

In View of God's Mercy

Week 1: Mercy in Temptation

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

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Prelude

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 turned every one to his 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.**

Hymn:

Go To Dark Gethsemane

Go to dark Gethsemane, all who feel the tempter's pow'r; Your Redeemer's conflict see, watch with him one bitter hour; Turn not from his griefs away; learn from Jesus Christ to pray.

Follow to the judgment hall, view the Lord of life arraigned; Oh the wormwood and the gall! Oh the pangs his soul sustained! Shun not suff'ring, shame or loss; learn from him to bear the cross.

Calv'ry's mournful mountain climb; there adoring at his feet, Mark that miracle of time, God's own sacrifice complete. "It is finished!" hear him cry; learn from Jesus Christ to die.

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: **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.**

Old Testament Reading ... Deuteronomy 6:4-6

Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one. You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might. And these words that I command you today shall be on your heart.

Epistle 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.

Gospel Reading ... Matthew 4:1-11

Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. And after fasting forty days and forty nights, he was hungry. And the tempter came and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread." But he answered, "It is written, 'Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.'" Then the devil took him to the holy city and set him on the pinnacle of the temple and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down, for it is written, 'He will command his angels concerning you,' and 'On their hands they will bear you up, lest you strike your foot against a stone.'" Jesus said to him, "Again it is written, 'You shall not put the Lord your God to the test.'" Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their glory. And he said to him, "All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me." Then Jesus said to him, "Be gone, Satan! For it is written, 'You shall worship the Lord your God and him only shall you serve.'" Then the devil left him, and behold, angels came and were ministering to him.

Sermon Hymn: "Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence".....LBW #198

Sermon: "Mercy in Temptation"

Offering

Offering Response: "Create in Me"

Prayers

P 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.

P 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.

P 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.

C Lord, have mercy.

P 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.

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

C Lord, have mercy.

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

C Lord, have mercy.

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

C Lord, have mercy.

P 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.

P All these things we pray in the name of Jesus, who triumphed over temptation. **C Amen.**

Lord's Prayer

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.**

Hymn: **“Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus”** (led by Marena Henkle)

*Turn your eyes upon Jesus, Look full in His wonderful face;
And the things of earth will go strangely dim In the light of His glory and grace.*

*Oh soul, are you weary and troubled? No light in the darkness you see?
There’s light for a look at the Savior And life more abundant and free.*

*Though death into life everlasting He passed, and we follow Him there
O’er us sin no more hath dominion For more than conquerors we are. (Refrain)*

*Refrain: Oh, Turn your eyes upon Jesus, Look full in His wonderful face;
And the things of earth will go strangely dim In the light of His glory and grace.*

*His Word shall not fail you, He promised Believe Him and all will be well.
Then go to a world that is dying His perfect salvation to tell. (Refrain)*

(Please wait to leave the sanctuary until Pastor makes his way to the back)

Postlude

Thank you... for joining us for our Lenten service, please continue to worship with us on Wednesday evenings at 7 p.m. as we reflect on the series: “In View of God’s Mercy”.
Next week will focus on *Mercy in Suffering*.

“He Has Done it”...is the name of the 2022 Lenten Devotional through the NALC.
If you would like a copy, they are available on the small table in the narthex.

Offering collected... during the Lenten services on Wednesdays and Easter will be kept at Emmanuel. Monies collected for Maundy Thursday and Good Friday will go to Benevolence.

For the next month...all loose offering collected on Sundays will be designated for assistance to Ukraine through Lutheran World Relief.