

Weekly News & Notes

Lamb of God Lutheran Church, Columbus, OH

February 22, 2015

Overcoming Temptation

Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the desert, where for forty days he was tempted by the devil. (Luke 4:1)

The prophet Zechariah penned the words, “I will strike the shepherd and the sheep will be scattered” (Zechariah 13:7). His words pointed to the day when Jesus was arrested and led off to trial and crucifixion. His disciples abandoned him. When their shepherd was struck down, the disciples scattered.

But throughout Jesus’ life there were other times that the devil tried to strike him down. Today’s lesson from Luke 4:1-13 is just one example. The devil knew that if he could lead Jesus into just one sin, God’s entire plan for saving mankind would fall. If Jesus fell, all of us would fall with him. So Satan tempted Jesus to sin.

The first of these temptations doesn’t seem to be that terribly bad to me. After all, Jesus was true man and true God. Because

he was man, he was hungry. Because he was true God, he could do something about it. So what would it hurt if he were to change a stone into bread? After all, on other days he changed water into wine and even fed over 5,000 people with five loaves of bread and two small fish. What harm could a little miracle do?

But in all of these temptations Jesus recognized what the devil was trying to do. He was trying to get Jesus to act selfishly. He tempted Jesus to be self-serving and to fill his self-centered desire for food, for power, and for a sign from God. Jesus would have none of it. He saw through the devil’s temptations and responded with the Word of God. By resisting temptation, Jesus continued to be our sinless substitute. Jesus was focused on you and me. He came to give his life for ours to take away our sin.

Having been forgiven and strengthened by Jesus, we are also ready to face the temptations of the devil.



Our best defense is the Word of God which helps us see through the devil’s lies and schemes. It is also our answer to the difficult questions we face and the guiding light in our lives.

Our Savior faced the devil and defeated him. With the strength that Jesus gives, we are ready to face him, too.

Prayer: Savior Jesus, strengthen me against the temptations of the devil. Build me up in your Word that I may humbly trust in your almighty power to help me overcome his lying schemes. Direct me to live according to your will in thankfulness for the victory you won over Satan to give me life and salvation. Amen.

Devotion from
www.WhatAboutJesus.com

If you have news, upcoming events, or prayer requests that you would like published in the weekly newsletter, please contact Katie Chen (katiesl@hotmail.com).

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This Week at Lamb of God (February 16-22)

Serving Our Lord

- Cleaning: Flunkers, Wagners
- Bulletins: Fran Woodruff
- Accompanist: Wed—Destinee Fiecko; Sun—Elisabeth Wagner
- Ushers (Sun.): David Chen and Ben Hallauer
- Refreshments: Flunkers

Events

- **Monday, February 23**
6:15 pm—Choir Rehearsal
- **Tuesday, February 24**
7:00 pm—Growing in Grace & Knowledge
- **Wednesday, February 25**
6:15 pm—Lenten Supper
7:00 pm—Lenten Worship
- **Thursday, February 26**
7:00 pm—Church Council Mtg
- **Saturday, February 28**
8:30 am—Youth Confirmation
4:00 pm—Parents Night Out
- **Sunday, March 1**
9:15 am—Sunday School & Bible Study
10:30 am—Worship

Mission Prayer: Lamb of God, Lafayette, Ind.

Heavenly Father, continue to provide Pastor Schmoller and the members of Lamb of God Lutheran Church in Lafayette, Ind. encouragement from your faithful promises that do not fail. Give the saints of this mission congregation zeal as they seek to strengthen



believers and reach out to the lost in Lafayette and on the campus of Purdue University. As you open their mouths to share Jesus, the Lamb of God who has taken away the sin of the world, open also hearts to welcome and believe their message. Amen.

College & Seminary Choirs Come to Ohio

This year, both the Martin Luther College Choir and the Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary Chorus will present concerts in Ohio as part of their spring tours. The College Choir will be at Immanuel



Lutheran Church in Findlay on March 2 at 7:00 pm, and at Beautiful Savior

Lutheran Church in Cincinnati on March 3 at 7:00 pm. The Seminary Chorus will be a Resurrection Lutheran Church in Maumee on March 7 at 7:00 pm. Come and meet some of our future church workers, and enjoy the music and the message they bring with them.

Parents' Night Out

Parents, leave your kids with us for games and fun at Lamb of God, and enjoy a night to yourselves this Saturday, February 28, from 4:00-8:30 pm. To help us plan, please sign

up in the fellowship hall today. Those interested in helping with childcare are also asked to sign up in the fellowship hall.

Today's Christian Women's Retreat

Registration is open for *Today's Christian Women Retreat*, to be held April 10-11, 2015, in Lansing, MI. Known as the songbook of the Bible, the Psalms will be the focus of this

year's retreat. Registration closes March 11 (discounts through February 28). Information is available in the fellowship hall or at www.tcwr.org (password: retreat).

Chili Winners

The winners of the annual Church Council/Choir Chili Cook-Off were Brian & Lori Burrows. Taking home second place were David & Katie Chen. Congratulations!

Volunteers Needed

We are in need of volunteers to provide refreshments on Sunday mornings, to set up for communion, and to usher for our midweek services. Sign up in the fellowship hall today.

Easter for Kids

Our 2015 Easter for Kids is coming Saturday, March 28! Help is needed in all areas: food, crafts, games, and egg hunt. Watch for details in the coming weeks. Contact Elisabeth Wagner to volunteer or find out more.

Prayer Requests

Please keep in your prayers this week:

- Shut-ins: Kitty, Dot, Julie, Betty, Monty, Dick, Mike, Jeri
- College students: Jason, Ian, Janet
- Serving in the military (or reserves): Ross, Garrett, Dane
- Expecting a child this spring: Mike & Beth Telander
- Church Council, meeting this Thursday
- Leslie Ruth Groething (Einar's daughter), diagnosed with multiple sclerosis

Request prayers of your pastor and/or your fellow Christians using a prayer request form by the mailboxes or online at LambofGodColumbus.org/prayers

Give Thanks to the Lord!

Attendance:	
Worship (2/15):	59
Worship (2/18):	28
Sunday School (w/teachers):	19
Sunday Bible Study:	19
Offerings:	
General Fund (2/15):	\$1367.37
General Fund (2/18):	\$236.00
Year-to-Date Average:	\$1823.05
Weekly Budgeted Ministry:	\$2274.33
Sunday School Offering:	\$12.00
Building Fund:	\$125.00