



*Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil.*

*Matthew 4:1*

**St. John Evangelical Lutheran Church**

**First Sunday in Lent – March 9, 2014**

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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**  
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*Today's gospel tells of Jesus' temptation in the desert. His forty-day fast becomes the basis of our Lenten pilgrimage. In the early church Lent was a time of intense preparation for those to be baptized at the Easter Vigil. This catechetical focus on the meaning of faith is at the heart of our Lenten journey to the baptismal waters of Easter. Hungry for God's mercy, we receive the bread of life to nourish us for the days ahead.*

**PRELUDE:** 'Anante' – Felix Mendelssohn

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**\* CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, the fountain of living water, the rock who gave us birth, our light and our salvation. **Amen.**

Come, let us acknowledge our sin and seek God's face, that we may live.

Holy God,  
**we confess that we have turned away  
from you and from our neighbors,  
and in toward ourselves.  
We have sought security in possessions  
and the place of power in relationships.  
We have trusted ourselves most of all.  
Turn us back to you, O God.  
In your mercy, forgive our sinfulness  
and cleanse us from guilt and shame.  
Guide us on the path of freedom  
that is your gift to us in Christ our Lord.  
Amen.**

Hear for yourselves:  
There is no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus.  
In the waters of baptism  
grace abounds for you and for all.  
God turns to you in love  
and puts away every sin, every wrong turn,  
for the sake of + Jesus,  
the one God sent to save the world.  
**Amen.**

**\*GATHERING SONG #326: *Bless Now, O God, the Journey***

**\*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



In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



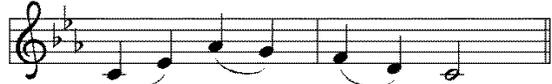
Lord, have mer - cy.



For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord.



A - men, a - men.

## \*PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

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 tempt us with empty promises. Keep us steadfast in your word, and when we fall, raise us 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.**

**FIRST READING: Genesis 2:15-17; 3:1-7** (pages 2-3 in the Old Testament in the front)

*Human beings were formed with great care, to be in relationship with the creator, creation, and one another. The serpent's promise to the first couple that their eyes would be opened led, ironically, to the discovery only that they were naked*

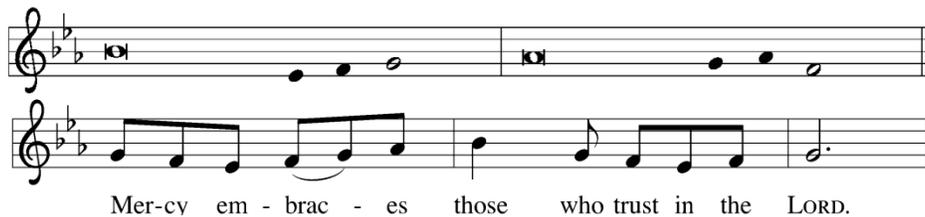
<sup>2:15</sup>The LORD God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to till it and keep it. <sup>16</sup>And the LORD God commanded the man, "You may freely eat of every tree of the garden; <sup>17</sup>but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall die."

<sup>3:1</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?'" <sup>2</sup>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

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## PSALM 32



<sup>1</sup>Happy are they whose transgressions <sup>1</sup>are forgiven,  
and whose sin is <sup>1</sup>put away!

<sup>2</sup>**Happy are they to whom the LORD im- <sup>1</sup>putes no guilt,  
and in whose spirit there <sup>1</sup>is no guile!**

<sup>3</sup>While I held my tongue, my bones with- <sup>1</sup>ered away,  
because of my groaning <sup>1</sup>all day long.

<sup>4</sup>**For your hand was heavy upon me <sup>1</sup>day and night;  
my moisture was dried up as in the <sup>1</sup>heat of summer. R**

<sup>5</sup>Then I acknowledged my sin to you, and did not con- <sup>1</sup>ceal my guilt.  
I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the LORD."  
Then you forgave me the guilt <sup>1</sup>of my sin.

<sup>6</sup>**Therefore all the faithful will make their prayers to you  
in <sup>1</sup>time of trouble;  
when the great waters overflow, they <sup>1</sup>shall not reach them.**

<sup>7</sup>You are my hiding-place; you preserve <sup>1</sup>me from trouble;  
you surround me with shouts <sup>1</sup>of deliverance.

<sup>8</sup>**I will instruct you and teach you in the way that <sup>1</sup>you should go;  
I will guide you <sup>1</sup>with my eye. R**

<sup>9</sup>Do not be like horse or mule, which have no <sup>1</sup>understanding;  
who must be fitted with bit and bridle,

or else they will <sup>1</sup> not stay near you."

<sup>10</sup>**Great are the tribulations <sup>1</sup> of the wicked;  
but mercy embraces those who trust <sup>1</sup> in the LORD.**

<sup>11</sup>Be glad, you righteous, and rejoice <sup>1</sup> in the LORD;  
shout for joy, all who are <sup>1</sup> true of heart. **R**

**SECOND READING: Romans 5:12-19** (page 156 in the New Testament in the back)

*Through Adam's disobedience, humanity came under bondage to sin and death, from which we cannot free ourselves. In Christ's obedient death, God graciously showers on us the free gift of liberation and life.*

<sup>12</sup>Therefore, just as sin came into the world through one man, and death came through sin, and so death spread to all because all have sinned — <sup>13</sup>sin was indeed in the world before the law, but sin is not reckoned when there is no law.

