Historic Lessons for the 1st Sunday in Lent 🕸 Invocavit Sunday

Old Testament

Genesis 3:1-24 NIV (select verses) Now the serpent was more crafty than any of the wild animals the LORD God had made. He said to the woman, "Did God really say, 'You must not eat from any tree in the garden'?" 2 The woman said to the serpent, "We may eat fruit from the trees in the garden, 3 but God did say, 'You must not eat fruit from the tree that is in the middle of the garden, and you must not touch it, or you will die.'" 4 "You will not surely die," the serpent said to the woman. 5 "For God knows that when you eat of it vour eves will be opened, and vou will be like God, knowing good and evil." 6 When the woman saw that the fruit of the tree was good for food and pleasing to the eye, and also desirable for gaining wisdom, she took some and ate it. She also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate it. ... 14 So the LORD God said to the serpent. "Because you have done this, "Cursed are you above all the livestock and all the wild animals! You will crawl on your belly and you will eat dust all the days of your life. 15 And I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and hers; He will crush your head, and you will strike His heel."

Epistle

II Corinthians 6:1-10 As God's fellow workers we urge you not to receive God's grace in vain. 2 For He says, "In the time of My favor I heard you, and in the day of salvation I helped you." I tell you, now is the time of God's favor, now is the day of salvation. 3 We put no stumbling block in anyone's path, so that our ministry will not be discredited. 4 Rather, as servants of God we commend ourselves in every way: in great endurance; in troubles, hardships and distresses; 5 in beatings, imprisonments and riots; in hard work, sleepless nights and hunger; 6 in purity, understanding, patience and kindness; in the Holy Spirit and in sincere love; 7 in truthful speech and in the power of God; with weapons of righteousness in the right hand and in the left; 8 through glory and dishonor, bad report and good report; genuine, yet regarded as impostors; 9 known, yet regarded as unknown; dying, and yet we live on; beaten, and yet not killed; 10 sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; poor, yet making many rich; having nothing, and yet possessing everything.

Gospel

Matthew 4:1-11 Then Jesus was led by the Spirit into the desert to be tempted by the devil. 2 After fasting forty days and forty nights, He was hungry. 3 The tempter came to Him and said. "If You are the Son of God. tell these stones to become bread." 4 Jesus answered. "It is written: 'Man does not live on bread alone, but on every Word that comes from the mouth of God." 5 Then the devil took Him to the holy city and had Him stand on the highest point of the temple. 6 "If You are the Son of God," he said, "throw Yourself down. For it is written: "'He will command His angels concerning You, and they will lift You up in their hands, so that You will not strike Your foot against a stone." 7 Jesus answered him, "It is also written: 'Do not put the LORD your God to the test." 8 Again, the devil took Him to a very high mountain and showed Him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendor. 9 "All this I will give You," he said, "if You will bow down and worship me." 10 Jesus said to him, "Away from Me, Satan! For it is written: 'Worship the LORD your God, and serve him only." 11 Then the devil left Him, and angels came and attended Him.

#158, 1. Glory be to Jesus, Who in bitter pains Poured for me the Life-Blood From His sacred Veins!

2. Grace and life eternal In that Blood I find; Blest be His compassion, In-fin-ite-ly kind! #158, 5. Oft as earth exulting Wafts its praise on high, Angel hosts rejoicing Make their glad reply.

6. Lift we, then, our voices, Swell the mighty flood, Louder still and Louder Praise the precious Blood!

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February 18th, 2018 🗷 Lent-1 Invocavit Jesus Is Tempted

TODAY WE CELEBRATE THE LORD'S SUPPER: If you are new to the area or Our worship and have never communed with us before, please speak with the pastor before Communing. If you are not currently a member of an ELS or WELS congregation, we ask that you please **wait to take communion until you can speak with our pastor**. Out of Christian love and consideration to you the guest, we want you to have the opportunity to learn what our church teaches about the Bible and Sacraments before you unite with us in taking Holy Communion. Thank you for your understanding. God bless your Worship

OUR ORDER OF WORSHIP On silver liturgy sheets or red hymnal at p.15 ff.

