

## Historic Lessons for the 1<sup>st</sup> 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 your eyes will be opened, and you 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.

### Historic Gospel

**Matthew 4:1-11** Then Jesus was led by the Spirit into the desert to be tempted by the devil. ...

### 3 Year C Gospel (Sermon)

**Luke 4:1-13** Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the desert, 2 where for forty days He was tempted by the devil. He ate nothing during those days, and at the end of them He was hungry. 3 The devil said to Him, "If You are the Son of God, tell this stone to become bread." 4 Jesus answered, "It is written: 'Man does not live on bread alone.'" 5 The devil led Him up to a high place and showed Him in an instant all the kingdoms of the world. 6 And he said to Him, "I will give You all their authority and splendor, for it has been given to me, and I can give it to Anyone I want to. 7 So if You worship me, it will all be Yours." 8 Jesus answered, "It is written: 'Worship the Lord your God and serve Him only.'" 9 The devil led Him to Jerusalem and had Him stand on the highest point of the temple. "If You are the Son of God," he said, "throw Yourself down from here. 10 For it is written: "'He will command His angels concerning you to guard you carefully; 11 they will lift you up in their hands, so that you will not strike your foot against a stone.'" 12 Jesus answered, "It says: 'Do not put the Lord your God to the test.'" 13 When the devil had finished all this tempting, he left Him until an opportune time.

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BIBLE CLASS 8:30 AM WORSHIP 9:30 AM FELLOWSHIP 10:45 AM

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## March 10<sup>th</sup>, 2019 ✘ Lent-1 *Invocavit* Jesus Is Tempted

**WELCOME to OUR SAVIOR!** We are so happy to have you worship Our Savior with us today. If you are visiting us for the first time or in a long time, we ask that that you please fill out a visitor card found in the pew cardholder and place it in the offering plate. Come worship with us again! **God bless you.**

**OUR ORDER OF WORSHIP** On gold liturgy sheets or in red TLH Hymnal p.5 .

Suggested Hymn	TLH# (#v)	...First Line
Opening Hymn	451 (4v)	Stand Up! -- Stand Up for Jesus
<i>Psalm 91</i>	Ps. 91 "3v"	<i>Be With Me LORD When I Am in Trouble</i> ↗
Hymn of the Day	413 (6v)	1,4,2,5,3,6 I Walk in Danger All the Way
<i>Offertory Verse</i>	158 (6v)	<i>Sing v.6 Lift we, then, our voices, Swell</i> →
Third Hymn	447 (4v)	Fight the Good Fight with All Thy Might
Closing Hymn	262 (4v)	A Mighty Fortress Is Our God <i>EINFESTE BURG</i>

### Suggested Bible readings for the weekdays after the 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Lent

Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday Saturday  
 Num.3:5-13 Nu.10:11-36 Nu.11:1-35 Nu.12:1-15 Nu.13:1-25 Nu.13:26-33  
 Luk.9:28-62 Luke10:1-22 Lu.10:38-11:13 Lu11:29-36 Lu11:37-54 Lu.12:1-34

### PROPERs for *INVOCAVIT SUNDAY* (1<sup>ST</sup> SUNDAY IN LENT) MARCH 10

**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: ♪ 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. Ps.91

### SCRIPTURE LESSONS (printed on outside back page of the bulletin)

O.T. Genesis 3:1-24 Temptation of Eve & Adam & the Original Sin.

Epi. II Corinthians 6:1-10 Do not receive God's grace in vain.

Gos. Matthew 4:1-11 Jesus overcomes the Devil's temptations.

**Historic 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.

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

**Refrain C:** ♪ 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 befall 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:** ♪ 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: ♪ BE WITH ME LORD, WHEN I AM IN TROUBLE; BE WITH ME LORD, I PRAY.

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

OFFERTORY: 6. Lift we, then, our voices, - Swell the mighty flood, Louder still and louder - Praise the precious Blood! A-men.

