lord's Supper***

**Our church practices membership communion.  
We ask that only members of our church body,  
the Wisconsin Lutheran synod,  
partake of the Sacrament.**

**P:** What is the sacrament of Holy Communion?

**C:** It is the true body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ together with bread and wine, instituted for us to eat and to drink.

**P:** What blessings do we receive through this eating and drinking?

**C:** That is shown by these words, "Given and poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins." Through these words we receive forgiveness of sins, life and salvation in this sacrament. For where there is forgiveness of sins, there is also life and salvation.



Come to the ta-ble of mer-cy, Pre - pared with the wine and the bread; All who are hun-gry and thirst-y,



Come and your souls will be fed. Come at the Lord's in-vi - ta-tion; Re - ceive from His nail-scarred



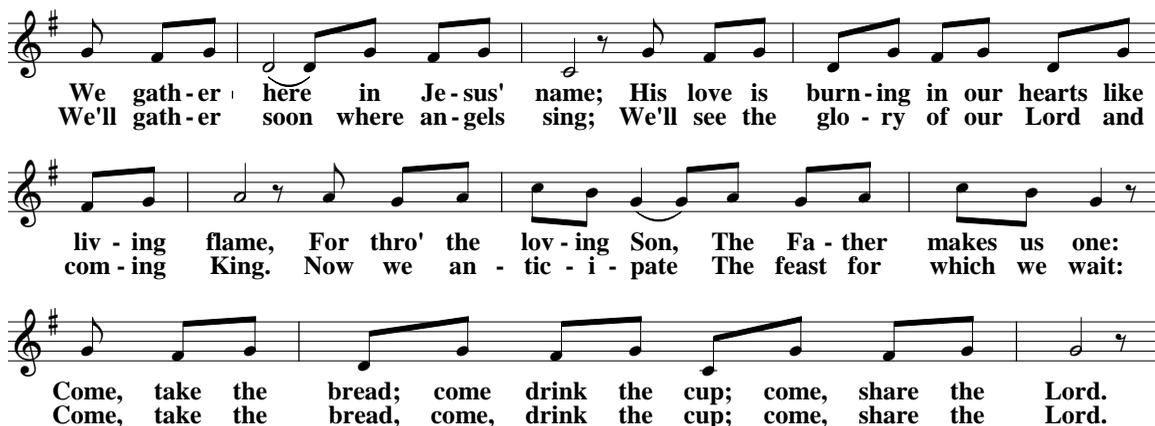
hand. Eat of the bread of sal - va - tion; Drink of the blood of the Lamb.

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***Lord's Prayer*** Our Father in heaven, Hallowed be your name, Your kingdom come, Your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

## Words from the Upper Room

### Come Share the Lord



The image shows three staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp). The melody is written on a treble clef. The lyrics are written below the notes, with some words underlined. The first staff contains the first two lines of the hymn. The second staff contains the next two lines. The third staff contains the final two lines. The lyrics are: We gath-er here in Je-sus' name; His love is burn-ing in our hearts like We'll gath-er soon where an-gels sing; We'll see the glo-ry of our Lord and liv-ing flame, For thro' the lov-ing Son, The Fa-ther makes us one: com-ing King. Now we an-tic-i-pate The feast for which we wait: Come, take the bread; come drink the cup; come, share the Lord. Come, take the bread, come, drink the cup; come, share the Lord.

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### Reception

### Thanksgiving

Thank you, Lord Jesus, for nourishing me in this Sacrament with your body and blood. You have given me forgiveness, life and salvation. Let me always remain in you as a branch remains in the vine. Send me out in the power of your Spirit to live to your praise and glory. Amen.

### Blessing

P: May the blessing of the eternal God be upon us; his light to guide us, his presence to shelter us, his peace to unite us.

C: Amen.

**Closing Hymn—“The Tree of Life”**

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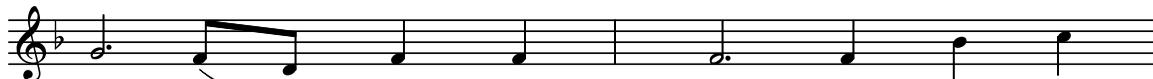
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The tree of life with ev - 'ry good In E - den's ho - ly or - chard  
The still - ness of that sa - cred grove Was bro - ken as the ser - pent  
What mer - cy God showed to our race, A plan of res - cue by his  
Now from that tree of Je - sus' shame Flows life e - ter - nal in his



stood, And of its fruit so pure and sweet God let the  
stroke With tempt - ing voice Eve to be - guile And Ad - am  
grace: In send - ing One from Wom - an's seed, The One to  
name; For all who trust and will be - lieve, Sal - va - tion's



man and wo - man eat. Yet in this  
to by sin de - file. Oh, day of  
fill our great - est need - For on a  
liv - ing fruit re - ceive. And of this



gar - den al - so grew An - oth - er  
sad - ness when the breath Of fear and  
tree up - lift - ed high His on - ly  
fruit so pure and sweet The Lord in -



tree, of which they knew; Its love - ly limbs with fruit a -  
dark - ness, doubt and death, Its aw - ful poi - son first dis -  
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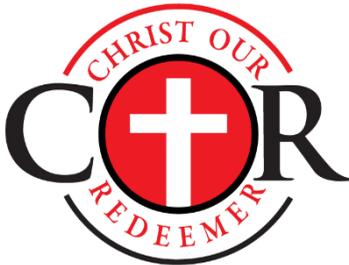
- dorned A - gainst whose eat - ing God had warned.  
- played With - in the world so new - ly made.  
dread To crush the an - cient ser - pent's head!  
wood The tree of life with ev - 'ry good.

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- A warm welcome to our visitors. May the Lord bless your worship with us today. We ask that you please sign the friendship register located at the end of the pew.
- Children – Activity bags are available in the coat room, off the narthex. During our 10:30a service a staffed nursery is located straight ahead and to your left as you exit the sanctuary. While we encourage young children to be in the service, families may like to use the nursery and are invited to do so.
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