



GOOD NEWS
LUTHERAN CHURCH

ISAIAH 59:16

GOD SAW THAT THERE WAS NO ONE TO INTERVENE;
SO HIS OWN ARM ACHIEVED SALVATION FOR HIM.

ONLY
One
TO INTERVENE

LENT REPENTANCE & RENEWAL

« WHERE SIN LEAVES A VOID, JESUS STEPS IN. »

Service Focus:

In Temptation with Obedience

Good News Lutheran Church | Mount Horeb, Wisconsin

First Sunday in Lent | February 22, 2026



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LUTHERAN CHURCH

Welcome!

We are grateful to have you with us for our service today. You have joined us for the most important time we spend together. Each time we gather as a family of faith, we make the gospel (or good news) of Jesus our central focus. We do so relying on Jesus' promise that, wherever two or three come together in his name, he is present among them to deliver his gifts of forgiveness, life, and salvation.

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Time of Year: Lent

The season of Lent is a 40-day journey of repentance and prayer, of remembrance and renewal of our baptism. Lent teaches us to take sin seriously and to trust what Jesus did about sin fully. Although worship during Lent is more solemn than usual, the gospel remains our focus as we prepare our hearts for Easter.



Lent Series: Only One to Intervene

It's not difficult to see that our world has problems. Our first instinct is to think that we can solve them—whether individually or collectively. When it comes to our biggest problems, however, no amount of ingenuity, effort, or teamwork can get us out of this mess. Jesus is the only one who can intervene—and intervene he has.

February 18	Ash Wednesday	In Self-Righteousness with Repentance
February 22	Lent 1	In Temptation with Obedience
March 1	Lent 2	In Merit with Gift
March 8	Lent 3	In Thirst with Living Water
March 15	Lent 4	In Blindness with Sight
March 22	Lent 5	In Fear with Life

Service Focus

This week we see Jesus intervene in temptation with obedience. Since the beginning, the devil has been tempting human beings to doubt God's love and disobey his commands. Since the beginning, he has been successful in every single case. That is, until Jesus stepped onto the battlefield and defeated Satan's temptations perfectly in our place. Through faith in him, his obedience is ours.

Prayer before the Service

Mighty God and Father, our Lord Jesus walked into the wilderness to face the devil's temptations, but he did not succumb to Satan's lies or falter in his resolve to save the world from the prison of hell. Bolster our faith by his mighty victory that we may battle against the forces of evil with courage and confidence; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

The Service



Stand

*Both the invocation
and sign of the
cross are
reminders of our
baptism.*

Invocation

In the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

God created humanity in his perfect image. However, when our first parents—Adam and Eve—disobeyed God, they brought sin into the world and death along with it. As children of Adam and Eve, we are heirs of their sin and its curse.

Isaiah 59:12

Our offenses are many in your sight, and our sins testify against us. Our offenses are ever with us, and we acknowledge our iniquities.

Nevertheless, just as he did in the beginning, God does not leave us to be crushed by our burdens or wait for us to crawl back to him. He finds us when we hide in shame and invites us to find rest in him.

Isaiah 55:6–7

Call on the Lord while he is near. Turn to the Lord, and he will have mercy. Turn to our God, for he will freely pardon.

Gathering Song

703 I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say

1 I heard the voice of Je - sus say, "Come un - to me and rest;
lay down, O wea - ry one, lay down your head up - on my breast."



I came to Je - sus as I was, so wea - ry, worn, and sad;
I found in him a rest - ing place, and he has made me glad.

Confession and Absolution

Let us confess our sins to the Lord.

Almighty and merciful Father,

we have strayed from your ways like lost sheep.

We have followed what we have devised and desired in our hearts.

We have offended you and sinned against your holy law.

**We have done those things that we should not have done,
and we have not done those things that we should have done.**

Have mercy on us, Lord!

**Spare us, forgive us, and restore us,
according to your promises in Christ Jesus.**

Because no one else could intervene, the Lord's own arm achieved salvation for him. Christ Jesus came as the second Adam to win for us even more than the first Adam lost. Through his life and death, God replaced our sin with his righteousness, our condemnation with his pardon, and our death with his life.

God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.

John 3:16

In the gospel, the blessings of Jesus' work for all flow freely to quench our thirsty souls. God pours his love into our hearts through his Holy Spirit in the words he sends his messengers to speak: I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son † and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen. Let the one who is thirsty come; and let the one who wishes take the free gift of the water of life.

*John 20:22-23
Revelation 22:17*

The congregation sings:

2 I heard the voice of Je - sus say, "Be - hold, I free - ly give
the liv - ing wa - ter, thirst - y one; stoop down and drink and live."
I came to Je - sus, and I drank of that life - giv - ing stream;
my thirst was quenched, my soul re - vived, and now I live in him.

