

# FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT

February 26, 2023

## A Champion For The Defeated

**Opening Hymn** ..... 574, “The Tree of Life”

**Order of Service**..... Setting One, Page 154

**Prayer of the Day:** Mighty God and Father, our Lord Jesus walked into the wilderness to face the devil’s temptations, but he did not succumb to Satan’s lies or falter in his resolve to save the world from the prison of hell. Bolster our faith by his mighty victory that we may battle against the forces of evil with courage and confidence; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

### FIRST READING

**Psalm of the Day (*On Insert*)**..... Psalm 17A

### SECOND READING

**Gospel Acclamation** ..... Page 161

**Gospel Acclamation Verse:** *We do not have a high priest who is unable to empathize with our weaknesses; / \* we have one who has been tempted in every way, just as we are—yet he did not sin. (SUNG! – See Pg. 161 – Bottom of Page - for melody.)*

### GOSPEL

**Hymn of the Day** ..... 556, “All Mankind Fell in Adam’s Fall”

**SERMON**..... “Dead in Adam; Alive in Christ” Romans 5:12-19

**Offering Hymn** ..... 717 v. 2, “What Is the World to Me”

**Apostles’ Creed** ..... Page 163

**Hymn** ..... 842, “Jesus, Still Lead On”

**Closing Liturgy** ..... Page 171

**Closing Hymn** ..... 931 vv. 1 & 2, “Savior, Again to Thy Dear Name We Raise”

### FIRST READING: Genesis 3:1-15

**God promised to send a champion who would do what we could not, defeating our greatest enemy.**

*Now the serpent was more clever than any wild animal which the LORD God had made. He said to the woman, “Has God really said, ‘You shall not eat from any tree in the garden?’” The woman said to the serpent, “We may eat fruit from the trees of the garden, but not from the fruit of the tree that is in the middle of the garden. God has said, ‘You shall not eat from it. You shall not touch it, or else you will die.’” The serpent said to the woman, “You certainly will not die. In fact, God knows that the day you eat from it, your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil.”*

*When the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was appealing to the eyes, and that the tree was desirable to make one wise, she took some of its fruit and ate. She gave some also to her husband, who was with her, and he ate it. The eyes of both of them were opened, and they realized that they were naked. They sewed fig leaves together and made coverings for their waists. They heard the voice of the LORD God, who was walking around in the garden during*

*the cooler part of the day, and the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the LORD God among the trees of the garden.*

*The LORD God called to the man and said to him, “Where are you?” The man said, “I heard your voice in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked, so I hid myself.” God said, “Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten from the tree from which I commanded you not to eat?” The man said, “The woman you gave to be with me—she gave me fruit from the tree, and I ate it.” The LORD God said to the woman, “What have you done?” The woman said, “The serpent deceived me, and I ate.” The LORD God said to the serpent: Because you have done this, you are cursed more than all the livestock, and more than every wild animal. You shall crawl on your belly, and you shall eat dust all the days of your life. I will put hostility between you and the woman, and between your seed and her seed. He will crush your head, and you will crush his heel.*

### SECOND READING: Romans 5:12-19

**Adams defeat meant death for all. Christ’s victory brings life for all.**

*So then, just as sin entered the world through one man and death through sin, so also death spread to all people because all sinned. For even before the law was given, sin was in the world. Now, sin is not charged to one’s account if there is no law, and yet death reigned from the time of Adam to the time of Moses, even over those whose sin was not like the transgression of Adam, who is a pattern of the one who was to come. But the gracious gift is not like Adam’s trespass. For if the many died by the trespass of this one man, it is even more certain that God’s grace, and the gift given by the grace of the one man Jesus Christ, overflowed to the many! And the gift is not like the effect of the one man’s sin, for the judgment that followed the one trespass resulted in a verdict of condemnation, but the gracious gift that followed many trespasses resulted in a verdict of justification. Indeed, if by the trespass of the one man, death reigned through the one man, it is even more certain that those who receive the overflowing grace of the gift of righteousness will reign in life through the one man Jesus Christ! So then, just as one trespass led to a verdict of condemnation for all people, so also one righteous verdict led to life-giving justification for all people. For just as through the disobedience of one man the many became sinners, so also through the obedience of one man the many will become righteous.*

### GOSPEL: Matthew 4:1-11

**The champion of the demons and the champion of mankind do battle. Jesus Christ wins.**

*Then Jesus was led by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the Devil. After he had fasted forty days and forty nights, he was hungry. The Tempter came and said to him, “If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become bread.” But Jesus answered, “It is written: Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes out of the mouth of God.”*

*Then the Devil took him into the holy city. He placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, and he said to him, “If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down. For it is written: He will command his angels concerning you. And they will lift you up in their hands, so that you will not strike your foot against a stone.” Jesus said to him, “Again, it is written: You shall not test the Lord your God.”*

*Again the Devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their glory. He said to him, “I will give you all of these things, if you will bow down and worship me. Then Jesus said to him, “Go away, Satan! For it is written, ‘Worship the Lord your God, and serve him only.’” Then the Devil left him, and just then angels came and served him.*

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**HEAD USHERS:** Ross Schultz/Wayne Schultz; next Sunday: Dean Ebert/Rob Stern

**FELLOWSHIP SUNDAY:** Today is Fellowship Sunday! All are invited to stay for the refreshments being served immediately following today's worship service. We thank Bill Keller, Jr.; Bill Keller, III; Barb Keller; and Christy Keller for hosting this fellowship hour!