Service	TLH# (vv)	First Line
Invocation Hymn	247 (3v)	God the Father, Be Our Stay
Psalm 91	-91- "3v"	Be With Me LORD When I Am in Trouble 🗷
Hymn of the Day	413 (4v)	<i>Sing 1,3,4,6</i> I Walk in Danger All the Way
Offertory Verse	158 (6v)	<i>Sing v.5-6</i> Oft as earth exulting Wafts its
Distribution Hymn	305 (9v)	(time) Soul, Adorn Thyself with Gladness
Closing Hymn	262 (5v)	<i>EinFesteBurg</i> A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

Suggested Bible readings for the weekdays after the 1st Sunday in LentMondayTuesdayWednesdayThursdayFridaySaturdayNum.3:5-13Nu.10:11-36Nu.11:1-35Nu.12:1-15Nu.13:1-25Nu.13:26-33Luk.9:28-62Luke10:1-22Lu.10:38-11:13Lu11:29-36Lu11:37-54Lu.12:1-34

PROPERS for INVOCAVIT SUNDAY (1ST SUNDAY IN LENT) **FEB 18TH INTROIT** He will call upon Me, and I will answer him; I will deliver him and honor him. With long life will I satisfy him and show him My salvation. He who dwells in the secret place of the Most High will abide under the shadow of the Almighty.from **Psalm 91**

COLLECT O LORD, mercifully hear our prayer, and stretch forth the Right Hand of Your majesty to defend us from all that rise up against us; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our LORD, Who lives, and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, One True God, now and forever. C: \mathcal{J} A---men.

GRADUAL C: For He will give His angels charge over you to keep you in all your ways. They will bear you up in their hands, lest you dash your foot against a stone.from Psalm 91

SCRIPTURE LESSONS	(printed on outside back page of the bulletin)
O.T. Genesis 3:1-24	Temptation of Eve & Adam & the Original Sin.
	Do not receive God's grace in vain.
Gos. Matthew 4:1-11	Jesus overcomes the Devil's temptations.
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SERMON Mark 1:12-15 At once the Spirit sent Him out into the desert, 13 and He was in the desert forty days, being tempted by Satan. He was with the wild animals, and angels attended Him. 14 After John was put in prison, Jesus went into Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God. 15 "*The time has come*," He said. "*The Kingdom of God is near. Repent and believe the Good News*"!

Psalm 91 REFRAIN BE WITH ME LORD, WHEN I AM IN TROUBLE; BE WITH ME LORD, I PRAY

Refrain C: S Be with me LORD, when I am in trouble; Be with me LORD, I pray.

1. You who dwell in the shelter of the LORD Most High, Who abide in the shadow of our God. Say to the LORD: "My Refuge and Fortress, the God in whom I trust."

Refrain C: ♪ Be with me LORD, when I am in trouble; Be with me LORD, I pray.

2. No evil shall be fall you, no pain come near, For His angels stand close by your side. Guarding you always and bearing you gently, Watching over your life.

Refrain C: S Be with me LORD, when I am in trouble; Be with me LORD, I pray.

3. Those who cling to the LORD live secure in His love, Lifted high those who trust in His Name. Call on the LORD, He will never forsake you, He will bring you salvation and joy. C: S BE WITH ME LORD, WHEN I AM IN TROUBLE; BE WITH ME LORD, I PRAY.

PRAYER REQUESTS:Member or RelationPray for...Sue Smith (Bev Foster)Sue battling pancreas & liver growths. Sad but faithfullJim & Elma HendricksLORD's will be done. Jim at home. Blood pressure spikesDee Kurczewski (David)Dee was in hospital after falls. Back home, rehabbingJon Sawyer (Andrea)Jon had tests at Tampa General Feb. 13th. Now care planAndrea SawyerAndrea had a (painful) kidney stone that she passed MondayJames Vanesky & Delores PlattDelores & Jim at home. Both doing rehabJune WeyenbergJune had knee replacement Wed. Hopes to go to rehab soon

