



The Temptation of JESUS

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Connecting Individuals to Jesus and to One Another Educating Minds – Growing Faith – Serving People

We are here to serve our community. As you worship with us online, the Lord Jesus is at work, uniting us as friends and family. If you are curious to learn more about ministry in the community, go to www.st-eastpointe.org, or like us on FaceBook. To get your questions answered in a more personal way, contact the church office (586-772-3370) and ask for a pastor/staff member to give you a call.

Divine Service

Stories of God at Work– the faithfulness of God

Call To Worship

“A Mighty Fortress Is Our God”

LSB 657

A mighty fortress is our God, A sword and shield victorious;
He breaks the cruel oppressor’s rod And wins salvation glorious.
The old satanic foe Has sworn to work us woe.
With craft and dreadful might He arms himself to fight.
On earth he has no equal.

No strength of ours can match his might. We would be lost, rejected.
But now a champion comes to fight, Whom God Himself elected.
You ask who this may be? The Lord of hosts is He,
Christ Jesus, mighty Lord, God’s only Son, adored.
He holds the field victorious.

Though hordes of devils fill the land All threat’ning to devour us,
We tremble not, unmoved we stand; They cannot overpower us.
Let this world’s tyrant rage; In battle we’ll engage.
His might is doomed to fail; God’s judgment must prevail!
One little word subdues him.

God’s Word forever shall abide, No thanks to foes, who fear it;
For God Himself fights by our side With weapons of the Spirit.
Were they to take our house, Goods, honor, child, or spouse,
Though life be wrenched away, They cannot win the day.
The Kingdom’s ours forever!

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Opening Liturgy

(Isaiah 55)

L: In the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen.**

L: If the Lord our God kept a record of sins, who could stand before him?

C: **But with Him there is forgiveness, therefore He is feared.**

L: Good Lord, deliver us from all sin, error, and evil within us and around us.

C: **We poor sinners implore you to hear us, good Lord. Have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.**

(silence for reflection and self-examination)

P: Blessed be the Lord God of Israel from everlasting to everlasting. He is the God of our salvation who has defeated our enemies, atoned for our sins, overcome death and the devil, and authorized me to proclaim this good news to you: As a called and ordained servant of Jesus, I therefore forgive you all your sins, in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen.**

Hymn of Praise

“There Is a Redeemer”

[LSB 971, vv. 1]

There is a Redeemer Jesus, God’s own Son;
Precious Lamb of God, Messiah, Holy One.

**Thank You, O my Father, For giving us Your Son,
And leaving Your Spirit Till the work on earth is done.**

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Prayer of the Day and the Sharing of Peace

L: Almighty God, whose blessed Son was led by the Spirit to be tempted by Satan: Come quickly to help us who are assaulted by many temptations; and, as you know the weaknesses of each of us, let each one find you mighty to save; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

L: The peace of the Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

(share the peace with one another)

Old Testament Reading

Genesis 3:1-21

Now the serpent was more crafty than any other beast of the field that the LORD God had made.

He said to the woman, “Did God actually say, ‘You shall not eat of any tree in the garden?’” And the woman said to the serpent, “We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden, but God said, ‘You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the midst of the garden, neither shall you touch it, lest you die.’” But the serpent said to the woman, “You will not surely die. For God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil.” So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate, and she also gave some to her husband who was with her, and he ate. Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked. And they sewed fig leaves together and made themselves loincloths.

And they heard the sound of the LORD God walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the LORD God among the trees of the garden. But the LORD God called to the man and said to him, “Where are you?” And he said, “I heard the sound of you in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked, and I hid myself.” He said, “Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten of the tree of which I commanded you not to eat?” The man said, “The woman whom you gave to be with me, she gave me fruit of the tree, and I ate.” Then the LORD God said to the woman, “What is this that you have done?” The woman said, “The serpent deceived me, and I ate.” The LORD God said to the serpent, “Because you have done this, cursed are you above all livestock and above all beasts of the field; on your belly you shall go, and dust you shall eat all the days of your life. I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and her offspring; he shall bruise your head, and you shall bruise his heel.” To the woman he said, “I will surely multiply your pain in childbearing; in pain you shall bring forth children. Your desire shall be for your husband, and he shall rule over you.”

