

She
TOOK
of its fruit and
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and she also
GAVE
some to her husband,
who was with her, and
HE ATE.

Genesis 3:6, NRSV

First Sunday in Lent

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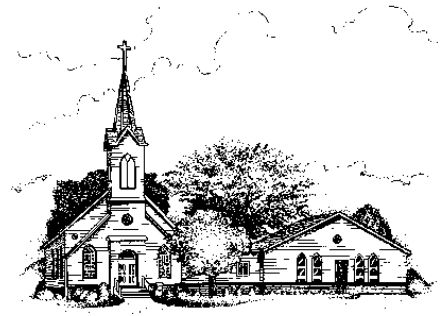
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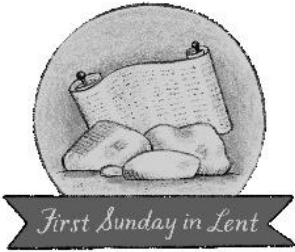
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Welcome to God's House

Our modern English word “champion” comes from an old English word that meant “warrior.” In ancient times, when two armies gathered to fight, sometimes as a prelude to the battle—and sometimes in place of the battle—each army would pick a mighty soldier, and these two men would fight each other. These elite warriors, these champions, would represent their people in battle. They would meet in the middle of the field. With everyone watching, they would fight to the death.



Today we are reminded of an ancient war that began in Eden. The perfect peace and prosperity of Paradise was lost when a fallen angel convinced mankind to follow the demons in rebelling against their Creator. When Adam fell, he condemned the world to darkness and death. The enemy of God claimed that the children of men now belonged to him. God was having none of it. He promised he would send forth his champion, his Son. And so, today we see a battle of champions. The demons send forth their strongest warrior—Satan. God sends forth the best of men, Jesus Christ. Jesus does what Adam and we could not. In crushing the devil, Jesus meets one of our greatest needs.

ORDER OF SERVICE

Opening Hymn

All Mankind Fell in Adam's Fall #556

All mankind fell in Adam's fall; one common sin infects us all.

From one to all the curse descends, and over all God's wrath impends.

Through all our pow'rs corruption creeps and us in dreadful bondage keeps;
in guilt we draw our infant breath and reap its fruits of woe and death.

From hearts depraved, to evil prone, flow thoughts and deeds of sin alone;
God's image lost, the darkened soul nor seeks nor finds its heav'nly goal.

But Christ, the second Adam, came to bear our sin and woe and shame,
to be our life, our light, our way, our only hope, our only stay.

As by one man all mankind fell and, born in sin, was doomed to hell,
so by one Man, who took our place, we all were justified by grace.

We thank you, Christ; new life is ours, new light, new hope, new strength, new pow'rs.
This grace our ev'ry way attend until we reach our journey's end.

Invocation

In the name of the Father and of the (+) Son and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

Confession

If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us.
**If we confess our sins, God is faithful and just
and will forgive us our sins
and purify us from all unrighteousness.**

Let us confess our sins to the Lord.

Holy God, gracious Father,

I am sinful by nature

and have sinned against you in my thoughts, words, and actions.

I have not loved you with my whole heart;

I have not loved others as I should.

I deserve your punishment both now and forever.

But Jesus, my Savior, paid for my sins

with his innocent suffering and death.

Trusting in him, I pray: God, have mercy on me, a sinner.

Silence for meditation and reflection

God, our merciful Father, has forgiven all our sins. He sent his Son, Jesus Christ, to be our Redeemer and Savior. Jesus paid the penalty for our guilt by his death on the cross and freed us from death by his resurrection from the grave. We have peace with God now and forever.

Amen.

Lord, Have Mercy

In peace let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the peace from above and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

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.

Lord, have mercy.

For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

Amen.

THE WORD

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray.

Mighty God and Father, our Lord Jesus walked into the wilderness to face the devil's temptations, but he did not succumb to Satan's lies or falter in his resolve to save the world from the prison of hell. Bolster our faith by his mighty victory that we may battle against the forces of evil with courage and confidence; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

First Reading

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'?"

²The woman said to the serpent, "We may eat fruit from the trees in the garden, ³but 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.'"

⁴"You will not certainly die," the serpent said to the woman. ⁵"For God knows that when you eat from it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil."

⁶When 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. ⁷Then 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.

⁸ 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. ⁹ But the Lord God called to the man, “Where are you?”

¹⁰ He answered, “I heard you in the garden, and I was afraid because I was naked; so I hid.”