PRAYER REQUESTS:	(Member or Relation)	Pray for...
Dee Kurczewski (David)	Dee - rehabbing. David back working	
Jon & Andrea Sawyer	Jon back from AK job. Andrea was in Tampa General	
Vivian Temple (Tom)	Vivian is at home recovering. Tom is helping her	
John Weber (Orpha)	John is prepping for upcoming surgery	
James Vanesky & Delores Platt	Jim had a procedure on his L5 lumbar Wed.	
Wendt family (Steve, Ethel & kin)	Comfort. Steve's mother passed away in AL	
Frances (Barb Wolkens' sister)	Frances had a surgery; came through it fine	

Volunteers	Today	Next Sunday
Greeters	Shirley & DuWayne M.	Carolyn & Don Miner
Treaters		

Statistics	Last week	Year To Date / Avg.
Sun. Wed. Attendance (Commun.)	34 / (26) 21	27 / 23
Bible Class Attendance: Sun.Wed.	7, 9	10, 9
Sunday Offering (Needed) & YTD	\$. + \$. (1.3K)	YTD \$., (\$12.K)

Calendar of Events		
Today, March 10 <sup>th</sup>	8:30 am	Bible Study (New Unit) Symbols: Anoint
<i>Lent-1C Invocavit</i>	9:30 am	Divine Worship (NO Communion)
<i>Start of Lent Season</i>	10:45 ff...	"FFF" = Food, Fun & Fellowship ... Stay!
Mon. Tue. - Thu. Fri. -	all-days -	Pastor in Kissimmee for Spring Softball
Wednesday 3/13	430,515,6	Lent-1Wed. Vespers ; 5:15 Soup; 6 Bible St.
Thursday, 3/14	1:30 pm	OSL March Council Meeting-Conf. Room?
Saturday 3/16	10:00 am	OSLadies Guild March Meeting (Orpha)
Next Sunday 3/17	8:30 am	BibleStudy (Key Themes) Symbols: Fire
<i>Lent-2C Reminiscere</i>	9:30 am	Divine Worship (WITH Communion)
<i>Remember Me, LORD</i>	10:45 ff...	"FFF" = Food, Fun & Fellowship ... Stay!

Elders: Tom Temple 213-4622; John Weber 853-5458; Don Wienke 815-8892

✘ Five OSLadies participated in a fine FL-ELS Spring Mission Rally in Sebring yesterday.

Sunday 3/17 *Reminiscere Lent-2C (LS p.15) 537 158.1 Ps.91 521 158.2 315 145*

**Lent1 INVOCAVIT Luke 4:1-13 “STONE –TO- BREAD, ETC...” 21.02.10 OR**

H<sub>2</sub>O TO WILD

We go from the River to the wilderness. From Jesus' Baptism in the (Jordan) River to His Temptation in the wilderness. These are the “**hard edges of Lent**” - the dry dusty ground, the barren wasteland, sharp rocks, scorpions, snakes. Jesus, still dripping wet from His Baptism by the hand of John in the Jordan, full of the Spirit and the Testimony of the Father, **goes into the arid wilderness, to be tested - tempted by the devil for forty days.**

DIABOLICAL DEVIL

*“He ate nothing in those days.”* **Now DON'T you go and try this at home. You are not Jesus.** This fast is His alone to do, and He does it for you. Though He is the One who gives seed to the sower and bread to the eater, His very human belly is empty. He is hungry with **our hunger**, emptied for **our** Salvation. In His moment of weakness, delirious with hunger, the serpent comes to Him, the (same) one who tempted Adam and Eve to eat forbidden food to satisfy their appetite for knowing good and evil, now comes to the **second Adam**, humanity's new head, with a similarly diabolical proposition.

