



MESSIAH LUTHERAN CHURCH

*The Lutheran Church-
Missouri Synod*

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**Sunday School &
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9:30am

Sunday Worship
8:00am, 10:45am

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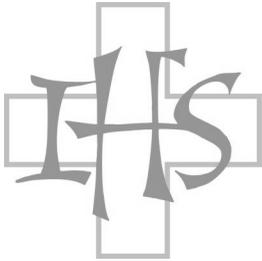
By the one man's
disobedience,



by the one man's
obedience

ROMANS 5:19

FOR OUR VISITORS....



Welcome! We encourage you to follow along with either the printed service, or with the hymnal. The page numbers for the hymnal are posted at the front of the sanctuary and on the next page. We realize it can take a while for newcomers to become familiar with our liturgy, so please feel free to ask someone near you for assistance—he or she would be happy to help.

We love children in our church! But if your little one gets fussy you may use the **cry room** that is located at the north end of the hallway behind the sanctuary on your right. You are able to see and hear the worship service from there. We also have **"Quiet Bags"** available for children to use during the service. Please ask an usher or elder if you need assistance. The Quiet Bags are returned after the service.

The Lord's Supper is celebrated in our services today. In this supper, our Lord Jesus Christ graciously feeds the humble sinner with His true body and blood for the forgiveness of sins. Scripture clearly teaches that anyone who eats and drinks the body and blood of Christ without discerning that body and blood receives a judgment rather than a blessing from God (1 Cor. 11:29). Therefore, out of a Christian concern for souls, we require a thorough instruction in the teachings of the Lutheran Church before participating in this Sacrament. Participation at the altar is also a testimony of unity of faith with all others who partake (1 Cor. 10:17). Since unity at the altar presupposes unity in doctrine and confession (Acts 2:42), we kindly request that **only those who are in confessional fellowship** with the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod participate. This includes active members in good standing of all sister Missouri-Synod congregations.



We recognize that **Closed Communion** is a sensitive issue for many and have a brochure to explain it more thoroughly. It is available in the narthex or from an usher. If you have any questions or concerns, you are welcome to speak with our pastor. However, **we welcome** both children and adults who are not communicant members of the Lutheran Church to come to the altar during communion for a pastoral blessing. Please indicate the request for a blessing by crossing your arms over your chest.



Follow the QR code to visit our **"Virtual Guestbook"** and tell us about yourself and your visit with us.

This bulletin is available in large print upon request.

Divine Service—Setting Three—LSB 184

Hymns:

656, 572, 521

Hymns During Distribution:

562, 425

Sermon Title:

“Man Lives by The Word of God”

Scripture:

Matthew 4:1-11

Prelude:

EIN FESTE BURG (“A Mighty Fortress”) - Dietrich Buxtehude

RUSTINGTON (“In the Shattered Bliss of Eden”) - Wayne L. Wold

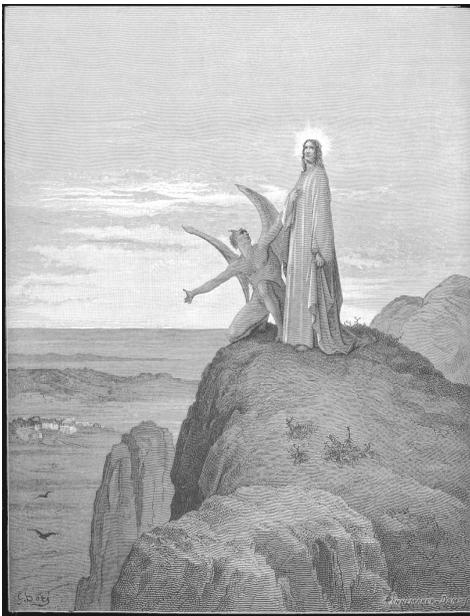
Postlude:

Fugue in E major - J. S. Bach, BWV 878

[10:45AM] Opening Hymn—LSB 656

Choir Only—Stanza 3

[10:45] Anthem: *“In Adam We Have All Been One,”* arr. Scott Hyslop, LSB 569



***Jesus’ Righteous Obedience to the Father
Leads to the Justification of All***

Following His Baptism, Jesus is *“led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil”* (Matt. 4:1). As He takes upon Himself the curse of our sin and sets Himself against our enemy, He trusts His Father’s voice and waits upon His Father’s hand for all things. The devil questions His sonship, but the beloved and well-pleasing Son remains faithful and lives *“by every word that comes from the mouth of God”* (Matt. 4:4). Jesus patiently suffers hunger in His mortal flesh and returns to the dust whence man was taken, and by His pain He brings forth food for all the children of men (Gen. 3:18-19). By the sweat of His brow, we eat the fruit of His cross, even as our nakedness is covered by His righteousness. Although all people live in bondage to death through the trespass of the first man, Adam, all the more *“have the grace of God and the free gift by the grace of that one man Jesus Christ abounded for many”* (Rom. 5:15). His righteous obedience *“leads to justification and life for all men”* (Rom. 5:18).

Serving in God’s House Today

		8:00 a.m.	10:45 a.m.
Organist: Miguel Ruiz			
Altar Guild: Linda Beecroft Debbie Lee Nikki O’Dell	Head Elder:	David Phillips	Stephen Inglehart
	Head Usher:	Eric Weber	Durand Crutchfield
Counters: Kenneth Pedersen Cathy Keto	Acolytes:	Jaxon Kirby Joseph Kirby	Christian Hernandez
	Crucifer/ Altar	Ethan Salgado	Evan Munoz

Introit *Psalm 91: 1–4, 9–14; antiphon: vv. 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 satisfy him and show him my salvation.

He who dwells in the shelter of the | Most High*
will abide in the shadow of the Al- | mighty.

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

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

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

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.

**“Because he holds fast to me in love, I will de- | liver
him;***

I will protect him, because he | knows my name.

**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 satisfy him
and show him my salvation.*

Collect of the Day

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.

Gradual

sung by choir/cantor

Hebrews 12:2

*[O come, let us fix our eyes on] Jesus,
the founder and perfecter of our faith,
who for the joy that was set before him endured the
cross, despising the shame,
and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God.*

SPECIAL VOTERS MEETINGS REGARDING AMENDMENTS TO CONSTITUTION & BYLAWS

Reminder that there are two upcoming Special Voters Meetings. Documents were sent to the congregation via email for review. You may also visit the link at the bottom of the page to view the documents. While only Voters may vote, all members are encouraged to attend both meetings and participate in discussions.

Sunday, March 1, 12:15pm—Presentation of the Proposed Constitution and Bylaws and Congregational Forum for discussion.

Sunday, March 8, 12:15pm—Special Voters Meeting to vote on Proposed Constitution and Bylaws

<https://messiahkeller.360unite.com/constitution-bylaws-proposal>

THIS WEEK AT MESSIAH

TODAY 02/22 - 8:00AM - DIVINE SERVICE—STREAMING LIVE
- 9:30AM - SUNDAY SCHOOL—STREAMING LIVE
- 10:45AM - DIVINE SERVICE

MONDAY 02/23 - 9:30AM - BRAILLE WORKSHOP

TUESDAY 02/24 - 9:30AM - JOY GROUP BIBLE STUDY
- 7:00PM - CONFIRMATION III

WEDNESDAY 02/25 - 6:00PM - LENTEN MIDWEEK MEAL - FELLOWSHIP HALL
- 7:00PM - MIDWEEK LENTEN SERVICE

THURSDAY 02/26 - 6:00PM - PASTOR'S SPRING CLASS

FRIDAY 02/27

SATURDAY 02/28

Midweek Lenten Services & Meals "The Twelve Apostles"

This year our Lenten Midweek Vespers services will take a closer look at the Twelve Apostles. Each week, we will consider two of the Twelve. Through their lives, the ups and downs, their questions and stories, we will draw closer to Christ and prepare to observe Holy Week and Easter.

Evening Meal at 6pm, Vespers at 7pm:

February 25:

Peter and Andrew

(meal hosted by MLCA MAP—Italian/Pasta)

March 4 -

James and John

(meal hosted by Paul Lara and The Munoz Family—Mexican Food from Rosa's)

March 11

Philip and Nathanael

March 18

Thomas and Matthew

(Spring Break—No Meal)

March 25

James, Son of Alphaeus and Jude

April 2: Maundy Thursday

Simon the Zealot and Judas Iscariot

(7pm Divine Service - No Meal)

We still need groups or families to host meals on **March 11 and 25.**





Deal bountifully with your servant,
that I may live and keep your word.

