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for I
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- JOHN 16:33

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FOCUS 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 hit 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.

WELCOME

OPENING SONG “Follow You Anywhere” *Yunker/Ingram/Stanfill/Wickham*

You make it easy to love You

You are good and You are kind, You bring joy into my life You make it easy to trust You

You have never left my side, You've been faithful ev'ry time

All I want is You Jesus, All I want is You

Chorus: You are the refuge I run to You are the fire that leads me through the night
I'll follow You anywhere There's a million reasons to trust You
Nothing to fear for You are by my side I'll follow You anywhere

O Jesus You came to my rescue

Took my place upon that cross, You redeemed what I had lost

Now my whole world revolving around You

You're the center of my life, You're the treasure You're the prize

All I want is You Jesus, All I want is You (*Chorus*)

Follow You anywhere oh; I'll follow You anywhere oh

Wherever You lead me, Whatever it costs me

All I want is You, Jesus all I want is You (3x) (*Chorus*)

Follow You anywhere oh; I'll follow You anywhere oh Follow You anywhere

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INVOCATION

L In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

OPENING SENTENCES

Mark 14:38; 1 Peter 5:8; 1 Corinthians 10:12-13

L Jesus said, "Watch and pray that you may not enter into temptation. The spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak."

C **Be sober-minded; be watchful. Your adversary the devil prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour.**

L Therefore let anyone who thinks that he stands take heed lest he fall. No temptation has overtaken you that is not common to man.

C **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.**

PRAYER

SONG

"Sovereign Over Us"

Keyes/Brown/Mooring

There is strength within the sorrow, There is beauty in our tears.
And You meet us in our mourning With a love that casts out fear.

You are working in our waiting, Sanctifying us;
When beyond our understanding, You're teaching us to trust.

Chorus: Your plans are still to prosper, You've not forgotten us;
You're with us In the fire and the flood.
Faithful forever, Perfect in love; You are sov'reign over us.

You are wisdom unimagined, Who could understand Your ways,
Reigning high above the heavens, Reaching down in endless grace.

You're the lifter of the lowly, Compassionate and kind,
You surround, and You uphold me; And Your promises are my delight. (*Chorus*)

Bridge: Even what the enemy means for evil, You turn it for our good,
You turn it for our good And for Your glory.
Even in the valley You are faithful; You're working for our good,
You're working for our good And for Your glory. (*Repeat*)

Chorus: Your plans are still to prosper, You've not forgotten us;
You're with us In the fire and the flood.
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OLD TESTAMENT

Genesis 22:1-18

After these things God tested Abraham and said to him, "Abraham!" And he said, "Here I am."² 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."³ 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.⁴ On the third day Abraham lifted up his eyes and saw the place from afar.⁵ 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."⁶ 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.⁷ And Isaac said to his father Abraham, "My father!" And he said, "Here I am, my son." He said, "Behold, the fire and the wood, but where is the lamb for a burnt offering?"⁸ Abraham said, "God will provide for himself the lamb for a burnt offering, my son." So they went both of them together.⁹ 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.¹⁰ Then Abraham reached out his hand and took the knife to slaughter his son.¹¹ But the angel of the Lord called to him from heaven and said, "Abraham, Abraham!" And he said, "Here I am."¹² 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."¹³ 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.¹⁴ 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."¹⁵ And the angel of the Lord called to Abraham a second time from heaven¹⁶ and said, "By myself I have sworn, declares the Lord, because you have done this and have not withheld your son, your only son,¹⁷ 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,¹⁸ and in your offspring shall all the nations of the earth be blessed, because you have obeyed my voice."

EPISTLE

James 1:12-18

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. ¹³ 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. ¹⁴ But each person is tempted when he is lured and enticed by his own desire. ¹⁵ Then desire when it has conceived gives birth to sin, and sin when it is fully grown brings forth death. ¹⁶ Do not be deceived, my beloved brothers. ¹⁷ 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. ¹⁸ Of his own will he brought us forth by the word of truth, that we should be a kind of firstfruits of his creatures.

