

**ENTERING INTO WORSHIP**

**Prelude**

**Welcome and Announcements**

**Gathering Song: ELW 768 "Lead Me, Guide Me"**

Verse 1-All, Verse 2-Women, Verse 3-Men, Refrain-All

**Call to Worship:**

L: We gather to worship God who has created us, redeemed us, and walks with us now as we begin our Lenten journey.

**C: Amen.**

L: On this first Sunday in Lent we are reminded that Jesus was tempted in the wilderness. Even when he was hungry he did not yield to the temptation to turn stones into bread.

**C: Lord, lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil!**

L: Even when he was challenged to prove that God would save him from harm, Jesus did not yield to the temptation to put God to the test.

**C: Lord, lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil!**

L: Even when offered the kingdoms of this world, Jesus did not yield to Satan. He remained faithful and committed to worshiping only God and serving God alone!

**C: Lord, lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil!**

L: Let us pray that we too will remain faithful, and that God's love through Christ and the power of the Holy Spirit will strengthen our hearts during this holy season of Lent.

**ALL: LORD, LEAD US FROM TEMPTATION TO TRUST, FROM FEAR TO LOVE, FROM DESPAIR TO HOPE, FROM SADNESS TO JOY!**

**Prayer of the Day:**

**C: O Lord God, you led your people through the wilderness and brought them to the promised land. Guide us now, so that following your Son, we may walk safely through the wilderness of this world toward the life you alone can give, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever, Amen.**

**Song: WOV 660 "I Want Jesus to Walk with Me"**

**Confession:** (sit or kneel)

**C: Lord, we confess that we are tossed about by the storms of life, and are swayed by the winds of our society. We see clouds on the horizon and we are afraid. Forgive us, and give us a faith that trusts in you, even when we don't understand the struggles in our lives. Inspire us with the strength of Jesus, who faced temptations and triumphed over evil.**

**Words of Assurance:**

L: God's eternal love for us through Jesus' death on the cross has paid the price for our sins, and through the Holy Spirit we are given the power and strength to resist temptation... the power to trust and walk as God's forgiven people in Jesus name.

**HEARING THE WORD OF THE LORD**

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**Song: "On Eagle's Wings"**



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**Lesson . . . . Romans 10:8b-13**

<sup>8b</sup>"The word is near you, on your lips and in your heart" (that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); <sup>9</sup>because if you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. <sup>10</sup>For one believes with the heart and so is justified, and one confesses with the mouth and so is saved. <sup>11</sup>The scripture says, "No one who believes in him will be put to shame." <sup>12</sup>For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all and is generous to all who call on him. <sup>13</sup>For, "Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved."

**Announcement of the Gospel:**

P: The Holy gospel according to Luke, chapter 4.

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

**Gospel . . . . . Luke 4:1-13**

Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the wilderness, <sup>2</sup>where for forty days he was tempted by the devil. He ate nothing at all during those days, and when they were over, he was famished. <sup>3</sup>The devil said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command this stone to become a loaf of bread." <sup>4</sup>Jesus answered him, "It is written, 'One does not live by bread alone.'" <sup>5</sup>Then the devil led him up and showed him in an instant all the kingdoms of the world. <sup>6</sup>And the devil said to him, "To you I will give their glory and all this authority; for it has been given over to me, and I give it to anyone I please. <sup>7</sup>If you, then, will worship me, it will all be yours." <sup>8</sup>Jesus answered him, "It is written, 'Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him.'" <sup>9</sup>Then the devil took him to Jerusalem, and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, saying to him, "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down from here, <sup>10</sup>for it is written, 'He will command his angels concerning you, to protect you,' <sup>11</sup>and 'On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.'" <sup>12</sup>Jesus answered him, "It is said, 'Do not put the Lord your God to the test.'" <sup>13</sup>When the devil had finished every test, he departed from him until an opportune time.

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

**Children's Message**

**The Sermon:** . . . . . Pastor Kathy Fullarton

**Song: WOV 781 "My Life Flows On in Endless Song"**

Verses 1 & 4-All Verse 2-Men Verse 3-Women Refrain-All

**RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORLD**

**Statement of Faith:**

**C: We believe in God the Father, the creator of all life, the source of all love. We believe in Jesus Christ, God's Son and our Savior, who lived on this earth as a true human being. He knows the trials and temptations we face. He resisted temptation and lived a sinless life. Because he was without sin he was able to bear our sins on the cross so that we might be forgiven. God demonstrated his victory over sin and death by raising Jesus to new life. We believe in the Holy Spirit, who is God with us now. The Holy Spirit gives us the strength to resist temptation and to face the trials that come our way. The Holy Spirit helps us to hold fast to our faith in what God promises: to love us, to forgive us, and to give us the gift of eternal life. We believe that God is present with us always, and reveals himself in prayer, the Sacraments, the Word, and the community of believers.**