(PSALM 119:17)

STRUCTURE

- v. 1-2** Blessed are the ones who walk in Torah.
- v. 3-175** Acrostic pattern, with eight verses for each Hebrew letter.
- v. 176** Like a sheep I have gone astray, but I do not forget Your Word.



AT A GLANCE

OF A KIND An acrostic poem has a verse (or multiple verses) beginning with each letter of the alphabet. Psalm 119 is the psalter's most famous and extensive acrostic poem.

IN A WORD Watch for a variety of terms used for God's Word: Torah, instruction, statutes, precepts, rules, commandments, etc.

"LAW" Often translated into English as 'Law,' Torah can narrowly refer to the first five books of the Bible or more widely to all of God's Word.

CHRIST IS HERE

Christ's commitment to Torah, to the Word of God, led to His persecution and even death; His meditation on Torah, His commitment to God's will, led Him to sacrifice Himself for us.



THE HOUSEHOLD AT PRAYER

Make prayer a daily habit for your family. Do as much of this as is helpful. Gather together in one place. Set aside all distractions as best as you are able. Before or after meal works well. The most important part is reading the Bible.

1. The sign of the cross ✝ may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.
In the name of the Father and of the ✝ Son and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**
2. Sing or speak the hymn, introit, and/or psalm. Start with the first stanza.
3. Read aloud the appointed scripture for the day using the Daily Lectionary reading from LSB 299-304, or as found in the Treasury of Daily Prayer.
4. The Head of Household may give instruction/ ask questions on the scripture reading.
Ask basic questions: "What is this?" and "what did it say?", Q & A for Youth.
5. Recite or quiz one another on the weekly verse and Catechism passage .
6. Confess Apostles' Creed together.
7. Pray the Lord's Prayer and Collect of the Day. Also pray for others (see prayer list in bulletin).
Include prayers for family and friends, ourselves, upcoming events and plans.
8. Sing or say the following, then go joyfully to your work or to rest:

Let us || bless the Lord.

Thanks | be to God.

Scripture: Psalm 23

**1 The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.
2 He makes me lie down in green pastures.
He leads me beside still waters.
3 He restores my soul.
He leads me in paths of righteousness for his name's sake.
4 Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,**

**I will fear no evil
for you are with me;
your rod and your staff, they comfort me.
5 You prepare a table before me
in the presence of my enemies;
you anoint my head with oil;
my cup overflows.
6 Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me
all the days of my life,
and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord
forever.**

What is the 3rd Commandment?

Remember the Sabbath day by keeping it holy.

What does this mean?

We should fear and love God so that we do not despise preaching and His Word, but hold it sacred and gladly hear and learn it.

What is the Fourth Commandment?

Honor your father and your mother.

What does this mean?

We should fear and love God so that we do not despise or anger our parents and other authorities, but honor them, serve and obey them, love and cherish them.

READINGS: Mon: 1 Kings 3:16-29, **Tue:** 1 Kings 4:1,20-34, **Wed:** 1 Kings 6:1. 11-30, **Th:** 1 Kings 8:1-21, **Fri:** Genesis 12:1-9, **Sat:** John 3:1-17

HYMNS: 656, "A Mighty Fortress"

544 (1-3), "O Love, How Deep"

543 (1-2) "When I Behold Jesus Christ"

Holy Week & The Triduum Sacrum

The Church views Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and the Easter Vigil as *one continuous service*: **The Triduum Sacrum** ("The Sacred Three Days" in Latin). These three days are seen together as the three days of Jesus' death and resurrection, ending on the third day: the Resurrection of Our Lord!

Maundy Thursday is celebration of the Lord instituting His own Body and Blood under the bread and wine for Christians to eat and to drink for the forgiveness of their sins. The first word in "Maundy Thursday" should not be pronounced like "Monday Thursday" but is a reference to the Latin word *mandatum*: "command." Jesus' new commandment, "Take eat!", shows us that by receiving of the Lord's Body and Blood, all people will know who the Lord's disciples are (Matthew 26:26-29 & John 13:34-35). This is the institution of the divine service for the Church to celebrate for all time. Maundy Thursday ends with the stripping of the altar, just as Our Lord Jesus was stricken, smitten, and afflicted on the way to the cross.