*“If you are the Son of God, command this stone to become bread. You are the Son of God, aren't you? You have all the creative power of the universe at the tip of Your Tongue. By You all things were made including bread and stone. Who would miss this stone You created? Who'd even care? Who would know You cheated in your time of testing? There's no one here but You and me.”*

**T1. JUST LIKE US**

*“He was tempted in every way that we are,”* **Hebrews** says. Tested on our turf. The temptation of appetite. We will do anything for a loaf of bread - forsake freedom, sacrifice unborn children, sell our selves into slavery and prostitution, kill. The appetites are powerful, that little pleasure center in our brain, warped by sin, can turn pleasure into addiction and idolatry. The gambling rush, the glimpse of **pornography**, the high of a **drug**, much of it done in the secret of our own “virtual wilderness.” **Who would know? Who is there to see?** How we hate to be hungry, weak, wanting, at the mercy of God! We fight wars over bread, we kill our neighbors over bread, we **ransack countries for bread.**

**BUT, NO**

Jesus would not do it. **He came to serve, not to be served nor to serve Himself.** His Baptism set Him on an “Exodus Road” to the Cross. **If He cheats here in the wilderness, could He be trusted on the Cross?** Would that be a lie too? The devil tries to deflect Him from Calvary, not by a lot, **just a little.** One little stone turned to bread to fill His belly. It doesn't take much when it comes to temptation. A little seed of doubt – *“Did God really say? ... If You are the Son of God...”* Jesus is tempted to follow His painfully empty **belly down a devil's highway** that leads to destruction. He wouldn't do it.

NOT THE FAITH-WAY

The Bread of Life would not make bread for Himself. *“Man does not live by bread alone.”* He came to give His flesh into death as bread for the life of the world. He refuses to feed His flesh bread from His own hand. **The way of faith is the way of being given to, not of grabbing or of taking** what is even your right to have. **By His hunger, you are filled.** You, who hunger and thirst for righteousness, are filled by the life of this staggering weak man in the wilderness who is your Savior. He speaks for you. *“Man does not live by bread alone.”* **He fights for you against the devil.** He does what **Father Adam did NOT do** and what you and I **cannot do.** He resists the Old Evil Foe. *“On earth is not his equal,”* until the Son of God puts his very Human Foot down on wilderness soil and says, **“NO.”**

**T2. ALL THE GLITZ & GLAMOR**

The devil, the Liar and Father of Lies, took Jesus up and in a glorious, glamorous instant showed Him all the kingdoms of the world. **How that must have looked to Jesus!** The splendor of Egypt, Athens, Rome. The glitz and glamor of Hollywood. The majestic power and glory of all this world's kingdoms. Think of how hard we scrap and claw to get just a piece of it, our little chunk of the kingdom. Think of **how hard people work, and how much money they spend to be the one in control.**

“THIS COULD ALL BE YOURS IF...”

Imagine the possibilities with Jesus running the kingdoms of this world. One world government, one world religion. The end of poverty, disease, oppression, crime, terror. Eutopia. **Heaven on earth.** All without so much as a drop of divine blood being shed. All for this price tag: *“It's all yours if you will bow down and worship me.”*

TAKE BOWS (& VOWS) SERIOUSLY

The temptation of power and idolatry. We fail to see the seriousness here, because we do not recognize the deadly seriousness of worship. **We don't take our bows seriously enough.** So what? **It's only a bow.** And so we bow to whatever gives us power to control, don't we? The Old Adam loves to be in control, refuses to bow down to God. He has bitten into the lie that said, *“You can be like God.”* Whether the **gun**, the **sword**, or the **word**, he will use it to gain control over others and be the Alpha Dog.

REALLY? (SILLY?)

Sometimes we read this and think, *“But this is silly. Couldn't Jesus see through this ruse? He's the Son of God! He IS the LORD of Heaven and earth. All authority is already His in Heaven and on earth.”* But we fail to recognize what Jesus is doing here. This is **our** temptation, the temptation of all humanity **focused on this one Man**, the New Adam. And although He is God in the Flesh, He literally **“takes it like a Man.”** He takes on the frightful temptation of being the Man in charge, the Superman, the world's dictator.

