



# The of Temptation Jesus

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Our Mission: To  
boldly glorify God.

**Elim Lutheran Church**

**Scandia, Minnesota**

**March 6, 2022**

**First Sunday in Lent**

**Introduction:** These forty days called Lent are like no other. It is our opportune time to return to the God who rescues, to receive the gifts of God's grace, to believe with the heart and confess with the mouth the wonder of God's love in Jesus, and to resist temptation at every turn. This is no small pilgrimage on which we have just embarked. It is a struggle Jesus knew. It is a struggle Jesus shares. The nearness of the Lord, in bread and wine, water and word, will uphold and sustain us.

## **Prelude**

## **Welcome**

## **Ringing of the Bells**

**Hymn:** *ELW 315 - I Want Jesus to Walk With Me*

## **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.**

## **Prayer of the Day**

**O Lord God, you led your people through the wilderness and brought them to the promised land. Guide us now, so that, following your Son, we may walk safely through the wilderness of this world toward the life you alone can give, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

**Reading:** Deuteronomy 26:1-11

**Special Music:** *Lord From the Depths, I Call to You* – from ESTHER by George F. Handel; Edited and Arranged by Hal H. Hopson

*Lord, from the depths I call to you; show forth your mercy, hear my prayer.*

*Who could stand? Lord, who could stand should you mark, should you mark all our sins?*

*My soul waits, waits for the Lord. God forgives, God's love redeems.*

*Hope in God, O Israel. The Lord will hear us.*

## **Children's Time**

**Reading:** Luke 4:1-13

## **Sermon**

**Hymn:** *ELW 319 – O Lord, Throughout These Forty Days, verses 1, 2, & 4*

### **Apostles' Creed**

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried;  
he descended to the dead.  
On the third day he rose again;  
he ascended into heaven,  
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

### **Offering**

#### **Offering Prayer**

**Extravagant God, you have blessed us with the fullness of creation. Take and use what we offer here, come among us, and fill us with the spirit of Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen.**

#### **Prayers of the People**

Petition Response: Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

#### **Lord's Prayer**

#### **Sharing of the Peace**

**Blessing and Sending**

You are children of God, anointed with the oil of gladness and strengthened for the journey. Almighty God, motherly, majestic, and mighty, † bless you this day and always. **Amen.**

Go in peace. Jesus meets you on the way.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Postlude**

**Coffee will be served following the 9:30 service!**

**Worship Participants**

Preaching Today: Lauren Mildahl, Seminarian

Organist/Pianist: Brian Voss

Reader: Lynne Moratzka

Special Music: Sylvia Mills, soprano; Janet Beckman, alto

Ushers: Jay and Gloria Flattum

Altar Guild: Gloria Flattum

**Schedule for the Week**

Today	3/6	8:00 a.m. Worship 9:30 a.m. Worship 9:50 a.m. Sunday School
Mon.	3/7	9:30 a.m. Quilters 7:00 p.m. AA
Wed.	3/9	11:00 a.m. Mid-Week Lenten Worship 6:00 p.m. Bell Choir 7:00 p.m. Mid-Week Lenten Worship 7:30 p.m. Adult Choir
Sun.	3/13	8:00 a.m. Communion Worship 9:30 a.m. Communion Worship 9:50 a.m. Sunday School

**Attendance for February 27**

8:00 a.m. – 36

9:30 a.m. – 69

Online Views - 38

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**Announcements**

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**Planting Hope Campaign**

During Lent (March 2 – April 15), you are invited to offer financial support to the St. Paul Area Synod Planting Hope Campaign. There are four areas of focus that this campaign will support. Starting today, and over the next four weeks, one of the areas of focus will be highlighted each week.

**Help invite neighbors into life in Christ!** – The Saint Paul Area Synod’s Planting Hope Campaign will challenge church members in the St. Paul area to deepen their faith through daily faith practices and encourage every congregation to be an inviting church. This is more than just inviting others to join us at worship services. It encourages the creation of initiatives for adult faith formation, speaking about faith in daily life, starting small groups to incorporate newcomers into discipleship practices and coaching adults and children as they prepare for baptism. Our synod seeks to raise \$2.75 million in total for the Planting Hope Campaign. Of this total, \$150,000 will be invested into inviting others into life in Christ.

We’ll provide a **green flower pot** at both services to receive your gifts. You can also send them directly to the church office. Checks should be made payable to *Elim Lutheran Church*. Include *Planting Hope* in the memo.

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Thanks to all of you who showed up to help clean the sanctuary last Saturday.

We couldn't have done it without you. We appreciate your help.

We had 13 people this year.

Elim Altar Guild

**Feed My Starving Children  
Lakes Area Mobile Pack  
April 20-23, 2022**

Have you ever had to put a child to bed hungry? (Other than when they just refused to eat their supper?) And have you ever had one of your kids say to you- "I am just STARVING!" Not too many of us really know what that is even like – to go hungry.

Each meal costs 25 cents, a seemingly small amount. What could each of us give up at Lent in order to feed hungry kids? How many kids would that Starbucks cup of coffee feed? Please join us in helping to feed these kids – by saving up random change, maybe giving up a treat that you would normally have, and also by considering helping pack in April. And of course, prayers for this endeavor are always appreciated! Any questions, contact Arnie (651-245-3877) or Debbie (651-402-0259) Wright.

*Prayers for strength, courage, and success for Rev. Alan Hagstrom* as he undergoes additional chemo treatments. Rev. Hagstrom led us in our worship on St. Lucia day back in December.



### Coming this Spring

Tuesdays from April 5th through May 24th from 6:00 PM to 7:30 at church.

Our study will be "It's not supposed to be this way" by Lysa Terkeurst president of Proverbs 31 ministries and a New York Times best-selling author. Her study is jam packed with scriptures. (See March *Elim Messenger* for more details.)

Please let me know by March 22 if you are interested in attending and would like a book and study guide. You can also contact Joan in the church office (651-433-2723; joan.detzler@elimscandia.org).

Thank you! Gloria Flattum (facilitator 651 269-6388)

### Deadline Reminders

If you wish to include an item in the bulletin, Elim Happenings email, or the monthly newsletter, the deadlines are listed below. Send your item to Joan via email (joan.detzler@elimscandia.org). Thanks!

- For Sunday bulletins and the following week's Elim Happenings email – the deadline is noon on the preceding Wednesday.
- For the April *Elim Messenger* – the deadline is Monday, March 21.

### Electronic Giving

Interested in setting up a one-time donation or reoccurring giving from your checking account or with a credit card? This QR code will take you to the Giving page on Elim's Website, or go to [www.elimscandia.org](http://www.elimscandia.org) and click on Giving. The E-Giving button will take you to the page to set up a donation. Just follow the prompts on the screen.



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Monday – Friday

9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

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