And to Adam he said, “Because you have listened to the voice of your wife and have eaten of the tree of which I commanded you, ‘You shall not eat of it,’ cursed is the ground because of you; in pain you shall eat of it all the days of

your life; thorns and thistles it shall bring forth for you; and you shall eat the plants of the field. By the sweat of your face you shall eat bread, till you return to the ground, for out of it you were taken; for you are dust, and to dust you shall return.”

The man called his wife’s name Eve, because she was the mother of all living. And the LORD God made for Adam and for his wife garments of skins and clothed them.

(after the reading)

R: This is the word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

New Testament Reading

Romans 5:12-19

Therefore, just as sin came into the world through one man, and death through sin, and so death spread to all men because all sinned for sin indeed was in the world before the law was given, but sin is not counted where there is no law. Yet death reigned from Adam to Moses, even over those whose sinning was not like the transgression of Adam, who was a type of the one who was to come.

But the free gift is not like the trespass. For if many died through one man’s trespass, much more have the grace of God and the free gift by the grace of that one man Jesus Christ abounded for many. And the free gift is not like the result of that one man’s sin. For the judgment following one trespass brought condemnation, but the free gift following many trespasses brought justification. If, because of one man’s trespass, death reigned through that one man, much more will those who receive the abundance of grace and the free gift of righteousness reign in life through the one man Jesus Christ.

Therefore, as one trespass led to condemnation for all men, so one act of righteousness leads to justification and life for all men. For as by the one man’s disobedience the many were made sinners, so by the one man’s obedience the many will be made righteous.

(after the reading)

R: This is the word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

Holy Gospel

(all rise)

Matthew 4:1-11

Jesus, my Redeemer, Name above all names;
Precious Lamb of God, Messiah, Hope for sinners slain.
**Thank You, O my Father, For giving us Your Son,
And leaving Your Spirit Till the work on earth is done.**

R: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, Chapter 4.

C: **Glory to you, O Lord**

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

(after the reading)

R: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

When I stand in glory, I will see His face;
There I'll serve my King forever In that holy place.
**Thank You, O my Father, For giving us Your Son,
And leaving Your Spirit Till the work on earth is done.**

Announcements

Children's Sermon

(please record your attendance)



We would like to know you attended service today!

To record your attendance, you can scan this QR code with your phone's camera, it will take you to the web page/form for attendance. Fill out the form and hit the submit button.

Hymn of the Day

"Before the Throne of God Above"

LSB 574, vv. 1, 2, 4, 6
(tune 595)

Before the throne of God above I have a strong, a perfect plea:
A great High Priest, whose name is Love, Who ever lives and pleads for me.

My name is graven on His hands, My name is written on His heart;
I know that while in heav'n He stands No tongue can bid me thence depart.

Because the sinless Savior died, My sinful soul is counted free;
For God, the just, is satisfied To look on Him and pardon me.

At one with Him, I cannot die, My soul is purchased by His blood;
My life is hid with Christ on high, With Christ, my Savior and my God.

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Sermon

"Jesus Being Led"

Matthew 4:1-3a

Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. And after fasting forty days and forty nights, he was hungry. And the tempter came and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread."

Voluntary

"Revelation Song"

J.L. Riddle

Time for reflection and prayer.

KINGDOM THOUGHTS

“Then Jesus said to him, “Be gone, Satan! For it is written,
“You shall worship the Lord your God
and him only shall you serve.” (Matthew 4:10)

Does Jesus’ words cause you to think about possible idols in your life?



EASY WAYS TO SUPPORT THE STL MISSION There is a variety of ways to give your support to the mission of STL. For many the easiest is to simply mail in a check or drop your offering off at the church. If you prefer electronic giving, STL offers multiple options:

- Text “GIVE” to 1-586-800-2223
- Visit: stl-eastpointe.org and click on “Mission Support”
- Through your Pay Pal account
- Scan this Quick Response (QR) code

These will connect you to our on-line giving form, where you can have your mission support offering automatically taken from your checking account or use your credit or debit card (STL is charged extra fees for debit and credit card transactions). **You can even set up recurring giving with many of these options!** IF YOU HAVE QUESTIONS, OR DESIRE ASSISTANCE, PLEASE CALL THE CHURCH OFFICE (586-772-3370).

