

**ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH - MISSOURI SYNOD  
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Fellowship of Hope, Teaching, Serving and  
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**FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT**

*"How To Handle Temptation"*

**5:30PM — February 17, 2018**

**8:00AM — February 18, 2018**



**THOSE WHO SERVE US**

Each Member of St. John's .....	A Minister
Rev. Ted Gall .....	Senior Pastor
Mrs. Sandy Esker.....	Preschool Director
Mr. Jamie Lotz .....	Organist
Mrs. Andrea Wendling.....	Song Leader
St. John's Praise Band.....	10:30AM
Mr. Jake Wendling .....	5:30PM Elder on Duty
Coralin Ohnesorge.....	5:30PM Acolyte
Mr. Jerry Pruemer .....	8AM Elder on Duty
Kaiden Kohnert .....	8AM Acolyte
Mr. Gayland Bourland .....	10:30AM Elder on Duty
Ella Niebrugge .....	10:30AM Acolyte
Mr. Jeff Stremming 857-3891 .....	Elder on Duty for February 19-February 23, 2018
Missionaries from Pakistan .....	Younis Darshan and Raja Shaleem
Missionaries from India .....	Ajay Paul & Sonne
Sister Congregation .....	in Blidene, Latvia
Mrs. Julie Scott .....	(343-3047) Prayer Chain Coordinator

**WELCOME** To our friends who know us, we renew our welcome; to the stranger, we extend our sincere greeting. If you are a visitor, please understand that you are our guest and we want you to feel welcome and comfortable. We are happy you chose to be with us in this service, and pray you have been blessed by our Lord today as He has blessed us by your presence.

**CHRIST** is important to us

- in our worship
- in our study
- in our fellowship
- in our lives.

**YOU** are important to us

- in our worship
- in our study
- in our fellowship
- in our lives.

**HOLY COMMUNION** – When the members of St. John’s Lutheran Church, (LCMS) celebrate the Lord’s Supper, we confess the Real Presence of Christ’s Body and Blood in the Bread and Wine, given and shed for the forgiveness of our sins. (*1 Cor 10:16 & 1 Cor 11:23-26*) We believe that Christ’s Body and Blood are present “in, with and under” the elements of the Holy Supper. (*Luther’s Small Catechism*) Members should register their intent to commune on the pew card. If you are visiting with us and you desire to join with us in communion fellowship in agreement with these beliefs, please speak to one of the Pastors or the elder on duty before the service.

**HIS VISION FOR US:**

St. John’s will be known for being involved in our changing community, for providing leadership in our changing world, and for serving others in Christian love.

We will welcome our diverse guests with open arms. Our friendly, loving and accepting people will engage our guests, mentor them in the faith, and inspire many to become members.

Our members will be motivated by the cross to be actively engaged in ministry, showing love and care to others. We will encourage one another, nurture one another, and enthusiastically serve our God together!

**HIS GOAL FOR US:**

We will pray and work with singleness of purpose to expand the impact of our ministry to God’s children of all ages, with special emphasis on young families, by developing new ways to strengthen the relationship between St. John’s, our members and our community, providing the facilities and resources to involve more people in ministry and outreach.

**WELCOME CENTER** Greeters are present at the Welcome Center in the atrium adjacent to our sanctuary before and after the service to answer any questions you may have, provide directions to restrooms, classrooms, etc. If you are a first time guest, we also have a gift for you. If you live in our community or surrounding area and you do not have a church home, we welcome your consideration. We offer true fellowship with a living Savior and membership in His Church.

**ATTENDANCE REGISTER** Kindly fill out a registration card (welcome side) located in the pew rack. Our guests are also asked to complete the address and phone number portion. Please pass your card to the center aisle to be gathered during the offering.

**CELL PHONES** Please turn your cell phones off before the service begins.

**AS WE GATHER** During this season of Lent we are called to recognize and resist temptation in our lives. Temptation comes in many forms-things, people, ideas, behaviors, and more. An important distinction needs to be made between testing and tempting. God tested Abraham in today's Old Testament Reading, and He did not let Abraham sacrifice Isaac. Instead, He provided a substitute: a ram. God may test us at times, but He never tempts us toward evil. James says, "Let no one say when he is tempted, 'I am being tempted by God,' for God cannot be tempted with evil, and He Himself tempts no one." Mark reminds us that Jesus was tempted in every way as we are, and yet was without sin. His life is the sacrifice foreshadowed by the ram provided in place of Isaac. By His death for us, Jesus empowers us to resist temptation in all of its forms.

