



# WORSHIP THE LORD YOUR GOD

MATTHEW 4:10

**Hope Lutheran Church  
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**First Sunday in Lent**

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**Prelude, Welcome, Announcements**

<b>Opening Hymn "Oh, Jesus I Have Promised"</b>	<b>LBW # 503</b>
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**Prayer of the Day**

**Lord God, our strength, the struggle between good and evil rages within and around us, and the devil and all the forces that defy you and tempt us with empty promises. Keep us steadfast in your word, and when we fall, raise us up again and restore us through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God now and forever. Amen.**

<b>The Lessons</b>	<b>Genesis 2:15-17, 3:1-7</b>	
	<b>Psalm 32</b>	<b>pg. 230</b>
	<b>Romans 5:12-19</b>	

**My Lord is real, yes, real to me; My Lord is real, yes, re-al to me.  
My soul demands re-al-ity, my precious Lord is real to me.**

<b>Gospel</b>	<b>Matthew 4:1-11</b>
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**Sermon**

**Hymn of the Day "Glory Be to Jesus"**

**LBW # 95**

**The Apostles' Creed**

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**Offering /Offertory: Praise God from whom all blessings flow.  
Praise him, all creatures here below, Praise him above, ye  
heav'nly host. Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.**

**Prayers of the Church  
The Lord's Prayer - Sing**

**Closing Hymn "Guide Me Ever, Great Redeemer"  
Benediction and Dismissal**

**LBW # 343**

**In our prayers we remember Carol Speth, Ruth Heitbrink, Gerry  
Brezenski, and the Workbook Committee.**

**We welcome you to Hope Lutheran Church. If you are a visitor  
please sign the guest book in the entry. We are so happy to have  
you worship with us today.**

**Wednesday, Feb. 25th: 4:00 p.m. Kids for Christ, 6:00 p.m.  
Confirmation. 7:00 p.m. Lenten Service at Grace**

**Thursday, Febr. 26th: 11:45 a.m. Lenten Lunch at Grace**

**Sunday, March. 1st: 9:00 a.m. Sunday School, 10:00 a.m. Holy  
Communion Worship**

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## First Sunday in Lent

**FIRST READING: Genesis 2:15-17; 3:1-7**

The LORD God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to till it and keep it. <sup>16</sup>And the LORD God commanded the man, "You may freely eat of every tree of the garden, <sup>17</sup>but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall die."

<sup>1</sup>Now the serpent was more crafty than any other wild animal that the LORD God had made. He said to the woman, "Did God say, 'You shall not eat from any tree in the garden?'" "The woman said to the serpent, "We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden, <sup>3</sup>but God said, 'You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the middle of the garden, nor shall you touch it, or you shall die.'" <sup>4</sup>But the serpent said to the woman, "You will not die, <sup>5</sup>for God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil." <sup>6</sup>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. <sup>7</sup>Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked, and they sewed fig leaves together and made loincloths for themselves.

## Psalm 32

**SECOND READING: Romans 5:12-19 [not printed]**

**GOSPEL: Matthew 4:1-11**

Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tested by the devil. <sup>2</sup>He fasted forty days and forty nights, and afterward he was famished. <sup>3</sup>The tempter came and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread."

<sup>4</sup>But he answered, "It is written, 'One does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.'"

<sup>5</sup>Then the devil took him to the holy city and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, <sup>6</sup>saying 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,  
so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.'"

<sup>7</sup>Jesus said to him, "Again it is written, 'Do not put the Lord your God to the test.'"

<sup>8</sup>Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their glory, <sup>9</sup>and he said to him, "All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me." <sup>10</sup>Then Jesus said to him, "Away with you, Satan! for it is written, 'Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him.'"

<sup>11</sup>Then the devil left him, and suddenly angels came and waited on him.

**Next Sunday's Readings:** Genesis 12:1-4a; Psalm 121; Romans 4:1-5, 13-17; John 3:1-17.

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