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Volunteers			Today		Next Sunday			
Greeters	Vivi	an & Tom	Temple		Ilene & Alex Gourley			
Treaters/Wed Ladies' Treat/ Ma			rquardts		(Italian?)/ Volunteer			
Statistics			Last	week	Year to date / Avg.			
Sunday Attendance/ L.S. / Wed .			26	//18	28 / 24			
Bible Class Attendance Sun/Wed				8 / 10	8 / 7			
Sunday Offering for LORD Sun/W				\$,. / \$.	YTD Total \$,.			
Calendar of Eve	nts							
Today Sunday	18 th 8	:30 am 🛛 H	Bible Study Heb. 13 JC, Whose Kin We Are					
Lent-1 Sunday	9	:30 am I	Divine Worship (W/ Holy Communion)					
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Wednesday 2/21 4:30 5:15 6 L			Lent1-W Vespers ; 5:15 Soup; 6 Bible Study					
Friday 2/23	4:3	0-6:30	OSLadies' Annual Spaghetti Dinner in Hall!					
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2 nd Sunday in Le	ent 10	:45 ff F	Fellowship, CoffeePlease stay & talk					

Our Savior Elders are: Tom Temple 213-4622; John Weber 853-5458; Steve Wendt 858-3611 & Don Wienke 815-8892. Please contact with any concerns.

February 18 ELS Centennial: Proclaim the Wonders God Has Done: 1918-2018



The third "father" of the Synod was the **Rev. Ulrik Vilhem Koren**. He served Washington Prairie Lutheran Church (near Decorah, Iowa). He is remembered as the "theologian" of the Synod. In 1884, he wrote "An Accounting" to the congregations of the Synod stating the Synod's doctrinal position. He also wrote the hymn "Ye Lands, to the Lord Make a Jubilant Noise."

Basket for special FLWMS Florida Womens' Missions is placed at rear of church next two Sundays. Any free-will offerings will be taken to the FLWMS Rally 3/10.

Wednesday **3/21** Lent-1 Midweek (ELH p.120) Hymns: **194 305** (N.D.) **570** Sunday **2/25** Reminiscere Lent-2 (p.5)#s **536** (158.1,2) **521 158.5,6 354 145**

LENT1-B INVOCAVIT Mark 1:12-15 "TESTED AND TEMPTED" 02.18.18 OSL

TEMPTING vs. TESTING There is vast difference between TEMPTation and TESTing. God tempts *NO ONE*. James is clear on that, and we need to be clear on that too. God does not dangle sin in front of our eyes and then dare us to disobey. That's the work of the devil, the world, and our own sinful flesh.

DESIRE Temptation **begins with desire**, the heart unbuckled from God. The heart that does not *"fear, love, and trust in God above all things."* Inward idolatry. The self curved in on itself. Desire births sin, and sin matured gives birth to death. But don't blame God for that. It's IN you. And, it's ON you.

ABRAHAM TEST When God told Abraham to offer up his only son on Mt. Moriah as a sacrifice, He wasn't tempting Abraham to sin, **He was testing him**. Taking that Spirit-wrought faith which is reckoned as righteousness and putting it through the refining fire to show Abraham and Israel and all of us what it means to trust God's promise. "Go and sacrifice your son, your only son, the son of The Promise, the son you've waited for all these long, childless years." **Now that's a test!**

A-WAY-OUT With **testing always comes a way out**. God isn't into breaking faith but **building it.** For Isaac, there was a ram caught in the thicket. A **substitute** sacrifice caught in the wood. The Jesus-point. That's where all of God's testing of faith, in all the trials and pains and sufferings of this life are intended to bring us, to the Jesus-point. To that sacrificial Lamb of God pinned to the wood of the cross in our place. "God will provide," faithful Abraham said. God did provide. Behold the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world.

STORY As the **Union Pacific Railroad** was being constructed, an elaborate trestle bridge was built across a large canyon in the West. Wanting to test the bridge, the builder loaded a train with enough extra cars and equipment to **double its normal payload**. The train was then driven to the middle of the bridge, where it stayed an entire day. One worker asked, "Are you trying to break this bridge?" "No," the builder replied, "I'm trying to prove that the bridge **won't** break." In the same way, the **temptations Jesus faced** weren't designed to see if He would sin, but to **prove that He couldn't**. (Today in the Word, 991)

CAST OUT Immediately after His Baptism in the Jordan River, Jesus was "cast out" into the wilderness by the Spirit. It's a curious way of putting it. "Cast out" is the same thing that happens to the unclean spirits around Jesus. They are cast out into their dry places, like the cursed goat of Yom Kippur (the day of atonement) that was cast out into the wilderness. But here the sinless Son of God, still dripping wet from His baptism, is cast out by the Holy Spirit to the arid wilderness, the place of Satan and the wild beasts.

