



## Tempted in the Wilderness

*Jesus faced temptations that would make his work easier and less painful.*

*But Jesus chose the harder path.*

January 15, 2023 10:00am

*Worshiping and Growing Together in Christ*

*Serving and Reaching Out Joyfully to All!*



## *Welcome! We're glad you're here!*

*If you are a guest and are interested in knowing more about this community and the ministries that Holy Shepherd is engaged in, please fill out the **Welcome Card** located in the pew racks. Once filled out, please place the card either in the offering basket as you come forward to receive communion or at the information desk as you enter the narthex.*

*Thank you and we look forward to getting to know you!*

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*The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God*

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Prelude

"Go Make a Difference"

- Angrisano

Welcome

Greeting

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

Arise, shine; for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you.

**For it is the God who said, "Let light shine out of darkness,"  
who has shone in our hearts  
to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God  
in the face of Jesus Christ.**

So he came and proclaimed peace to you who were far off  
and peace to those who were near;  
**for through him all of us have access in one Spirit to the Father.**

The peace of Christ be with you. **And also with you!**

Please greet one another as we are gathered as one in the Spirit.

Gathering Song

*O Love, How Deep*

Red ELW 322 vv. 1-4

**Oh, love, how deep, how broad, how high,  
beyond all thought and fantasy,  
that God, the Son of God, should take  
our mortal form for mortals' sake!**

God sent no angel to our race,  
of higher or of lower place,  
but wore the robe of human frame,  
in Christ our Lord to this world came.

For us baptized, for us he bore  
his holy fast and hungered sore;  
for us temptation sharp he knew;  
for us the tempter overthrew.

For us he prayed; for us he taught;  
for us his daily works he wrought,  
by words and signs and actions thus  
still seeking not himself, but us.

## Prayer of the Day

Let us pray. Sustaining God, **with the words of your holy scriptures, Jesus resisted all the temptations of the devil. Write your word on our hearts that we might also turn away from evil, in Jesus name. Amen.**

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*God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song*

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*Before Jesus began his ministry, he needed to face his own demons.  
He would be tempted like he never had before. How would he fare?*

## Psalm 91

<sup>1</sup> You who live in the shelter of the Most High, who abide in the shadow of the Almighty, <sup>2</sup> will say to the LORD,

**"My refuge and my fortress; my God, in whom I trust."**

<sup>3</sup> For he will deliver you from the snare of the hunter

**and from the deadly pestilence;**

<sup>4</sup> he will cover you with his pinions,

**and under his wings you will find refuge; his faithfulness is a shield and defense.**

<sup>5</sup> You will not fear the terror of the night or the arrow that flies by day

<sup>6</sup> or the pestilence that stalks in darkness or the destruction that wastes at noonday.

**<sup>7</sup> A thousand may fall at your side, ten thousand at your right hand,  
but it will not come near you.**

<sup>8</sup> You will only look with your eyes

and see the punishment of the wicked.

<sup>9</sup> Because you have made the LORD your refuge,

the Most High your dwelling place,

**<sup>10</sup> no evil shall befall you, no scourge come near your tent.**

<sup>11</sup> For he will command his angels concerning you to guard you in all your ways.

<sup>12</sup> **On their hands they will bear you up,  
so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.**

<sup>13</sup> You will tread on the lion and the adder;  
the young lion and the serpent you will trample under foot.

<sup>14</sup> **Those who love me, I will deliver;  
I will protect those who know my name.**

<sup>15</sup> When they call to me, I will answer them;  
I will be with them in trouble;  
I will rescue them and honor them.

<sup>16</sup> **With long life I will satisfy them and show them my salvation.**

Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

## Gospel Acclamation



Al - le - lu - ia! Lord and Sav - ior: o - pen now your sav - ing word.



Let it burn like fire with - in us; speak un - til our hearts are stirred.



Al - le - lu - ia! Lord, we sing for the good news that you bring.

## Gospel Reading

**Matthew 4:1-17**

The holy gospel according to Matthew. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. <sup>2</sup>He fasted forty days and forty nights, and afterwards he was famished. <sup>3</sup>The tempter came and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread." <sup>4</sup>But he answered, "It is written, 'One does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.'" <sup>5</sup>Then the devil took him to the holy city and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, <sup>6</sup>saying 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, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.'" <sup>7</sup>Jesus said to him, "Again it is written, 'Do not put the Lord your God to the test.'" <sup>8</sup>Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendor; <sup>9</sup>and he said to him, "All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me."  
<sup>10</sup>Jesus said to him, "Away with you, Satan! for it is written, 'Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him.'" <sup>11</sup>Then the devil left him, and suddenly angels came and waited on him.

