

THE STONES OF LENT

LENTEN SUNDAY SERMON SERIES

Luke 4:1-13

THE TEMPTING STONES

Stones as Bread and Stones That Will Not Harm You

1st Sunday in Lent

March 10, 2019

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WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Sundays 8:00 a.m. & 10:45 a.m.

Holy Communion: 1st, 3rd, 5th Sunday of the month

Becky Lanzito & Karen Leicht - Organists, Ann Souza - Music Director,

Mandi Diver – Choir/New Music Accompanist

WELCOME TO OUR VISITORS

We are pleased you chose to be with us in worship today, and pray the Lord blesses you as he has blessed us with your presence. Our goal is to help people find the right place for them to hear God's word and serve His mission. We'd love to support you in that spiritual journey. Please take a moment to complete an attendance card and place it in the Offering plate or give to an usher. This card will help us connect with you.

NURSERY

We have two rooms available for your use. When the service is in the sanctuary, the nursery is down the hall just past the restrooms. If the service is held in the gym, the nursery is in the youth room at the far end of the gym.

SERVING TODAY

Sunday 8:00AM

Elders: JJ Jones
Comm/Asst. Elder: Mike Bandman
Acolytes: Owen Squires, Ellie Kreamer
Lay Readers: Cheryl Ross, Dave Ross
Ushers: Al Diercks, Sam Squires
Greeters: Hautzinger Family,
Don & Joanne Heidlauf
Fellowship: Brazda and Sanders
March Altar Guild: Kathy Schwartz
March Counters: Mary Kay Ams

Sunday 10:45AM

Bob Souza
Jack Warneke
Ruth Ziegler, Amanda Adams
Joan Blasko, Elizabeth Blasko
Lance Rasmussen, Scott Mundrick
Ziegler Family,
Kay Antonopoulos

Sheila Bunnell
Joan Blasko

ALTAR FLOWERS ARE PROVIDED BY:

Mary Kay and Linda Anderson in memory of husband and dad, Raymond; and Chris Mason in memory of sister-in-law, Noreen Heyde.

In Today's Prayers

*If you have something you'd like added,
please go to one of the Prayer Stands,
write down your request, & put in the plastic rack.*



In our weekly Worship Prayers, we lift up praises, thanksgivings, requests, and concerns to our Lord. In order to help us pray to God about the wholeness of our lives in the world, we have a schedule for when we will focus on specific areas for prayer. Any immediate needs will always take priority, but in general, we will follow this schedule. Please note that this means on the 2nd and 4th Sundays of the month, Pastor will speak the names of everyone on our health concerns list, but on other Sundays, this will be lifted up only as a general prayer for health and healing.

2nd Sunday

Our District Partners

Northern Illinois District
Concordia University—Chicago

Walcamp—outdoor ministry
Lutheran Church Charities

Our Seminaries

Concordia Theological Seminary, Ft. Wayne
and Bethel member, Jacob Stoltzman, who is in his 2nd year
Concordia Seminary, St. Louis

Congregation: Discipleship

Help us continue to see what it means to have a “heart life,” daily lives for Jesus

Our Loved Ones in the Armed Forces *Let Pastor know if you have someone to add.*

Victoria Wuethrick, Bethel member, Air Force
Lt. Colonel Michael Ridley, USAF, Minot AFB, ND – Steve Best’s brother
Jason Lucker, Navy, had been at Great Lakes, now in school in Virginia
Marshall King, Army—son of Deb Pellettiere’s friend
David Mrnak, Army—Deb Pellettiere’s friend’s future son-in-law
Allison Luzwick, Lt., Navy—Great Lakes
Bradley Abbitt, Army—Susan Squires’ cousin
Steven Furman, Air Force—Margie Tatgenhorst’s nephew
Andrew Waala, Air Force—Brian & Sherri Waala’s son

Divine Service (Bethel Setting)

This service is adapted from the Divine Services in Lutheran Service Book.

Anthem 8 AM

***“Jesus, Make Me Gentle Like You” &
“I’ve Got the Joy”***

***Cherub Choir
Junior Choir***

10:45 AM

“Lord, We Want to Know You”

Opening Hymn

O Lord, throughout These Forty Days

LSB 418



1 O Lord, through - out these for - ty days You
2 You strove with Sa - tan, and You won; Your
3 Though parched and hun - gry, yet You prayed And
4 Be with us through this sea - son, Lord, And



prayed and kept the fast; In - spire re - pen - tance
faith - ful - ness en - dured; Lend us Your nerve, Your
fixed Your mind a - bove; So teach us to de -
all our earth - ly days, That when the fi - nal



for our sin, And free us from our past.
skill and trust In God's e - ter - nal Word.
ny our - selves, Since we have known God's love.
Eas - ter dawns, We join in heav - en's praise.

