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Saturday: 6:15 p.m.

Sunday: 9:15 a.m.

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Sunday Morning Fellowship: 10:30 a.m.

Adult Bible Class: 10:45 a.m.

Office Hours:

Monday: 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.;

Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday: 9 a.m. – 4 p.m.; *(12:30 p.m. – 1:30 p.m. – Lunch)*

Friday, 9 a.m. – Noon

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From the Pastor

Grace, mercy and peace to you all from God our Father through Jesus Christ our Lord and Savior.

I pray that you all are well and safe. Continue practicing patience during this confusing time. Keep watch over and stay in contact with family, friends and fellow workers. Simply stay busy doing that which is good and pleasing in the sight of God.

With the COVID vaccine now being administered, our attendance is increase. If you are uncomfortable about the increase in numbers attending, consider signing up for the 10:30 Sunday morning Divine Service. Saturday night and Wednesday evening silent Divine Services are available. Until you are able to gather with us, God keep you in the one true faith till life everlasting.

I am including activities and learning suggestions for you and your children of all ages. I hope this will deepen your appreciation and understand of the Divine Service.

For younger children

*Word Search: **Temptation***

[Underline or highlight this word or phrase throughout the Divine Service]

A Sunday School lesson can be found at our website: www.trinitylutherantaylorville.org

5th graders and older: Mark the service with directional arrows [↗ as to show what direction the interaction between God, us and with each other is taking place. Use these symbols to indicate our posture during the service [- standing in respect; - kneeling to receive a blessing or show respect; - humbly sitting to receive from the Lord].

The coloring page can be saved in Paint 3D for your children and you to color on the computer screen.

Also, have those who can read, answer the questions found throughout the Divine Service. They can highlight or underline the answers usually found above the questions.

For older children especially those who are in or have in the past studied Luther's Small Catechism

Where is this found in the Luther's Small Catechism? Put *LSC* in the margin and the section [*Ten Commandments, Creed, Lord's Prayer, Baptism, Office of the Keys, or the Lord's Supper*] of the catechism where this teaching can be found. [*ex: LSC-Baptism*]

A Bible Study on one of the lessons can be found at our website: www.trinitylutherantaylorville.org

Adults/parents

You may find this helpful to do the above also, even the drawing and coloring. For the youngest of your children, draw a cross or a picture, if your talent so allows, anywhere in the Divine Service and let your little ones color them.

Another excise you can do is to journal your thoughts on the Word and the following service. Each day read through a section and journal your thoughts and/or insights you may have. If you know to insert and use “Text Box” that is a good way to do it. You may also go to “References” and use “Foot Note” to record your thoughts or insight.

Registering for afterschool Catechizing Classes

With public schools going to remote learning and Vision Way still offering full day classes, the afterschool catechizing classes are going to take on a new look. Remote learning without video capabilities will be offered for those who register for remote learning. Small group sessions can be arranged pending the students’ schedule. Once you know their schedules let me know.

Contact the church office to register or if you have any questions.

God bless, keep and increase your faith in Christ as you now read, mark and inwardly digest His Word.

Pass It On

From the office of the Central Illinois District LCMS

Lent 1

“You deserve that more than she does.”

“Take it. No one is watching. No one will ever know.”

“C’mon. Just go ahead and do it.”

Temptation. You’ve been tempted. So have I. Temptation is an experience that is common to every man and woman. Temptation to want, to need, to lust, to take, to excuse ourselves; every day brings a whole multitude of it.

Where does temptation come from? This is a question that is considered in the Bible readings for this coming Sunday. Since it is so common to every person, everywhere, in every time, could it be from God? Emphatically, no! In the reading from James we are told, “Let no one say when he is tempted, ‘I am being tempted by God,’...[God] tempts no one”

James goes on: the temptations that everyone faces are not from God. Instead they come from the devil, and from our own sinful selves. The bad news about these temptations is that often they remain, enticing us, and sometimes we give in.

But we'll hear very good news about this on Sunday from the Gospel of Mark! Jesus Christ, the Son of God and our Savior, also faced temptations. After all, He was also a man, just like us. Yet he wasn't broken in any way.

