

FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT

Great Deception and God's Response

March 8 & 9, 2014 ~ 5:00pm & 8:00am

AS WE GATHER

"Don't take any wooden nickels!" This may sound like a simple, lighthearted phrase, yet it gives important advice. This admonition serves as a warning to not be deceived—especially by someone who is dishonest in their dealings—or else you may find yourself with nothing. In today's Old Testament reading, we hear about the master deceiver himself, Satan. The devil deceives Adam and Eve with empty promises, and in the end, they are left with worse than nothing. The first man and woman are left with sin, death, and separation from God. But the Lord promises to give them, and you, His only Son, who will ultimately crush and overcome Satan and his deceptions. 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.

+ PREPARATION +

5:00 PRE-SERVICE BELLS *"He Leadeth Me" "Son of God Eternal Savior"*

WELCOME

*"The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom,
and knowledge of the Holy One is understanding." Proverbs 9:10*

FELLOWSHIP GREETING

OPENING HYMN #842 "Son of God, Eternal Savior"

Son of God, eternal Savior, Source of life and truth and grace,
Word made flesh, whose birth among us Hallows all our human race,
You our Head, who, throned in glory, For Your own will ever plead;
Fill us with Your love and pity, Heal our wrongs and help our need.

As You, Lord, have lived for others, So may we for others love.
Freely have Your gifts been granted; Freely may Your servants give.
Yours the gold and Yours the silver, Yours the wealth of land and sea;
We but stewards of Our bounty Held in solemn trust will be.

Come, O Christ, and reign among us, King of love and Prince of Peace;
Hush the storm of strife and passion, Bid its cruel discords cease.
By Your patient years of toiling, By Your silent hours of pain,
Quench our fevered thirst of pleasure, Stem our selfish greed of gain.

Son of God, eternal Savior, Source of life and truth and grace,
Word made flesh, whose birth among us Hallows all our human race;
By Your praying, by Your willing That Your people should be one,
Grant, O grant our hope's fruition: Here on earth Your will be done.

(Rise)

INVOCATION

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

OPENING SENTENCES

Pastor: Therefore, as one trespass led to condemnation for all men,

People: so one act of righteousness leads to justification and life for all men.

Pastor: For as by the one man's disobedience the many were made sinners,

People: so by the one man's obedience the many will be made righteous.

LENTEN LITANY

Pastor: O Lord,

People: have mercy.

Pastor: O Christ,

People: have mercy.

Pastor: O Lord,

People: have mercy.

HYMN #418 "O Lord, Throughout These Forty Days"

O Lord, throughout these forty days You prayed and kept the fast;
Inspire repentance for our sin, And free us from our past.

You strove with Satan, and You won; Your faithfulness endured;
Lend us Your nerve, Your skill and trust In God's eternal Word.

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.

Be with us through this season, Lord, And all our earthly days,
That when the final Easter dawns, We join in heaven's praise.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Pastor: We come before God our Father knowing that we are by nature sinful and
unclean. We are stained by the original sin that we inherited from Adam

and Eve. Like the first man and woman, we, too, have given into temptation and have sinned against the Lord. We have believed the lies of the devil, the world, and our own sinful flesh. It is right that we acknowledge our sin and our need for forgiveness. Together as God's people, let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

People: Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.

Pastor: "I acknowledged my sin to you, and I did not cover my iniquity; I said, 'I will confess my transgressions to the Lord,' and you forgave the iniquity of my sin." Upon this, your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God to all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

SALUTATION & PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: O Lord God, in the cool of the day, you came to Adam and Eve and promised them a Savior from sin. Grant that we may receive salvation through that same Savior, Jesus Christ, as you come to us today in Word and Sacrament; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

(Be seated)