Invocation, Exhortation, and Confession of Sins

P: In the Name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

P: Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness... Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C: *who made heaven and earth.*

P: I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,

C: *and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.*

P: *Since we are gathered to hear God's Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, and receive His Word of Law and Gospel, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying:*
God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

C: *Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.*

——We pause in silence to reflect on our need and request of forgiveness. ——

P: Almighty God, merciful Father, in Holy Baptism You declared us to be Your children and gathered us into Your one, holy Church, in which You daily and richly forgive us our sins and grant us new life through Your Spirit. Be in our midst, enliven our faith, and graciously receive our prayer and praise; through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C: Amen.

Absolution (Forgiveness)

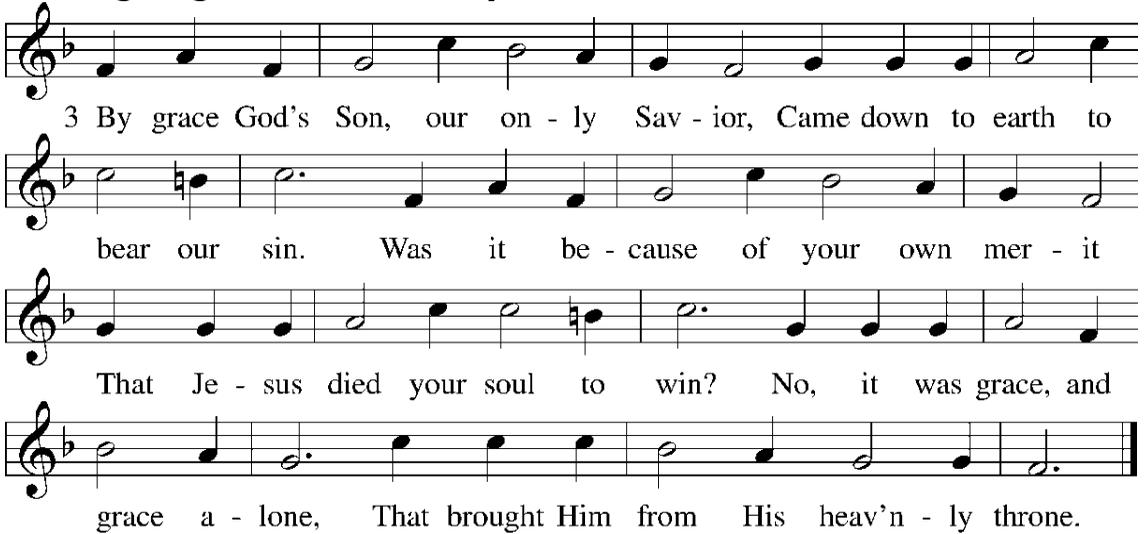
P: Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

Thanksgiving Verse

By Grace I'm Saved

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3 By grace God's Son, our on - ly Sav - ior, Came down to earth to
bear our sin. Was it be - cause of your own mer - it
That Je - sus died your soul to win? No, it was grace, and
grace a - lone, That brought Him from His heav'n - ly throne.

Kyrie (Lord, Have Mercy)

P: In peace let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: For the peace from above and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,
and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,
let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

C: Amen.

Greeting and Collect (Prayer of the Day)

P: The Lord be with you.

C: *And also with you.*

P: Let us pray. O Lord God, You led Your ancient people through the wilderness and brought them to the promised land. Guide the people of Your Church that following our Savior we may walk through the wilderness of this 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.*

Children's Message

Psalm Reading

Psalm 91:1–13 (ESV)

¹He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High
will abide in the shadow of the Almighty.

²I will say to the LORD, “My refuge and my fortress, my God, in whom I trust.”

³For he will deliver you from the snare of the fowler
and from the deadly pestilence.

⁴He will cover you with his pinions, and under his wings you will find refuge;
his faithfulness is a shield and buckler.

⁵You will not fear the terror of the night, nor the arrow that flies by day,

⁶nor the pestilence that stalks in darkness,
nor the destruction that wastes at noonday.

⁷A thousand may fall at your side, ten thousand at your right hand,
but it will not come near you.

⁸You will only look with your eyes and see the recompense of the wicked.

⁹Because you have made the LORD your dwelling place—
the Most High, who is my refuge—

¹⁰no evil shall be allowed to befall you, no plague come near your tent.

¹¹For he will command his angels concerning you to guard you in all your ways.

¹²On their hands they will bear you up, lest you strike your foot against a stone.

¹³You will tread on the lion and the adder;
the young lion and the serpent you will trample underfoot.

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: *Thanks be to God.*

Epistle (New Testament Letter)

Romans 10:8b–13 (ESV)

⁸But what does it say? “The word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart” (that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); ⁹because, if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. ¹⁰For with the heart one believes and is justified, and with the mouth one confesses and is saved. ¹¹For the Scripture says, “Everyone who believes in him will not be put to shame.” ¹²For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all, bestowing his riches on all who call on him. ¹³For “everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.”