<sup>12</sup>Now when Jesus heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew to Galilee. <sup>13</sup>He left Nazareth and made his home in Capernaum by the sea, in the territory of Zebulun and Naphtali, <sup>14</sup>so that what had been spoken through the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled: <sup>15</sup>"Land of Zebulun, land of Naphtali, on the road by the sea, across the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles— <sup>16</sup>the people who sat in darkness have seen a great light, and for those who sat in the region and shadow of death light has dawned."  
<sup>17</sup>From that time Jesus began to proclaim, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near."

The gospel of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

## ✠ Growing with Jesus ✠

*Children's Time*

### Message

### Song

*Jesus, Tempted in the Desert*

Tune Red ELW 511

**Jesus, tempted in the desert,  
lonely, hungry, filled with dread:  
'Use your power,' the tempter tells him;  
'turn these barren rocks to bread!'**

**'Not alone by bread,' he answers, 'can the human heart be filled.  
Only by the Word that calls us is our deepest hunger stilled!'**

**Jesus, tempted, at the temple,  
high above its ancient wall:  
'Throw yourself from lofty turret;  
angels wait to break you fall!'**

**Jesus shuns such empty marvels, feats that fickle crowds request:  
'God, whose grace protects, preserves us, we must never vainly test.'**

**Jesus, tempted on the mountain  
by the lure of vast domain:  
'Fall before me! Be my servant!  
Glory, fame, you're sure to gain!'  
Jesus sees the dazzling vision, turns his eyes another way:  
'God alone deserves our homage! God alone will I obey!'**

**When we face temptation's power,  
lonely, struggling, filled with dread,  
Christ, who knew the tempter's hour,  
come and be our living bread.  
By your grace, protect, preserve us lest we fall, your trust betray.  
Yours, above all other voices, be the Word we hear, obey.**

words by Herman Stuempfle, Jr. (1923-2007)  
*(Professor at Lutheran Theological Seminary of Gettysburg)*

## **+ Thanksgiving and Farewell +**

*Pastor Teri Hermsmeyer*

It is important that we within the fellowship of Christ recognize the endings and beginnings that are so often a part of our life together. Today we, Holy Shepherd Lutheran Church, offer our thanks and farewell as Pastor Teri Hermsmeyer concludes her time as part-time Bridge Pastor for the past 8 months. . . .

. . . we made and that God blessed the work we did.

**We thank you for the compassion, wisdom, energy, and faith you brought to our congregation. You helped us in our time of need as a servant of Christ and blessing to God's people.**

Do you, members with me of Holy Shepherd Lutheran Church, now release Pastor Teri from the duties of part-time Bridge Pastor?

**We do, with thanks to God.**

Will you pray for her and offer her encouragement and support for her ministry endeavors as it unfolds in her retirement years?

**We will, with thanks to God.**

Will you, Pastor Teri, release and commit the shepherding of this congregation to called rostered ministers?

I do, with thanks to God.

Will you pray for us as this congregation looks forward to the future?

I will, with thanks to God.

Let us pray. **O God, your everlasting love for us all is trustworthy. Help each of us to trust the future which rests in your care, grateful for the goodness you have shown us in the past. Bless this servant of Christ, and bless our community of faith, for the sake of Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

Go now, Pastor Teri, surrounded by our love and led by the promises of God, the presence of Jesus Christ, and the guidance of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

## Proclamation of Faith

With the whole church, let us confess our faith.

**We believe in God the creator, savior and sustainer of all life.**

**We believe that God's reign is created with a love  
that knows no boundaries, not even death.**

**We believe that God leads us as God's hands, feet and voice  
to journey as disciples of Jesus,  
to go deeper in our pilgrimage with God,  
and to proclaim and live God's love  
that continues to renew all of creation.**

## Prayers of the People

Confident that our savior, Jesus Christ, hears us when we pray, we lift up the church, the world, and all in need.

*Prayer response:*

Merciful God, **you hear our prayer.**

Receive our prayers and hold all for whom we pray in your loving arms, in the name of your son, Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

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*God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ*

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## Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**

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

# Words of Institution

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks, broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:

Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.

Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,

and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.

Do this for the remembrance of me.

# Lord's Prayer

**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.**

# Invitation

Jesus did not turn stones into bread, but instead gave of his own body in this sacred host we share together. Come and receive the food that truly satisfies, in remembrance of him. The table is set and all are welcome.