Jesus was baptized even though He needed no baptism — and in so doing He took our place in facing all the temptations and bearing all the sins of the whole world. Immediately after that, living in the wilderness for 40 days, Jesus was tempted by Satan. But He resisted every one of those temptations perfectly.

This victory over temptation and sin by Jesus Christ is summed up so well in the book of Hebrews. Jesus is not “unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but...in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin.”

Christ's victory over the devil's temptations, over sin, and finally over death and the grave, is given to you and me as *our* victory.

WORSHIP FOLDER
FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT
Temped or Tested?
February 20 & 21, 2021

As We Gather

Today we hear of God testing Abraham and of Satan tempting Jesus. James reminds us that God tempts no one. So, how can we know whether God is testing us or Satan is tempting us? James reminds us that “Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of lights with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change” (James 1:17). As we go through life, striving to live out our calling as God's people, we will hit obstacles and face tests to our faith and to how we live that faith. God can work through these tests to draw us closer to Him. On the other hand, Satan wants to lure and entice us away from the path God would have us walk.



Order of Divine Service *LSB 151*

Opening Sentences Mark 14:38; 1 Peter 5:8; 1 Corinthians 10:12–13

- P Jesus said, “Watch and pray that you may not enter into temptation. The spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak.”
- C **Be sober-minded; be watchful. Your adversary the devil prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour.**
- P Therefore let anyone who thinks that he stands take heed lest he fall. No temptation has overtaken you that is not common to man.
- C **God is faithful, and he will not let you be tempted beyond your ability, but with the temptation he will also provide the way of escape, that you may be able to endure it.**

Opening Hymn “O Lord, throughout These Forty Days” *LSB 418*

- 1 O Lord, throughout these forty days
You prayed and kept the fast;
Inspire repentance for our sin,
And free us from our past.
- 2 You strove with Satan, and You won;
Your faithfulness endured;
Lend us Your nerve, Your skill and trust
In God’s eternal Word.
- 3 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.
- 4 Be with us through this season, Lord,
And all our earthly days,
That when the final Easter dawns,
We join in heaven’s praise.

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Christian Questions with Their Answers *LSB 329*

After confession and instruction in the Ten Commandments, the Creed, the Lord’s Prayer, and the Sacraments of Baptism and the Lord’s Supper, the pastor may ask, or Christians may ask themselves these questions:

1. Do you believe that you are a sinner?

Yes, I believe it. I am a sinner.

2. How do you know this?

From the Ten Commandments, which I have not kept.

3. Are you sorry for your sins?

Yes, I am sorry that I have sinned against God.

4. What have you deserved from God because of your sins?

His wrath and displeasure, temporal death, and eternal damnation. See Romans 6:21, 23.

5. Do you hope to be saved?

Yes, that is my hope.

6. In whom then do you trust?

In my dear Lord Jesus Christ.

7. Who is Christ?

The Son of God, true God and man.

8. How many Gods are there?

Only one, but there are three persons: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

9. What has Christ done for you that you trust in Him?

He died for me and shed His blood for me on the cross for the forgiveness of sins.

10. Did the Father also die for you?

He did not. The Father is God only, as is the Holy Spirit; but the Son is both true God and true man. He died for me and shed His blood for me.

11. How do you know this?

From the Holy Gospel, from the words instituting the Sacrament, and by His body and blood given me as a pledge in the Sacrament.

12. What are the Words of Institution?

Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me." In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

13. Do you believe, then, that the true body and blood of Christ are in the Sacrament?

Yes, I believe it.

14. What convinces you to believe this?

The word of Christ: Take, eat, this is My body; drink of it, all of you, this is My blood.

15. What should we do when we eat His body and drink His blood, and in this way receive His pledge?

We should remember and proclaim His death and the shedding of His blood, as He taught us: This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me.

16. Why should we remember and proclaim His death?

First, so we may learn to believe that no creature could make satisfaction for our sins. Only Christ, true God and man, could do that. Second, so we may learn to be horrified by our sins, and to regard them as very serious. Third, so we may find joy and comfort in Christ alone, and through faith in Him be saved.