**RINGING OF THE BELLS**  
**PRELUDE**  
**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**+ PREPARATION +**

**OPENING HYMN..... "In The Cross Of Christ I Glory"..... [LSB 427]**

**OPENING SENTENCES**

**Pastor:** O Lord, throughout these forty days

**People:** **You prayed and kept the fast;**

**Pastor:** Inspire repentance for our sin,

**People:** **And free us from our past. Amen.**

## **INVOCATION**

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

People: **Amen.**

## **CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION**

Pastor: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another. I confess to God Almighty, before the whole company of heaven and to you, my brothers and sisters, that I have sinned in thought, word, and deed by my fault, by my own fault, by my own most grievous fault; wherefore I pray God Almighty to have mercy on me, forgive me all my sins, and bring me to everlasting life. Amen.

People: **The almighty and merciful Lord grant you pardon, forgiveness, and remission of all your sins. Amen. I confess to God Almighty, before the whole company of heaven and to you, my brothers and sisters, that I have sinned in thought, word, and deed by my fault, by my own fault, by my own most grievous fault; wherefore I pray God Almighty to have mercy on me, forgive me all my sins, and bring me to everlasting life. Amen.**

Pastor: The almighty and merciful Lord grant you pardon, forgiveness, and remission of all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: **Amen.**

***HYMN OF PRAISE..... “Lord, Keep Us Steadfast In Your Word”..... [LSB 655]***

**+ WORD +**

## **SALUTATION**

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

**Pastor:** Let us pray, O Lord God, You led Your ancient people through the wilderness and brought them to the Promised Land.

**People:** **Guide the people of Your Church that following our Savior we may walk through the wilderness of this world toward the glory of the world to come;**

**Pastor:** through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**People:** **Amen.**

**OLD TESTAMENT READING..... Genesis 22:1-18**  
*(Abraham prepares to offer Isaac as a sacrifice.)*

**22** After these things God tested Abraham and said to him, "Abraham!" And he said, "Here I am." <sup>2</sup> He said, "Take your son, your only son Isaac, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah, and offer him there as a burnt offering on one of the mountains of which I shall tell you." <sup>3</sup> So Abraham rose early in the morning, saddled his donkey, and took two of his young men with him, and his son Isaac. And he cut the wood for the burnt offering and arose and went to the place of which God had told him. <sup>4</sup> On the third day Abraham lifted up his eyes and saw the place from afar. <sup>5</sup> Then Abraham said to his young men, "Stay here with the donkey; I and the boy will go over there and worship and come again to you." <sup>6</sup> And Abraham took the wood of the burnt offering and laid it on Isaac his son. And he took in his hand the fire and the knife. So they went both of them together. <sup>7</sup> And Isaac said to his father Abraham, "My father!" And he said, "Here I am, my son." He said, "Behold, the fire and the wood, but where is the lamb for a burnt offering?" <sup>8</sup> Abraham said, "God will provide for himself the lamb for a burnt offering, my son." So they went both of them together. <sup>9</sup> When they came to the place of which God had told him, Abraham built the altar there and laid the wood in order and bound Isaac his son and laid him on the altar, on top of the wood. <sup>10</sup> Then Abraham reached out his hand and took the knife to slaughter his son. <sup>11</sup> But the angel of the LORD called to him from heaven and said, "Abraham, Abraham!" And he said, "Here I am." <sup>12</sup> He said, "Do not lay your hand on the boy or do anything to him, for now I know that you fear God, seeing you have not withheld your son, your only son, from me." <sup>13</sup> And Abraham lifted up his eyes and looked, and behold, behind him was a ram, caught in a thicket by his horns. And Abraham went and took the ram and offered it up as a burnt offering instead of his son. <sup>14</sup> So Abraham called the name of that place, "The LORD will provide"; as it is said to this day, "On the mount of the LORD it shall be provided." <sup>15</sup> And the angel of the LORD called to Abraham a second time from heaven <sup>16</sup> and said, "By myself I have sworn, declares the LORD, because you have done this and have not withheld your son, your only son, <sup>17</sup> I will surely bless you, and I will surely multiply your offspring as the stars of heaven and as the sand

that is on the seashore. And your offspring shall possess the gate of his enemies, <sup>18</sup> and in your offspring shall all the nations of the earth be blessed, because you have obeyed my voice.”

