

# Christ Lutheran Church

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When a person goes fishing, he uses bait to lure fish. A fish sees something scrumptious and is enticed; but when he snaps at it, he finds himself hooked and dragged away as never expected.

When we pray, *"lead us not into temptation,"* we ask God to guard and keep us from being lured and enticed by enemies that want to drag us away from faith in Christ and into spiritual and eternal death.

Who would do such a thing? One obvious enemy is the devil, who has tempted and dragged souls into death from the beginning. Many do not believe he is real, but 1 Peter 5:8 warns: *"Your adversary the devil walks about like a roaring lion, seeking whom he may devour."*

Another enemy is the sinful world around us, tempting us away from Christ through peer pressure, lies, promises of pleasure, and so on. Proverbs 1:10 warns: *"My son, if sinners entice you, do not consent."*

Perhaps the toughest enemy is our own sinful flesh, which is easily tempted away from God. James 1:13-15: *"Let no one say when he is tempted, 'I am tempted by God'; for God cannot be tempted by evil, nor does He Himself tempt anyone. But each one is tempted when he is drawn away by his own desires and enticed. Then, when desire has conceived, it gives birth to sin; and sin, when it is full-grown, brings forth death."*

Jesus could see the spiritual landscape the clearest, with lures dangling all around and within us. So He said: *"Watch and pray, lest you enter into temptation. The spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak"* (Mark 14:38). As believers, He gives us His Spirit; yet war rages between our spiritual and sinful natures (Galatians 5:17). *"Therefore let him who thinks he stands take heed lest he fall"* (1 Corinthians 10:12).

We can see the tragic results of false spiritual security all around. Perhaps we know people who as children went to church, prayed, and believed in Jesus as their Savior. Now they have no interest in His Word. Others claim to believe, yet their lives show manifest

unrepentance. They have left the narrow way to join the broad path of the world; their souls are in danger, sliding toward hell's abyss.

Outside of true repentance and faith in Christ, no one is protected from the devil who seeks to lure, drag away and devour unsuspecting souls.

Perhaps if the devil cannot succeed in luring us into outwardly shameful sin and vice, he will tempt us to self-righteousness – to think we are earning heaven by our own goodness. Or else he will tempt us to despair – to see our manifold sins and think there is no way we can be saved. Either way, his goal is to lure us away from faith in Jesus.

How good it is to know that Jesus is our High Priest who represents us before His Father. He is able to sympathize with us in our weaknesses, who *"was in all points tempted as we are, yet without sin"* (Hebrews 4:15). When He was tempted, He answered with God's Word until the devil fled (Matthew 4:1-11). This was not just as our example; He was fulfilling all

righteousness that is counted to us before God.

And as our High Priest, He turned the devil's trick on his head. Satan saw a lure dangling on the cross. If only he could swallow God's Son in death, he could have us all forever! He went for the bait, but he was hooked. For by His sacrifice, Jesus took the punishment for all our sins. Thus He destroyed the work of the devil and set us free from his hold on us!

As our risen High Priest, Jesus intercedes for us at His Father's right hand: *"Let us therefore come boldly to the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy and find grace to help in time of need"* (Hebrews 4:16). At His throne we pray, *"Lead us not into temptation,"* knowing He will not let us be tempted beyond our ability, but will provide a way out (1 Corinthians 10:13). Through Word and Sacrament, He continues to bring us His forgiveness and strengthen our faith; so that in the end, we overcome and win the victory!

In His strength and salvation,  
Pastor Smith

## **The Lord's Prayer:**

### **Sixth Petition**

*"And lead us not into temptation."*

### **Catechism Explanation:**

*What does this mean?*

God certainly tempts no one to sin, but we pray in this petition that God would guard and keep us so that the devil, the world and our own flesh may not deceive us nor lead us into misbelief, despair and other shameful sin and vice; and though we be thus tempted, that we may still in the end overcome and retain the victory.



***Praise the Lord. Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good,  
for His mercy endures forever. (Psalm 106:1)***

We give thanks for the many blessings God has given to our Evangelical Lutheran Synod! Let us thank Him for:

- Our mission in Chile: for the believers in Chile and the church leaders.
- Our mission in Peru: for the Peruvian pastors, teachers, and members in Lima and Chimbote, in the mountain churches, and in the Amazon jungle.
- Our mission in South Korea: for the members and pastors as they reach out to their neighbors.
- Our mission in India: for the national pastors and seminary students and for the thousands who are hearing the pure Gospel through them.
- Our mission in the Czech Republic: Pastor Petr Krakora and Pastor Martin Vrsecky, and the teachers at the Martin Luther School in Plzen.
- The pastors and congregations of the Confessional Lutheran Church in Latvia, as they proclaim Christ crucified.
- The Gift of Life program in Ukraine as they bring help, healing and the Gospel to the people.
- The faithful work that the members of the ELS Boards for World Outreach and Home Outreach do as they oversee the mission work which God has given our synod to do.
- The ELS Board for World Outreach Administrator, the Rev. Thomas Heyn.
- The support of the ELS Women's Missionary Societies towards Cross-stitch and mission projects.
- The pastors and their families in our home mission congregations as they work to build up the spiritual body of Christ in our nation.
- Our newest home mission congregations: Hope Lutheran in Leander, TX (Pastors Brad Kerkow and Daniel Ruiz), Divine Mercy Lutheran in Weatherford, TX (Pastor James Kassera), Cristo Rey Lutheran in Bell Gardens, CA (Pastor Matt Behmer), Our Redeemer Lutheran Church in San Angelo, TX (Pastor Peter Heyn)
- The ELS Evangelism/Missions Counselor, Rev. Larry Wentzlaff.
- The faithful professors, staff, and president Dr. Gene Pfeiffer—all those who devote their lives to instructing our young people at Bethany Lutheran College.
- Bethany Lutheran Theological Seminary, its president Gaylin Schmeling and professors Nicholas Proksch and Timothy Schmeling, and especially for the students who are preparing to enter the work of proclaiming the Gospel.
- The dedicated Christian Day School teachers in our synod who teach students to know and trust in God's Word.
- The many people who continue to teach Sunday Schools in our congregations.
- The faithful laymen and laywomen who continue to believe in God's true Word and serve their Lord diligently in their congregations.
- The administration, staff, and Circuit Visitors of our Evangelical Lutheran Synod.
- The member church bodies of the Confessional Evangelical Lutheran Conference who are working to spread the Gospel in the world.
- The Gospel's joyful promise of eternal life through Jesus.

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p><b><i>“Praise the Lord. Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good, for His mercy endures forever.” Psalm 106:1</i></b></p>					<p><b>1</b> <i>All Saints Day</i></p> <p>Jesus Cares Ministry for Special Needs 2:00 PM</p>	<p><b>2</b></p>
<p><b>3</b> <i>1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of End Time</i></p> <p>Worship with Communion 9:30 AM Sunday School &amp; Bible Class 10:45 AM Worship at Crystal Terrace 1:00 PM</p>	<p><b>4</b></p>	<p><b>5</b></p> <p>Council Meeting 4:30 PM</p>	<p><b>6</b></p> <p><i>Happy Birthday Gerry Hasskamp</i></p> <p>Youth Catechism 4:00 PM</p>	<p><b>7</b></p>	<p><b>8</b></p>	<p><b>9</b></p> <p><i>Happy Birthday Bobbie Hauck</i></p>
<p><b>10</b> <i>2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of End Time</i></p> <p>Worship 9:30 AM Sunday School &amp; Bible Class 10:45 AM Worship at Crystal Terrace 1:00 PM <i>Happy Birthday Clark Pederson</i></p>	<p><b>11</b></p>	<p><b>12</b></p> <p><i>Happy Birthday Susan Eberlein</i></p> <p>Pastors' Meeting Myrtle Creek</p>	<p><b>13</b></p> <p>Youth Catechism 4:00 PM</p>	<p><b>14</b></p> <p>Rogue River Place Outreach Event 2:00 PM</p>	<p><b>15</b></p>	<p><b>16</b></p> <p><i>Happy Birthday JoAnn Teigland</i></p>
<p><b>17</b> <i>3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of End Time</i></p> <p>Worship with Communion 9:30 AM Sunday School &amp; Bible Class 10:45 AM Worship at Crystal Terrace 1:00 PM</p>	<p><b>18</b></p>	<p><b>19</b></p>	<p><b>20</b></p> <p>Youth Catechism 4:00 PM</p>	<p><b>21</b></p> <p>CLWMS Meeting 4:30 PM</p>	<p><b>22</b></p>	<p><b>23</b></p> <p><i>Happy Birthday Vicky Banta</i></p>
<p><b>24</b> <i>Last Sunday of Church Year</i></p> <p>Worship 9:30 AM Sunday School &amp; Bible Class 10:45 AM Worship at Crystal Terrace 1:00 PM</p>	<p><b>25</b></p>	<p><b>26</b></p>	<p><b>27</b></p> <p>Youth Catechism 4:00 PM</p>	<p><b>28</b> <i>Thanksgiving Day</i></p> <p><i>Happy Anniversary Virgil &amp; JoAnn Teigland</i></p> <p>Thanksgiving Service 9:30 AM</p>	<p><b>29</b></p>	<p><b>30</b></p> <p><i>Happy Birthday Gayle Adams</i></p>

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