HOLY GOSPEL

Mark 1:9-15

In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. ¹⁰ And when he came up out of the water, immediately he saw the heavens being torn open and the Spirit descending on him like a dove. ¹¹ And a voice came from heaven, "You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased." ¹² The Spirit immediately drove him out into the wilderness. ¹³ 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. ¹⁴ Now after John was arrested, Jesus came into Galilee, proclaiming the gospel of God, ¹⁵ and saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand; repent and believe in the gospel."

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 worshipped 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 \dagger of the world to come. Amen.

A SPECIAL MESSAGE for the CHILDREN

SONG

“Lord I Need You”

*Nockels/Carson/Reeves/
Stanfill/Maher*

Lord, I come, I confess. Bowing here, I find my rest.
And without You, I fall apart. You're the one that guides my heart.

Chorus: Lord I need You, oh, I need You. Ev'ry hour I need You.
My one defense, my righteousness; Oh, God. how I need You.

Where sin runs deep, Your grace is more. Where grace is found is where You are.
And where You are, Lord, I am free. Holiness is Christ in me.
Where You are, Lord, I am free. Holiness is Christ in me. (*Chorus 1*)

Bridge: So, teach my song to rise to You when temptation comes my way.
And when I cannot stand, I'll fall on You. Jesus, You're my hope and stay.
And when I cannot stand, I'll fall on You. Jesus, You're my hope and stay.

(*Chorus x2*)

My one defense, my righteousness; Oh, God, how I need You.

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Confession and Forgiveness

- L** God's Word reminds us that when we were slaves of sin, we were free in regard to righteousness.
- C** **But now that we have been set free from sin and have become slaves of God, the fruit we get leads to sanctification and its end, eternal life.**
- L** For the wages of sin is death,
- C** **but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.**
- L** Let us confess our sins to God, who has brought us out of slavery and promises to lead us to the promised land of heaven.

(A moment for silent confession.)

L Brothers and sisters in Christ, the proof of God's amazing love is this: While we were sinners, Christ died for us. Let us therefore approach the throne of grace with boldness, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need. Let us therefore, go to God in prayer, confess our sins, and receive the healing and grace that only He can give.

Almighty God, we confess to You that we have sinned by our own fault in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and what we have left undone.

C **Forgive us and hear us as we pray.**

L Righteous God, we have not loved You with our whole heart and mind and strength. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We have not forgiven others as we have been forgiven.

C **Forgive us and hear us as we pray.**

L Merciful God, in our sinfulness, we have hungered after that which does not satisfy, we have compromised with evil, we have doubted Your power to protect us.

C **Forgive us and hear us as we pray.**

L Loving God, restore in us such trust and love that we may walk in Your ways and delight in doing Your will. In Jesus' name we pray,

C **Amen.**

PRAYERS of the CHURCH

L Friends in Christ, I urge you to lift up your souls to our God in whom we trust, as Christ, our Lord, promises to hear us.

Lord Jesus, You are the Lord of the Church. Bless the work of our congregation, especially as we meet and vote to extend a call to a teacher. Be present in our decisions and grant to us a spirit of unity so that we may be powerful witnesses to Your mercy and grace. Remember Your mercy, O LORD,

C **and Your steadfast love, for they have been from of old.**

L Lord Jesus, You are our Teacher.

C **Make us to know Your ways, O LORD; teach us Your paths. Lead us in Your truth and teach us, for You are the God of our salvation; for You we wait all the day long.**

L Remember Your mercy, O LORD,

C **and Your steadfast love, for they have been from of old.**

L Lord Jesus, You are the God of our salvation.

C **Guide us, Lord, in living lives that bear witness to Your truth.**

- L** Lead us to connect with those who are wandering or who do not know You. Remember Your mercy, O LORD,
- C** **and Your steadfast love, for they have been from of old.**
- L** Lord Jesus, You are the Great Physician.
- C** **Bind up the brokenhearted, give sight to the blind, make the lame to walk and the deaf to hear.**
- L** We name before You those who are struggling in body, mind, and spirit and ask You to heal them: *[names]*. Remember Your mercy, O LORD,
- C** **and Your steadfast love, for they have been from of old.**
- L** Into Your hands, Lord Jesus, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your great mercy to hear and answer us.
- C** **Amen.**

The LORD'S PRAYER

- C** **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

COMMUNION— ** Gluten free wafers are available upon request.*

COMMUNION SONG "Christ is Risen" *Maher/Fieldes*

Let no one caught in sin Remain inside the lie of inward shame,
 But fix our eyes upon the cross, And run to Him who showed great love
 And bled for us, Freely You've bled for us.

