

First Sunday in Lent - Invocabit

Bethlehem Ev. Lutheran Church, Altamont, IL
1861-2021 - Zum Kripplein Christi - 160 years

Sunday, February 21, 2021, 9:30 a.m.

Rev. Marcus Manley

Elder: Mike Buzzard

Organist & Choir Dir.: Dean Manuel

Acolyte: Tyler Ruffner; Crucifer: Dayton Tabbert; Book Bearer: Garrett Flood

Ushers: Steve Flood, Jerod Ruffner, Mike Wolff, Ben Wharton

Ringing of Bells

During Lent there is no prelude, flowers on the altar, alleluias, Gloria in Excelsis, Nunc Dimittis and Thanksgiving due to the penitent, reflective nature of the season.

***This morning it is our privilege to share in welcoming
into the family of God's grace
and the Bethlehem congregation
through the Sacrament of Holy Baptism:***

Bryson Michael Hites

***Bryson was born to Jeremy & Brittany Hites
on December 20, 2020.***

His sponsors are Danielle Arnold and Thomas Yocum.



✠ **HOLY BAPTISM** ✠
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Please stand

The candidates, sponsors, and family gather with the pastor at the entrance of the church nave for the beginning of the rite of Holy Baptism. The Pastor and baptismal party will process to the baptismal font after the Lord's Prayer, during the baptismal hymn.

Baptismal Processional Hymn #616 "Baptismal Waters Cover Me"

✠ **DIVINE SERVICE III** ✠

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Please stand

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

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SERVICE OF THE WORD

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Introit for the First Sunday in Lent

*Ps. 91:1–2, 9–10, 13; antiphon: Ps. 91:15a, c, 16 (respond with the words in **bold**)*

When he calls to me, I will | answer him;*

I will rescue him and | honor him.

With long life I will sat- | isfy him*

and show him my sal- | vation.

He who dwells in the shelter of the | Most High*

will abide in the shadow of the Al- | mighty.

I will say to the LORD, “My refuge and my | fortress,*

my God, in | whom I trust.”

Because you have made the LORD your | dwelling place—*

the Most High, who is my | refuge—

no evil shall be allowed to be- | fall you,*

no plague come | near your tent.

You will tread on the lion and the | adder;*

the young lion and the serpent you will trample | underfoot.

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♪ **The Gloria Patri**

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♪ **Kyrie**

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During Lent, the Gloria in Excelsis is omitted

♪ **Salutation**

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Collect for the First Sunday in Lent

P: Let us pray: 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.

C: ♪ **Amen**

Please be seated

Old Testament Reading: Genesis 3:1-21

¹Now the serpent was more crafty than any other beast of the field that the LORD God had made.

He said to the woman, “Did God actually say, ‘You shall not eat of any tree in the garden?’”² And the woman said to the serpent, “We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden,³ but God said, ‘You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the midst of the garden, neither shall you touch it, lest you die.’”⁴ But the serpent said to the woman, “You will not surely die.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 So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate, and she also gave some to her husband who was with her, and he ate.⁷ Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked. And they sewed fig leaves together and made themselves loincloths.

⁸And they heard the sound of the LORD God walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the LORD God among the trees of the garden.⁹ But the LORD God called to the man and said to him, “Where are you?”¹⁰ And he said, “I heard the sound of you in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked, and I hid myself.”¹¹ He said, “Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten of the tree of which I commanded you not to eat?”¹² The man said, “The woman whom you gave to be with me, she gave me fruit of the tree, and I ate.”¹³ Then the LORD God said to the woman, “What is this that you have done?” The woman said, “The serpent deceived me, and I ate.”

¹⁴The LORD God said to the serpent,
“Because you have done this,
cursed are you above all livestock
and above all beasts of the field;
on your belly you shall go,
and dust you shall eat
all the days of your life.

¹⁵I will put enmity between you and the woman,
and between your offspring and her offspring;
he shall bruise your head,
and you shall bruise his heel.”

¹⁶To the woman he said,
“I will surely multiply your pain in childbearing;
in pain you shall bring forth children.
Your desire shall be for your husband,
and he shall rule over you.”

