

⁸ Jesus answered, “It is written: ‘Worship the Lord your God and serve him only.’”

⁹ The devil led him to Jerusalem and had him stand on the highest point of the temple. “If you are the Son of God,” he said, “throw yourself down from here. ¹⁰ For it is written:” ‘He will command his angels concerning you to guard you carefully; ¹¹ they will lift you up in their hands, so that you will not strike your foot against a stone.’”

¹² Jesus answered, “It says: ‘Do not put the Lord your God to the test.’”

¹³ When the devil had finished all this tempting, he left him until an opportune time.

Sermon Hymn: 200 – A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

Sermon: It Is Written

Offering: *(Please remember to sign the Friendship Register.)*

Words of Institution & Distribution

Distribution Hymn: 371 – O, Love, How Deep
455 – Rise! To Arms! With Prayer Employ You

Benediction

Closing Hymn: 587 – Now Rest Beneath Night’s Shadow

Ushers: This Week – Jake Horta & Alex Ellifson
Next Week – Tyler Danielson & Tim Walsh

Greeters: This Week – Larry & Patti Zastrow
Next Week – Richard & Shirley Pfeifer

MITE BOXES

LWMS Mite box money due by Sunday, March 17th.

MEETING NOTICE

There will be a Council Meeting on Thursday, March 28th and a Voters Meeting on Sunday, March 31st. Both meetings are being held especially to discuss/approve our July 2019 – June 2020 budget.

First Weekend in Lent – March 9th & 10th, 2019

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We Welcome You!

Order of Worship: Pg. 26

Opening Hymn: “Sanctuary” – St. Peter’s Senior Choir

Prayer of the Day:

M: Lord our strength, the battle of good and evil rages within and around us, and our ancient foe tempts us with his deceits and empty promises. Keep us steadfast in your Word, and when we fall, raise us up again and restore us through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

First Lesson - Deuteronomy 26:5-10

With a mighty hand the Lord worked victory over evil for his people, bringing them up out of slavery into the Promised Land. No longer slaves to sin, we long for the Promised Land of a new heaven and new earth, the home of God’s elect. There is no greater prize than the love and mercy of our God. So we bow before him alone; we worship him only.

⁵ Then you shall declare before the LORD your God: “My father was a wandering Aramean, and he went down into Egypt with a few people and lived there and became a great nation, powerful and numerous. ⁶ But the Egyptians mistreated us and made us suffer, putting us to hard labor. ⁷ Then we cried out to the LORD, the God of our fathers, and the LORD heard our voice and saw our misery, toil and oppression. ⁸ So the LORD brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm, with great terror and with miraculous signs and wonders. ⁹ He brought us to this place and gave us this land, a land flowing with milk and honey; ¹⁰ and now I bring the firstfruits of the soil that you, O LORD, have given me.” Place the basket before the LORD your God and bow down before him.

Psalm of the Day - Psalm 91 p. 100

Second Lesson - Romans 10:8b-13

Christ obeyed his Father in all things. Even in the midst of temptation, he obeyed fully where we could not. When he won the battle

over sin for us, there was nothing left for us to do. Christ has fully completed all the requirements of God’s Law in our place. Paul tells us in verse 4 that Christ is the fulfillment (τέλος) of the Law for the righteousness of everyone who believes. For us, the obedience of the Law is fulfilled and all that is left is the obedience of Faith: that if you confess with your mouth, “Jesus is Lord” and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved.

“The word is near you; it is in your mouth and in your heart,” that is, the word of faith we are proclaiming: ⁹ That if you confess with your mouth, “Jesus is Lord,” and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. ¹⁰ For it is with your heart that you believe and are justified, and it is with your mouth that you confess and are saved. ¹¹ As the Scripture says, “Anyone who trusts in him will never be put to shame.” ¹² For there is no difference between Jew and Gentile—the same Lord is Lord of all and richly blesses all who call on him, ¹³ for, “Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.”

Verse of the Day: *It is written: “Worship the Lord your God, and serve him only.” (Matthew 4:10b)*

Gospel - Luke 4:1-13

It was the ultimate battle of Good versus Evil: the old evil foe battled the Son of Man while the fate of humankind hung in the balance. It almost seems trite to sensationalize the temptation of Christ in such language. Yet is this not the case? At any point, had Jesus failed to resist temptation, had he bowed, or jumped, or even simply made some bread...all would have been lost. But our Champion won the battle: Jesus the Christ holds the field and the kingdom is ours forever.

4 Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the desert, ² where for forty days he was tempted by the devil. He ate nothing during those days, and at the end of them he was hungry.

³ The devil said to him, “If you are the Son of God, tell this stone to become bread.”

⁴ Jesus answered, “It is written: ‘Man does not live on bread alone.’”

⁵ The devil led him up to a high place and showed him in an instant all the kingdoms of the world. ⁶ And he said to him, “I will give you all their authority and splendor, for it has been given to me, and I can give it to anyone I want to. ⁷ So if you worship me, it will all be yours.”