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*- Luke 4:1-2*

**St. John Evangelical Lutheran Church**

**First Sunday in Lent – February 17, 2013**

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*We welcome you to St. John Lutheran Church. We are delighted to have you worship with us this morning. Should you have no permanent church-home in this community, why not consider making this one your own? Please sign the guest book as you leave worship today or the attendance pad in the pew. You are most welcome here at St. John! Most elements of our service can be found in the bulletin, everything else is in the hymnal. Page refers to the numbered pages towards the front of the hymnal, hymns are bold and towards the back. Please rise when there is an \*, congregational responses are in **bold**, and underlined elements of the service are found in the hymnal.*

**HOLY COMMUNION**  
**First Sunday in Lent – February 17, 2013**

*These forty days called Lent are like no other. It is our opportune time to return to the God who rescues; to receive the gifts of God's grace; to believe with the heart and confess with the mouth the wonder of God's love in Jesus; and to resist temptation at every turn. This is no small pilgrimage on which we have just embarked. It is a struggle Jesus knew. It is a struggle Jesus shares. The nearness of the Lord, in bread and wine, water and word, will uphold and sustain us.*

**PRELUDE:** *Jesus, Still Lead On - Paul Manz*

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS**

Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God,  
who brings us safely through the sea,  
who gives us water from the rock,  
who leads us into the land of milk and honey.  
**Amen.**

Let us come home to God, confessing our sin.

Merciful Father,  
**we have sinned against heaven and before you.**  
**We do not fully live as your sons and daughters.**  
**We use your gifts to our own ends.**  
**Forgive us and restore us,**  
**that we may resist all that draws us away from you,**  
**and be at peace with one another. Amen.**

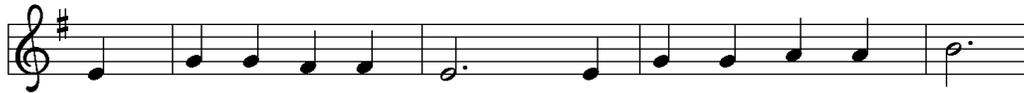
We are reconciled to God through Christ;  
for his sake, God does not count our trespasses against us.  
Once dead in sin, we are now alive to God.  
Once lost, we now are found.  
God clothes you in the finest robe of all,  
the righteousness of + Jesus Christ,  
forgiving you all your sins  
and making of you a new creation.  
**Amen.**

**\*GATHERING SONG #321: *Eternal Lord of Love, Behold Your Church***

**\*GREETING**

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,  
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.  
**And also with you.**

**\*KYRIE**



1 Have mer - cy on us, Lord, and hear our sol - emn prayer.  
2 Have mer - cy on us, Christ, and wash a - way our sin.  
3 Have mer - cy on us, Lord; make sin and shame de - part.



We come to hear your liv - ing word; it saves us from de - spair.  
Pour out your grace and make us whole that new life may be - gin.  
Re - new us with your sav - ing pow'r; cre - ate in us new hearts!

**\*PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Let us pray.

O Lord God, you led your people through the wilderness and brought them to the promised land. Guide us now, so that, following your Son, we may walk safely through the wilderness of this world toward the life you alone can give, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

**FIRST READING: Deuteronomy 26:1–11**

*The annual harvest festival, called the feast of Weeks, provides the setting for this reading. This festival celebrates the first fruits of the produce of the land offered back to God in thanks. In this text, worshipers announce God's gracious acts on behalf of Israel.*

