



Sunday, February 21, 2021
Rev. Kory Janneke, Pastor

Good morning and welcome to St. Matthew! Thank you for joining us in God's house today or participating through Facebook. Today is the first Sunday in Lent. As we journey through these forty days of Lent, we also remember the forty days that Jesus faced and overcame temptation for us near the beginning of His public ministry. Today's sermon will focus on James 1:12-18, a passage in the New Testament which encourages Christians to remain firm in their faith in times of temptation.

For our Guests: A nursery/playroom is available in our education wing (to the left as you exit the worship space). Coatracks and restrooms are available in the fellowship hall (to the right as you exit the worship space). Details about our Communion practice are included later in this service folder. If you have any questions, prayer requests, etc. today, please let Pastor Kory know.

Welcome & Introduction to Service

We Greet One Another

We Sing: "Lift High the Cross"

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Lift high the cross, the love of Christ pro-claim Till



all the world a - dore His sa - cred name.



1 Come, Chris - tians, fol - low where our Cap - tain trod,
2 Led on their way by this tri - um - phant sign,
3 All new - born sol - diers of the Cru - ci - fied
4 O Lord, once lift - ed on the glo - rious tree,

Refrain

Our king vic - to - rious, Christ, the Son of God.
 The hosts of God in con - qu'ring ranks com - bine.
 Bear on their brows the seal of Him who died.
 As Thou hast prom - ised, draw us all to Thee.

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Invocation

- P In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.
 C **Amen.**

Opening Sentences

Mark 14:38; 1 Peter 5:8; 1 Corinthians 10:12–13

- P Jesus said, “Watch and pray that you may not enter into temptation. The spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak.”
 C **Be sober-minded; be watchful. Your adversary the devil prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour.**
 P Therefore let anyone who thinks that he stands take heed lest he fall. No temptation has overtaken you that is not common to man.
 C **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.**

Confession and Absolution

- P Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.
 C **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.**
- P Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you 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.
 C **Amen.**

Responsive Reading:

Psalm 91:9–13; antiphon: vv. 15–16

When he calls to Me, I will answer him; I will be with him in trouble;
I will rescue him and honor him.

**With long life I will satisfy him
and show him My salvation.**

Because you have made the LORD your dwelling place—
the Most High, who is my refuge—

**no evil shall be allowed to befall you,
no plague come near your tent.**

For He will command His angels concerning you
to guard you in all your ways.

**On their hands they will bear you up,
lest you strike your foot against a stone.**

You will tread on the lion and the adder;
the young lion and the serpent you will trample underfoot.

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit;**

**as it was in the beginning
is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

**When he calls to Me, I will answer him; I will be with him in trouble;
I will rescue him and honor him.**

With long life I will satisfy him
and show him My salvation.

Prayer of the Day

P O Lord God, You led Your ancient people through the wilderness and brought them to the promised land. 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; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

We Sing: "Lamb of God"



1 Your on - ly Son, no sin to hide, But You have
2 Your Gift of love they cru - ci - fied, They laughed and
3 I was so lost, I should have died, But You have



sent Him from Your side To walk up - on this guilt - y
scorned Him as He died: The hum - ble King they named a
brought me to Your side To be led by Your staff and



sod, And to be - come the Lamb of God.
fraud, And sac - ri - ficed the Lamb of God.
rod, And to be called a lamb of God.



Refrain

O Lamb of God, sweet Lamb of God, I love the ho - ly Lamb of God!



O wash me in His pre-cious blood, My Je-sus Christ, the Lamb of God.

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Old Testament Reading: Genesis 22:1-18 (God test Abraham.)

¹After these things God tested Abraham and said to him, "Abraham!" And he said, "Here am I." ²He 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." ³So 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. ⁴On the third day Abraham lifted up his eyes and saw the place from afar. ⁵Then 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." ⁶And 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. ⁷And Isaac said to his father Abraham, “My father!” And he said, “Here am I, my son.” He said, “Behold, the fire and the wood, but where is the lamb for a burnt offering?” ⁸Abraham said, “God will provide for himself the lamb for a burnt offering, my son.” So they went both of them together.