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

**EPISTLE..... James 1:12–18**  
(God cannot be tempted by evil, nor does He tempt anyone.)

<sup>12</sup> Blessed is the man who remains steadfast under trial, for when he has stood the test he will receive the crown of life, which God has promised to those who love him. <sup>13</sup> Let no one say when he is tempted, “I am being tempted by God,” for God cannot be tempted with evil, and he himself tempts no one. <sup>14</sup> But each person is tempted when he is lured and enticed by his own desire. <sup>15</sup> Then desire when it has conceived gives birth to sin, and sin when it is fully grown brings forth death. <sup>16</sup> Do not be deceived, my beloved brothers. <sup>17</sup> Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change. <sup>18</sup> Of his own will he brought us forth by the word of truth, that we should be a kind of firstfruits of his creatures.

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

**MINISTRY OF MUSIC..... “It Is Well With My Soul” by Praise and Worship Choir**

**HOLY GOSPEL..... Mark 1:9–15**  
(Jesus is tempted by Satan.)

<sup>9</sup> In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. <sup>10</sup> And when he came up out of the water, immediately he saw the heavens being torn open and the Spirit descending on him like a dove. <sup>11</sup> And a voice came from heaven, “You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased.” <sup>12</sup> The Spirit immediately drove him out into the wilderness. <sup>13</sup> And he was in the wilderness forty days, being tempted by Satan. And he was with the wild animals, and the angels were ministering to him. <sup>14</sup> Now after John was arrested, Jesus came into Galilee, proclaiming the gospel of God, <sup>15</sup> and saying, “The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand; repent and believe in the gospel.”

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

**APOSTLES' CREED**

**HYMN OF THE DAY** ..... *“When I Survey The Wondrous Cross”*..... [LSB 425]

**SERMON**.... *“How To Handle Temptation”...Mark 1:9-15 by Rev. E. Wade Helmkamp*

**OFFERING/OFFERTORY**

**PRAYER OF THE CHURCH/LITANY**

Pastor: We pray to God, the Father Almighty asking Him to hear these prayers for Jesus' sake. For grace to support us in the wilderness and for faith to recognize and follow the Lord Who leads us to our heavenly destination, that we may confess our sin and believe in Christ's forgiveness with all our heart, mind, body and soul. Lord, in Your mercy,

**People: Hear our prayer.**

Pastor: For grace to guide the Holy Church of Christ in the unfriendly territory of the world, for faithful pastors to lead and speak the Word of the Lord faithfully, and for the blessing of God on the work and workers of His kingdom. Lord in Your mercy,

**People: Hear our prayer.**

Pastor: For grace to bless the sick with healing, the suffering with relief, the lost from error, the grieving from sorrow, and the dying in their last hours, especially those we mention now.. and those known only in our hearts. Lord in Your mercy,

**People: Hear our prayer.**

Pastor: For grace that we may remain steadfast against the temptation to doubt, to fear, and to grow weary of waiting upon the Lord, that we may persevere in the wilderness until we reach the promised land prepared for us in Christ. Lord in Your mercy,

**People: Hear our prayer.**

Pastor: Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend ourselves and all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy, through Jesus Christ,

**People: Amen.**

## **LORD'S PRAYER**

### **CLOSING SENTENCES**

Pastor: Be with us through this season, Lord,  
People: **And all our earthly days,**

Pastor: That when the final Easter dawns,  
People: **We join in heaven's praise. Amen.**

### **BENEDICTION**

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. *Numbers 6:24-26*  
People: **Amen.**

**HYMN..... "The Lamb".....[LSB 547]**

### **SILENT PRAYER**

### **GREETING OF PEACE**

### **POSTLUDE**

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