<sup>26:1</sup>When you have come into the land that the LORD your God is giving you as an inheritance to possess, and you possess it, and settle in it, <sup>2</sup>you shall take some of the first of all the fruit of the ground, which you harvest from the land that the LORD your God is giving you, and you shall put it in a basket and go to the place that the LORD your God will choose as a dwelling for his name. <sup>3</sup>You shall go to the priest who is in office at that time, and say to him, "Today I declare to the LORD your God that I have come into the land that the LORD swore to our ancestors to give us." <sup>4</sup>When the priest takes the basket from your hand and sets it down before the altar of the LORD your God, <sup>5</sup>you shall make this response before the LORD your God: "A wandering Aramean was my ancestor; he went down into Egypt and lived there as an alien, few in number, and there he became a great nation, mighty and populous. <sup>6</sup>When the Egyptians treated us harshly and afflicted us, by imposing hard labor on us, <sup>7</sup>we cried to the LORD, the God of our ancestors; the LORD heard our voice and saw our affliction, our toil, and our oppression. <sup>8</sup>The LORD brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm, with a terrifying display of power, and with signs and wonders; <sup>9</sup>and he brought us into this place and gave us this land, a land flowing with milk and honey. <sup>10</sup>So now I bring the first of the fruit of the ground that you, O LORD, have given me." You shall set it down before the LORD your God and bow down before the LORD your God. <sup>11</sup>Then you, together with the Levites and the aliens who reside among you, shall celebrate with all the bounty that the LORD your God has given to you and to your house.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**PSALM 91: HYMN #787 – *On Eagle's Wings***

**SECOND READING: Romans 10:8b–13**

*Paul reminds the Christians at Rome of the foundation of their creed, the confession of faith in the risen Christ as Lord.*

<sup>10:8b</sup>"The word is near you, on your lips and in your heart" (that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); <sup>9</sup>because if you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. <sup>10</sup>For one believes with the heart and so is justified, and one confesses with the mouth and so is saved. <sup>11</sup>The

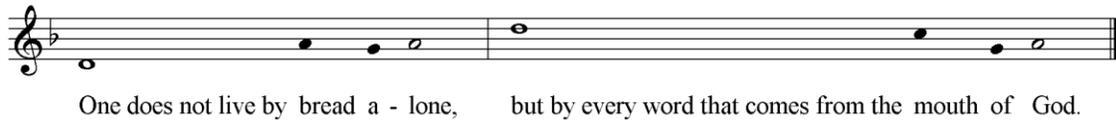
scripture says, "No one who believes in him will be put to shame." <sup>12</sup>For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all and is generous to all who call on him. <sup>13</sup>For, "Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved."

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**\*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

(the cantor sings the refrain and verse, then all repeat the refrain)



**\*GOSPEL READING: Luke 4:1–13**

*After being filled with the Holy Spirit at his baptism, Jesus is led in the wilderness. Through his responses to the temptations of the devil he defines what it means to be called "the Son of God."*

The holy gospel according to Luke.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>4:1</sup>Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the wilderness, <sup>2</sup>where for forty days he was tempted by the devil. He ate nothing at all during those days, and when they were over, he was famished. <sup>3</sup>The devil said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command this stone to become a loaf of bread." <sup>4</sup>Jesus answered him, "It is written, 'One does not live by bread alone.' "

<sup>5</sup>Then the devil led him up and showed him in an instant all the kingdoms of the world. <sup>6</sup>And the devil said to him, "To you I will give their glory and all this authority; for it has been given over to me, and I give it to anyone I please. <sup>7</sup>If you, then, will worship me, it will all be yours." <sup>8</sup>Jesus answered him, "It is written,

'Worship the Lord your God,  
and serve only him.' "

<sup>9</sup>Then the devil took him to Jerusalem, and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, saying to him, "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down from here, <sup>10</sup>for it is written,

'He will command his angels concerning you,  
to protect you,'

<sup>11</sup>and

'On their hands they will bear you up,  
so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.' "

<sup>12</sup>Jesus answered him, "It is said, 'Do not put the Lord your God to the test.' " <sup>13</sup>When the devil had finished every test, he departed from him until an opportune time.

The gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

**CHILDREN'S SERMON**

**SERMON**

**\*HYMN OF THE DAY: *Forty Days and Forty Nights***

1. For - ty days and for - ty nights you were fast - ing in the wild;  
2. Shall not we Your sor - row share and from world - ly joys ab - stain,  
3. Then if Sa - tan on us press, flesh or spir - it to as - sail,  
4. So shall we have peace di - vine: ho - lier glad - ness ours shall be;  
5. Keep, O keep us, Sa - vior dear, ev - er con - stant by your side;

for - ty days and for - ty nights tempt - ed, and yet un - de - filed.  
fast - ing with un - ceas - ing prayer, strong with you to suf - fer pain?  
vic - tor in the wil - der - ness, grant that we not faint nor fail!  
round us, too, shall an - gels shine, such as served you faith - ful - ly.  
that with you we may ap - pear at th'e - ter - nal Eas - ter - tide.

Text: George Hunt Smyttan, alt.  
Music: attr. Martin Herbst

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**\*NICENE CREED**

**We believe in one God,  
the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,  
the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God,  
begotten, not made,  
of one Being with the Father;  
through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation  
he came down from heaven,  
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary  
and became truly human.  
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered death and was buried.  
On the third day he rose again  
in accordance with the scriptures;  
he ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,  
who has spoken through the prophets.  
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.  
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.  
We look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

**\*PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

Returning to the Lord with all our heart, let us pray for the whole people of God, the earth, and all who cry out for healing.

For those preparing for baptism, and for all who walk amid the Lenten desert, that you lead us to hunger for your word of life. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

For all the realms of the world, and for those in authority, that they may use their power with humility. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

For desert and wilderness terrains, and for those who make pilgrimages to holy places and sacred ground. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

For those tested by illness, temptation, addiction, or inner struggle, especially Wally, George, Wanda Jean, Winnie, Helen, Virginia, Margaret, Francis & Grace, Kathryn, Ed, Fred & Jane, and David & Ellen that you enfold them in the holy wings of your presence. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

For this assembly, that what we confess with our lips we may show forth in our lives. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

We give thanks for all our holy ancestors who journeyed through the wilderness and now dwell in your promised land of rest. May we follow them in lives of faithful service. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

Hear us according to your steadfast love, O God, and in your great compassion bring us to resurrection and rebirth in Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

**\*PEACE**

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**And also with you.**

**OFFERING**

**OFFERING HYMN #326: *Bless Now, O God, the Journey***

**\*OFFERING PRAYER**

Let us pray,

God our provider,

you have not fed us with bread alone,

but with words of grace and life.

Bless us and these your gifts,

which we receive from your bounty,

through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

**\*DIALOGUE**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

**\*PREFACE**

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,  
that we should at all times and in all places  
give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God,  
through our Savior Jesus Christ.

You call your people to cleanse their hearts  
and prepare with joy for the paschal feast,  
that, renewed in the gift of baptism,  
we may come to the fullness of your grace.

And so, with all the choirs of angels,  
with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven,  
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

**\*HOLY, HOLY, HOLY**



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might,



heav'n and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho-san - na in the high - est.



Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -



san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

**\*THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE**

Holy God,

our living Water and our merciful Guide,  
together with rivers and seas, wells and springs  
we bless and magnify you.

You led your people Israel through the desert,  
and provided them water from the rock.

We praise you for Christ, our Rock and our Water,  
who joined us in our desert,  
pouring out his life for the world.

In the night in which he was betrayed,  
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;  
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:  
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,  
and gave it for all to drink, saying:  
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,  
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Remembering, therefore,  
his life, death, and resurrection,  
we await your salvation for all this thirsty world.

Pour out your Spirit on this holy food  
and on all the baptized gathered for this feast:  
wash away our sin,  
that we may be revived for our journey by the love of Christ.

Through him all glory and honor is yours,  
Almighty Father, with the Holy Spirit,  
in your holy Church,  
both now and forever.

**Amen.**

#### **\*LORD'S PRAYER**

**Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy name,  
thy kingdom come,  
thy will be done,  
on earth as it is in heaven.**

**Give us this day our daily bread;  
and forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those who trespass against us;  
and lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.**

**For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,  
forever and ever. Amen**

#### **INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

All who thirst, all who hunger,  
come and be filled with the goodness of God.