“LIAR”

*“One little Word subdues him.”* They asked **Dr. Luther** what that **word** was in His (our closing) hymn. What is that “word” that fells the devil in His tracks. I always thought it was “Christ” or “Jesus.” The little word is **“LIAR.”** It's all a grand and glamorous lie. Not 24 carat gold, **fool's gold. A fraud.** There is only One Way the Son of God takes His seat on the throne as King of all kings and LORD of all lords and that is to **be lifted up and enthroned as a corpse on a Cross. Dying and rising.** There is **no other way** for the kingdoms of this world to become the Kingdom of our LORD and of His Christ than through Jesus dying and rising. The kingdoms of this earth are all destined to die, including this nation of ours. They all have their appointed time and season. They are indeed given to the “prince of this world,” but by God for their judgment and destruction. And it must be this way. **The old must die, the new must rise.** And there is only **one King** before Whom the nations will ultimately bend the knee, *“At the Name of Jesus every knee will bow - in Heaven, on earth, under the earth - and every tongue confess Lord Jesus Christ to the glory of God the Father.”*

PARADOX

*“You shall worship the Lord your God, and Him Only shall you serve.”* Catch the **wonderful little paradox?** The devil is “God's devil.” The devil should bow before Jesus. **The creature must always bow before its Creator.**

HE REFUSES FOR YOU

Jesus refuses the power deal, for your sake. His worship is pure, and His purity is yours. He refuses to bend the knee to any except His Father. He refuses to be the Superman, the Übermensch, but instead becomes the Man of Sorrows, the **broken, bleeding man, the beggar King** who rules by dying and rising. **And all of it for you.**

### T3. WAY UP TOP

The devil takes Jesus to **Jerusalem**, to the **Temple**, and set Him atop its highest point. *"If You are the Son of God, throw Yourself down from here, for it is written, 'He will command His angels concerning You to guard You' and 'on their hands they will bear You up lest You strike Your foot against a stone.'"*

### JUST (DO IT) JUMP

*"You are the Son of God, aren't You? Well, You know the Scriptures, the inspired, inerrant, infallible Word. It says, "God's angels are watching You like a hawk. If You slip, they'll swoop down and catch You. You won't even stub Your little Toe, Jesus. Do You think it's true? Did God really say He'd break your fall? How about putting it to the test? Jump. If it's true, You go fluttering down for a soft landing on angel's wings, ...Wow! Talk about 15 minutes of fame! They'll be eating out of Your Messianic Hand, Jesus. **So jump.**"*

### EDEN & NOW HERE

**Did God really say?** Did God really say, *"On the day you eat of that tree, you will die"*? Did God really say, *"Your sins are all forgiven"*? Did God really say, *"This is My Body & Blood"*? **Did God really say?...**

### PUT IT/HIM/GOD TO THE TEST

The temptation is to **Test the Word, to test God**. Is He true to His Word? Let's find out. Put Him to the test. Dissect His Word with the butcher knives of our criticism, our clever philosophies, our "world views." Oh yeah, we're good at it. Any word but God's Word. Did God really say it? **Criticizing, dissecting, slicing, dicing**,... anything but hearing the Word that promises life.

### CUT & PASTE

The devil turns out to be a **Bible-quoting liar**. He quotes **Psalm 91** to Jesus and tempts Him to put it to the test. If you look up Psalm 91 you find a couple interesting items. The verse that precedes the devil's quote is this: *"If you make the Most High your dwelling - even the LORD, Who is my Refuge - then no harm will befall you."* You are safe (**only**) as you are hidden in Christ. You are safe as you cling to His Word of Promise. You are safe when you make the Most High God your dwelling. Even death can't harm you. But that's not what the devil wants. He wants you to **trust in yourself** and to test every Word and Promise of God.

### TALKING ABOUT J.C.

The other (back)side of the devil's quote is even more interesting: *"You will tread upon the lion and the cobra; You will trample the great lion and the serpent."* (Hey,) **That's about Christ**, the One Whose **Cross-bruised heal crushed the head** of the Evil One. Oh the devil knows how to find just the passage he wants, and how to ignore the rest.

