

MARGIN: Between Me and Temptation
February 4, 2024

AS WE GATHER

Fire burns and destroys. We tell people not to play with matches because we want a buffer, margin, between them and the dangers of fire. Yet, we often neglect putting the same margin between us and the temptations that will burn us!

PRELUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING HYMN

"Now Thank We All Our God" LSB 895



1 Now thank we all our God With hearts and hands and voic - es,
2 Oh, may this boun-teous God Through all our life be near us,
△ 3 All praise and thanks to God The Fa - ther now be giv - en,

Who won - drous things has done, In whom His world re - joic - es;
With ev - er joy - ful hearts And bless - ed peace to cheer us
The Son, and Him who reigns With them in high - est heav - en,

Who from our moth - ers' arms Has blest us on our way
And keep us in His grace And guide us when per - plexed
The one e - ter - nal God, Whom earth and heav'n a - dore;

With count - less gifts of love And still is ours to - day.
And free us from all ills In this world and the next!
For thus it was, is now, And shall be ev - er - more.

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INVOCATION

Leader: In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
People: Amen.

Leader: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.
People: **But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness..**

CONFESSiON AND ABSOLUTION

Leader: Let us then confess our sins to God our Father,

People: 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.

Leader: Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ☧ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen

SERVICE OF THE WORD

HYMN OF PRAISE - This is the Feast

LSB 171

Leader: This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia.

People: (Sung) Worthy is the Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be people of God. Power and riches and wisdom and strength and honor and blessing and glory are His. This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia. Sing with all the people of God, and join in the hymn of all creation: Blessing and honor and glory and might be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen.

SALUTATION

Leader: The Lord be with you

People: And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Leader: Lord Jesus Christ, give us a truly generous heart towards those who find themselves in difficulty. Because we live in a world full of distress and trouble, may we always be prepared to help those who are needy for whatever reason; and may we be generous to them in every possible way; for You have been generous to us, Lord Jesus Christ. We give You our thanks and praise;

People: AMEN

Sit

READING

Romans 6:1-18

What shall we say then? Are we to continue in sin that grace may abound? 2 By no means! How can we who died to sin still live in it? 3 Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? 4 We were buried therefore with him by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life.

5 For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we shall certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. 6 We know that our old self was crucified with him in order that the body of sin might be brought to nothing, so that we would no longer be enslaved to sin. 7 For one who has died has been set free from sin. 8 Now if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. 9 We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. 10 For the death he died he died to sin, once for all, but the life he lives he lives to God. 11 So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

12 Let not sin therefore reign in your mortal body, to make you obey its passions. 13 Do not present your members to sin as instruments for unrighteousness, but present yourselves to God as those who have been brought from death to life, and your members to God as instruments for righteousness. 14 For sin will have no dominion over you, since you are not under law but under grace.

15 What then? Are we to sin because we are not under law but under grace? By no means! 16 Do you not know that if you present yourselves to anyone as obedient slaves, you are slaves of the one whom you obey, either of sin, which leads to death, or of obedience, which leads to righteousness? 17 But thanks be to God, that you who were once slaves of sin have become obedient from the heart to the standard of teaching to which you were committed, 18 and, having been set free from sin, have become slaves of righteousness.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.
People: **Thanks be to God.**

Stand

ALLELUIA AND VERSE

LSB 173

People: Alleluia.
Lord, to whom shall we go?
You have the words of eternal life.
Alleluia.

HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 5:13-22, 27-30

Leader: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the fifth chapter.
People: **Glory to You, O Lord**

“You are the salt of the earth, but if salt has lost its taste, how shall its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything except to be thrown out and trampled under people's feet.

14 “You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden. 15 Nor do people light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a stand, and it gives light to all in the house. 16 In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven.

17 “Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have not come to abolish them but to fulfill them. 18 For truly, I say to you, until heaven and earth pass away, not an iota, not a dot, will pass from the Law until all is accomplished. 19 Therefore whoever relaxes one of the least of these commandments and teaches others to do the same will be called least in the kingdom of heaven, but whoever does them and teaches them will be called great in the

kingdom of heaven. 20 For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.