#### **COMMUNION**

The body of Christ, given for you. **Amen.**  
The blood of Christ, shed for you. **Amen.**

*In response to Jesus' invitation, all are welcome to come forward and experience the real presence of Christ in the bread and wine of communion. Through this meal, we know forgiveness, life and salvation as the blessings of God's sacramental grace. All are invited forward for communion or a blessing. The inner ring of individual cups has grape juice.*

**COMMUNION SONG: *Lamb of God***



1 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;  
2 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;  
3 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;



you suf-fered death our lives to save: have mer-cy now, we pray.  
you set us free from guilt and grave: have mer-cy now, we pray.  
e - ter-nal peace with God you made: give us your peace, we pray.

**COMMUNION HYMN #624: *Jesus, Still Lead on***

**\*POST-COMMUNION BLESSING**

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in grace.

**Amen.**

**\*PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

O God, in this holy meal  
you have embraced us and gathered us into your arms of compassion and protection.  
Release us now to go on our way in these forty days,  
ready to see our work as prayer,  
ready to fast from complacency,  
and ready to share with those in need;  
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**Amen.**

**\*BLESSING**

God our Father bless you and shield you.  
Christ our Brother shelter you and carry you.  
And may God's Mothering Spirit guide your journey  
+ both now and forever.

**Amen.**



**\*SENDING SONG: A Mighty Fortress**

A might - y for - tress is our God, a bul - wark nev - er fail - ing;  
 Did we in our own strength con - fide, our striv - ing would be los - ing;  
 And though this world, with dev - ils filled, should threat - en to un - do us,  
 That word a - bove all earth - ly pow'rs, no thanks to them a - bid - eth;

our help - er he a - mid the flood of mor - tal ills pre - vail - ing.  
 were not the right man on our side, the man of God's own choos - ing.  
 we will not fear, for God hath willed, his truth to tri - umph through us.  
 the Spir - it and the gifts are ours through him who with us sid - eth;

For still our an - cient foe doth seek to work us woe; his craft and pow'r are great,  
 Dost ask who that may be? Christ Je - sus, it is he, Lord Sab - a - oth his name,  
 The prince of dark-ness grim, we trem-ble not for him; his rage we can en - dure,  
 Let goods and kin - dred go, this mor - tal life al - so; the bod - y they may kill,

and armed with cru - el hate, on earth is not his e - qual.  
 from age to age the same, and he must win the bat - tle.  
 for lo! his doom is sure, one lit - tle word shall fell him.  
 God's truth a - bid - eth still, his king - dom is for - ev - er.

Text: Martin Luther, trans. Frederick H. Hedge  
 Music: Martin Luther

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**\*DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. Remember the poor.

**Thanks be to God.**

**POSTLUDE:** *Eternal Lord of Love, Behold Your Church* - Healey Willan

**Assisting Minister (8:00 a.m.):** Matt Claus  
**Ushers (8:00 a.m.):** Clarence & Marlene Strabel  
**Acolyte (8:00 a.m.):** Danielle Dishong  
**Communion Assistant (8:00 a.m.):** Marlene Strabel  
**Counters:** Jamie Weaver & Jim Ward

**Attendance Last Week:** 73  
**Budgeted Weekly Need:** \$2,669.62  
 (2013 Annual Budget of \$138,820 divided by 52 weeks)

**YTD Budgeted Expenses:** \$18,687.31  
 (weekly Expense Need multiplied by 7 weeks – as of  
 2/17/2013.

**Assisting Minister (10:30 a.m.):** Missy Kramer  
**Ushers (10:30 a.m.):** Keith & Valerie Cardinal  
**Acolyte (10:30 a.m.):** Madison Cardinal  
**Communion Assistant (10:30 a.m.):** Denise Hager

→ **Attendance Last Year:** 47  
 → **Last Week's Giving:** \$2472 (includes \$185 from  
 Thrivent Choice). Earmarked \$215.  
**Year to Date Receipts:** \$17,539.00  
 → **YTD Actual Expenses:** \$12,566.06

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