TEST & TEMPT There He is **both tested and tempted**. The Spirit casts Him out into the wilderness; the Father tests the Son, proves Him. Is He the faithful Son the Father declares Him to be? Forty days in the wilderness without food or drink will prove it. Israel in the wilderness proved faithless. Now Jesus takes Israel's place in the wilderness, a one-man Israel, and the Father proves Him faithful.

JESUS TEMPTED He **is tempted**: Weakened, hungry, thirsty, alone, He confronts the accuser. Mark doesn't tell us the details of that temptaion and so we'll skip that too this year. Luke will fill us in next year. Today it is sufficient to hear that Jesus was tempted by Satan. Tempted **in every way that we are tempted**. Jesus takes our humanity in its most weakened state – hungry, thirsty, alone, vulnerable –

into the wilderness and faces the full blast of our temptation and in His weakness, He emerges victorious. He conquers in weakness, not strength. The secret power of the Cross is revealed here. This Jesus conquers the devil's might with strength hidden in weakness, in total reliance on the Word.

H2O -to- WILD The pattern is always "water to wilderness." From sea to dry land. From the Red Sea to 40 years in the Sinai wilderness for Israel. From the Jordan to the wilderness for Jesus. From the Baptismal font to the wilderness of your life. Yes, you and I have a wilderness too. Jesus didn't go the way of the wilderness so that you could glide along the express lane to the promised land. Jesus is the Way ... not the Detour.

LIFE HERE The wilderness, of course, **is this life lived in-between** the water of Baptism and the promised land of the resurrection. There are plenty of snakes and scorpions and wild beasts: disease, violence, the forces of nature, the will to power and control. Corrupt governments, crooked boardrooms, adulterous bedrooms. **False** religions, false beliefs, distorted views of the world, of ourselves, of God. There is greed and arrogance, pride and prejudice, sexual promiscuity and immorality, drunkenness, gluttony, anarchy. There is the **sorrow and grief of death and loss**.

(WE ARE) CAST IN Into this wilderness we are cast as baptized believers joined to Jesus, hungering and thirsting for righteousness. And right there waiting to pounce, is the old evil foe, Satan, defeated but not yet silenced, chained but still mobile, stalking around like a roaring lion in one of Caesar's Roman amphitheatres looking for a some isolated, weak, little believer to snatch up and devour. Resist him, by standing firm in the faith of Jesus.

TEST-TIME It is a **time of testing.** God's putting that faith of yours which He worked through the fire, not to destroy it but **to refine it**, to reveal the 24 karat purity of His work free from the **adulterating dross of our works**, to prove that He is faithful to His promises and that He will see us through no matter what the circumstances of this life.

LIFE UNDER CROSS **This is life under the Cross of Jesus**, my friends. It is trudging the wilderness way with Abraham up the mountain of Moriah with his son; it is walking with Jesus in the lonely hour of temptation when your only friends are the wild beasts and the angels. But there is good news in this wilderness. We do not walk alone, but together as a body, the body of Christ. We are bound together in Baptism, Body and Blood to walk this wilderness way together. It's a rule: in the wilderness, there is safety in numbers.

JESUS' WITH US Even more, **Jesus Himself walks the wilderness** way with us. He's paved the path ahead of us, and He walks in our midst. He's conquered the devil. He's tamed the wild beasts. He's defeated Death by dying and rising. "He's by our side upon the plain with His good gifts and Spirit." The present wilderness is now full of Jesus, waiting for the spring of resurrection and life that Jesus brings.

CONCLUSION This time of wilderness testing and temptation may seem like a long time when you're in the middle of it. Even a few days of suffering seems forever. But viewed from the eternal side of things, it's not that long at all. Forty days. Like Lent. And Easter draws ever near. - The Lord will provide, as faithful Abraham once said. And He has in Jesus, the Sacrificial Lamb. And He will provide, through Word and Water and Supper as you make your wilderness way through this Lenten life on to endless Easter. & In Him you conquer. *IJ'N*, Amen.