*✠ We Are Church. Better Together ✠*

### ***Options on how to receive Holy Communion:***

**1)** You may come forward to the rails, kneel or stand, starting at the center and fill along the rail. After you have received communion you may exit by the side aisles and those waiting will then fill in the empty space at the rail. Bread (gluten-free) and wine or grape juice (center of the tray)

will be given to you at the rails with the words spoken:

*“The body of Christ given for you. The blood of Christ shed for you.”*

*If you would like communion served in the pew, please signal to a pastor or the assisting minister.*

**2)** You may take a pre-prepared kit to your seat, located at the back entrance, and receive communion at your seat,

*(One side of the cup contains a gluten-free wafer and the other side contains juice. Please open the wafer side first.)*

**3)** For those participating online, you may have any type of bread and wine or juice and take these elements as you are able.

## All are Welcome

**You are invited . . .**

to bring an **offering** forward before or after worship or during Holy Communion.  
The offering is gathered in front of the communion table where we are reminded of God's gifts  
given to us in Christ and our response to these gifts.

## Lamb of God



1 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;  
2 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;  
3 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;



you suf-fered death our lives to save: have mer-cy now, we pray.  
you set us free from guilt and grave: have mer-cy now, we pray.  
e - ter-nal peace with God you made: give us your peace, we pray.

## Communion Song

*Refiner's Fire*

**Purify my heart; Let me be as gold and precious silver  
Purify my heart; Let me be as gold  
Pure gold (Repeat)**

*Refrain*

***Refiner's fire My heart's one desire  
Is to be holy Set apart for You Lord  
I choose to be holy Set apart for You my Master  
Ready to do Your will***

**Purify my heart; Cleanse me from within and make me holy  
Purify my heart; Cleanse me from my sin  
Deep within *Refrain***

# Post-Communion Blessing & Prayer

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. **Amen.**

You tend to all our needs, generous God, that we might better serve you and our neighbors. We return now these gifts you have first given us, a sign of our trust in you. Use them for the sake of the world, in Jesus name. **Amen.**

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*God blesses us and sends us put in mission to the world*

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## Blessing

The God who faithfully brings forth justice and breaks the oppressor's rod  
✠ bless, strengthen, and uphold you, today and always. **Amen.**

## Sending Song

### *I Saw the Light*

**I wandered so aimless, life filled with sin,  
I wouldn't let my dear Savior in;  
Then Jesus came like a stranger in the night  
Praise the Lord! I saw the light**

#### *Chorus*

***I saw the light, I saw the light, No more in darkness, no more in night;  
And now I'm so happy, no sorrow in sight Praise the Lord! I saw the light***

**Just like a blind man, I wandered along,  
Worries and fears I claimed for my own;  
Then, like the blind man that God gave back his sight  
Praise the Lord! I saw the light. *Chorus***

**I was a fool to wander and stray,  
Straight is the gate and narrow the way;  
Now I have traded the wrong for the right  
Praise the Lord! I saw the light. *Chorus***

## Sending

Go in peace. Follow the way of Jesus. **Thanks be to God.**

## Postlude

*"Order My Steps In Your Word" (Audio)*

- arr. Hayes

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## ✝ WORSHIP SERVICE NOTES ✝

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- **THANK YOU** for being considerate of disabled worshippers and their families. Please leave the pew cuts and several adjoining seats available for those with walkers, wheelchairs, or electric carts and their families.
- **HEARING ASSISTANCE DEVICES (4 devices available)** are located at the sound booth located in the back of the sanctuary on the east side.
- **PRAYER STATION** is available before and after worship for candle-lighting. Please be mindful of personal space around one another.
- **FELLOWSHIP:** Once service has concluded, if you would like to greet one another, the narthex, fellowship hall, library and columbarium are available for fellowship.

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## OFFERING

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If you would like to make a donation to the mission of Holy Shepherd, which will be used to serve the community, neighborhood and the world, there is an offering plate located at the front of the sanctuary. Please make checks payable to:  
Holy Shepherd Lutheran Church. *Thank you.*

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## NURSERY

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The nursery (un-staffed) will be available to use for your family, if you need to leave the service. The library and Fellowship Hall are also available



## Worship Leadership

- Pastors: Julie Brooks, Teri Hermsmeyer
- Organist: Jordan Ortman
- Assisting Minister: Amy Evancheck
- Praise Team: Directed by Diane Klinkerfues
- Reader: Gloria Lloyd
- Communion Assistants: Barb Stannard, Pat Mohrbacher
- Greeter: Marcy Lloyd
- Ushers: Lindsey, Nick, Hailey, Stella Simmons
- Altar Guild: Susie DiPaolo
- Technology: Mike Madsen, Josh Cohen
- Fellowship Hosts: Pat & Gerald Scholten

### **Narrative Lectionary Worship Resources**

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