Good Friday brings contemplative prayer and a restrained yet joyful focus on the crucifixion of Jesus: God offered Himself up as the once-for-all sacrifice, as fulfillment of the Old Testament priest and also sacrificial lamb. The **Tre Ore** is the chief reflection on the sufferings, wounds, cross, and death of Jesus Christ. It includes the Passion reading from St. John, the reproaches of Jesus against His people, and the veneration of the cross. The **Tenebrae** is a service done in darkness with only a few candles, and it is a targeted look at the seven last sayings of Jesus on the cross. The Tenebrae ends with the *strepitus*, the loud noise indicating the nails through Jesus' hands and feet into the cross and also indicating the closing of Christ into the tomb.

Easter Vigil is a beautiful confession and finish to the Triduum Service, often taking place late on Saturday night. Since God created the heavens and the earth, calling "evening and morning" as "the first day", the Church has observed that the day starts at sundown (i.e. evening, not morning). Thus, Christmas Eve is really the same day as Christmas Day. All Hallows' Eve is the same as All Saints Day. The Maundy Thursday service is the same as the Good Friday Tre Ore (since the next day does not start until Good Friday at sundown). Likewise, Easter Vigil is the evening before Easter Sunday.

With the Easter texts and the Lord's crucifixion in view, the real height of the service is the Lord's Supper announced with the ancient versicle: "Alleluia! He is risen! He is risen indeed, Alleluia!" This is the place and time when the first proclamation of Christ's resurrection is given. The Service is comprised of six parts: (1) Service of Light, (2) Service of Readings, (3) Service of Holy Baptism, (4) Service of Prayer, (5) Service of the Word, and (6) Service of Holy Communion. While Maundy Thursday moves from light into darkness, and both Tre Ore and Tenebrae are done in darkness, the historical confession of the Vigil is a movement from darkness into light!

This year at Messiah, we will observe this three-day service beginning with Maundy Thursday, Good Friday (Tenebrae Vespers), and the Saturday Easter Vigil!

Please keep in your prayers...

Ashleigh Adams, who had foot surgery and is experiencing a great deal of pain.

Susan Muncy, Linda Brown's sister, who has suffered another stroke, and who has been moved to hospice care.

Ron Busse, recovering from blood clot in knee.

We continue to pray for our members and loved ones battling cancer: Tim Speight, Rob Bentley, Randy Gay, Denny Knutson, Joan Beach, Linda Pancake, Rick Swender, Wayne Kirkland, Ken Blume, Carolyn Blume, Gaelina Strader, Sarah Jarrett, Mike Vandergriff, Rev. Ernie Bernet, Janie Peter, David Grissom.

...also those with other illnesses and trials:

Marilyn Kivit, Brian Cade's mother, Bruce Lage, Abby Carpenter, Peggy Wahlstedt, Ron Klingbeil, Lief Stratmoen, Karen Shrum, Vicky Krolczyk, Dennis Nietenhofer, Matt Hinde, Lee Masoian, Alli Burk, Amy Lyon, the Lewis family, Jaden Chisholm, Chelsea Lage, Grant Smith, William Johnstone, Marlene Eaton, Kris Carter, Wes Liles, Mary Lowry, Patsy Smith, Shelby Renfro, Connie Worley Ramsey, Brooke Lage, The Lowry Family, Sandy McDougal, Jacob Brewer.

...and those who are unable to worship with us regularly: Janet Hazlehurst, Susan Copen, Carolyn Blume, Don & Marilyn Curry, LaVina Goedecke, Ron and Barbara Busse, Ronald and Brenda Patterson, Marvin Wilken.

.....all of our college students in and out of state:

Ashley Brewer, Jacob Brewer, Colby Carter, Seminarian David Christensen, Maranda Crutchfield, Dorian Crutchfield, Paul Hedman, Ethan Johnson, Cole O'Dell, Ryan O'Dell, Clara O'Neil, Daniella Osorio, Helena Phillips, Aidan Richmond, Davis Richmond, Mia Salgado, Max Tonniges, Charlie Umayam, Audrey Weber, Emily Weber, Morgan Chryst, Matthew Palmer.

