

Pilgrim Evangelical Lutheran Church Contemporary Worship

FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT

February 21, 2021

Temped or Tested?

Welcome to all who gather to worship the Lord this day! Greetings, in the name of God the Father, Son and Holy Spirit on this first Sunday in Lent. Let us walk with Jesus and one another these sacred 40 days.

If you are a guest, please take one of the visitor bags at the *Welcome Center* counter at the front entrance.

As We Gather



Today we hear of God testing Abraham and of Satan tempting Jesus. James reminds us that God tempts no one. So, how can we know whether God is testing us or Satan is tempting us? James reminds us that “Every 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” (James 1:17). As we go through life, striving to live out our calling as God’s people, we will hit obstacles and face tests to our faith and to how we live that faith. God can work through these tests to draw us closer to Him. On the other hand, Satan wants to lure and entice us away from the path God would have us walk.

Welcome

Memory Verse of the Month: “Every good and perfect gift is from above.”
(James 1:17)

Opening Song

SCARS

Waking up to a new sunrise, Looking back from the other side,
I can see now with open eyes. Darkest water and deepest pain,
I wouldn’t trade it for anything, ‘cause my brokenness brought
Me to You, and these wounds are a Story You’ll use.

So I’m thankful for the scars, ‘cause without them I wouldn’t
Know Your heart. And I know they’ll always tell
Of who You are, So forever I am thankful For the scars.

Now I’m standing in confidence, With the strength of Your faithfulness.
And I’m not who I was before, No, I don’t have to fear anymore.

So I'm thankful for the scars,
'cause without them I wouldn't Know Your heart.
And I know they'll always tell Of who You are,
So forever I am thankful For the scars.

I can see, I can see How You delivered me.
In Your hands, In Your feet I found my victory.

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I'm thankful for Your scars, 'cause without them I wouldn't
Know Your heart. And with my life
I'll tell of who You are, So forever I am thankful.

I'm thankful for the scars,
'cause without them I wouldn't Know Your heart.
And I know they'll always tell Of who you are,
So forever I am thankful For the scars. So forever I am thankful For the scars.

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Invocation

Pastor: *In the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.*

People: Amen.

Pastor: *Jesus said, "Watch and pray that you may not enter into temptation. The spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak."*

People: Be sober-minded; be watchful. Your adversary the devil prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour.

Pastor: *Therefore let anyone who thinks that he stands take heed lest he fall. No temptation has overtaken you that is not common to man.*

People: God is faithful, and he will not let you be tempted beyond your ability, but with the temptation he will also provide the way of escape, that you may be able to endure it.

Confession and Absolution

Psalm 25

To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul.

O my God, in you I trust;

let me not be put to shame;

let not my enemies exult over me.

Indeed, none who wait for you shall be put to shame;

they shall be ashamed who are wantonly treacherous.

Make me to know your ways, O Lord;
teach me your paths.

Lead me in your truth and teach me,
for you are the God of my salvation;

for you I wait all the day long.

Remember your mercy, O Lord, and your steadfast love,

for they have been from of old.

Remember not the sins of my youth or my transgressions;

according to your steadfast love remember me,

for the sake of your goodness, O Lord!

Good and upright is the Lord;
therefore he instructs sinners in the way.

He leads the humble in what is right,
and teaches the humble his way.

All the paths of the Lord are steadfast love and faithfulness,
for those who keep his covenant and his testimonies.

For your name's sake, O Lord,
pardon my guilt, for it is great.

Who is the man who fears the Lord?
Him will he instruct in the way that he should choose.

His soul shall abide in well-being,
and his offspring shall inherit the land.

The friendship of the Lord is for those who fear him,
and he makes known to them his covenant.

My eyes are ever toward the Lord,
for he will pluck my feet out of the net.

Turn to me and be gracious to me,
for I am lonely and afflicted.

The troubles of my heart are enlarged;
bring me out of my distresses.

Consider my affliction and my trouble,
and forgive all my sins.

Consider how many are my foes,
and with what violent hatred they hate me.

Oh, guard my soul, and deliver me!

Let me not be put to shame, for I take refuge in you.

May integrity and uprightness preserve me,

for I wait for you.

Redeem Israel, O God,

out of all his troubles.