### BUT, NO (AGAIN)

Again, Jesus answers on your behalf. **"NO.** *You shall not put the LORD your God to the test.*" To test God and His Word is **not to trust** Him and **not to** take Him at His Word. Jesus trusted the Word of His Father for us. **His temptation is OUR temptation; His Victory is OUR victory.**

### AND SO YOU

**You will be tempted too.** As baptized believers we go from the water to the wilderness, just as Israel went from the Sea to the wilderness, as Jesus went from the Jordan to the wilderness. You will be tempted by your **appetites**, by the lust for **power and control**, by the **desire to test God's Word**. The **Apostle Peter** reminds us that the devil stalks around like a roaring lion, looking for someone to devour. *"Resist him,"* Peter says, *"standing firm in the faith, that is the faith that clings to Jesus and confess Him as LORD."* **Satan hates and shudders at that.** A simple word of truth on the lips of a Baptized child of God can bring the evil one down as Christ our New and Second Adam, plants His heel on Satan's head and grinds it into the dust. **IJ'N, Amen.**SDG

### Possible Prayer of Church for *Invocabit (Lent-1) Sunday* \* March 10<sup>th</sup> 2019

*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**)*

Blessed Lord, You have established Your Church, endowed Your Church with Your saving Word, and granted to Your people the washing of new birth and the blessed food of Christ's body and blood. Bless all pastors and servants of the Church in their ministry to us, and bless us that we may receive these Means of Grace for our benefit now and for our eternal salvation. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Almighty God, You have given us the gift of land, allowed us to use to our benefit the fruits of the earth, and bestowed upon us the privilege of labor and rest. Grant Your blessing to our nation, to those who govern us in Your name and to those who defend us against our enemies. Guide us to be a people of peace, to have respect for life from its natural beginning to its natural end, and to be generous with all Your gifts. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Gracious God, Your mercies are new every morning, and yet we continue to covet what is not ours and to delight more in things than in You, the Giver. Guard us from the love of things, and guide us to love You with all our being, that we may apply our hearts wisely to the time You have given, for the love of neighbor and for the glory of Your holy name. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Holy Lord, by Your blessing in Baptism, we have a holy vocation as Your people. Keep us in the midst of temptation, that we may not forget who we are as Your own children, called by name; and guard us in the day of trouble, lest we abandon Your mercy for the illusion of self-control and self-sufficiency. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Merciful Father, You have established the home, that it may be a place of blessing and love. Guide all husbands to love and serve their wives, all wives to love and serve their husbands, and both to love and serve their children. Keep us from being put to shame by our thoughts, words and deeds, and guide us to manifest in daily life the grace that has saved us. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Lord of life, You will not abandon us in our time of need. Grant to those afflicted in body or mind, the grieving and the dying the fullness of Your gracious presence and grace to sustain them in faith and hope until You deliver them into Your nearer presence. We pray especially for **[OSL Prayer List]** and those we name before You in our hearts (*brief silence*), and we pray also on behalf of those whose names are unknown to us but whose needs You know well. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear**

Holy Lord, all things are Yours and yet You freely give to our use all the resources of this earth. With our thanks, we recall those who are unemployed and underemployed, that they may find honorable work that befits Your gifts and their skills so that they may praise You with the labors of their hands as now we offer You the tithes and offerings of a thankful people. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Remembering the faithful who now rest from their labors and giving thanks for their witness and service, we pray that we may be kept holy and blameless until the day of Christ's coming. Bring to completion all things, O Lord, especially that good work begun in us in our Baptism, that nothing may prevent us from being reunited with those who have gone before. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

With the angels who do Your bidding and sing Your praise, we offer You the prayers of Your people with our faith that You will grant us all that is needful; through the mercies and merits of Christ, our Savior. **Amen. Then, "Our Father, Who art..."**