21 "You have heard that it was said to those of old, 'You shall not murder; and whoever murders will be liable to judgment.' 22 But I say to you that everyone who is angry with his brother will be liable to judgment; whoever insults his brother will be liable to the council; and whoever says, 'You fool!' will be liable to the hell of fire.

27 "You have heard that it was said, 'You shall not commit adultery.' 28 But I say to you that everyone who looks at a woman with lustful intent has already committed adultery with her in his heart. 29 If your right eye causes you to sin, tear it out and throw it away. For it is better that you lose one of your members than that your whole body be thrown into hell. 30 And if your right hand causes you to sin, cut it off and throw it away. For it is better that you lose one of your members than that your whole body go into hell.

Leader: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: **Praise to You, O Christ.**

HYMN OF THE DAY

"Jesus, Priceless Treasure" LSB 743



1 Je - sus, price-less trea - sure, Fount of pur - est plea - sure,
3 Sa - tan, I de - fy thee; Death, I now de - cry thee;
5 E - vil world, I leave thee; Thou canst not de - ceive me,
6 Hence, all fear and sad - ness! For the Lord of glad - ness,



Tru - est friend to me, Ah, how long in an - guish
Fear, I bid thee cease. World, thou shalt not harm me
Thine ap - peal is vain. Sin that once did blind me,
Je - sus, en - ters in. Those who love the Fa - ther,



Shall my spir - it lan - guish, Yearn - ing, Lord, for Thee?
Nor thy threats a - larm me While I sing of peace.
Get thee far be - hind me, Come not forth a - gain.
Though the storms may gath - er, Still have peace with - in.



Thou art mine, O Lamb di - vine! I will suf - fer
God's great pow'r Guards ev - 'ry hour; Earth and all its
Past thy hour, O pride and pow'r; Sin - ful life, thy
Yea, what - e'er I here must bear, Thou art still my



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CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SERMON

Between Me and Temptation

CREED

Nicene Creed

C 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

¤ SACRAMENT ¤

PREFACE

Pastor: The Lord be with you. 2 Timothy 4:22
People: **And also with you.**

Pastor: Lift up your hearts. Colossians 3:1
People: **We lift them to the Lord.**

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. Psalm 136
People: **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

PROPER PREFACE

Pastor: It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, for the countless blessings You so freely bestow on us and all creation. Into the very fabric of Your creation You have woven the gift of Your Sabbath rest. By faith in Him who was crucified for us, grant that we enter into the rest that His work has secured for us. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

SANCTUS (Sung) LSB Page 178

**Holy, holy, holy Lord God of pow'r and might:
Heaven and earth are full of Your glory,
Hosanna. Hosanna. Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.**

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD LSB 179

Pastor: 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."

Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you always.
People: **Amen**

PROCLAMATION OF CHRIST LSB 179
Pastor: As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.
People: **Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**
Pastor: O Lord Jesus Christ, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray

LORD'S PRAYER

Matthew 6:9–13

LSB 179

People: 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.

AGNUS DEI (Sung)

LSB 180

Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

DISTRIBUTION OF HOLY COMMUNION**DISTRIBUTION HYMN***Instrumental Music***POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE (Sung)**

LSB 181

Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell ev'ryone what He has done.
Let everyone who seeks the Lord rejoice and proudly bear His name.
He recalls His promises and leads His people forth in joy with shouts of thanksgiving.
Alleluia, alleluia.

BENEDICTION

LSB 183

Leader: 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.

People: Amen

CLOSING HYMN

"Holy Spirit, Light Divine" LSB 496



1 Ho - ly Spir - it, light di - vine, Shine up - on this heart of mine;
3 Ho - ly Spir - it, pow'r di - vine, Cleanse this guilt - y heart of mine;
5 Ho - ly Spir - it, all di - vine, Dwell with - in this heart of mine;



Chase the shades of night a - way, Turn the dark - ness in - to day.
In Thy mer - cy pit - y me, From sin's bond - age set me free.
Cast down ev - 'ry i - dol throne, Reign su - preme, and reign a - lone.

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POSTLUDE