Lord, Have Mercy

Ephesians 5:8

God has brought us out of darkness into light. Let us pray that we would live as children of the light:

Lord, have mercy.

Romans 5:1-11

For eyes that see God's love and not his wrath when life is full of suffering, and for the perseverance and hope to patiently endure it, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

Ephesians 5:9-11

For eyes that see the goodness and truth of what pleases God and the shame and futility of the deeds of darkness, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

Romans 8:1-6

For eyes that see that sin and death have lost their hold on us and for minds governed by the Holy Spirit, full of life and peace, let us pray to the Lord.

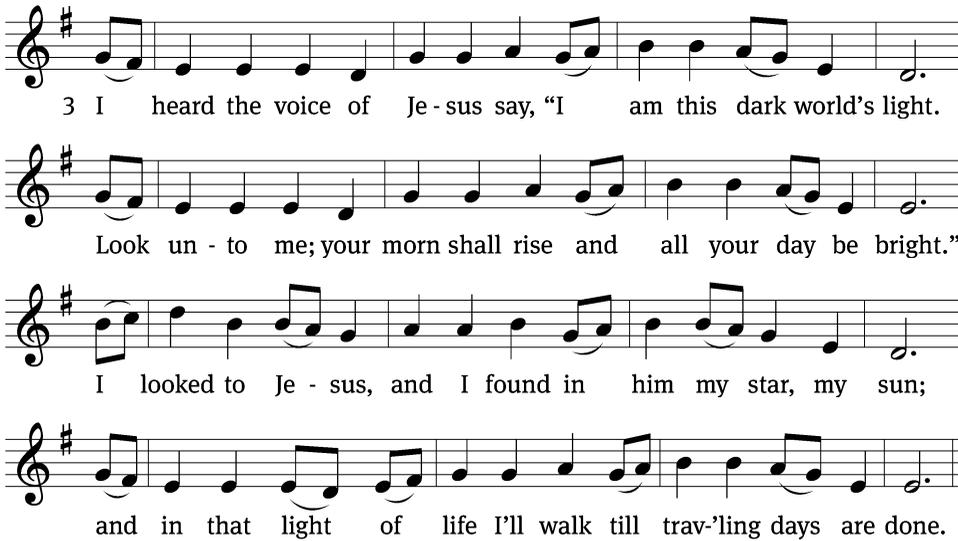
Lord, have mercy.

Psalms 27:1

The Lord is my light and my salvation.

The Lord is the stronghold of my life. Amen.

The congregation sings:



3 I heard the voice of Je - sus say, "I am this dark world's light.
Look un - to me; your morn shall rise and all your day be bright."
I looked to Je - sus, and I found in him my star, my sun;
and in that light of life I'll walk till trav-'ling days are done.

The Word

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.



Prayer of the Day

Mighty God and Father, our Lord Jesus walked into the wilderness to face the devil's temptations, but he did not succumb to Satan's lies or falter in his resolve to save the world from the prison of hell. Bolster our faith by his mighty victory that we may battle against the forces of evil with courage and confidence; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Be seated

*In a perfect garden
and a world in
harmony with its
Creator, the first
Adam fell for
Satan's lies.*

First Reading

Genesis 3:1–15

¹Now 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?’”

²The woman said to the serpent, “We may eat fruit from the trees in the garden, ³but 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 certainly die,” the serpent said to the woman. ⁵“For God knows that when you eat from it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil.”

⁶When 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. ⁷Then the eyes of both of them were opened, and they realized they were naked; so they sewed fig leaves together and made coverings for themselves.

⁸Then the man and his wife heard the sound of the LORD God as he was walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and they hid from the LORD God among the trees of the garden. ⁹But the LORD God called to the man, “Where are you?”

¹⁰He answered, “I heard you in the garden, and I was afraid because I was naked; so I hid.”

¹¹And he said, “Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten from the tree that I commanded you not to eat from?”

¹²The man said, “The woman you put here with me—she gave me some fruit from the tree, and I ate it.”

¹³Then the LORD God said to the woman, “What is this you have done?”

The woman said, “The serpent deceived me, and I ate.”

¹⁴So the LORD God said to the serpent, “Because you have done this,

“Cursed are you above all livestock
and all wild animals!

You will crawl on your belly
and you will eat dust
all the days of your life.

¹⁵And 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.”

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Psalm of the Day

Psalm 46

Psalms have been used by God's people in worship since the Old Testament.

Refrain

If God is for us, who can be a - gainst us?
God is our sal - va - tion, al - ways by our side.

The Church sings Psalm 46 in services that celebrate the power of the Lord in the face of every evil attack.

