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## The First Sunday in Lent

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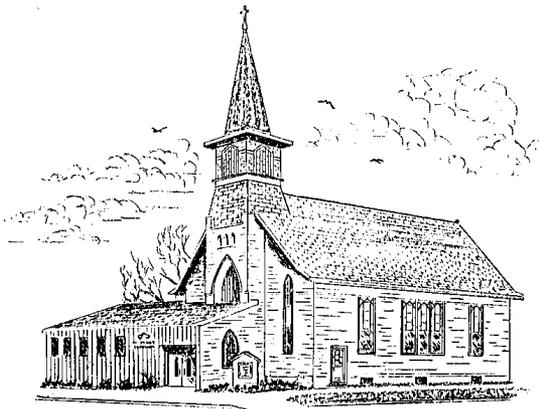
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**WELCOME** To all of you who are visiting our service this morning, we extend a most cordial welcome in Jesus' name. It is our hope that you will feel at home in our midst and will be blessed by our message of Christ crucified and risen for the sins of the world.

If you are looking for a church home or would like to know more about our beliefs and practices, please see the pastor. He will be glad to visit with you at your convenience. Be sure to join us again.

**Prelude** Kathy Lueck

**Hymn** 449 *My Soul, be on Thy Guard*

**Order of Service** Page 12ff. in the Worship Supplement.

**Old Testament Lesson** Genesis 3:1-15 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?’” The woman said to the serpent, “We may eat fruit from the trees in the garden, 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.’” “You will not certainly die,” the serpent said to the woman. “For God knows that when you eat from it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil.” 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. 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. 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. But the Lord God called to the man, “Where are you?” He answered, “I heard You in the garden, and I was afraid because I was naked; so I hid.” And He said, “Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten from the tree that I commanded you not to eat from?” The man said, “The woman You put here with me—she gave me some fruit from the tree, and I ate it.” Then the Lord God said to the woman, “What is this you have done?” The woman said, “The serpent deceived me, and I ate.” 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. 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.”

**Children** *Jesus! Name of Wondrous Love*

**Epistle Lesson** Hebrews 4:14-16 Therefore, since we have a great high priest who has ascended into heaven, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold firmly to the faith we profess. For we do not have a high priest who is unable to empathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who has been tempted in every way, just as we are—yet He did not sin. Let us then

approach God's throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need.

**Hymn** 446 *Rise, My Soul, to Watch and Pray*

**Sermon** Luke 4:1-13 Then Jesus, being filled with the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit into the wilderness, being tempted for forty days by the devil. And in those days He ate nothing, and afterward, when they had ended, He was hungry. And the devil said to Him, "If You are the Son of God, command this stone to become bread." But Jesus answered him, saying, "It is written, 'Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word of God.'" Then the devil, taking Him up on a high mountain, showed Him all the kingdoms of the world in a moment of time. And the devil said to Him, "All this authority I will give You, and their glory; for *this* has been delivered to me, and I give it to whomever I wish. Therefore, if You will worship before me, all will be Yours." And Jesus answered and said to him, "Get behind Me, Satan! For it is written, 'You shall worship the Lord your God, and Him only you shall serve.'" Then he brought Him to Jerusalem, set Him on the pinnacle of the temple, and said to Him, "If You are the Son of God, throw Yourself down from here. For it is written: 'He shall give His angels charge over you, To keep you,' and, 'In *their* hands they shall bear you up, Lest you dash your foot against a stone.'" And Jesus answered and said to him, "It has been said, 'You shall not tempt the Lord your God.'" Now when the devil had ended every temptation, he departed from Him until an opportune time.

## A Game Plan for Temptation...

**The Offertory**

**The Offering**

**Hymn** 721 *Cross of Jesus, Cross of Sorrow*

**Prayer + The Lord's Prayer**

**The Benediction**

**Hymn** 378 *Savior, Again, to Thy Dear Name We Raise*

**LENT** Our second midweek service will be held on Wednesday evening at 7:00 o'clock. We will continue looking at the "power words" of Lent. A finger-food potluck follows the service.

**YOUTH BASKETBALL** Lord willing, our young people will be traveling to Eau Claire on Thursday or Friday for the annual CLC Grade School Tournament. May the Lord bless them with safe travel and an enjoyable time with their fellow Christians.

**CALENDARS** The price of the Inspirational Calendars has dropped from \$5.00 to whatever you'd like to donate. Please help yourself to those on the table.

**BOOK STUDY** If you signed up for the study and don't yet have your book, please see Jolene after the service.

**CLC NEWS** Luke Willitz is considering the call to Eden Prairie. Pastor Aaron Ude, Rapid City, has the call to Winter Haven. Mrs. Dawn Mayhew has accepted the call to be teacher and principal of Redeemer Lutheran School, Cheyenne, WY. Teacher Claire Abbas, Spokane, is considering the call to Inver Grove Heights.

**Traveling Vacation Bible School** The TVBS Committee is making plans for our summer TVBS program. If your congregation is looking for help in hosting Vacation Bible School in your congregation, please contact us as soon as possible with a proposed date for your session and we'll include that date in our summer plans. The deadline is April 4th. The Committee is also looking for congregations willing to support the TVBS effort by either sponsoring or adopting a program in a sister congregation. For more information: [www.clctvbs.org](http://www.clctvbs.org) or contact Ryan Hammett [hammettr@gmail.com](mailto:hammettr@gmail.com).

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03/13 Phil S., Zachary S., Nathan V., Anthony F.  
03/20 Trevor B., Tim Z., Joshua E., Christian K., David R.

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