



# Facing Temptation

**The First Sunday in Lent (“Temptation Sunday”)**

**The purpose of our Community is:**  
*“Building Committed Followers of Jesus Christ”*

**Prelude**

*Pianist: Aretta Engelhardt or Shirlene Everhart*

**The Invocation**

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

**People: Amen.**

**The Confession of Sins and Absolution**

*Pastor: Let us then confess our sins together unto our gracious Lord.*

*(A moment of silence is observed for personal confession)*

Now let us confess together:

**People: O almighty God, merciful Father, I, a helpless and repentant sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your earthly and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them, and sincerely repent of them and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being**

*Pastor: Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office as a called and ordained servant of Christ, because of the person and work of Christ, announce the grace and forgiveness of God to all of you and in the stead and by the command of our Lord Jesus Christ, I forgive you all your sins, in the name of the Father and of the Son + and of the Holy Spirit.*

**People: Amen.**

**Hymn of the Day**

*Beneath the Cross of Jesus, #62*

**Children’s Sermonette:**

*“The Beginning and the Ending”  
Pastor Beryl Droegemueller*

## **We Worship Through Our Giving**

*We express our gratitude to God as we give to support the work of the church so that more people may hear the Good News about Jesus. Please ask an usher if you need an envelope.*

## **Offertory**

## **We Worship Through Speaking and Hearing the Word of God**

We read the Word of God to strengthen, encourage, and challenge us for the week ahead.

### **Old Testament Lesson**

*Genesis 3: 1-15 (NIV)*

<sup>1</sup> 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'?" <sup>2</sup> The woman said to the serpent, "We may eat fruit from the trees in the garden, <sup>3</sup> 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.'" <sup>4</sup> "You will not certainly die," the serpent said to the woman. <sup>5</sup> "For God knows that when you eat from it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil." <sup>6</sup> 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. <sup>7</sup> 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. <sup>8</sup> Then the man and his wife heard the sound of the LORD God as he was walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and they hid from the LORD God among the trees of the garden. <sup>9</sup> But the LORD God called to the man, "Where are you?" <sup>10</sup> He answered, "I heard you in the garden, and I was afraid because I was naked; so I hid." <sup>11</sup> And he said, "Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten from the tree that I commanded you not to eat from?" <sup>12</sup> The man said, "The woman you put here with me—she gave me some fruit from the tree, and I ate it." <sup>13</sup> Then the LORD God said to the woman, "What is this you have done?" The woman said, "The serpent deceived me, and I ate." <sup>14</sup> So the LORD God said to the serpent, "Because you have done this, 'Cursed are you above all livestock and all wild animals! You will crawl on your belly and you will eat dust all the days of your life. <sup>15</sup> And I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and hers; he will crush your head, and you will strike his heel.'"

*Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.*

**Everyone: THANKS BE TO GOD.**

## **Epistle Lesson**

*James 1: 12-18 (NIV)*

<sup>12</sup> Blessed is the one who perseveres under trial because, having stood the test, that person will receive the crown of life that the Lord has promised to those who love him. <sup>13</sup> When tempted, no one should say, "God is tempting me." For God cannot be tempted by evil, nor does he tempt anyone; <sup>14</sup> but each person is tempted when they are dragged away by their own evil desire and enticed. <sup>15</sup> Then, after desire has conceived, it gives birth to sin; and sin, when it is full-grown, gives birth to death. <sup>16</sup> Don't be deceived, my dear brothers and sisters. <sup>17</sup> Every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of the heavenly lights, who does not change like shifting shadows. <sup>18</sup> He chose to give us birth through the word of truth, that we might be a kind of firstfruits of all he created.

*Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.*

**Everyone: THANKS BE TO GOD.**

(Please stand for the reading of the Gospel)

## **Gospel Lesson**

*Matthew 3:13-17, 4:1-11 (NIV)*

*Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to Saint Matthew, the 3<sup>rd</sup> chapter.*

**Everyone: GLORY TO YOU, O LORD.**

<sup>13</sup> Then Jesus came from Galilee to the Jordan to be baptized by John. <sup>14</sup> But John tried to deter him, saying, "I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?" <sup>15</sup> Jesus replied, "Let it be so now; it is proper for us to do this to fulfill all righteousness." Then John consented. <sup>16</sup> As soon as Jesus was baptized, he went up out of the water. At that moment heaven was opened, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting on him. <sup>17</sup> And a voice from heaven said, "This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased." ~~~ <sup>1</sup> Then Jesus was led by the Spirit into the wilderness 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 shall 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.

