

Pastor's Bible Class

February 22, 2026

The First Sunday in Lent

Hymn 424 "O Christ, You Walked the Road"



1 O Christ, You walked the road Our wan-d'ring feet must go.
2 No bread of earth a-lone Can fill our hun-g'ring hearts.
3 No blind-ing sign we ask, No won-der from a-bove.
4 When lures of eas-y gain With prom-ise bright-ly shine,
5 O Christ, You walked the road Our wan-d'ring feet must go.



You faced with us temp-ta-tion's pow'r And fought our an-cient foe.
Lord, help us seek Your liv-ing Word, The food Your grace im-parts.
Lord, help us place our trust a-lone In Your un-swerv-ing love.
Lord, help us seek Your king-dom first; Our wills with Yours a-lign.
Stay with us through temp-ta-tion's hour To fight our an-cient foe.

Read Genesis 3:1-21

1. What question does the serpent use as the basis for his temptation? How is this question the basis of all temptation?
2. Compare Eve's answer in 3:3 to God's original word of command in 2:15-17. What stands out?
3. Who is given the responsibility for humanity's fall into sin? See Genesis 3:6 and Romans 5:12.
4. What are the immediate results of the Fall as outlined in Genesis 3:7 and 8?
5. Why does God ask, "Where are you?" in verse 9?
6. What do we learn about human nature in the responses of Adam and Eve in verses 12-13?
7. What do we learn about God's nature in verse 15?

Read Matthew 4:1-11

8. What important information is revealed in verse one?
9. Contrast the setting in which Jesus was tempted with that of the temptation of Adam and Eve in Genesis 3.
10. Read Deuteronomy 8:2. How does this relate to the temptation of Jesus?
11. Satan's question "If You are the Son . . . ," like his question in Genesis 3:1 "Did God actually say..." aimed at raising doubt. What was at the heart of the temptation for Jesus to use His divine power to satisfy His hunger?
12. What was behind the temptation for Jesus to prove Himself and gain the acclaim of the people through a spectacular display of power? See Matthew 12:38-40.
13. What basic attitude toward life was attacked in the third temptation?
14. What did Jesus use as His weapon in overcoming Satan and his temptations?
15. What encouragement is there for us in the fact that our brother Jesus faced real temptation and overcame? See Hebrews 4:15.

Read Romans 5:12-19.

16. In what ways does this text serve as a bridge connecting the Old Testament and Gospel readings?

Devotional Thought from "The Lutheran Study Bible"

With the words that God speaks to the serpent, to Eve, and to Adam after their disobedience, he sets the course for the rest of Biblical history. Here there is judgment for sin, but also the first hint that the effects of the fall will one day be undone. There is no way back to Eden. The only way for Adam and Eve and their descendants is forward to the cross. The long story culminates in Jesus Christ, the seed of the woman, but it does not end there. Today, we are part of the unfolding story. We have received God's grace through the seed of the woman, and now we are sent out to the ends of the earth to bear witness to the completion of God's plan of redemption and to offer his grace in Jesus Christ to all the descendants of Adam and Eve (TLSB, 21).

Closing Prayer

O Savior, write our names into Your story; into the Lamb's Book of Life. Amen.