We remember all those serving our country, particularly our members and loved ones in the military: Carly Schwarzenburg, Jesus Aranda, Hannah Kajer, Nicolas Towers, Tony Bourassa, Tyler Burk, David Cantrell, Cassie Gessling, Joseph Kajer, Seth Kirch, Andrew Latham, Andrew Lowry, Hannah Pinkston, Brandon Towers, Frank Wilde, Chaplain Peter J. Williams.

We also pray for...

- Our Braille ministry, that the Word will continue to reach the blind or visually impaired around the world.
- Messiah's educational ministry, especially our Academy, Preschool, Sunday School, and our Catechumens.
- Fellow Messiah members, married couples and children, young couples, singles, Pastor Chryst, and Pastor Christiansen.
- The voters, church council, and leaders of Messiah Church and School as they deliberate on the work the Lord has given His people to do.
- Our brothers and sisters in Christ around the world being persecuted for their faith.
- The spread of the Gospel around our nation and world and the work of our missionaries and relief workers.
- Rev. Dr. Michael Paul and his work in Taiwan.
- The Swaddling Clothes ministry and those who come seeking assistance.
- Those studying at seminary, including David Christensen (4th Year), Tanner Sawall (4th Year), Abram Egger (1st Year), and Vicar Peter Williams, as they prepare to serve in the Holy Ministry.
- Prayers for peace in the Middle East and Ukraine.

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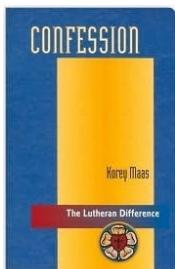
The season of Lent has begun. Once again, we will have meals at 6:00pm, before our midweek services at 7:00pm. **We still need hosts for meals on March 11 and 25.** We are asking for groups and families to consider hosting these meals as an opportunity to serve your fellow saints at Messiah. If you are interested, please email churchoffice@messiahkeller.org.



A Life Thought in the Church Year for February 22 (Lent 1): Satan tempts us to turn away from God by appealing to the desires of our flesh and our egos. The devil twists God's Word to make us think that things like abortion, sex without marriage, suicide, and assisted suicide will give us pleasure, self-fulfillment, and an end to our suffering. But, like our first parents did, those who give in quickly find that the devil's words are nothing but empty promises which end in pain and suffering. Thankfully, by withstanding the devil's temptations, Jesus both defeats that old Satanic foe for all sinners and reminds us that the way to true joy and happiness is found in trusting the unfailing promises of our Heavenly Father.



MARK YOUR CALENDAR! VBS this year will be **June 15-18.** More details, including registration information, will be coming soon!



NEW LADIES' BIBLE STUDY Make plans to join us beginning March 5th at 6:30pm. We will meet in the Library, and will begin studying *The Lutheran Difference: Confession*, by Rev. Corey Maas. This 4 week study, based on God's Word as faithfully reflected in the Lutheran Confessions, will

help you to state clearly what you believe about repentance, confession, and absolution. It will help you explain the "why" of what you believe. If you would like to participate, please contact Linda at linda.pinkston@messiahkeller.org.



Matthew 4:7 - "Jesus said to him, 'Again it is written.'" Jesus defeats Satan in our place, not by using His power as God, but by His perfect obedience in His perfect humanity. Jesus defeats Satan not by miracles, but by quoting the Scriptures and living according to them. This should cause us great joy for two reasons. First, we see Jesus win the victory for us. Second, here Jesus shows us how to stand in that victory: on the Word of God alone.



SACRED MUSIC FOR THE SEASON OF LENT... "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross," "In the Cross of Christ I Glory," "My Song Is Love Unknown," "Glory Be to Jesus," "A Lamb Goes Uncomplaining Forth." You can listen to sacred music for the Lenten season 24/7 at lutheranpublicradio.org, TuneIn, Amazon Echo, Google Home, Apple HomePod and the Lutheran Public Radio mobile app.



WORSHIP ATTENDANCE: Last Sunday: 8:00am: 113 10:45am: 105 Total: 218
 Sunday School: 121 **OFFERINGS FOR THE WEEK: \$ 15,555.37** (includes online giving to Gen. Fund)

WEEKLY OFFERINGS NEEDED TO FUND THE CURRENT YEAR BUDGET: **\$ 19,549.00**

You may use this QR code for your convenience if you would like to give to Messiah. It will direct you to our Vanco System for electronic giving.