17. What motivated Christ to die and make full payment for your sins?

His great love for His Father and for me and other sinners, as it is written in John 14;

Romans 5; Galatians 2; and Ephesians 5.

18. Finally, why do you wish to go to the Sacrament?

That I may learn to believe that Christ, out of great love, died for my sin, and also learn from Him to love God and my neighbor.

19. What should admonish and encourage a Christian to receive the Sacrament frequently?

First, both the command and the promise of Christ the Lord. Second, his own pressing need, because of which the command, encouragement, and promise are given.

20. But what should you do if you are not aware of this need and have no hunger and thirst for the Sacrament?

To such a person no better advice can be given than this: first, he should touch his body to see if he still has flesh and blood. Then he should believe what the Scriptures say of it in Galatians 5 and Romans 7. Second, he should look around to see whether he is still in the world, and remember that there will be no lack of sin and trouble, as the Scriptures say in John 15–16 and in 1 John 2 and 5. Third, he will certainly have the devil also around him, who with his lying and murdering day and night will let him have no peace, within or without, as the Scriptures picture him in John 8 and 16; 1 Peter 5; Ephesians 6; and 2 Timothy 2.

NOTE

These questions and answers are no child's play, but are drawn up with great earnestness of purpose by the venerable and devout Dr. Luther for both young and old. Let each one pay attention and consider it a serious matter; for St. Paul writes to the Galatians in chapter six: "Do not be deceived: God cannot be mocked."

The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

P In the name of the Father and of the T Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

P If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

C **But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

P Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

C **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, 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.**

- P In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for His sake God forgives us all our 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. May the Lord, who has begun this good work in us, bring it to completion in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.
- C **Amen.**

What does Jesus use to help us fight temptations?

+ SERVICE OF THE WORD +

Introit

Ps. 91:9–13; antiphon: Ps. 91:15–16

When he calls to me, I will answer him; I will be with him in | trouble;*

I will rescue him and | honor him.

With long life I will sat- | isfy him*

and show him my sal- | vation.

Because you have made the LORD your | dwelling place—*

the Most High, who is my | refuge—

no evil shall be allowed to be- | fall you, *

no plague come | near your tent.

For he will command his angels con- | cerning you*

to guard you in | all your ways.

On their hands they will | bear you up, *

lest you strike your foot a- | gainst a stone.

You will tread on the lion and the | adder; *

the young lion and the serpent you will trample | underfoot.

Glory be to the Father and | to the Son*

and to the Holy | Spirit;

as it was in the be- | ginning, *

is now, and will be forever. | Amen.

When he calls to me, I will answer him; I will be with him in | trouble;*

I will rescue him and | honor him.

With long life I will sat- | isfy him*

and show him my sal- | vation.

Whom do we go to when temptations come our way?

Kyrie

LSB 152

- A In peace let us pray to the Lord.
- C **Lord, have mercy.**
- A For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.
- C **Lord, have mercy.**

- A 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.**
- A For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.
- C **Lord, have mercy.**
- A Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.
- C **Amen.**

Collect of the Day

- 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.**

Who leads us through the struggles of this life to our eternal life?

Old Testament Reading

Genesis 22:1–18

¹After these things God tested Abraham and said to him, “Abraham!” And he said, “Here am I.” ²He said, “Take your son, your only son Isaac, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah, and offer him there as a burnt offering on one of the mountains of which I shall tell you.” ³So Abraham rose early in the morning, saddled his donkey, and took two of his young men with him, and his son Isaac. And he cut the wood for the burnt offering and arose and went to the place of which God had told him. ⁴On the third day Abraham lifted up his eyes and saw the place from afar. ⁵Then Abraham said to his young men, “Stay here with the donkey; I and the boy will go over there and worship and come again to you.” ⁶And Abraham took the wood of the burnt offering and laid it on Isaac his son. And he took in his hand the fire and the knife. So they went both of them together. ⁷And Isaac said to his father Abraham, “My father!” And he said, “Here am I, my son.” He said, “Behold, the fire and the wood, but where is the lamb for a burnt offering?” ⁸Abraham said, “God will provide for himself the lamb for a burnt offering, my son.” So they went both of them together.