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: *Thanks be to God.*

Song of Praise

In Christ Alone

1. In Christ a - lone my hope is found, He is my light, my strength, — my
4. No guilt in life, no fear in death, this is the pow'r of Christ — in

song; This Cor-ner- stone, this sol - id Ground, firm through the fierc - est drought — and
me; From life's first cry to fi - nal breath, Je - sus com - mands my des - ti -

storm. What heights of love, what depths of peace, when fears are stilled, when striv - ings
-ny. No pow'r of hell, no scheme of man, can ev - er pluck me from His

cease. My Com - fort - er, my All in All, here in the love of Christ — I
hand; Till He re - turns or calls me home, here in the pow'r of Christ — I'll

stand.
stand!

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Holy Gospel

Luke 4:1–13 (ESV)

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 4th chapter.

C: Glory to You, O Lord.

¹ Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the wilderness ²for forty days, being tempted by the devil. And he ate nothing during those days. And when they were ended, he was hungry.

³The devil said to him, “If you are the Son of God, command this stone to become bread.” ⁴And Jesus answered him, “It is written, ‘Man shall not live by bread alone.’”

⁵And the devil took him up and showed him all the kingdoms of the world in a moment of time, ⁶and said to him, “To you I will give all this authority and their glory, for it has been delivered to me, and I give it to whom I will. ⁷If you, then, will worship me, it will all be yours.” ⁸And Jesus answered him, “It is written,

“You shall worship the Lord your God,
and him only shall you serve.””

⁹And he took him to Jerusalem and set him on the pinnacle of the temple and said to him, “If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down from here, ¹⁰for it is written,

“He will command his angels concerning you, to guard you,”

¹¹and

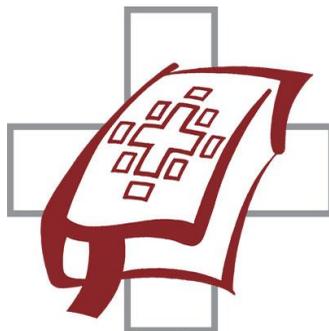
“On their hands they will bear you up, lest you strike your foot against a stone.””

¹²And Jesus answered him, “It is said, ‘You shall not put the Lord your God to the test.’”

¹³And when the devil had ended every temptation, he departed from him until an opportune time.

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to You, O Christ.



Confession of Faith

Nicene Creed

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.—And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of his Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And he will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.—And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen

Hymn of the Day

O Christ, You Walked the Road

LSB 424



- 1 O Christ, You walked the road Our wan - d'ring feet must go.
- 2 No bread of earth a - lone Can fill our hun - g'ring hearts.
- 3 No blind - ing sign we ask, No won - der from a - bove.
- 4 When lures of eas - y gain With prom - ise bright - ly shine,
- 5 O Christ, You walked the road Our wan - d'ring feet must go.



You faced with us temp - ta - tion's pow'r And fought our an - cient foe.
Lord, help us seek Your liv - ing Word, The food Your grace im - parts.
Lord, help us place our trust a - lone In Your un - swerv - ing love.
Lord, help us seek Your king - dom first; Our wills with Yours a - lign.
Stay with us through temp - ta - tion's hour To fight our an - cient foe.

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Sermon

"The Tempting Stones"

Luke 4:1-13

Offering & Prayer Requests

In addition to the prayer requests already received, Pastor will pause here to see if there are additional requests. Prayers can be thanksgivings, joy, requests for yourself, or requests for others.

Offertory

God's Word Is Our Great Heritage

LSB 582

(Sung as the Offerings are brought forward and placed on the altar)



God's Word is our great her - i - tage And shall be ours for -
ev - er; To spread its light from age to age Shall be our
chief en - deav - or. Through life it guides our way, In death it
is our stay. Lord, grant, while worlds en - dure, We keep its
teach - ings pure Through - out all gen - er - a - tions.

Prayers

The Lord's Prayer

P: Lord, remember us in Your kingdom, and teach us to pray:

All: 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.

Benediction

P: 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.

C: Amen.

Closing Hymn

Precious Lord, Take My Hand

LSB 739

1 Pre - cious Lord, take my hand, Lead me on, let me stand;
2 When my way grows drear, Pre - cious Lord, lin - ger near,
3 When the dark - ness ap - pears And the night draws near

I am tired, I am weak, I am worn.
When my life is al - most gone,
And the day is al - most gone,

Through the storm, through the night, Lead me on to the light.
Hear my cry, hear my call; Hold my hand lest I fall.
At the riv - er I stand; Guide my feet, hold my hand,

Take my hand, pre - cious Lord; lead me home.
Take my hand, pre - cious Lord; lead me home.
Take my hand, pre - cious Lord; lead me home.

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Announcements

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