**ORGANISTS!!** The **March** schedule is hanging on the **SCHOOL** bulletin board. Please look at your calendars in the near future and sign up for the date(s) you are willing to play for us. Thank you!

**MR. LORGE RECEIVES CALL:** For those of you who may not have heard, Mr. Lorge has received a divine call to St. Paul's Lutheran School in Appleton, Wisconsin. The call is to be the Gr. 7 teacher as well as serve as their Athletic Director. Please keep Mr. Lorge in your prayers as he deliberates this call as well as his current call here at St. Matthew's. Mr. Lorge welcomes any thoughts and comments you may have as he considers these calls.

**MANY THANKS!** Thank you to the Jeremy & Karilynn Johnson family for assuming the church custodian duties from Wayne & Bonnie Schultz. Your services are much appreciated!

We also offer our sincere thanks to Wayne & Bonnie Schultz for their many years of devoted service to our church. Your dedication was truly valued!

Finally, we also thank Bill Keller, Jr. for constructing the new Lenten cross which is being displayed in our church during the Lenten Season.

**THE LENTEN SEASON CONTINUES:** Our Lenten services will be held on **Wednesday, March 1**, at **3:15 PM** and **7:00 PM**. Our guest speaker will be Pastor Joshua Kesting of St. Paul's, Neosho. Please join us!

**ST. MATTHEW'S SCHOOL MUSICAL:** St. Matthew's School will be presenting their school musical on **Friday, March 3**, in **St. Matthew's gym**. There will be a matinee performance on **Friday, March 3**, at **1:30 PM** -and- an evening performance on **Friday, March 3**, at **6:30 PM**. We are hoping that the matinee performance will help ease some of the crowding at the Friday evening performance. The matinee will be the identical performance to the evening's performance. This year's musical production is **L.O.S.T. – An Island Adventure Musical**. A group of sightseers sails into a storm and becomes ship-wrecked. They see several paths that they can take looking for salvation, but sadly each path that is appealing leads to disaster. Finally, they end up on the path that is narrow and less traveled, and it leads them to salvation—JESUS! Refreshments will be served by the PTL following the musical. All are invited!

**LUTHER PREP – SACRED SPRING CONCERT:** Luther Preparatory School in Watertown will present their Sacred Spring Concert on **Sunday, March 5**, at **2:00 PM**. The concert will be held in the Luther Prep gym. All are welcome!

**SHUT-IN VISITORS NEEDED:** We are looking for some volunteers to visit our shut-ins. We try to do this once a month. If you would be interested in visiting during a month (or two), please sign up on the sheet posted on the office window in the school hallway. If you would like more information about these visits, please contact **Penny Moldenhauer (920-296-2292)**. Thank you!

## OUR GIFTS TO THE LORD

**Attendance:** Thursday: 10; Sunday: 175

**Offerings:** \$5,480.85

*(Budget Amount Needed Each Week: \$6,889.00)*

**Special Funds:** Debt Retirement: \$30.00

## OUR WEEK AT ST. MATTHEW'S

Sunday:           Worship Service (**Fellowship Sunday**).....9:00 AM

Wednesday:       Lenten Worship Services.....3:15 PM/7:00 PM

Thursday:         **NO** Thursday Evening Worship Service  
Adult Choir.....8:00 PM

**SCRIP ORDERS DUE**

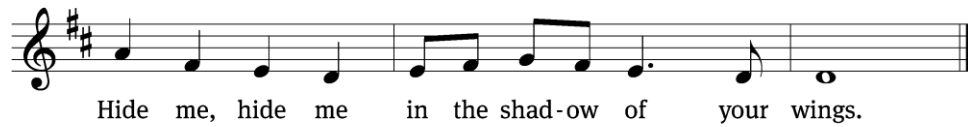
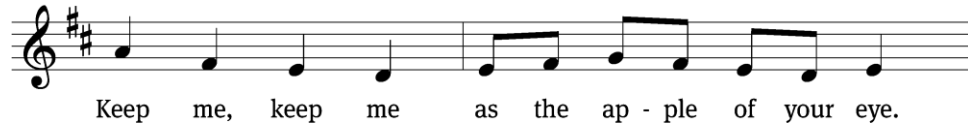
Friday:            **SCHOOL MUSICAL!!** ..... **1:30 PM/6:30 PM**  
*(in St. Matthew's gym)*

Sunday:           Communion Worship Service .....9:00 AM  
Adult & Teen Bible Class/Sunday School ..... 10:15 AM

# 17A Keep Me As the Apple of Your Eye

Psalm 17A

## Refrain



## Tone



Hear me, LORD, my plea is just; listen / to my cry.

Hear my prayer—it does not rise from de- / ceitful lips.

Let my vindication / come from you;

may your eyes see / what is right. *Refrain*

I call on you, my God, for you will / answer me;

turn your ear to me and / hear my prayer.

Show me the wonders of / your great love,

you who save by your right hand those who take refuge in you / from their foes.

As for me, I will be vindicated and will / see your face;

when I awake, I will be satisfied with seeing your / likeness.

**Glory be to the Father and / to the Son**

**and to the Holy / Spirit,**

**as it was in the be- / ginning,**

**is now, and will be forever. / Amen. *Refrain***

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