

## First Sunday of Lent

**THEME:** We are encouraged by knowing that there was One who overcame every temptation.

### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### OPENING HYMN "Green Book" 104 In the Cross of Christ I Glory

*In the cross of Christ I glory,  
Tow'r ing o'er the wrecks of time.  
All the light of sacred story  
Gathers round is head sublime.*

*When the woes of life o'er tale me,  
Hopes deceive, and fears annoy,  
Never shall the cross forsake me;  
Lo, it glows with peace and joy.*

*When the sun of bliss is beaming  
Light and love upon my way,  
From the cross the radiance streaming  
Adds more luster to the day.*

*Bane and blessing, pain and pleasure,  
By the cross are sanctified;  
Peace is there that knows no measure,  
Joys that through all time abide.*

### OPENING BLESSING

#### **OPENING UP ABOUT OURSELVES**

P: Today we will hear how Jesus prayed and fasted for forty days and forty nights. During those days and nights in the Wilderness, Satan tempted him to sin. Jesus did not. During this time of silence we think upon our own failures when it comes to the temptations in our lives.

*Silence for Reflection*

P: We confess.

**C: Dear Father, we know that Jesus was tempted to act contrary to Your Word.....yet he remained faithful. We admit that when we are tempted to disobey Your Word, we give in to temptation..... We know that Jesus was tempted to break his fast, yet he did not and remained faithful..... We admit that we are always obedient in denying ourselves. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ who was without sin, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways , to the glory of your holy name. Amen.**

#### **RECEIVING GOOD NEWS**

P: In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for you, and for his sake God forgives you all your sins. To those who believe in Jesus Christ he gives the power to become the children of God and bestows on them the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: We pray..... O Lord God. You led Your ancient people through the wilderness and brought them to the promised land. Guide us that following our Savior we may walk through the wilderness of the world toward the glory of the world to come; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

## HEARING FROM GOD'S WORD

[Old Testament Reading: Genesis 3:1-21](#)

*Adam and Eve succumb to the serpent's temptation*

*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.*

#### New Testament Reading: Romans 5:12-19

*One trespass led to the condemnation of all.....one act of righteousness leads to life for all*

*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. For 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.*

#### CHOIR ANTHEM

#### How Blest We Are

By David Lantz III

#### Gospel Reading: Matthew 4:1-11

*Jesus is in the Wilderness for forty days and forty nights in prayer and fasting*

*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.*

#### CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SERMON SONG "Red Book" 117

People Need the Lord

*Every day they pass me by, I can see it in their eye;  
Empty people filled with care, headed who knows where.  
On they go through private pain, living fear to fear.  
Laughter hides the silent cries only Jesus hears.*

**Refrain:**

*People need the Lord. People need the Lord.  
At the end of broken dreams He's the open door.  
People need the Lord. People need the Lord.  
When will we realize people need the Lord.*

*We are called to take His light to a world where wrong seems right;  
What could be too great a cost for sharing life with one who's lost.  
Through His love our hearts can feel all the grief they bear.  
They must hear the words of life only we can share.*

**Refrain:**

*People need the Lord. People need the Lord.  
At the end of broken dreams He's the open door.  
People need the Lord. People need the Lord.  
That we must give our lives for people need the Lord.  
People need the Lord.*

SERMON

"The Great Exchange"

**PRAYER: You have promised me rescue and eternal life. Govern my heart in all that I do, especially in times of temptation, that I may seek your help and the help of those around me. Let Your Holy Spirit be my guide. Thank you for Your protection. In Jesus' name. Amen.**

**AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

**C: I believe in God, who has created all things and continues to create new life within us.....I believe in Jesus, son of God, son of man, the Savior of the world. By His life, His death and resurrection, I can know the true depth of human possibility, and experience the true joy of an abundant life.....I believe that the Holy Spirit is present, now and always, calling us to faith, giving us gifts and empowering us for service.....I believe that the community of believers called the church can experience the fullness of life through the word, the sacraments, and all that we do.**

**OFFERING**

**OFFERTORY**

**PRAYERS OF GOD'S PEOPLE**

**OUR GUEST SPEAKER: Superintendent Dan Forbess**

**A CLOSING BLESSING**

**CLOSING SONG "Green Book" 343**      **Guide Me Ever, Great Redeemer**

*Guide me ever, great Redeemer,  
Pilgrim through this barren land.  
I am weak, but you are mighty;  
Hold me with your pow'rful hand.  
Bread of heaven, bread of heaven  
Feed me now and ever more,  
Feed me now and ever more.*

*Open now the crystal fountain  
Where the healing waters flow;  
Let the fire and cloudy pillar  
Lead me all my journey through.  
Strong deliv'rer, strong deliv'rer,  
Shield me with your mighty arm,  
Shield me with your mighty arm,*

*When I tread the verge of Jordan,  
Bid my anxious fears subside;  
Death of death and hell's destruction,  
Land me safe on Canaan's side.  
Songs and praises, songs and praises,  
I will raise forever more,  
I will raise forever more,*

**DISMISSAL**

**P:** Go in Peace. Serve the Lord!

**C:** Thanks be to God!