

## Lenten Midweek Service Series



*God is faithful, and he will not let you be tempted beyond your ability, but with the temptation he will also provide the way of escape. 1 Corinthians 10:13*

***Lord of Love Lutheran Church (ELCA)***

***10405 Fort St., Omaha, NE 68134***

**Wednesday, March 8, 2023**

**7:00 p.m.**

## ***Invocation and Call to Worship***

P The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**C Amen.**

P All we like sheep have gone astray.

**C Lead us not into temptation.**

P We have each turned to our own way.

**C Lead us not into temptation.**

P The Lord has laid on him the iniquity of us all.

**C Deliver us from evil.**

P But he was wounded for our transgressions.

**C Deliver us from evil.**

P He was crushed for our iniquities.

**C Deliver us from evil.**

P Upon him was the chastisement that brought us peace.

**C Deliver us from evil.**

P And with his stripes we are healed.

**C Amen.**

## ***Confession and Forgiveness***

P “Let anyone who thinks that he stands take heed lest he fall” (1 Corinthians 10:12).  
We confess to God that we have often fallen into temptation and succumbed to sin.

**C Holy God, we acknowledge our guilt before you. We have sinned against you in thought, word and deed. When tempted by the evil one, we have desired evil. Our sinful appetites have been attracted to what you forbid. We have submitted to our lusts and succumbed to temptation. Forgive our transgression and lead us from temptation.**

P We cry to you for mercy!

**C Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.**

*(Please silently reflect on the fact that though our sin is great, God’s mercy is greater.)*

P Hear the good news! God’s Word declares that “God is faithful” and “he will provide the way of escape” from temptation and sin (1 Corinthians 10:13). In the mercy of Almighty God, his Son Jesus was given to die for you to remove the guilt of your sin. For Christ’s sake God forgives you all your sin and renews a right spirit within you. His mercy endures forever because his love for you is steadfast.

**C Amen.**

## ***Prayer of the Day***

P Gracious Lord, as we continue our Lenten pilgrimage, we do so in view of your mercy. We are surrounded by all kinds of temptations to sin. Strengthen us by your Holy Spirit so that we resist temptation and instead do what pleases you. We pray through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

## ***Scripture Reading 1 Corinthians 10:6-13***

Now these things took place as examples for us, that we might not desire evil as they did. Do not be idolaters as some of them were; as it is written, “The people sat down to eat and drink and rose up to play.” We must not indulge in sexual immorality as some of them did, and twenty-three thousand fell in a single day. We must not put Christ to the test, as some of them did and were destroyed by serpents, nor grumble, as some of them did and were destroyed by the Destroyer. Now these things happened to them as an example, but they were written down for our instruction, on whom the end of the ages has come. Therefore let anyone who thinks that he stands take heed lest he fall. No temptation has overtaken you that is not common to man. God is faithful, and he will not let you be tempted beyond your ability, but with the temptation he will also provide the way of escape, that you may be able to endure it.

## ***Sermon***

***Hymn: “O Christ, You Walked the Road” (Tune of ELW 599, See insert)***

## ***Prayers***

L Almighty and merciful God, we approach your throne of grace today as those who are prone to wander into sin because of the temptations of the evil one.

**C Lord, have mercy.**

L When we face the temptations of the devil—who entices us to doubt and deny your true Word—keep our eyes on Jesus who conquered Satan in the wilderness and on the cross.

**C Lord, have mercy.**

L When we face the temptations of the flesh—our sinful appetites and lusts—keep our eyes on Jesus who lived purely as our substitute and Savior.

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L When we face the temptations of the world—our sinful pride and the quest for more possessions—keep our eyes on Jesus who provides for all we need in this life and the life to come.

**C Lord, have mercy.**

L When temptations come alluring, make us patient and enduring.

**C Lord, have mercy.**

L We praise you that you are faithful and that with every temptation you provide a way of escape.

**C Lord, have mercy.**

L Fill us with your Spirit so that we will say no to sin and yes to righteousness.

**C Lord, have mercy.**

L Lead us away from temptation and deliver us from evil.

**C Lord, grant me your grace both to will and to do what pleases you.**

L All these things we pray in the name of Jesus, who triumphed over temptation.

**C Amen.**

### ***Lord's Prayer***

L Let us pray together as Jesus taught us,

**C 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, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.**

***Hymn: "Jesus, Still Lead On" (See insert)***

***ELW #624***

### ***Benediction***

P May the merciful God, who is faithful and provides the way of escape from temptation and sin, empower you to live according to his good and gracious will, through Jesus Christ to whom be the glory forever.

**C Amen**

*\*Offering plates are not being passed during the service, but we are collecting special lenten offerings to help support the good work of Heartland Family Service and Lutheran Disaster Response. You can go to [lord-of-love.org/giving](http://lord-of-love.org/giving) and click Lent/Easter, to give online, or place a cash or check in the offering plate at the back of the sanctuary.*

## Week 2 March 8<sup>th</sup> Mercy in Temptation

“O Christ, You Walked the Road” .....Tune: ELW #599 “Lord Jesus, Think on Me”

1. O Christ, you walked the road our wand' - ring feet must go. You  
 2. No bread of earth a - lone can fill our hung' - ring hearts. Lord,  
 3. No blind - ing sign we ask, no won - der from a - bove. Lord,  
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Tune: W. Daman, *The Psalms of David*, 1579, alt.

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 2 If the way be drear, if the foe be near, let no faith - less  
 3 When we seek re - lief from a long-felt grief, when temp-ta - tions  
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guide us by your hand to the prom - ised land.  
 safe - ly past the foe to our home we go.  
 show us that bright shore where we weep no more.  
 till we safe - ly stand in the prom - ised land.

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