¹¹ And he said, “Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten from the tree that I commanded you not to eat from?”

¹² The man said, “The woman you put here with me—she gave me some fruit from the tree, and I ate it.”

¹³ Then the Lord God said to the woman, “What is this you have done?”

The woman said, “The serpent deceived me, and I ate.”

¹⁴ 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.

¹⁵ 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.”

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm of the Day

The Lord Almighty Is With Us – 46A

Refrain

The LORD Al - might - y is
with us; the God of Ja - cob is our for - tress.

Tone

God is our ref- / uge and strength,
an ever-present help in / trouble.

Therefore we will not fear, though the / earth give way
and the mountains fall into the heart / of the sea,
though its waters / roar and foam
and the mountains quake with their / surging. **Refrain**

There is a river whose streams make glad the cit- / y of God,
the holy place where the Most / High dwells.

God is within her, she / will not fall;
God will help her at / break of day.

“Be still, and know that / I am God;
I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted / in the earth.”

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. **Refrain**

Second Reading

Romans 5:12-19

¹²Therefore, just as sin entered the world through one man, and death through sin, and in this way death came to all people, because all sinned—

¹³To be sure, sin was in the world before the law was given, but sin is not charged against anyone's account where there is no law. ¹⁴Nevertheless, death reigned from the time of Adam to the time of Moses, even over those who did not sin by breaking a command, as did Adam, who is a pattern of the one to come.

¹⁵But the gift is not like the trespass. For if the many died by the trespass of the one man, how much more did God's grace and the gift that came by the grace of the one man, Jesus Christ, overflow to the many! ¹⁶Nor can the gift of God be compared with the result of one man's sin: The judgment followed one sin and brought condemnation, but the gift followed many trespasses and brought justification. ¹⁷For if, by the trespass of the one man, death reigned through that one man, how much more will those who receive God's abundant provision of grace and of the gift of righteousness reign in life through the one man, Jesus Christ!

¹⁸Consequently, just as one trespass resulted in condemnation for all people, so also one righteous act resulted in justification and life for all people. ¹⁹For just as through the disobedience of the one man the many were made sinners, so also through the obedience of the one man the many will be made righteous.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

Hebrews 4:15



Refrain



Praise to you, Lord Je - sus Christ, king of end - less glo - ry.

We do not have a high priest who is unable to empathize with our weaknesses; we have one who has been tempted in every way, just as we are—yet he did not sin. *Refrain*

Gospel

Matthew 4:1-11

Then Jesus was led by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. ² After fasting forty days and forty nights, he was hungry. ³ The tempter came to him and said, “If you are the Son of God, tell these stones to become bread.”

⁴ Jesus answered, “It is written: ‘Man shall not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.’”

⁵ Then the devil took him to the holy city and had him stand on the highest point of the temple. ⁶ “If you are the Son of God,” he said, “throw yourself down. For it is written:

“He will command his angels concerning you,
and they will lift you up in their hands,
so that you will not strike your foot against a stone.”

⁷ Jesus answered him, “It is also written: ‘Do not put the Lord your God to the test.’”

⁸ Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendor. ⁹ “All this I will give you,” he said, “if you will bow down and worship me.”

¹⁰ Jesus said to him, “Away from me, Satan! For it is written: ‘Worship the Lord your God, and serve him only.’”

¹¹ Then the devil left him, and angels came and attended him.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to you, O Christ!

Hymn

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God #864

A mighty fortress is our God, a trusty shield and weapon;

he helps us free from ev'ry need that has us now o'ertaken.
The ancient evil foe now means to work us woe;
deep guile and awful might are his dread arms in fight;
on earth is not his equal.

With might of ours can naught be done, soon were our loss effected;
but for us fights the valiant one whom God himself elected.
You ask who this may be? Christ Jesus, it is he,
the Lord of hosts his name, from age to age the same,
he holds the field forever.

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.
The prince of darkness still may scowl fierce as he will,
his raging harms us none. He's judged; the deed is done;
one little word can fell him.

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 should they take our life, goods, honor, child, and wife,
though all of these be gone, our victory is won;
the kingdom's ours forever!

Sermon

Genesis 3:1-15

The Nicene Creed

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation, he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary, and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate. He suffered death and was buried. On the third

day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who in unity with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Please be seated

Prayer of the Church

Lord God, our refuge and strength, guard us against all the temptations of the devil and strengthen us to resist sin.

Lead us not into temptation, **but deliver us from evil.**

You have made us righteous by the obedience of Christ. Empower us with his righteousness to live as his holy people, serving him in his kingdom, and shining as lights in this dark world.

