
HYMNS

OPENING HYMN

TLH #410 - Jesus, Lead Thou On

HYMN (after the Creed)

TLH #444 – Rise! To Arms!

HYMN (after General Prayer)

TLH #262 – A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

TLH #313 - O Lord, We Praise Thee

TLH #309 - O Jesus, Blessed Lord, to Thee

SCRIPTURE LESSONS

Epistle: *2 Corinthians 6:1-10*

Gospel: *Matthew 4:1-11*

from the Large Catechism, Lord's Prayer, Sixth Petition

Great and grievous, indeed, are these dangers and temptations, which every Christian must bear. We bear them even though each one were alone by himself. So every hour that we are in this vile life, we are attacked on all sides, chased and hunted down. We are moved to cry out and to pray that God would not allow us to become weary and faint and to fall again into sin, shame, and unbelief. For otherwise it is impossible to overcome even the least temptation.

This, then, is what “lead us not into temptation” means. It refers to times when God gives us power and strength to resist the temptation. However, the temptation is not taken away or removed. While we live in the flesh and have the devil around us, no one can escape his temptation and lures. It can only mean that we must endure trials—indeed, be engulfed in them. But we say this prayer so that we may not fall and be drowned in them.

To feel temptation is, therefore, a far different thing from consenting or yielding to it. We must all feel it, although not all in the same way. Some feel it in a greater degree and more severely than others. For example, the young suffer especially from the flesh. Afterward, when they reach middle life and old age, they feel it from the world. But others who are occupied with spiritual matters, that is, strong Christians, feel it from the devil. Such feeling, as long as it is against our will and we would rather be rid of it, can harm no one. For if we did not feel it, it could not be called a temptation. But we consent to it when we give it the reins and do not resist or pray against it.

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK & NEXT

February 28 Yesenia S.

March 1 Liam P.

March 3 Jacob R.

March 7 Nathan R.

EVENTS IN THE NEAR FUTURE...

Wed., Feb. 25 - Lenten Supper, 5:45 PM; Vespers, 6:30 PM

Sun., Mar. 1 - Bible Class, 9 AM; Divine Service, 10:15 AM (Lent 2)