# Early Service Order of Worship Divine Service Setting Two

**As We Gather** Today we hear of God testing Abraham and of Satan tempting Jesus. James reminds us that God tempts no one. So, how can we know whether God is testing us or Satan is tempting us? James reminds us that "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" (James 1:17). As we go through life, striving to live out our calling as God's people, we will encounter obstacles and face tests to our faith and to how we live that faith. God can work through these tests to draw us closer to Him. On the other hand, Satan wants to lure and entice us away from the path God would have us walk.

Prelude Jesus Walked this Lonesome Valley Thomas Keesecker

# **Confession and Absolution**

Please stand as you are able

The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism

InvocationMatthew 28:19b; [18:20] LSB 167Image: PIn the name of the Father and of the I Son and of the Holy Spirit.Image: GAmen.

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

- Jesus said, "Watch and pray that you may not enter into temptation. The spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak."
- Be sober-minded; be watchful. Your adversary the devil prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour.
- 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.



Exhortation

1 John 1:8–9 LSB 167

- If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.
- But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Please kneel as you are able

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

#### **Confession of Sins**

- **P** Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.
- 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

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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.

## Absolution

# [John 20:19-23] LSB 167

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.

Please stand as you are able

# Service of the Word

#### Introit

Psalm 91:9–13; antiphon: vv. 15–16

- P When he calls to me, I will answer him; I will be with him in trouble; I will rescue him and honor him.
- **G** With long life I will satisfy him and show him my salvation.
- **P** Because you have made the Lord your dwelling place—the Most High, who is my refuge—
- **C** no evil shall be allowed to befall you, no plague come near your tent.
- **P** 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.
- P 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.
- P When he calls to me, I will answer him; I will be with him in trouble; I will rescue him and honor him.
- **C** With long life I will satisfy him and show him my salvation.





#### Salutation and Collect of the Day

- **P** The Lord be with you.
- **G** And also with You.
- **P** Let us pray together:
- 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. Amen.

Please be seated

#### **First Reading**

#### Genesis 22:1-18

<sup>1</sup>After these things God tested Abraham and said to him, "Abraham!" And he said, "Here am I." <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 am I, 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 am I." <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."

**P** This is the Word of the Lord.

#### **G** Thanks be to God.

#### Epistle

James 1:12-18

<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.

**P** This is the Word of the Lord.

# **C** Thanks be to God.

Please stand as you are able



#### Holy Gospel

Mark 1:9-15

■ The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the first chapter.

# Glory to You, O Lord.

<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 opening 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."

- **P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.
- Praise to You, O Christ.

#### Children's Message

Please stand as you are able

Hymn of the Day A Mighty Fortress is Our God LSB 657 sword and shield vic -1 Α might - y for - tress is our God, A strength of might. We would be 2 No ours can match his lost, re -3 Though hordes of dev - ils fill land All the threat-'ning to de -4 God's Word for - ev - er shall a bide, No thanks to foes, who rious; He breaks the cruel op - pres - sor's And wins sal to rod cham-pion comes to fight, Whom God Him-But now a ject ed. vour us. We trem - ble not, un - moved we stand; They can - not For God Him-self fights by fear side With it: our weap-ons 0 d. va - tion glo - rious. The old Has sa - tan - ic foe sworn to self e - lect - ed. You this may be? The ask who Lord of o - ver-pow'r us. this world's ty - rant rage; Let bat - tle In Were they of the Spir - it. to take our house, Goods, hon - or, With craft and dread ful He work us woe. might Christ Je might -Lord, God's hosts is He, sus, у we'll en - gage. His might is doomed to fail; God's child. Though life be wrenched They or spouse, а way. qual. arms him - self to fight. On earth he has no e Son, a - dored. He holds the field rious. on - ly vic - to must pre - vail! One lit - tle word him. judg - ment sub - dues can - not win the day. The King-dom's ours for - ev er! Text (sts. 1-4): © 1978 Lutheran Book of Worship. Used by permission: LSB Hymn License no. 110004617

Please be seated

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## Sermon

Silence for reflection

Please stand as you are able

# Nicene Creed

**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.

## Please be seated

#### **Prayer of the Church**

After each petition:

- **P** Lord in Your mercy.
- **G** Hear our prayer.

Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever.

C Amen.

#### Please stand as you are able



#### Service of the Sacrament

The Lord's Supper is celebrated at this church in the confession that we receive not just bread and wine but the true body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ, which we eat and drink for the forgiveness of sins, life and salvation. Our Lord invites to His table those who have faith in His words, repent of all sin, and set aside any refusal to love and forgive as He loves and forgives us.

Holy Communion also signifies a unity of faith and belief with those who kneel at this altar. Baptized Christians who share the confession of this Lutheran church are welcome to be our guests at the Lord's Table. If you are unsure what you believe or have questions, we invite you to speak with the Elder on duty or the Pastor before the service. Grape juice is available in the center circle of the individual cup trays.

#### Preface

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

**P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**G** It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, O Lord our God, who keeps His promises from generation to generation. As You talked with Your servants over the centuries, in these last days You have spoken to us by Your Son, whom You appointed the heir of all things, through whom also You created the world. Strengthen our faith, give us the courage to follow where You lead, and remind us of Your faithful promises. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and singing:



# Lord's Prayer

- **P** Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:
- 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.

# 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."

**P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.



And also with you.

# **Distribution to the Congregation**

Please come forward as directed by the usher and leave your mask in place. As you approach the table, lower your mask and Pastor will place the wafer in your outreached hand. You will then take an individual cup as directed by the elder. As you prepare to return to your pew, replace your mask and dispose of your individual cup in the receptacle located at the end of the table that coordinates with the side of the sanctuary that you are seated on.



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#### Please stand as you are able

 Now may this body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting. Depart in peace.
Amen.



#### **Post-Communion Collect**

Let us pray. Gracious God, our heavenly Father, You have given us a foretaste of the feast to come in the Holy Supper of Your Son's body and blood. Keep us firm in the true faith throughout our days of pilgrimage that, on the day of His coming, we may, together with all Your saints, celebrate the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom which has no end; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
Amen.

#### Benediction

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.
Amen.

Closina Hymn Jesus, Lead Thou On LSB 718 1 Je sus, lead Thou on Till And our rest is won: al-though the 2 If the way be drear, If the foe be near, Let not faith - less 3 When we seek re - lief When temp - ta - tions From a long-felt grief, 4 Je - sus, lead Thou on Till our rest is won. Heav'n-ly lead - er, way be cheer - less. We will fol - low calm and fear less. fears o'er - take Let us: not faith and hope for - sake us: come al - lur -Make us pa - tient and en - dur ing, ing. still di - rect Still sup - port, con - sole, pro - tect us. us, Thy Guide us by hand To fa - ther land. our For through man - y a To go. woe our home we Where Show us that bright shore we weep no more. Till safe - ly In fa - ther - land. we stand our Text and tune: Public domain

**P** Go in peace, serve the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

Postlude

The Quiet Journey

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