Lead us not into temptation, **but deliver us from evil.**

The Son of Man came into this world to destroy the devil's work. Restrain evil in our world. Let your gospel spread to people who do not know the way of peace, that they may turn to you and be saved.

Lead us not into temptation, **but deliver us from evil.**

Satan, that ancient serpent, seeks to lead the whole world astray. Govern and guide the leaders of the nations. Guard them against selfish ambition. Lead them to work for the good of all, that your Word may have a free course, and your kingdom expand through the preaching of your Word.

Lead us not into temptation, **but deliver us from evil.**

The devil constantly taunts us with temptations to sin and despair. Look with mercy on those who are suffering and keep the devil far from them. Give healing and hope to those who are hurting, [especially...]. Assure them of your love, grace and forgiveness, and that in your time, you will deliver us all from evil. Lead us not into temptation, **but deliver us from evil.**

Silent prayers and special intercessions

Lord God, heavenly Father, since that evil spirit, the devil, always prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking to devour us, shield us by your dear holy angels from all his cunning and terror for your dear Son's sake. Through your Holy Spirit, give us repentant hearts, that we may serve you in all soberness and vigilance; through Jesus Christ, your dear Son, our Lord. Amen.

Offering

The members of Zion have joined together to do the Lord's work in this community and around the world. If you are a visitor, please don't feel obligated to participate in this offering which supports our ministry.

The Sacrament

Preface

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give him thanks and praise.

It is truly good and right that we should at all times and in all places give you thanks, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who brought the gift of salvation to all people by his death on the tree of the cross so that the devil, who overcame us by a tree, would in turn by a tree be overcome. Therefore, with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we

praise your holy name and join their glorious song:

Holy, Holy, Holy

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The musical score is written on a single treble clef staff in a key signature of two flats (B-flat and E-flat). It consists of eight lines of music. The first line is an instrumental introduction. The second line begins with the lyrics 'Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er,'. The third line continues with 'God of might. Heav - en and earth are full of your'. The fourth line has 'glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.'. The fifth line starts with 'Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the'. The sixth line continues 'Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est, ho -'. The seventh line has 'san - na in the high -'. The eighth line concludes with 'est!'.

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er,
God of might. Heav - en and earth are full of your
glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the
Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est, ho -
san - na in the high - est!

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Lord God, you are worthy to receive thanks and praise from all people. You created the world and all who live in it, and in your mercy you saved us. We give thanks to you for the grace of your Son, Jesus Christ.

Though in very nature God, he took the nature of a servant and became

obedient to death, even death on a cross. He offered himself as a sacrifice for sin and redeemed us from its curse and penalty. He rescued us from the terrors of death and restored eternal life with you. He conquered our enemies and gained for us the kingdom of grace and glory.

Bless us as we receive your Son's body and blood, and lead us to remember his suffering, death, and resurrection. Forgive our sins and fill us with the hope of new life in heaven. Hear our praise and receive our thanks as we worship you—the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Lord's Prayer

Words of Institution

Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

Amen.

O Christ, Lamb of God

Je - sus, Lamb of God, you take a - way the

The image shows two staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The first staff contains a melodic line with a final whole note. The second staff continues the melody and includes the lyrics: "Je - sus, Lamb of God, you take a - way the".

sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.

Je - sus, Lamb of God, you take a - way the

sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.

Je - sus, Lamb of God, you take a - way the

sin of the world; grant us your peace.

Distribution Hymn

Jesus Sinners Does Receive #654

Jesus sinners does receive; oh, may all this saying ponder
 who in sin's delusions live and from God and heaven wander.
 Here is hope for all who grieve: Jesus sinners does receive.

We deserve but grief and shame, yet his words, rich grace revealing,
 pardon, peace, and life proclaim; here their ills have perfect healing
 who with humble hearts believe: Jesus sinners does receive.

Sheep that from the fold did stray are not by the Lord forsaken;
 weary souls who lost their way are by Christ, the Shepherd, taken
 in his arms that they may live: Jesus sinners does receive.

I, a sinner, come to you with a penitent confession.

Savior, show me mercy, too; grant for all my sins remission.
Let these words my soul relieve: Jesus sinners does receive.

Oh, how blest it is to know, were as scarlet my transgression,
it shall be as white as snow by your blood and bitter passion,
for these words I do believe: Jesus sinners does receive.

Now my conscience is at peace, from the law I stand acquitted.
Christ has purchased my release and my ev'ry sin remitted.
Naught remains my soul to grieve: Jesus sinners does receive.