+ WORD +

OLD TESTAMENT READING *Genesis 3:1–21*

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'?" The woman said to the serpent, "We may eat fruit from the trees in the garden, but 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.'" "You will not surely die," the serpent said to the woman, "For God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil." When 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. Then 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. 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. But the Lord God called to the man, "Where are you?" He answered, "I heard you in the garden, and I was afraid because I was naked; so I hid." And he said, "Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten from the tree that I commanded you not to eat from?" The man said, "The woman you put here with me – she gave me some fruit from the tree, and I ate it." Then the Lord God said to the woman, "What is this you have done?" The woman said, "The serpent deceived me, and I ate." So the Lord God said to the serpent, "Because you have done this, 'Cursed are you above all the livestock and all the wild animals! You will crawl on your belly and you will eat dust all the days of your life. 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.'" To the woman he said, "I will greatly increase your pains in childbearing; with pain you will give birth to children. Your desire will be for your husband, and he will rule over you." To Adam he said, "Because you listened to your wife and ate from the tree about which I commanded you, 'You must not eat of it,' 'Cursed is the ground because of you; through painful toil you will eat of it all the days of your life. It will produce thorns and thistles for you, and you will eat the plants of the field. By the sweat of your brow you will eat your food until you return to the ground, since from it you were taken; for dust you are and to dust you will return.'" Adam named his wife Eve, because she would become the mother of all the living. The Lord God made garments of skin for Adam and his wife and clothed them.

EPISTLE *Romans 5:12–19*

Therefore, just as sin entered the world through one man, and death through sin, and in this way death came to all men, because all sinned – for before the law was given, sin was in the world. But sin is not taken into account when there is no law. Nevertheless, death reigned from the time of Adam to the time Moses, even over those who did not sin by breaking a command, as did Adam, who was a pattern of the one to come. But 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! Again, the gift of God is not like the result of the one man's sin: The judgment followed one sin and brought condemnation, but the gift followed many trespasses and brought justification. For 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. Consequently, just as the result of one trespass was condemnation for all men, so also the result of one act of righteousness was justification that brings life for all men. For 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.

appreciation for the work of pastors and missionaries. We pray especially for Pastor Ferry and His family as they make preparations to share the gospel in Indonesia. We give thanks also for Danielle Jackson as she is installed as a commissioned minister of the gospel in our school.

People: Help us to see all servants of the Lord as workers together in the same vineyard, as faithful shepherds of your flock, that many may come to faith and grow in faith.

Pastor: O Lord God, You have established the kingdoms of this world to reward good and punish evil. Grant us good government as part of our daily bread.

People: Make our public servants faithful in all that they do, that we may lead a peaceful and quiet life in all godliness.

Pastor: O God, there are many around us who have various needs, especially Dennis, Jon, Rosalie, Dorothy, Ruth, Warren, Virginia, Dorothy, Sarah and Joe. Fix their eyes on you as the One who alone can rescue them from any peril.

People: Grant us to pray daily for those in need, whether in this congregation, in the larger communion of saints or throughout the world. Show mercy to all in times of need and by your good Spirit give them the strength to endure.

Pastor: Good and gracious God, we are thankful for the many blessings you bestow upon us. We rejoice with Frank and Jean Gabler as they rejoice in their new grandchild, Abigail. We give thanks with the Hinz family as they celebrate Tom's 90th birthday.

People: Day by day, help us all to be mindful of your goodness toward us.

Pastor: Heavenly Father, you have left us the body and blood of your Son for us Christians to eat and to drink. Grant penitent hearts and steadfast faith to all who receive the Sacrament at this altar this day.

People: Through this gracious gift, grant us to grow in faith and life. Strengthen our faith to believe that only Christ could make satisfaction for our sins and strengthen us all to love our neighbors as ourselves.

Pastor: Deliverer from death and the grave, receive this day our humble thanks for all your children whom your Spirit has kept in saving faith through the Word and who, having departed this life, now rest from their labors. Comfort the Weil family as they remember Cindy's birthday. Be with all who mourn the passing of loved ones including the family of Corinne Christensen.

People: Bring us to share with them the joys of your unending feast.

Pastor: Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy, through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

People: Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

+ SACRAMENT +

WORDS OF OUR LORD

THE PEACE OF THE LORD

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

People: Amen.