*Pastor: This is the Gospel of our Lord.*

**People: Praise to You, O Christ.**

## ***We Respond to God’s Word by Confessing Our Faith***

*As we recite together the words of the Apostles’ Creed, we join the worldwide chorus of followers of Jesus, who, for centuries, have confessed their faith through this simple declaration.*

**(Everyone) 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, dead, and 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 shall 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.**

***Sermon Hymn***

*In the Hour of Trial, #66*

***Sermon***

*“Lead Us Not Into Temptation”  
Pastor Beryl Droegemueller*

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## **General Prayer**

**Communion Hymn**                      *My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less, #507*

## **We Worship at the table of the Lord's Supper**

*Communion — If you prefer grape juice instead of wine, please hold up 2 fingers when you reach the person with the cups.*

*Everyone who confesses Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior is welcome and invited to join us. Together we receive anew the love and grace that God pours out to us through the sacrifice of Christ on the cross. Come hold in your hands and taste on your lips the love He poured out for you.*

*Pastor: The Words of Our Lord...(Consecration of the Elements)*

**(Everyone) 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!**

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## **Benediction**

*A blessing we receive to send us out into the world once again.*

**Sending Hymn**

*To God Be the Glory, #509*

*Pastor: Go in Peace and Serve the Lord.*

**(Everyone): Thanks be to God**

## **Postlude**

## ***Things going on during the week:***

Please pick up Food Bags today to use or to distribute to others.

Monday-Friday: 7:15 am to 5 pm Little Blessings Christian Preschool:

Thursdays: 5 pm Choir practice resumes March 4th.  
Until further notice, **NO other meetings**

## ***Birdhouse = Building Fund Donations***

Please place all and any donations for the Building Fund in the Birdhouse. This fund is needed to replace 'The Shack' and build for the future of this church. Being more visible to Mission Avenue we hope to attract Christians looking for a new home and non-Christians looking for what is missing in their life.

## ***Mark Your Calendars!***

***February 21, Sunday - Annual Congregation meeting, after fellowship.***

***February 24, Wednesday –Lenten Service, 7 pm Service***

***March 4, Thursday - Choir practice resumes***

***March 6, Saturday - Normally Women's Bible Study, 10 am.***

***March 20, Saturday - Free Food Distribution--***At the Shack from 9 to 10 am. If you know of someone who could benefit from the free food distribution, please let them know. Also, if you can help with set-up, please come at 8:30 am. If you can come later and stay until about 11:00 am to help with putting away leftover food, tables and chairs, your help will be greatly appreciated. *Join us in thanking God for the continuation of this ministry!* [\*The Blue bin on the North wall of the Church is for the collection of can goods for the Food Distribution.\*](#)

## ***May 2, Sunday - Love Offering ... for Missions***

Once a quarter, we will be collecting a special offering in the 'Missions Giving Box' on your way out of the Sanctuary for our Missionaries. This offering is above and beyond our regular giving. In planning ahead, we will repeat the Love Offerings in 2020 on the first Sunday in February, May, August & November.







# Beneath the Cross of Jesus

Beneath the cross of Jesus  
I fain would take my stand,  
The shadow of a mighty Rock  
Within a weary land;  
A home within the wilderness,  
A rest upon the way,  
From the burning of the noontide heat,  
And the burden of the day.

Upon the cross of Jesus,  
Mine eye at times can see  
The very dying form of One,  
Who suffered there for me,  
And from my smitten heart with tears,  
These wonders I confess,  
The wonder of redeeming love  
And my unworthiness .

I take, O cross, thy shadow  
For my abiding place;  
I ask no other sunshine than  
The sunshine of His face;  
Content to let the world go by,  
To know no gain nor loss,  
My sinful self my only shame,  
My glory all the cross.

# In the Hour of Trial

In the hour of trial, Jesus, plead for me,  
Lest, by base denial, I depart from Thee;  
When Thou seest me waver, With a look recall;  
Nor for fear or favor, Suffer me to fall.

Should Thy mercy send me Sorrow, toil and woe;  
Or should pain attend me On my path below;  
Grant that I may never Fail Thy hand to see;  
Grant that I may ever Cast my care on Thee.

When, in dust and ashes, To the grave I sink,  
While heaven's glory flashes O'er the shelving brink,  
On Thy truth relying Thro' that mortal strife,  
Lord, receive me, dying, to eternal life.

# My Hope Is Built On Nothing Less

My hope is built on nothing less  
Than Jesus' blood and righteousness;  
I dare not trust the sweetest frame,  
But wholly lean on Jesus' name.

Refrain:

On Christ the solid rock I stand;  
All other ground is sinking sand,  
All other ground is sinking sand,

When darkness veils his lovely face,  
I rest on His unchanging grace;  
In every high and stormy gale,  
My anchor holds within the veil.

Refrain

His oath, His covenant, His blood,  
Supports me in the whelming flood;  
When all around my soul gives way,  
He then is all my hope and stay.

Refrain

When He shall come with trumpet sound,  
Oh may I then in Him be found;  
Dressed in his righteousness alone,  
Faultless to stand before the throne.

Refrain

# To God Be the Glory

To God be the glory  
Great things He has done!  
So loved He the world that He gave us His Son,  
Who yielded His life an atonement for sin  
And opened the life-gate that all may go in.

Refrain:

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, Let the earth hear His voice!  
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, Let the people rejoice!  
O come to the Father Through Jesus the Son,  
And Give Him the glory Great things He hath done.

O perfect redemption, the purchase of blood!  
To every believer the promise of God;  
The vilest offender who truly believes,  
That moment from Jesus a pardon receives.

Refrain

Great things He hath taught us, great things He hath done,  
And great our rejoicing through Jesus the Son;  
But purer, and higher, and greater will be  
Our wonder, our transport, when Jesus we see.

Refrain