Jesus sinners does receive, even I have been forgiven.
And when I this earth must leave, I shall find an open heaven.
Dying, still to him I cleave: Jesus sinners does receive.

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;
his mercy endures forever.

Whenever we eat this bread and drink this cup,
we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

We give thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us with this saving gift.
We pray that through it you will strengthen our faith in you and increase our
love for one another. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives
and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Benediction

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look on you with favor and (+) give you peace.

Amen.

Closing Hymn

Jesus, Still Lead On #842:1-3

Jesus, still lead on till our rest is won;
and although the way be cheerless,
we will follow, calm and fearless.
Guide us by your hand to our fatherland.

If the way be drear, if the foe be near,
let not faithless fears o'ertake us;
let not faith and hope forsake us,
for through many' a woe to our home we go.

When we seek relief from a long-felt grief,
when temptations come alluring,
make us patient and enduring.
Show us that bright shore where we weep no more.

This Week at Zion

Today:	7:30 / 9:45 a.m. 8:30 / 8:45 a.m. 2:00 p.m.	Worship with Holy Communion Sunday School / Adult Bible study <i>Stand in the Gap</i> movie showing at Grace, Waupun
Mon:	10:00 a.m.	OWLS meeting at Peace, Hartford – <i>Stand in the Gap</i> movie showing
Wed:	7:00 p.m.	Lenten Worship
Thu:	7:00 p.m.	Worship
Sat:	9:00 a.m.	Catechism Instructions
Sun:	7:30 / 9:45 a.m. 8:30 / 8:45 a.m.	Worship Sunday School / Adult Bible study

In Our Prayers Katie Duthie, at home from Froedtert-St. Joseph's Hospital following surgery on Thursday morning; Karen Allison at The Gardens of Hartford; Shirley Schlice (Bonnie Herman's mom), who is now at the Samaritan Home recovering and receiving rehab after hip surgery.

Lord's Supper As a church concerned with upholding all the truths of Scripture and encouraging faithful Christian living, we practice "member communion" with those who have confessed a unity of faith with us. If you are not a WELS or ELS member and you would like to commune with us in the future, please speak to the pastor after the service.

Lenten Worship Join us this Wednesday at 7 pm. for our second midweek Lenten service. Pastor Mark Rohrback from Redeemer in Cedarburg will lead us in worship using the theme *His Final Steps Led to a Fig Tree*, based on Mark 11.

Installation of Officers Due to the late annual meeting this year as well as the difficulty trying to have everyone here at the same service, the members of Zion's council will be installed in various services this weekend. They are: Keith Bartelt (president), Dan Ehlke (elders), Lester Hahn (evangelism), Adam Janz (stewardship/endowment), Jeff Karch (treasurer), Rick Meier (financial secretary), Corey Schulz (building & grounds), and John Schulz (secretary). Thanks to this group of men who are willing to volunteer their time tending to the day to day business of our congregation. Please keep them in your prayers. We also take this opportunity to thank Matt Feucht and Gene Salzman, each of whom served faithfully as members of the church council the past four years.

VBS Helpers Needed We hope to have a summer VBS Day Camp again this year, working with a team from Camp Phillip in Wautoma. To make it happen however, we need a good group of volunteers from Zion. We're looking for several coordinators to work as a team to organize the week. If you can help in this way, please contact Pastor Bode as soon as possible. Thank you!

We thank Barb Olsen for serving as our organist on Thursday night and Bea Pamperin for the services on Sunday.

Easter Sunday Memorial Lilies If you would like to sponsor an Easter lily in memory of a loved one, please take a registration form from the cabinets, fill it

out and follow the directions. The lilies will be delivered during Holy Week and you can take them home after the Easter festival service at 9:00 a.m.

Please pick up one of the few remaining copies of the Meditations devotional booklet and the March church calendar from the cabinets in the entryway.

Movie Showings The February meeting of the Dodge/Washington OWLS will be on Monday, February 27, 10 AM at Peace, Hartford. A DVD movie produced by Salty Earth Studios "Stand in the Gap" will be shown. It is another one of their Christian based productions...everyone is invited. There will not be a business meeting due to the length of the movie. We will end with a potluck meal so please bring a dish to share. Please join us.

Fellowship Hall Takedown Thanks to those who helped set up tables and chairs for our Ash Wednesday supper. Now it's time to put them away until Easter. If you can spare 5 minutes after the worship service on Sunday, your help would be appreciated.