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*Matthew 4: 1 - 11*

# The temptation of Jesus

Matthew

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## Prelude

### CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

*The assembly stands. All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.*

L: In the name of the Father, and of the ✙ Son, and of the Holy Spirit

C: Amen.

L: God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

L: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

Most merciful God,

C: **We confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. 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. 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.

L: In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the ✙ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

**Gathering:                      Mercy, We Abide in You                      (ELW #1077)**

## Prayer of the Day

**L:** Let us pray.

*A brief silence is kept before prayer.*

Lord God, our strength, the struggle between good and evil rages within and around us, and the devil and all the forces that defy you tempt us with empty promises.

Keep us steadfast in your word, and when we fall, raise us again and restore us through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C:** Amen.

## First Reading:

**Genesis 2:15-17, 3:1-7**

R: <sup>15</sup> The LORD God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to till it and keep it.  
<sup>16</sup> And the LORD God commanded the man, "You may freely eat of every tree of the garden,  
<sup>17</sup> but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall die."  
  
<sup>3:1</sup> Now the serpent was more crafty than any other wild animal that the LORD God had made. He said to the woman, "Did God say, 'You shall not eat from any tree in the garden'?"  
<sup>2</sup> The woman said to the serpent, "We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden,  
<sup>3</sup> but God said, 'You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the middle of the garden, nor shall you touch it, or you shall die.'"  
<sup>4</sup> But the serpent said to the woman, "You will not die,  
<sup>5</sup> for God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil."  
<sup>6</sup> So 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.  
<sup>7</sup> Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked, and they sewed fig leaves together and made loincloths for themselves.

R: The Word of the Lord.

**C:** Thanks be to God.

## Gospel Acclamation:

**(ACS #34)**

## **Gospel:**

**Matthew 4:1-11**

L: The holy gospel according to Matthew in the 4<sup>th</sup> Chapter.

**C: Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>1</sup> Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tested by the devil.

<sup>2</sup> He fasted forty days and forty nights, and afterward he was famished.

<sup>3</sup> The tempter came and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread."

<sup>4</sup> But he answered, "It is written, 'One does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.' "

<sup>5</sup> Then the devil took him to the holy city and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple,

<sup>6</sup> saying 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, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.' "

<sup>7</sup> Jesus said to him, "Again it is written, 'Do not put the Lord your God to the test.' "

<sup>8</sup> Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their glory,

<sup>9</sup> and he said to him, "All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me."

<sup>10</sup> Then Jesus said to him, "Away with you, Satan! for it is written, 'Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him.' "

<sup>11</sup> Then the devil left him, and suddenly angels came and waited on him.

L: This is the gospel of the Lord

**C: Praise to you, O Christ**

## **Sermon**

**Arlin Scott**

**Hymn of the Day: Alas! And Did My Savior Bleed**

**(ELW #337 vv. 1,2,5)**

## **Prayers of Intercession.**

L: Lord in your mercy,

**C: Hear our prayer.**

**Peace.**

L: The peace of Christ be with you always.

**C: And also with you.**

**Offertory:**

**Day by Day**

**(ELW #790)**

## **OFFERING PRAYER**

L: God of majesty,

God our provider, you have not fed us with bread alone, but with words of grace and life.

Bless us and these your gifts, which we receive from your bounty, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**C: Amen.**

## **Great Thanksgiving**

L: The Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

L: Lift up your hearts.

**C: We lift them to the Lord.**

L: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

L: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy... we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

**Holy, Holy, Holy:**

**(ACS #36)**

## Words of Institution

### Lord's Prayer

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the Kingdom, power, and the glory are yours, now and forever.

Amen

### Lamb of God

ACS #40 (Be Known)

### Prayer after Communion

L: Compassionate God,

you have fed us with the bread of heaven.

Sustain us in our Lenten pilgrimage: may our fasting be hunger for justice; our alms, a making of peace; and our prayer, the song of grateful hearts, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

## Announcements

### Blessing

L: The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy.  
The Lord look upon you with favor and ✝ give you peace.

C: Amen.

**Sending:                    Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing                    (ELW #807)**

### Dismissal

L: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

**Arlin Scott is authorized to preside over Holy Communion at Lutheran Church of Our Redeemer by permission of Bishop Brenda Bos of the Southwest California Synod.**



† Irma having heart problems (Donna’s friend); Allison Johnson (Breast cancer); Gail Tenbus is recovering at home; Jan Ludwig; Darcy Ludwig; The Godwin family is dealing with Larry's Parkinson's disease.

**What’s happening this week at Our Redeemer**

**Monday, 5 pm** Stretch & Prayer.

**Wednesday, 9 am** Quilting and fellowship with The Love Ladies (and gents).

**Saturday, February 28 at 9 am** Breakfast

**Wednesday, March 4** Lenten Caravan Our Redeemer 6pm Dinner 7pm Worship

**Monday, March 9** Council Meeting 3pm

**Saturday, March 14** Dinner Church 5pm

**Saturday, March 21** Quilting Saturday 9am

**Saturday, March 28** Breakfast 9am

**Tuesday, March 31** Red Cross Blood Drive 9am - 3 pm

**We are thankful for those helping with worship today**

**Worship Leader**

Arlin Scott

**Music**

Tim Pompey, Jennifer Guzzo Lowry

**Reader**

Juanita Scott

**Ushers**

Teddy Ipock, Robin Tribbitt, Lloyd Tribbitt

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