- 1 God is our refuge and our strength, an ever present aid,
and therefore, though the earth be moved, we will not be afraid;
though hills into the seas be cast, though foaming waters roar,

the LORD of hosts is by our side, a
ref - uge strong and sure. *Refrain*

- 2 A river flows whose streams make glad the city of our God,
the holy dwelling of the LORD, the place of God's abode.
Since God is in the midst of it, our safety is secure;
the LORD of hosts is by our side, a refuge strong and sure. *Refrain*

- 3 Behold the wondrous deeds of God, who causes wars to cease,
the weapons of the strong destroyed, God brings abiding peace.
“Be still and know that I am God, exalted evermore;”
the LORD of hosts is by our side, a refuge strong and sure. *Refrain*

Gospel

Matthew 4:1–11

In a barren wilderness and a world at odds with its Creator, the second Adam answered Satan's lies with divine truth.

¹Then Jesus was led by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. ²After fasting forty days and forty nights, he was hungry. ³The tempter came to him and said, “If you are the Son of God, tell these stones to become bread.”

⁴Jesus answered, “It is written: ‘Man shall not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.’”

⁵Then 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.’”

⁷Jesus answered him, “It is also written: ‘Do not put the Lord your God to the test.’”

⁸Again, 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.”

¹⁰Jesus said to him, “Away from me, Satan! For it is written: ‘Worship the Lord your God, and serve him only.’”

¹¹Then the devil left him, and angels came and attended him.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to you, O Christ!

Be seated

Hymn of the Day

863 A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

Sermon

Matthew 4:1–11

Stand

Nicene Creed *Credo*

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is,
seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one being with the Father.**

Through him all things were made.

**For us and for our salvation, he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary,
and became truly human.**

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate.

He suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures.

He ascended into heaven

and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

**He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who in unity with the Father and the Son
is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.**

We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

**We look for the resurrection of the dead
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

Be seated

Prayer of the Church

Lord Most High, be the dwelling place of your people. For the sake of Jesus, who suffered temptation and death for our redemption, be our refuge. Preserve us from every evil and plague, and strengthen us in faith so that we might be satisfied with your salvation. Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

O Lord, in the midst of this life we face many temptations. Fix our eyes on our Lord Jesus, who bore temptation for us and resisted to the point of death, and bring us through the evils of this fallen world to dwell with you forever. Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Father in heaven, your Son trampled the serpent underfoot and freed us from sin and death by his own death on the cross. Protect and preserve all whom you call to preach Christ and him crucified. Command your angels concerning them, guard them in all their ways, and bear them up for the sake of Jesus. Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

God of all mercy, you answer those who call upon you. Hear our prayers for all who are in need of healing and restoration [*especially...*]. Be with them in their trouble, and rescue them according to your gracious will. Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Almighty God, your Son was led by the Spirit into the wilderness to suffer temptation for our sake as part of our redemption. Strengthen us when we are tempted so that we do not take his obedience for granted, and teach us to rely upon your Word as our defense against the evil one; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord.

Amen.

Offering

Thank you for joining us! You can ask a question, request information, or submit a prayer request at [GoodNewsLC.org/connect](https://www.GoodNewsLC.org/connect) (or scan the QR code on the back of the service folder). To support our ministry with an offering, visit [GoodNewsLC.org/give](https://www.GoodNewsLC.org/give).

Offertory

The Tree of Life

- 1 The tree of life with ev'ry good in Eden's holy orchard stood,
and of its fruit so pure and sweet God let the man and woman eat.
Yet in this garden also grew another tree, of which they knew;
its lovely limbs with fruit adorned against whose eating God had warned.
- 2 The stillness of that sacred grove was broken as the serpent strove
with tempting voice Eve to beguile and Adam too by sin defile.
O day of sadness when the breath of fear and darkness, doubt and death,
its awful poison first displayed within the world so newly made.
- 3 What mercy God showed to our race, a plan of rescue by his grace,
in sending One from woman's seed, the One to fill our greatest need—
for on a tree uplifted high his only Son for sin would die,
would drink the cup of scorn and dread to crush the ancient serpent's head!
- 4 Now from that tree of Jesus' shame flows life eternal in his name;
for all who trust and will believe, salvation's living fruit receive.
And of this fruit so pure and sweet the Lord invites the world to eat,
to find within this cross of wood the tree of life with ev'ry good.

The Sacrament

Holy Communion is a gift from Jesus intended to strengthen Christians' unity with God and express their unity with each other. If you are not a member of Good News, we would love to speak with you about the process for receiving Holy Communion with us in the future.