The Prayer of the Church

(after each petition)

L: Lord in your mercy,
C: **Hear our prayer.**

L: ... who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
C: **Amen.**

Offertory

“The Infant Priest Was Holy Born”

LSB 624, vv. 1-2

The infant Priest was holy born
For us unholy and forlorn;
From fleshly temple forth came He,
Anointed from eternity.

This great High Priest in human flesh
Was icon of God’s righteousness.
His hallowed touch brought sanctity;
His hand removed impurity.

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The 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

Preparation for the Sacrament

L: Blessed be the Lord God of Israel from everlasting to everlasting. He is the God of our salvation who gathers us and rescues us from the nations.

C: **We give thanks to his holy name as we behold the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world.**

L: The Lord has been our dwelling place in all generations, from everlasting to everlasting he is God.

C: **The steadfast love of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting on those who fear him, and his righteousness on their children's children. Amen.**

L: To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

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

Hymn of Preparation

"The Infant Priest Was Holy Born"

LSB 624, vv. 3-5

The holy Lamb undaunted came To God's own altar lit with flame;
While weeping angels hid their eyes, This Priest became a sacrifice.

But death would not the victor be Of Him who hung upon the tree.
He leads us to the Holy Place Within the veil, before God's face.

The veil is torn, our Priest we see, As at the rail on bended knee
Our hungry mouths from Him receive The bread of immortality.

The Distribution of the Sacrament

Hymns during Distribution

"O Lord, throughout These Forty Days"

LSB 418

O Lord, throughout these forty days You prayed and kept the fast;
Inspire repentance for our sin, And free us from our past.

You strove with Satan, and You won; Your faithfulness endured;
Lend us Your nerve, Your skill and trust In God's eternal Word.

Though parched and hungry, yet You prayed And fixed Your mind above;
So teach us to deny ourselves, Since we have known God's love.

Be with us through this season, Lord, And all our earthly days,
That when the final Easter dawns, We join in heaven's praise.

“O Christ, You Walked the Road”

LSB 424

O Christ, You walked the road Our wand’ring feet must go.
You faced with us temptation’s pow’r And fought our ancient foe.

No bread of earth alone Can fill our hung’ring hearts.
Lord, help us seek Your living Word, The food Your grace imparts.

No blinding sign we ask, No wonder from above.
Lord, help us place our trust alone In Your unswerving love.

When lures of easy gain With promise brightly shine,
Lord, help us seek Your kingdom first; Our wills with Yours align.

O Christ, You walked the road Our wand’ring feet must go.
Stay with us through temptation’s hour To fight our ancient foe.

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Post-Communion Canticle *“The Infant Priest Was Holy Born”* LSB 624, vv. 6-7

The body of God’s Lamb we eat, A priestly food and priestly meat;
On sin-parched lips the chalice pours His quenching blood that life restores.

With cherubim and seraphim Our voices join the endless hymn,
And “Holy, holy, holy” sing To Christ, God’s Lamb, our Priest and King.

Sending Prayer and Benediction

Sending Hymn *“Jesus, Lead Thou On”* LSB 718

Jesus, lead Thou on Till our rest is won;
And although the way be cheerless, We will follow calm and fearless.
Guide us by Thy hand To our fatherland.

If the way be drear, If the foe be near,
Let not faithless fears o’ertake us; Let not faith and hope forsake us;
For through many_a woe To our home we go.

When we seek relief From a long-felt grief,
When temptations come alluring, Make us patient and enduring.
Show us that bright shore Where we weep no more.

Jesus, lead Thou on Till our rest is won.
Heav’nly leader, still direct us, Still support, console, protect us,
Till we safely stand In our fatherland.

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*You are living in
the (your)
Mission Field*

*“The harvest is abundant, but the workers are few.
Therefore, pray to the Lord of the harvest to send YOU out into his harvest.” (Matthew 9:37-38)*

GriefShare – GriefShare is a special seminar and support group for people grieving the loss of someone close. Griefshare is a nondenominational group and features biblical teaching on grief and recovery topics. Please join us March 7th at 1 pm in Conference Room 1 for the beginning of our new session. Please contact the church office if you have any questions.