**Offering/Loose Change Offering "Hallowed Be Thy Name" (worship team)**

**Prayers of the Church (kneel or sit)**

**Words of Institution/The Lord's Prayer**

**Holy Communion**

**Congregation Songs during Distribution:**

ELW 483 "Here Is Bread" (song of the month)

ELW 821 "Shout to the Lord"

**Communion Blessing**

**Benediction**

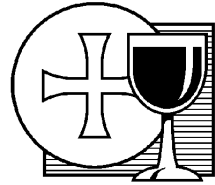
**Closing Song: PW 170 "Give Thanks"**

**Dismissal:**

L: Marked with the cross of Christ, go in peace to love and serve the Lord!

C: **THANKS BE TO GOD!**

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**Birthdays - Feb. 17-23** (If your birthday is not listed please contact the church office with mm/dd/yy.)

17-Kelith Schroeder	19-Rick Mandler	20-Hadley Routh	22-Harold Niebuhr
18-Rachael Korman	19-Bill Niebuhr	21-Sharon Hass	23-Gordon Treptow
18-Austin Niebuhr	20-Steve Linde	21-Matt Schaper	

**In Honor** of Harold Niebuhr's 80<sup>th</sup> birthday a gift has been received towards the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Fund. Harold also invites you to an open house on Sat., Feb. 23<sup>rd</sup> at the Community Center from 2:00-5:00 p.m.

**Senior Saints** - On Wed., Feb. 20<sup>th</sup> Senior Saints will gather at the Broadway Apartments for a time of fellowship and food as we share in "Getting to Know" Arlyss Schroeder. We begin at 11:00 a.m. with devotions and singing. Then, thanks to the February service group for providing food for us for a noon meal. Everyone 55 and older is welcome to join us.

**Good Earth Village Annual Meeting** will be held Feb. 24<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 p.m. at St. John Lutheran Church in Owatonna. Good Shepherd has 3 votes. Please let the church office know if you plan to attend.

**Attention Women of the ELCA** - We are still in need of a Vice President. Please prayerfully consider this position. Call the church office as soon as possible.

**Caring Ministry** will meet Feb. 17<sup>th</sup> at 10:15 a.m. in the Kitchenette.

**Good Earth Village Camp** recruitment has started for this summer. If you feel compelled to donate funds toward scholarship you may drop it off in the Church Office. Funds from the pop cans also go toward scholarships. Volunteers are needed to help take cans to New Richland.

**Something new!** You are invited for coffee before the 9:00 a.m. Service from 8:15-8:45 a.m. Join early risers in the lower entrance to the church and enjoy casual fellowship before the church service. Hope to see you there!

**Wells Lions Club Fundraiser** - Sun., Feb. 24<sup>th</sup>, 4:30-6:30 p.m. at the Wells American Legion. Serving Chicken Noodle, Chili and Beef Barley soups, assorted bars, veggies, coffee and water. Free will offering. Proceeds go towards the Wells Lions Projects.

**Area Community Choir** will start rehearsal Mon., Feb. 18<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. at Good Shepherd for an Easter Cantata. All are welcome to come and sing.

**Thank You to Our Worship Team Song Leaders:** Linda Hagen, Andrea Groskreutz, Judy Harpestad, Sara Teskey, Jan Helfritz, Pastor Kathy Fullarton, Linda Sauer, Brad Heggen, Jon Melby, Erik Melby, Bill Groskreutz, Jr. **Piano:** Jean Carlson

**Psalm 91**

You who live in the shelter of the Most High, who abide in the shadow of the Almighty, 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; and under his wings you will find refuge.

**"On Eagle's Wings"**

You will not fear the terror of the night, or the arrow that flies by day. A thousand may fall at your side, ten thousand at your right hand, but it will not come near you. Because you have made the Lord your refuge, the Most High your dwelling place, no evil shall befall you, no scourge come near your tent.

**"On Eagle's Wings"**

For he will command his angels concerning you to guard you in all your ways. On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone. Those who love me, I will deliver; I will protect those who know my name. When they call to me, I will answer them; I will be with them in trouble, I will rescue them and honor them. With long life I will satisfy them, and show them my salvation.

**"On Eagle's Wings"**