¹⁷And to Adam he said,
“Because you have listened to the voice of your wife
and have eaten of the tree
of which I commanded you,
‘You shall not eat of it,’
cursed is the ground because of you;
in pain you shall eat of it all the days of your life;
¹⁸thorns and thistles it shall bring forth for you;

and you shall eat the plants of the field.

¹⁹By the sweat of your face
you shall eat bread,
till you return to the ground,
for out of it you were taken;
for you are dust,
and to dust you shall return.”

²⁰The man called his wife’s name Eve, because she was the mother of all living.

²¹And the LORD God made for Adam and for his wife garments of skins and clothed them.

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Hymn #561 *The Tree of Life*

stz. 1 – congregation

stz. 2 & 3 – choir

stz. 4 - congregation

Epistle Reading: 2 Corinthians 6:1-10

¹Working together with him, then, we appeal to you not to receive the grace of God in vain. ²For he says,

“In a favorable time I listened to you,
and in a day of salvation I have helped you.”

Behold, now is the favorable time; behold, now is the day of salvation. ³We put no obstacle in anyone’s way, so that no fault may be found with our ministry, ⁴but as servants of God we commend ourselves in every way: by great endurance, in afflictions, hardships, calamities, ⁵beatings, imprisonments, riots, labors, sleepless nights, hunger; ⁶by purity, knowledge, patience, kindness, the Holy Spirit, genuine love; ⁷by truthful speech, and the power of God; with the weapons of righteousness for the right hand and for the left; ⁸through honor and dishonor, through slander and praise. We are treated as impostors, and yet are true; ⁹as unknown, and yet well known; as dying, and behold, we live; as punished, and yet not killed; ¹⁰as sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; as poor, yet making many rich; as having nothing, yet possessing everything.

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Please stand

The “alleluias” are omitted during Lent.

Holy Gospel: Matthew 4:1-11

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the fourth chapter.

C: ♪ *Glory be to Thee, O Lord.*

¹Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. ²And after fasting forty days and forty nights, he was hungry. ³And the tempter came and said to him, “If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread.” ⁴But he answered, “It is written,

“Man shall not live by bread alone,
but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.”

⁵Then the devil took him to the holy city and set him on the pinnacle of the temple
⁶and said 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,
lest you strike your foot against a stone.””

⁷Jesus said to him, “Again it is written, ‘You shall 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 glory. ⁹And he said to him, “All these I will give
you, if you will fall down and worship me.” ¹⁰Then Jesus said to him, “Be gone,
Satan! For it is written,

“You shall worship the Lord your God
and him only shall you serve.”

¹¹Then the devil left him, and behold, angels came and were ministering to him.

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: ♪ Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

Nicene Creed

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Please be seated

Hymn #656 A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

Sermon Text: Matthew 4:1-11

Please stand

Offertory

Offering (*Offering plates will be located at the entrance of the sanctuary, you may place
your gifts in the offering plates as you exit the building.*)

Offering Hymn #781 We Give Thee But Thine Own v. 1 & 2

Prayer of the Church

Response after each prayer petition:

P: In peace, let us pray to the Lord:

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: Into your hands we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy
through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C: Amen.

✠ SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT ✠

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Please be seated

Distribution

#618 *I Come, O Savior, to Thy Table*

#730 *What Is the World to Me*

Please stand

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Post Communion Collect

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P: Let us pray.

We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: ♪ Amen.

♪ **Salutation and Benedicamus**

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♪ **Benediction**

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Announcements

Recessional Hymn #418 *O Lord, throughout These Forty Days*

♪ **Closing Prayer**

Postlude



2021 Bethlehem/Zion Lenten Midweek Series:
Take Heart!

"Take Heart" occurs 6 times in the New Testament, always to prepare God's people for His promises and encouragement amid suffering. Each service will highlight God's encouragement for His people today amid our sufferings.

Join us for worship this Lenten season on Wednesday,
6:00 p.m. at Bethlehem
&
7:30 p.m. at Zion:

Week 1 – February 24 – Take Heart! Forgiven!

Week 2 – March 3 – Take Heart! Saved!

Week 3 – March 10 – Take Heart! (Ya'll) Don't Fear!

Week 4 – March 17 – Take Heart! He is Calling You!

Week 5 – March 24 – Take Heart! Witness!

Maundy Thursday – April 1 – Take Heart! Eat, Drink, Nike!
Good Friday – April 2 – Take Heart! Crucified!