⁹When they came to the place of which God had told him, Abraham built the altar there and laid the wood in order and bound Isaac his son and laid him on the altar, on top of the wood. ¹⁰Then Abraham reached out his hand and took the knife to slaughter his son.

¹¹But the angel of the LORD called to him from heaven and said, “Abraham, Abraham!” And he said, “Here am I.” ¹²He said, “Do not lay your hand on the boy or do anything to him, for now I know that you fear God, seeing you have not withheld your son, your only son, from me.” ¹³And Abraham lifted up his eyes and looked, and behold, behind him was a ram, caught in a thicket by his horns. And Abraham went and took the ram and

offered it up as a burnt offering instead of his son. ¹⁴So Abraham called the name of that place, “The LORD will provide”; as it is said to this day, “On the mount of the LORD it shall be provided.”

¹⁵And the angel of the LORD called to Abraham a second time from heaven ¹⁶and said, “By myself I have sworn, declares the LORD, because you have done this and have not withheld your son, your only son, ¹⁷I will surely bless you, and I will surely multiply your offspring as the stars of heaven and as the sand that is on the seashore. And your offspring shall possess the gate of his enemies, ¹⁸and in your offspring shall all the nations of the earth be blessed, because you have obeyed my voice.”

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Who would be sacrificed for our sins?

Psalm

Psalm 25:1–10 (antiphon: v. 14)

¹To you, | O LORD,* I lift | up my soul.

²O my God, in you I trust;
let me not be | put to shame;*
let not my enemies exult | over me.

³Indeed, none who wait for you shall be | put to shame;*
they shall be ashamed who are wantonly | treacherous.

⁴Make me to know your ways, | O LORD;*
teach me | your paths.

⁵Lead me in your truth and teach me,
for you are the God of my sal- | vation;*
for you I wait all the | day long.

⁶Remember your mercy, O LORD, and your | steadfast love,*
for they have been | from of old.

⁷Remember not the sins of my youth or my trans- | gressions;*
according to your steadfast love remember me,
for the sake of your goodness, | O LORD!

⁸Good and upright | is the LORD;*
therefore he instructs sinners | in the way.

⁹He leads the humble in | what is right,*
and teaches the humble | his way.

¹⁰All the paths of the LORD are steadfast love and | faithfulness,*
for those who keep his covenant and his testi- | monies.

We ask God to forget what?

Epistle

James 1:12–18

¹²Blessed is the man who remains steadfast under trial, for when he has stood the test he will receive the crown of life, which God has promised to those who love him. ¹³Let no one say when he is tempted, “I am being tempted by God,” for God cannot be tempted with evil, and he himself tempts no one. ¹⁴But each person is tempted when he is lured and enticed by his own desire. ¹⁵Then desire when it has conceived gives birth to sin, and sin when it is fully grown brings forth death.

¹⁶Do not be deceived, my beloved brothers. ¹⁷Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of lights with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change. ¹⁸Of his own will he brought us forth by the word of truth, that we should be a kind of firstfruits of his creatures.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

How does temptation lead to sin?

Alleluia and Verse (Lent)

LSB 157

C **Return to the Lord, your God, for He is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love, and abounding in steadfast love.**

Holy Gospel

Mark 1:9–15

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the first chapter.

C **Glory to You, O Lord.**

⁹In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. ¹⁰And when he came up out of the water, immediately he saw the heavens opening and the Spirit descending on him like a dove. ¹¹And a voice came from heaven, “You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased.”

¹²The Spirit immediately drove him out into the wilderness. ¹³And he was in the wilderness forty days, being tempted by Satan. And he was with the wild animals, and the angels were ministering to him.

¹⁴Now after John was arrested, Jesus came into Galilee, proclaiming the gospel of God, ¹⁵and saying, “The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand; repent and believe in the gospel.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise to You, O Christ.**

Who conquered Satan and his temptations for us?