Chorus: Christ is risen from the dead, Trampling over death by death-
 Come awake, come awake, Come and rise up from the grave.
 Christ is risen from the dead, We are one with Him again-
 Come awake, come awake, Come and rise up from the grave.

Beneath the weight of all our sin, You bowed to none but heaven's will;
 No scheme of hell, no scoffer's crown, No burden great can hold You down.
 In strength You reign; Forever let Your church proclaim. (*Chorus*)

Bridge: O death, where is your sting? O hell, where is your victory?
O church, come stand in the light; The glory of God has defeated the night.
Singing: O death, where is your sting? O hell, where is your victory?
O church, come stand in the light;
Our God is not dead- He's alive, He's alive! (*Chorus 2x*)

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BLESSING

SERMON

“Come to Die”

Rev. Timothy D. Smith

CLOSING PRAYER

BENEDICTION

DISMISSAL

L Go in peace and serve the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God!**

CLOSING SONG

“What a Friend”

Maher/Hein/Palmer/Parker

Everybody has trials and temptations Everybody knows heart break, isolation
But we can lay our burdens down Lay our burdens down

Chorus: What a friend we have in Jesus East to west my sins are gone
I see grace on every horizon And forever and ever His heart is my home

Everybody has fears, everybody got worries Everybody knows sorrow, devastation
But we can lay our burdens down Lay our burdens down (*Chorus*)

No more betrayal, for He is faithful He fills me up and my cup runneth over
No more betrayal, for He is faithful How He has proven it over and over
No more betrayal, for He is faithful He fills me up and my cup runneth over
No more betrayal, for He is faithful How He has proven it over and over
Over and over (*Chorus x2*)

Forever and ever His heart is my home

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ELDERS: *5pm—Seth Sneider; 11am—Skyler Lynn*

WELCOME TO TRINITY!

Your presence is very special to us. May your faith be strengthened and your life enriched as you join us in worship to God!

BLENDed WORSHIP SERVICES IN THE UPPER SANCTUARY—

5pm Saturday & 11am Sunday

TRADITIONAL WORSHIP SERVICES IN THE UPPER SANCTUARY—

8am & 9:30am Sunday

WORSHIP SCHEDULE—Holy Communion is celebrated on the 1st, 3rd, & 5th Sundays of the month in the Upper Sanctuary. We invite those who have been instructed in the teachings of the Evangelical Lutheran Church to receive the Sacrament of the Altar. Others are asked to speak with a pastor before receiving the Sacrament. *Gluten free wafers are available upon request.*

LARGE PRINT—large print copies of the bulletin are available on the table in the Narthex, or you may ask the usher for one.

CHILDREN'S BULLETINS—for ages 3-6 years & 7-12 years old, are available on the table in the Narthex.

NURSERY—for children ages 3 & under. The upper level nursery located near the Narthex will be available for parent use on Sunday mornings. *Please Note: The upper level nursery will be unstaffed unless volunteers are available.*

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION—Sunday School is available for children 4 years old through 6th Grade at 9:30am on Sunday mornings during the school year. Christian Education courses for adults and young adults are held at 9:30am on Sunday mornings & various times throughout the week during the school year. Trinity is committed to Christian Education through the 4K-8 School, our Childcare (*infant—13 years*), and through our association with Wisconsin Valley Lutheran High School.

RESTROOMS—Narthex level across from the Library, lower level next to the elevator.

JOINING TRINITY—We invite you to become part of this Christian community! If interested in membership, please speak with an elder or pastor, and we will contact you.

MISSION STATEMENT:

To gather people who grow in faith and share Jesus with all.

VISION STATEMENT:

To strive to be a mature and faithful congregation that is focused on our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.



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