⁹When 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. ¹⁰Then Abraham reached out his hand and took the knife to slaughter his son. ¹¹But the angel of the LORD called to him from heaven and said, “Abraham, Abraham!” And he said, “Here am I.” ¹²He 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.” ¹³And 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. ¹⁴So 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.”

¹⁵And the angel of the LORD called to Abraham a second time from heaven ¹⁶and said, “By myself I have sworn, declares the LORD, because you have done this and have not withheld your son, your only son, ¹⁷I 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, ¹⁸and in your offspring shall all the nations of the earth be blessed, because you have obeyed my voice.”

Epistle Reading: James 1:12-18 (God tempts no one.)

¹²Blessed 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. ¹³Let 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. ¹⁴But each person is tempted when he is lured and enticed by his own desire. ¹⁵Then desire when it has conceived gives birth to sin, and sin when it is fully grown brings forth death.

¹⁶Do not be deceived, my beloved brothers. ¹⁷Every 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. ¹⁸Of his own will he brought us forth by the word of truth, that we should be a kind of firstfruits of his creatures.

Gospel Reading: Mark 1:9-15 (Jesus endures Satan's temptations.)

⁹In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. ¹⁰And when he came up out of the water, immediately he saw the heavens opening and the Spirit descending on him like a dove. ¹¹And a voice came from heaven, "You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased."

¹²The Spirit immediately drove him out into the wilderness. ¹³And 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.

¹⁴Now after John was arrested, Jesus came into Galilee, proclaiming the gospel of God, ¹⁵and saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand; repent and believe in the gospel."

We Confess the Christian Faith: The Nicene Creed

**C I believe in one God,
the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth
and of all things visible and invisible.**

**And in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the only-begotten Son of God,
begotten of His Father before all worlds,
God of God, Light of Light,
very God of very God,
begotten, not made,
being of one substance with the Father,
by whom all things were made;
who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary
and was made man;
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.
He suffered and was buried.
And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures
and ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of the Father.
And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the
dead,
whose kingdom will have no end.**

**And I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord and giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and
glorified,
who spoke by the prophets.
And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,
and I look for the resurrection of the dead
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

Children's Message

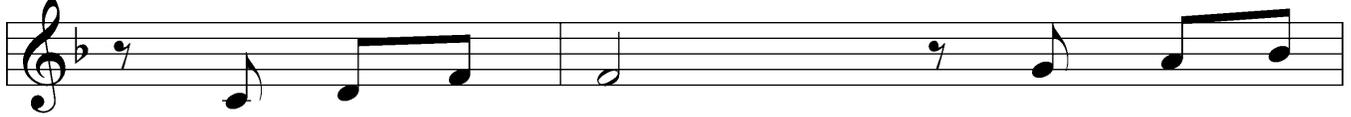
Sermon: "Encouragement for the Tempted"

Outline of James 1:12-18:

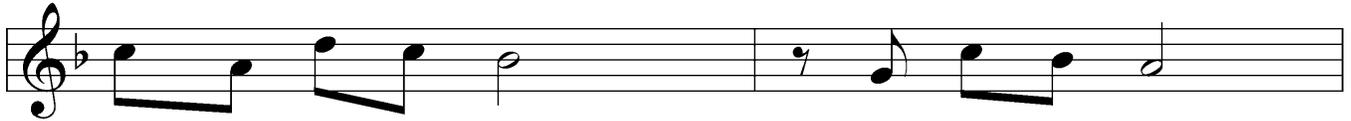
- 1:12 – Crown of life**
- 1:13 – God tempts no one**
- 1:14 – Temptation's source**
- 1:15 – Temptation's outcome**
- 1:16 – A warning for the beloved**
- 1:17 – Gifts from above**
- 1:18 – Brought forth by the Word**

Prayer for our Neighbors & Ourselves

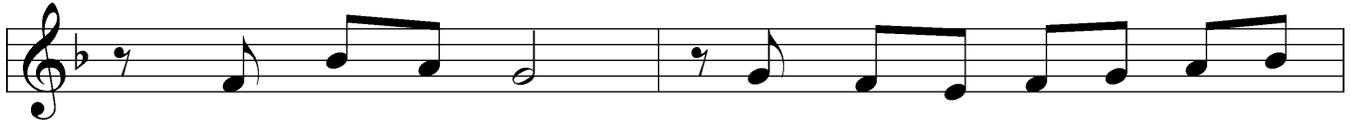
We Sing: "What Is This Bread"