AGNUS DEI #550

"Lamb of God"

Your only Son, no sin to hide, But You have sent Him from Your side
To walk upon this guilty sod, And to become the Lamb of God.

**Refrain: O Lamb of God, sweet Lamb of God, I love the holy Lamb of God!
O wash me in His precious blood, My Jesus Christ, the Lamb of God.**

Your Gift of love they crucified, They laughed and scorned Him as He died:
The humble King they named a fraud, And sacrificed the Lamb of God. *Refrain*
(Be seated)

DISTRIBUTION Those guests who desire to commune who are members of another LCMS congregation may do so; if you are coming from another church background, please see the pastor or an elder first.

5:00 BELL ANTHEM *"God, Who Made the Earth and Heaven"*

HYMN #547 "The Lamb" Stanzas 1-4

The Lamb, the Lamb, O Father, where's the sacrifice?
Faith sees, believes God will provide the Lamb of price!

Refrain **Worthy is the Lamb whose death makes me His own!
The Lamb is reigning on His throne!**

The Lamb, the Lamb, One perfect final offering.
The Lamb, the Lamb, Let earth join heav'n His praise to sing. **Refrain**

The Lamb, the Lamb, As wayward sheep their shepherd kill
So still, His will On our behalf the Law to fill. **Refrain**

He sighs, He dies, He takes my sin and wretchedness.
He lives, forgives, He gives me His own righteousness. **Refrain**

HYMN #658 “Preserve Your Word, O Savior”

Preserve Your Word, O Savior, To us this later day.
And let Your kingdom flourish; Enlarge Your Church, we pray.
O keep our faith from failing: Keep hope’s bright star aglow.
Let nothing from truth turn us While living here below.

Preserve, O Lord, Your honor, The bold blasphemer smite;
Convince, convert, enlighten The souls in error’s night.
Reveal Your will, dear Savior, To all who dwell below,
Great light of all the living, That all Your name may know.

Preserve, O Lord, Your Zion, Bought dearly with Your blood;
Protect what You have chosen Against the hellish flood.
Be always our defender When dangers gather round;
When all the earth is crumbling, Safe may Your Church be found.

Preserve Your Word and preaching, The truth that makes us whole,
The mirror of Your glory, The pow’r that saves the soul.
Oh, may this living water, This dew of heav’nly grace,
Sustain us while here living Until we see Your face.

Preserve in wave and tempest Your storm-tossed little flock;
Assailed by wind and weather, May it endure each shock.
Stand at the helm, our pilot, And set the course aright;
Then we will reach the harbor In Your eternal light.

HYMN #718 “Jesus, Lead Thou On”

Jesus, lead Thou on till our rest is won; And although the way be cheerless,
We will follow calm and fearless. Guide us by Thy hand To our father-land.

If the way be drear, If the foe be near, Let not faithless fears o'er-take 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.

Jesus, lead Thou on Till our rest is won. Heav'n-ly leader, still direct us,
Still support, console, protect us, Till we safely stand In our father-land.

COMMON DISMISSAL

(Rise)

POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

Pastor: Let us pray. We give thanks to you, almighty God, that you give us the benefits of your Son’s sacrifice as the Lamb of God—forgiveness of sins and salvation. Strengthened through Christ’s body and blood, given for us, help us live as your baptized people; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

BENEDICTION

Pastor: For He will command His angels concerning you

People: to guard you in all your ways.

Pastor: On their hands they will bear you up,

People: Lest you strike your foot against a stone.

Pastor: 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 #577 “Almighty God, Your Word Is Cast”

Almighty God, your Word is cast Like seed into the ground;
Now let the dew of heav’n descend And righteous fruits abound.

Let not the sly satanic foe This holy seed remove,
But give it root in ev’ry heart To bring forth fruits of love.

Let not the world’s deceitful cares The rising plant destroy,
But let it yield a hundredfold The fruits of peace and joy.

So when the precious seed is sown, Life-giving grace bestow
That all whose souls the truth receive Its saving pow’r may know.

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