Stand

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

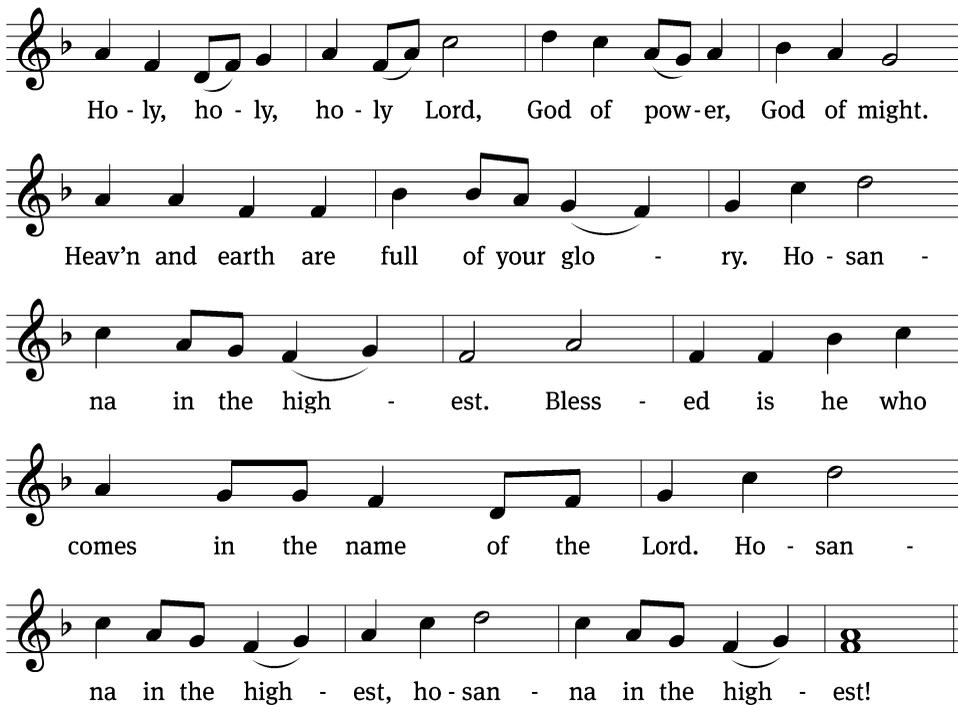
We lift them up to the Lord.



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

It is truly good and right that we should at all times and in all places give you thanks, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who brought the gift of salvation to all people by his death on the tree of the cross so that the devil, who overcame us by a tree, would in turn by a tree be overcome. Therefore, with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:

Holy, Holy, Holy Sanctus



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er, God of might.
Heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san -
na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san -
na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est!

In the presence of the Triune God, angels sing, "Holy, holy, holy is the Lord God Almighty." (Isaiah 6:4). The Church sings the same song in preparation for Holy Communion, firmly confessing the Lord's presence in the Sacrament.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Lord God, you are worthy to receive thanks and praise from all people. You created the world and all who live in it, and in your mercy you saved us. We give thanks to you for the grace of your Son, Jesus Christ.

Though in very nature God, he took the nature of a servant and became obedient to death, even death on a cross. He offered himself as a sacrifice for sin and redeemed us from its curse and penalty. He rescued us from the terrors of death and restored eternal life with you. He conquered our enemies and gained for us the kingdom of grace and glory.

Bless us as we receive your Son's body and blood, and lead us to remember his suffering, death, and resurrection. Forgive our sins and fill us with the hope of new life in heaven. Hear our praise and receive our thanks as we worship you—the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

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.**

Words of Institution

Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my + body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is my + blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

The peace of the Lord be with you always.
Amen.

O Christ, Lamb of God *Agnus Dei*

O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sin of the world; have mer - cy on us.

O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sin of the world; have mer - cy on us.

O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sin of the world; grant us your peace.

A - men. A - men.

John the Baptist saw Jesus and said, "Look, the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world" (John 1:29).

Be seated

Distribution

Those communing may come forward at the direction of the usher.

Distribution Hymn

558 Salvation unto Us Has Come

Stand

Psalm 118:1

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;
his mercy endures forever.

1 Corinthians 11:26

Whenever we eat this bread and drink this cup,
we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

*Known as the
Aaronic Blessing,
these words have
been spoken to
God's people for
3,500 years.
Wherever God's
name is
proclaimed, God
promises to be
present with his
blessing (Numbers
6:22–27).*

We give thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us with this saving gift. We pray that through it you will strengthen our faith in you and increase our love for one another. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Blessing

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look on you with favor and + give you peace.

Amen.

Be seated

Hymn

561 Before the Throne of God Above

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About Us

Our Mission

Good News Lutheran Church was established in 2013 as a mission effort of Resurrection Lutheran Church in Verona. Our mission is to help people find relief from life's distressing noise by preaching, teaching, and sharing the Bible's good news.

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