1	What	is	this	bread?	Christ's	bod - y
2	What	is	this	wine?	The	blood of
3	So	who	am	I,	That	I should
4	Yet	is	God	here?	Oh,	yes! By
5	Is	this	for	me?	I	am for -



ris - en	from the	dead:	This	bread	we	break,
Je - sus	shed	for mine;	The	cup	of	grace
live	and	He should	Un -	der	the	rod?
Word	and	prom - ise	In	mouth	and	soul
giv - en	and	set free!	I	do	be -	lieve



This	life	we	take,	Was	crushed	to	pay	for	our	re -
Brings	His	em -	brace	Of	life	and	love	un -	til	I
My	God,	my	God,	Why	have	You	not	for -	sak -	en
He	makes	us	whole—	Christ,	tru -	ly	pres -	ent	in	this
That	I	re -	ceive	His	ver -	y	bod -	y	and	His



lease.	O	taste	and	see—	the	Lord	is	peace.
sing!	O	taste	and	see—	the	Lord	is	King.
me?	O	taste	and	see—	the	Lord	is	free.
meal.	O	taste	and	see—	the	Lord	is	real.
blood.	O	taste	and	see—	the	Lord	is	good.

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We Receive the Lord's Supper

(An explanation of our belief and practice regarding the Lord's Supper is found at the end of this service folder.)

Preface

P The Lord be with you.
 C **And also with you.**
 P Lift up your hearts.
 C **We lift them to the Lord.**

- P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
C **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Lord's Prayer

- C **Our Father who art in heaven,
hallowed be Thy name,
Thy kingdom come,
Thy will be done on earth
as it is in heaven;
give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses
as we forgive those
who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For Thine is the kingdom
and the power and the glory
forever and ever. Amen.**

- P In the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, at His command, and with His own words, we receive His testament:

The Words of Our Lord

- P Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

Communion Distribution

(Beginning with those sitting on the north side of the church, please come forward to the front step as individuals or families. After receiving Christ's body and blood, please return directly to your seat.)

Post-Communion Blessing and Prayer

Benediction

- P 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.
- C **Amen.**

The Power of the Cross

Verse 1

Oh to see the dawn of the darkest day
Christ on the road to Calvary
Tried by sinful men torn and beaten then
Nailed to a cross of wood

Verse 2

Oh to see the pain written on Your face
Bearing the awesome weight of sin
Ev'ry bitter thought ev'ry evil deed
Crowning Your bloodstained brow

Chorus 1

This the pow'r of the cross
Christ became sin for us
Took the blame bore the wrath
We stand forgiven at the cross

Verse 3

Now the daylight flees now the ground beneath
Quakes as its Maker bows His head
Curtain torn in two dead are raised to life
Finished the vict'ry cry

Verse 4

Oh to see my name written in the wounds
For through Your suffring I am free
Death is crushed to death life is mine to live
Won through Your selfless love

Chorus 2

This the pow'r of the cross

Son of God slain for us

What a love what a cost

We stand forgiven at the cross

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Announcements

Sending

P Go in peace to serve the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God!**

Sentence to Share

“Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above” (James 1:18).

Offering

(Offering baskets are placed at the back of the sanctuary. You also have the option of giving through ACH or through E-giving – please see our church website “Giving” tab for details. Thank you for supporting the Lord’s ministry at St. Matthew!)

Receiving the Lord's Supper

The Lord’s Supper is celebrated at this congregation in the confession and glad confidence that, as He says, our Lord gives into our mouths not only bread and wine but His very body and blood to eat and to drink for the forgiveness of our sins and to strengthen our union with Him and with one another. Our Lord invites to His table those who trust His words, repent of all sins, and set aside any refusal to forgive and love as He forgives and loves us. Because those who eat and drink our Lord’s body and blood unworthily do so to their harm, and because Holy Communion is a confession of faith, any who are not yet instructed, in doubt, or who hold a confession differing from that of this congregation and The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod and yet desire to receive the sacrament are asked to speak first with the Pastor. Thank you!