Prayer for the Day

Old Testament: *Genesis 22:1–18* (God tested Abraham)

Epistle: *James 1:12–18* (The path temptation treads)

Holy Gospel: *Mark 1:9–15* (Jesus is baptized and sent to be tempted)

Theme Song

LAMB OF GOD

Your only Son, no sin to hide, But You have sent Him from Your side
To walk upon this guilty sod, And to become the Lamb of God.

O Lamb of God, sweet Lamb of God; I love the holy Lamb of God.
O wash me in His precious blood. My Jesus Christ, the Lamb of God.

Your gift of love they crucified, They laughed and scorned Him as He died;
The humble King they named a fraud, And sacrificed the Lamb of God.

O Lamb of God, sweet Lamb of God; I love the holy Lamb of God.
O wash me in His precious blood. My Jesus Christ, the Lamb of God.

I was so lost I should have died, But You have brought me to Your side
To be led by Your staff and rod, And to be called a Lamb of God.

O Lamb of God, sweet Lamb of God; I love the holy Lamb of God.
O wash me in His precious blood. Till I am just a lamb of God.

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Sermon: “Godly Interruptions” by *Pastor Michael Hanson*

Apostles’ Creed

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 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 sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence 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.

Prayers of the Church

✠ The Sacrament of the Altar ✠

Prayer of Preparation and Lord's Prayer

People: 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.

Words of Institution

Peace of the LORD

Pastor: *The peace of the Lord be with you always.*

People: And also with you.

Communion Song

AT THE CROSS (LOVE RAN RED)

There's a place where mercy reigns and never dies,
There's a place where streams of grace flow deep and wide,
Where all the love I've ever found comes like a flood,
Comes flowing down.

Chorus: At the cross, at the cross I surrender my life.
I'm in awe of You, I'm in awe of You.
Where Your love ran red and my sin washed white,
I owe all to You, I owe all to You, Jesus.

There's a place where sin and shame are powerless,
Where my heart has peace with God and forgiveness,
Where all the love I've ever felt comes like a flood,
Comes flowing down. **Chorus**

Here my hope is found, here on holy ground.
Here I bow down, here I bow down.
Here, arms open wide, here You saved my life.
Here I bow down, here I bow. **Chorus 2x**

I owe all to you, I owe all to You, Jesus. Jesus.

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Post-Communion Prayer

Benediction

Pastor: *The Lord bless you and keep you.*

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

The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.

People: Amen.

Pastor: *Go in peace. Serve the Lord.*

People: Thanks be to God!

Closing Song

YOUR NAME

When morning dawns and evening fades,
You inspire songs of praise that rise from earth
to touch Your heart and glorify Your name.

Chorus: Your name is a strong and mighty tower.
Your name is a shelter like no other.
Your name, let the nations sing it louder,
'cause nothing has the power to save but Your name.

Jesus, in Your name we pray, come and fill our hearts today.
Lord, give us strength to live for You and glorify Your name. **Chorus 2x**

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*Prayer Ministry is available for you immediately
following today's service in the front of church.*

The Sacrament of Holy Communion

We celebrate the Lord's Supper and confess that we receive not only bread and wine, but also the true Body and Blood of Christ, for the forgiveness of sins and are united intimately with Him and each other in a holy faith fellowship.

Because of our concern for all who receive the Sacrament here (1 Cor. 11:27-30) and since receiving the Supper is also a confession of faith (1 Cor. 10:16-17), any who are not instructed, in doubt, or have not communed here before are requested to talk with a pastor before communing. Non-alcoholic wine and gluten-free wafers are available for those in need; please discuss this with the pastor. If you are unable to come to the altar and would like to receive communion in the pew, please inform an usher.

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."³ So 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.⁵ Then 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.⁷ And 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.¹⁰ Then Abraham reached out his hand and took the knife to slaughter his son.¹¹ But the angel of the LORD called to him from heaven and said, "Abraham, Abraham!" And he said, "Here I am."¹² He 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."¹³ And 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.¹⁴ So 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 heaven¹⁶ and said, "By myself I have sworn, declares the LORD, because you

have done this and have not withheld your son, your only son,¹⁷ I 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,¹⁸ and in your offspring shall all the nations of the earth be blessed, because you have obeyed my voice."

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.¹³ Let 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.¹⁴ But each person is tempted when he is lured and enticed by his own desire.¹⁵ Then 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.¹⁸ Of his own will he brought us forth by the word of truth, that we should be a kind of firstfruits of his creatures.

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.¹¹ And 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.¹³ And 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,¹⁵ and saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand; repent and believe in the gospel."