Possible Prayer of Church for Invocabit (Lent-1) Sunday * March 18th 2018

Let us pray to the Lord who hears the voice of His people, sees our misery and delivers us with a mighty hand and outstretched arm. (Possible **Brief silence**)

Heavenly Father, Your Son knew hunger in the wilderness and yet His reliance on You did not fail. Give to Your baptized people a steady trust in Your promises and hope in Your final deliverance. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer**.

Lover of mankind, You send Your Gospel into all the world, that people might be delivered from the power of the evil one. Pour out Your Spirit continually upon all pastors and servants of Your Church, that they might proclaim Your Word with grace and boldness. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer**.

Ruler of the nations, You bid us honor those whom You have set in authority over us. Look in kindness on our **president**, **our public servants and all who serve in our armed forces**. Enable them to pursue policies that will bless this nation and make us a blessing to the nations of the world. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer**.

Bountiful Provider of all our needs, You warn Your people not to be ensnared in the love of riches or to seek lives of ease, but You invite them in union with Your Son to live as servants in this world. Remember all those who can find no gainful employment. Keep them from despair, and hear their prayers. Remember all who are **tempted to think that life really does consist of the abundance of** possessions, and lift their hearts to the things that truly matter. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Fountain of mercy, into Your gracious and loving arms we commend all who are sick or suffering, the hospitalized, the persecuted, the lonely, the afflicted, the grieving and the dying [especially Your servants <u>OSL Prayer List</u>].

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Bring the comfort of Your Spirit to each broken body, troubled mind or hurting soul. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Lord of the angelic hosts, Your angels ministered to Your Son after His time of testing and brought Him refreshment. May Your angels surround us as we partake of the refreshment of His body and blood for our forgiveness, that we might join them eternally in singing His praises. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer**.

Holy God, we thank You that You promise to hear our prayers and to answer them as You see fit. We give thanks for the Passion of Your Son, Who sojourned here below, so that we might live with You forever in Your eternal kingdom. When our journey in faith is finished, grant us to join all the blessed saints in Your glory, Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer**.

All of these things, and whatever else Your wisdom knows us to need, grant to us, in Your bountiful love, for the sake of Him Who triumphed over the foe and Rose in victory, and Who now lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, even Jesus Christ, our Lord. **Amen.** *Then, L.S. p.24*

Our Savior Lutheran Church SL Lakeland, FL [#] ELS Lent-1 Sunday * *Formal Temptation of Jesus Invocavit* ∑ February 18^{th,} 2018 ⊕ 9:30 am



"Illustrations of Gospel Stories" **Jerome Nadal** – **Matthew 4** or **Mark 1** or **Luke 4**. Jesus is tempted 2nd and 3rd times by the devil on the tower and mountain. Image courtesy of the Biblical and Religious Art Collection, http://catholic-resources.org/Nadal/013.jpg

INTRODUCTION (This morning, we want to talk about **Temptation & Testing**.) The local sheriff was looking for a deputy, and one of the applicants - who was not known to be the brightest academically, was called in for an interview. "Okay," began the sheriff, "What is **1 plus 1?" "Eleven,"** came the reply. The sheriff thought to himself, "That's not what I meant, **but he's right**."

Then the **sheriff asked**, "What two days of the week start with the letter 'T'?" "**Today & tomorrow**." Replied the applicant. The sheriff was again surprised over the answer, one that he had never thought of himself.

"Now, listen carefully, who killed (Abraham Lincoln?)", asked the sheriff. The job seeker seemed a little surprised, then thought really hard for a minute and finally admitted, "I don't know." The sheriff replied, "Well, why don't you go home and work on that one for a while?" The applicant left and wandered over to his pals who were waiting to hear the results of the interview. He greeted them with a cheery smile, *"The job is mine! The interview went great! First day on the job and I'm already working on a murder case!"*

In our Gospel reading this morning in **Mark 1** it is **Jesus' first day on the job**. Immediately He is confronted with **three major temptations**. And He is confronted with this basic question: Would He take th'Crown without th'Cross?