<sup>14</sup>Yet death exercised dominion from Adam to Moses, even over those whose sins were not like the transgression of Adam, who is a type of the one who was to come.

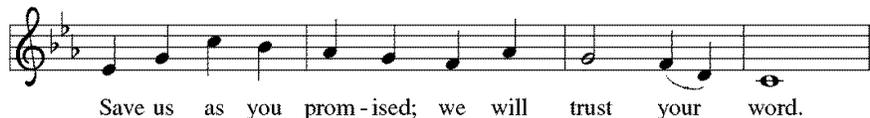
<sup>15</sup>But the free gift is not like the trespass. For if the many died through the one man's trespass, much more surely have the grace of God and the free gift in the grace of the one man, Jesus Christ, abounded for the many. <sup>16</sup>And the free gift is not like the effect of the one man's sin. For the judgment following one trespass brought condemnation, but the free gift following many trespasses brings justification. <sup>17</sup>If, because of the one man's trespass, death exercised dominion through that one, much more surely will those who receive the abundance of grace and the free gift of righteousness exercise dominion in life through the one man, Jesus Christ.

<sup>18</sup>Therefore just as one man's trespass led to condemnation for all, so one man's act of righteousness leads to justification and life for all. <sup>19</sup>For just as by the one man's disobedience the many were made sinners, so by the one man's obedience the many will be made righteous.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**\*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**



**\*GOSPEL READING: Matthew 4:1-11** (page 3 in the New Testament in the back)

*Jesus experiences anew the temptations that Israel faced in the wilderness. As the Son of God, he endures the testing of the evil one.*

The gospel according to Matthew.

**Glory to you O Lord.**

Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. <sup>2</sup>He fasted forty days and forty nights, and afterwards 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 splendor; <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>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.

The gospel of the Lord.  
**Praise to you, O Christ.**

## CHILDREN'S SERMON

### SERMON

**\*HYMN OF THE DAY #319: O Lord, Throughout These Forty Days**

### APOSTLES CREED

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

### \*PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Returning to the Lord, our God, let us pray for the church, the world, and all of God's creation.

Let us pray for the whole Christian church. Instruct and teach your church in the way that it should go so that it worships and serves only you. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Let us pray for the well-being of creation. Renew all waters, lands, and skies to reflect your glory and guide us to be respectful in how we use all earthly resources. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Let us pray for all nations and peoples. Grant justice where there is inequity, peace where there is conflict, and wisdom for all who lead. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Let us pray for all in need. Provide caring communities for all who are burdened by guilt, shame, addiction, and illness especially Frieda, Cindy, Bill & Kathy, Jim, Raymond, George, Wanda Jean, Helen, Francis & Grace, Kathryn, Ed, Fred & Jane, and David & Ellen. Preserve them from all trouble. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Let us pray for this assembly. Keep all who worship in this place steadfast in your word. Fill with your Spirit all who are preparing for baptism. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Let us give thanks for the faithful departed whose transgressions are forgiven and who now rejoice in heaven. Lead us in their path. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Into your hands, O God, we commend ourselves and all for whom we pray, trusting in your abundant mercy, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

**\*PEACE**

The peace of Christ be with you always.

**And also with you.**

**OFFERING**

**OFFERTORY** – *Voluntary On ‘Seelenbautigam’* – Paul Manz

**\*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 al - so 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-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -  
san - na in the high-est. Blessed is he who comes in the  
name of the Lord. 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 handed over, 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.

### **\*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**

Come to the table prepared for you. Taste the overflowing grace of God.

### **COMMUNION**

*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 area of cups bordered by green tap contains grape juice.*

### **AGNUS DEI: Lamb of God**



Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have  
mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the  
world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a -  
way the sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

### **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**

God of mercy, we give you thanks for seating us at your table and serving us with the food of eternal life. We who once were dead are now living members of your Son, awakened by the breathing of your Spirit. Send us out to awaken others to the mystery of your love, which is revealed to all the world in the one who came to give himself away, Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**\*BLESSING**

God the Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit watch over your going out and your coming in from this time forth and forevermore. **Amen.**

**\*SENDING SONG #504: *A Mighty Fortress is Our God***

**POSTLUDE:** *'A Mighty Fortress is Our God'* – arr. Helmut Walcha

**\*DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. Remember the poor.

**Thanks be to God.**

**8:00 am**

**Assisting Minister:** Marlene Strabel

**Communion Assistant:**

**Acolyte:**

**Lector:**

**Usher:**

**Attendance Last Week:** 70

**Weekly Budgeted Need:** \$ 2,640.27

**YTD Budgeted Expenses:** \$ 26,402.69

**YTD Actual Expense:** \$ 24,174.19

**10:30 am**

**Assisting Minister:** Martha Ward

**Communion Assistant:**

**Acolyte:**

**Lector:**

**Usher:** Leikauf

**Attendance last year:** 72

**Last Week's Giving:** \$ 3,952.00

**Year to Date Receipts:** \$23, 315.07

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