Highlight words and phrases that tell us Jesus has won the victory over Satan and his temptations.

424 O Christ, You Walked the Road

LSB 424

- 1 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.

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

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

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

- 5 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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Sermon "How Jesus Got His Start" Mark 1:9-15

Introduction:

Throughout the year, we remember the events of Christ's life. With this being the first Sunday in Lent, our text leads us to the start of Christ's ministry.

It is a familiar text because just a couple of weeks ago we heard these words read in church. The baptism of Christ was on the 1st Sunday after the Epiphany. And just last week we heard the voice of the Father speak at the transfiguration of Christ. We call that Sunday Transfiguration Sunday.

I. Epiphany-Transfiguration

The season of Epiphany has us hearing the voice of the Father at the beginning of Christ's ministry and near the end of Christ's ministry. We hear "This is my beloved Son" at both of these events of Christ's life. An important declaration of the one who is preaching, teaching, healing and about to go the cross to die is the very Son of God. No one else could preach, heal

and die for the sins of world expect Jesus alone. He was true God and true man.

The season of Epiphany centered on the events of Christ which reveals this major and important teaching and understanding of Jesus, who He is and why He is our Savior. The church from ancient times has developed a liturgy and calendar that keeps us mindful of the life, teachings and the person of Christ.

She had done so because we easily begin to forget what Christ has done for us. Week after week we hear of Jesus and His work and His person. For the world, Satan and even our own sinful human reasoning attack these truths. The person of Christ is constantly under attack. The world would have to believe that He was just a man misconstrued or misrepresented. He is not God. He could not save us by dying. He rather was a reformer and tried to make the world a better place to live.

Satan attacks the person of Christ by saying Jesus is God and therefore demands of us to live perfect lives. When we are not able to do so, Satan attacks by saying to us, "You have not earned God's love. He is disappointed with you. Leave His presence. You do not deserve His love, mercy and forgiveness."

Our sinful flesh wants to cling to this condemnation. It wants to continue in it sin. And if I cannot live a perfect life and therefore am condemned I might as well enjoy the lusts of my flesh as I descend into hell.

II. Lent

To counter these attacks, the Church set up the season of Lent. The season begins with the words of Christ, "Repent and believe the Gospel of God."

Yes, we are to remember the nature of our flesh, the world and Satan. These three seek to destroy our souls by driving us away from the presence of Christ, the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world.

Lent is a season to remember this and to remember that our Lord and Savior suffered the wrath of God in our place. He substituted His life for ours. He paid our debt of sin so that we may live and be children of God.

Lent is a penitential season. We are to see our sins. And more importantly we are take those sins to our Lord that He may and will remove them from us. He takes away the condemnation of sin because He suffered the condemnation of God for us.

Lent is not a season of moping and being downcast. It is a season of remembrance of what our sin has done to us, to those around us and to our beloved God. But it is a season of remembering the price Christ paid for us to set us free.

It is not a season of guilt. It is not a season of seeking to do better for our God. It is a season of

turning to God for forgiveness and strength to service Him with a clear conscience and repentive joy.

Conclusion:

The early church saw the need of the people to review and remember all that Jesus did for us and who He is. Today, we still need this. We haven't thrown away the Church year calendar or the liturgy. We still see the need to hear weekly, daily that our sins are forgiven. We still need to be reminded of whom our Savior is and what He did to bring us our salvation.

It may be repetition. But in the struggle against sin and temptation, the Word of God is our sword and defense. Satan will bring nothing new to us. It will be the same old temptations. Temptations he used against Christ. But for us, Christ was victorious over Satan and through His Word and Sacraments will continue to declare us victorious over sin, death and the devil.

So, today we remember how Jesus got His start and how we have benefited from Him and His work. To Him be all glory and honor.