About the Cover

In eating the fruit from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, Adam disobeyed God and brought sin into God's good creation. Christ, however, followed the will of His Father all the way to death upon a tree, taking the curse of sin to bring the renewed creation. Now, the cross has become a life-giving tree for all who believe in Christ Jesus.

FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT

Old Testament Reading: Genesis 3:1–21

¹Now the serpent was more crafty than any other beast of the field that the LORD God had made.

He said to the woman, "Did God actually say, 'You shall not eat of any tree in the garden?'" ²And the woman said to the serpent, "We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden, ³but God said, 'You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the midst of the garden, neither shall you touch it, lest you die.'" ⁴But the serpent said to the woman, "You will not surely die. ⁵For God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil." ⁶So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate, and she also gave some to her husband who was with her, and he ate. ⁷Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked. And they sewed fig leaves together and made themselves loincloths.

⁸And they heard the sound of the LORD God walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the LORD God among the trees of the garden. ⁹But the LORD God called to the man and said to him, "Where are you?" ¹⁰And he said, "I heard the sound of you in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked, and I hid myself." ¹¹He said, "Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten of the tree of which I commanded you not to eat?" ¹²The man said, "The woman whom you gave to be with me, she gave me fruit of the tree, and I ate." ¹³Then the LORD God said to the woman, "What is this that you have done?" The woman said, "The serpent deceived me, and I ate."

¹⁴The LORD God said to the serpent,

"Because you have done this, cursed are you above all livestock and above all beasts of the field; on your belly you shall go, and dust you shall eat all the days of your life.

¹⁵ I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and her offspring; he shall bruise your head, and you shall bruise his heel."

¹⁶To the woman he said,

"I will surely multiply your pain in childbearing; in pain you shall bring forth children. Your desire shall be for your husband, and he shall rule over you."

¹⁷And to Adam he said,

"Because you have listened to the voice of your wife and have eaten of the tree of which I commanded you, 'You shall not eat of it,' cursed is the ground because of you; in pain you shall eat of it all the days of your life;

¹⁸ thorns and thistles it shall bring forth for you; and you shall eat the plants of the field.

¹⁹ By the sweat of your face you shall eat bread, till you return to the ground, for out of it you were taken; for you are dust, and to dust you shall return."

²⁰The man called his wife's name Eve, because she was the mother of all living. ²¹And the LORD God made for Adam and for his wife garments of skins and clothed them.

Epistle: Romans 5:12–19

¹²Therefore, just as sin came into the world through one man, and death through sin, and so death spread to all men because all sinned— ¹³for sin indeed was in the world before the law was given, but sin is not counted where there is no law. ¹⁴Yet death reigned from Adam to Moses, even over those whose sinning was not like the transgression of Adam, who was a type of the one who was to come.

¹⁵But the free gift is not like the trespass. For if many died through one man's trespass, much more have the grace of God and the free gift by the grace of that one man Jesus Christ abounded for many. ¹⁶And the free gift is not like the result of that one man's sin. For the judgment following one trespass brought condemnation, but the free gift following many trespasses brought justification. ¹⁷If, because of one man's trespass, death reigned through that one man, much more will those who receive the abundance of grace and the free gift of righteousness reign in life through the one man Jesus Christ.

¹⁸Therefore, as one trespass led to condemnation for all men, so one act of righteousness leads to justification and life for all men. ¹⁹For as by the one man's disobedience the many were made sinners, so by the one man's obedience the many will be made righteous.

Holy Gospel: Matthew 4:1–11

¹Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. ²And after fasting forty days and forty nights, he was hungry. ³And the tempter came and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread." ⁴But he answered, "It is written,

"Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God."

⁵Then the devil took him to the holy city and set him on the pinnacle of the temple ⁶and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down, for it is written,

"He will command his angels concerning you,"

and

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

⁷Jesus said to him, "Again it is written, 'You shall not put the Lord your God to the test.'" ⁸Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their glory. ⁹And he said to him, "All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me." ¹⁰Then Jesus said to him, "Be gone, Satan! For it is written,

"You shall worship the Lord your God and him only shall you serve."

¹¹Then the devil left him, and behold, angels came and were ministering to him.