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Announcements

Lenten Services

The season of Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, February 17, 2021. We will have a 6:30pm service with Holy Communion. Pastor Kory will begin a new sermon series, "Let My People Go!" This series will focus on the Old Testament book of Exodus. The Exodus was the primary salvation event that the Israelite people recalled in Old Testament times. In many ways, the Exodus foreshadowed the salvation that Christ secured for us all through His life, death, and resurrection. Please join us either in-person or participate through Facebook this Lenten season!

Alleluias for Easter

In today's email, you'll also find an Alleluia coloring page. Please share this page with your children and grandchildren. If you'd like, color the Alleluia page and bring it back to church so that we can use it to decorate during the Easter season!

4th Annual Ignite Pizza Sales

Thank you to everyone that supported the Ignite Youth group with pizza orders. The Youth raised \$232.00.

Supporting St. Matthew through Thrivent

Are you a member of Thrivent Financial? If so, please consider designating your 2020 "Thrivent Choice" dollars to St. Matthew. This can be done through your account at thrivent.com (or by contacting your Thrivent agent) and must be done before March 31, 2021. Thrivent members are also eligible for two \$250 "Action Team" grants per year. Please consider applying for these action team funds to support activities or fundraisers at St. Matthew. Please contact the church office for assistance with designated your Thrivent Choice funds or with applying for an Action Team grant.

Lenten Devotional Calendars

Calendars for children, youth, and adults are available in the church entryway for each day of the Lenten season. These calendars include Scripture readings and daily thoughts to guide you in your faith each day.

Join Us for a New Bible Study

Please join us at 10:30 a.m. on the Sundays in Lent (beginning Feb 21) for a new Bible study on the Gospel of John. We'll especially be reflecting on the portions of John which describe Jesus' final week and His journey to the cross for us. You can participate in-person or on Facebook.

2021 Mid-Winter Blues Raffle

St. Matthew's is holding a fund-raising raffle to support our Sunday School and Vacation Bible School. The items to be raffled are in groups and include various items for men, women and children, gift cards and cash. Tickets are on sale now. The cost will be \$2.00 each or 3 for \$5.00. The prizes will be drawn on March 7th.

Options for Offerings

By Mail: to send a check, please mail to St. Matthew's business address, P.O. Box 432, Tomah, WI 54660, or to our physical address, 4285 US Hwy 12, Warrens, WI 54666.

E-Giving: available on our new church website. Just click the "Giving" tab.

Give Plus app: Download the app and type in our zip code (54666) to get started.

Text Message: simply text 833-853-4407 and follow the prompts.

ACH Transfer to Bank First: Contact the church office if you have any questions.

***Please note that the fees through E-giving are less if you enter your account information and routing number instead of using you Credit Card or Debit Card.**

Upcoming Ushers:

Feb 21	Renee Fletcher
Feb 28	Darrell Chambers
Mar 7	Ray Peterson
Mar 14	Sharon Schroeder

Upcoming Events:

Sunday, Feb 21	9:15 am	Worship Service
Sunday, Feb 21	10:30 am	Bible Study
Sunday, Feb 21	5:30 pm	Sober Eyes
Sunday, Feb 21	6:00 pm	Ignite
Wed, Feb 24	6:30 pm	Lenten Worship Service
Wed, Feb 24	7:15 pm	Catechism
Thurs, Feb 25	9:00 am	Bible Study
Weds, Mar 24		Lenten Meal
Mar 27		Spring cleaning
Thurs Apr 1		Maundy Thursday Pie & Ice Cream Social
Sun Apr 1		Easter Breakfas

We pray for:

- Those with health concerns: Dianne, Jarid, Virginia, Duaine, Amy, Tyler, Dennis, Angel, and Lisa
- For those serving in the armed forces and for police and other first responders
- Nitu, a young girl in India now being sponsored by Ignite through Child Fund International
- Phillip Magness, our missionary to west and central Africa
- Rachel Krause, our missionary in Germany

(Please contact the church office to make updates to our prayer list.)