T AMEN T

Apostles' Creed

**C 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 T everlasting. Amen.**

Prayer of the Church Psalm 25:4–6, adapted

- P Friends in Christ, I urge you to lift up your souls to our God in whom we trust, as Christ, our Lord, promises to hear us.
Lord Jesus, You are the Lord of the Church.
- C **Bless the work of our congregation and all who bear Your name.**
- P Remember Your mercy, O Lord,
C **and Your steadfast love, for they have been from of old.**
- P Lord Jesus, the government is on Your shoulders.
- C **Watch over all in this world. Guide the world's leaders with Your wisdom, as well as our elected officials—our president, our governor, and our local authorities—that we may live peaceful and quiet lives.**
- P Remember Your mercy, O Lord,
C **and Your steadfast love, for they have been from of old.**
- P Lord Jesus, You are our Teacher.
- C **Make us to know Your ways, O Lord; teach us Your paths. Lead us in Your truth and teach us, for You are the God of our salvation; for You we wait all the day long.**
- P Remember Your mercy, O Lord,
C **and Your steadfast love, for they have been from of old.**
- P Lord Jesus, You are the God of our salvation.
- C **Guide us, Lord, in living lives that bear witness to Your truth. Lead us to connect with those who are wandering or who do not know You.**
- P Remember Your mercy, O Lord,
C **and Your steadfast love, for they have been from of old.**
- P Lord Jesus, You are the Great Physician.
- C **Bind up the brokenhearted, give sight to the blind, make the lame to walk and the deaf to hear.**
- P We name before You those who are struggling in body, mind, and spirit and ask You to heal them: [*names*]. Remember Your mercy, O Lord,
C **and Your steadfast love, for they have been from of old.**
- P Into Your hands, Lord Jesus, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your great mercy to hear and answer us.
- C **Amen.**

Lord's Prayer

- C **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.**

570 Just as I Am, without One Plea

LSB 570

- 1 Just as I am, without one plea
But that Thy blood was shed for me
And that Thou bidd'st me come to Thee,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.
- 2 Just as I am and waiting not
To rid my soul of one dark blot,
To Thee, whose blood can cleanse each spot,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.
- 3 Just as I am, though tossed about
With many_a conflict, many_a doubt,
Fightings and fears within, without,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.
- 4 Just as I am, poor, wretched, blind;
Sight, riches, healing of the mind,
Yea, all I need, in Thee to find,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.
- 5 Just as I am, Thou wilt receive,
Wilt welcome, pardon, cleanse, relieve;
Because Thy promise I believe,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.
- 6 Just as I am; Thy love unknown
Has broken ev'ry barrier down;
Now to be Thine, yea, Thine alone,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

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Nunc Dimittis

LSB 165

- C Lord, now You let Your servant go in peace; Your word has been fulfilled.
My own eyes have seen the salvation which You have prepared in the sight of
ev'ry people:
A light to reveal You to the nations and the glory of Your people Israel.
Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

Benediction

LSB 166

- 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 T give you peace.

C **Amen.**

656 A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

LSB 656

- 1 A mighty fortress is our God,
 A trusty shield and weapon;
He helps us free from ev'ry need
 That hath us now o'ertaken.
The old evil foe
Now means deadly woe;
 Deep guile and great might
 Are his dread arms in fight;
On earth is not his equal.

- 2 With might of ours can naught be done,
 Soon were our loss effected;
But for us fights the valiant One,
 Whom God Himself elected.
Ask ye, Who is this?
Jesus Christ it is,
 Of Sabaoth Lord,
 And there's none other God;
He holds the field forever.

- 3 Though devils all the world should fill,
 All eager to devour us,
We tremble not, we fear no ill;
 They shall not overpow'r us.
This world's prince may still
Scowl fierce as he will,
 He can harm us none.
 He's judged; the deed is done;
One little word can fell him.

- 4 The Word they still shall let remain
 Nor any thanks have for it;
He's by our side upon the plain
 With His good gifts and Spirit.
And take they our life,
Goods, fame, child, and wife,
 Though these all be gone,
 Our vict'ry has been won;
The Kingdom ours remaineth.

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Jesus in the Wilderness

Jesus answered, "Go away Satan! The Scriptures say:
"Worship the Lord your God and serve only him."
Matthew 4:10