Flower Chart for 2023 is up in the west hallway! If you would like to have flowers on the Altar in memory of or celebration of, please sign the chart. Price is very affordable and is listed on the chart. Money is due prior to the date.

Patrons are needed to help defray the cost of the professional musicians that are hired to support the Kapelle and congregational singing for our beautiful Easter Sunday Festival service. If you would like to be a patron for Easter, please bring your contribution to the church office or donate electronically and notify the church office of your electronic donation. Thank you for your continued support of the Kapelle and the music ministry.



**LUTHERAN
NORTHWEST**

The Choirs of Lutheran Northwest invite you to their 2nd annual **CABARET NIGHT concert & fundraiser on Sunday, February 26, at 3PM!** General admission is \$20 for this highly entertaining evening of music, games & refreshments. Tickets must be purchased online by MONDAY, 2/20. Visit the Cabaret Night page at www.LutheranNorthwest.com/events for additional details & ticket sales.

The Lutheran Northwest 5th & 6th Grade Quiz Bowl is back this Spring! The big day is Saturday, March 11, at 10AM. Form a team of 3-5 students and sign up for this fun & challenging event! A free pizza lunch is provided for competitors & parents in attendance. Registration closes on Wednesday, 3/8, so don't delay. Sign up online on the Quiz Bowl page at www.LutheranNorthwest.com/events. See you there!

The Lutheran Northwest Thespians invite you to their annual One Act Play Festival on Friday & Saturday, March 3 & 4, at 7PM! Seniors Lauren Rader, Noah Yim & Bradley Teeple will showcase their directing talents in a couple of hilarious single act plays. Details are on our website at www.LutheranNorthwest.com/events. Tickets are \$10 and will be available at the door.

NEXT SUNDAY

The 2nd Sunday in Lent

March 5, 2023

Scripture Readings:

Genesis 12.1-9 / Romans 4.1-5, 13-17 / John 3.1-17

Sermon Topic: "Lifted High" - Sermon Text: John 3:14-15

Up Coming Worship Opportunities

Lenten Midweek – "Giving It Up" at Noon

March 1– "Expectation"

March 8 – "Superiority"

March 15 – "Enemies" also at 7 pm

March 22 – "Our Lives"

March 29 – "Popularity" also at 7 pm

(FaceBook Live at noon and the web site)

Holy Week April 2nd – 9th

Palm Sunday – April 2nd

Journey to the Cross – April 6th - 11 am – 1 pm and 5 pm – 8 pm

Good Friday – April 7th - Noon & 7 pm

Easter Sunday – April 9th

8:30 am Easter Breakfast

10 am Festival Communion Service

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Your personal prayer guide for the week of:

February 26, 2023

Our Primary Prayer focus for this week is upon Christ's people on earth:

- For the Holy Spirit to be drawing people to our worship Gatherings – in person and online.
- Bringing more people into the regular habit of reading and discussing God's Word.
- For children to be raised in the nurture and encouragement of the Gospel.
- For us all to grow in generosity, faith, and sacrificial giving.
- For those attending our midweek Lenten gatherings.

And we remember all children who hear the gospel in church and from their parents, and those in hospice care especially Jane Gurnack



To connect to the **STL PRAYER CHAIN**, contact Karen Dolan (mdolan421@gmail.com), text "Prayer" to 1-586-800-2223, or scan this QR code, with your phone's camera, to be taken to the prayer request form.

Our Confession of Faith

As members of the Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod (LC-MS), we subscribe to the three ecumenical creeds (Apostles, Nicene and Athanasian) and the Christian faith as confessed in the Book of Concord. This includes believing that:

- Jesus Christ is both true God and true man who died for our sins and rose again to save us.
- His body/blood are truly present in communion under the form of bread/wine (page 326).
- Communion is, among other things, an expression of doctrinal unity.
- Infant baptism is a Means of Grace through which God delivers one from sin and gives eternal salvation to all who believe (page 325 in Lutheran Service Book).

Weekly Worship with Communion - Sunday at 9:30 a.m.

Monday at 7:30 p.m.

Drive Thru Communion – Second Sunday of the month at 11:30 a.m.

“The Flock” for children and Cross†raining JC Style for youth

Faith Hope Love Gatherings - Sunday and throughout the week