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Luke 4: 3-4

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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. 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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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.

Today we commemorate Cyril (d. 869) and Methodius (d. 885). These two brothers from Thessalonika, Greece, were monks (Methodius later became a bishop) and were sent to bring Christianity to the Slavic people. In the course of their work they created a written language, inventing the Cyrillic alphabet for it, and translated the Bible and the liturgy.

PRELUDE: *Jesus, Still Lead On* – Jacob B. Weber

ANNOUNCEMENTS

***CONFESSION AND 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 #618: *Guide Me Ever, Great Redeemer

***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

The image shows a musical score for a Kyrie. It consists of three staves of music, each with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The first staff is labeled 'Leader' and the second and third are labeled 'Assembly'. The lyrics are: 'Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.' for the first staff; 'Christ, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy.' for the second staff; and 'Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.' for the third staff. The music is written in a simple, melodic style with quarter and eighth notes.

*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, worshippers announce God's gracious acts on behalf of Israel.

¹When 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, ²you 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. ³You 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." ⁴When the priest takes the basket from your hand and sets it down before the altar of the LORD your God, ⁵you 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. ⁶When the Egyptians treated us harshly and afflicted us, by imposing hard labor on us, ⁷we cried to the LORD, the God of our ancestors; the LORD heard our voice and saw our affliction, our toil, and our oppression. ⁸The 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; ⁹and he brought us into this place and gave us this land, a land flowing with milk and honey. ¹⁰So 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.

¹¹Then 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 91:1-2, 9-16

1. Call the Lord God your sal - va - tion; rest be - neath th'Al - might - y's shade;
2. Since, with pure and firm af - fec - tion, you on God have set your love,
in his se - cret hab - i - ta - tion dwell, and nev - er be dis - mayed.
with the wings of his pro - tec - tion he will shield you from a - bove:
He shall charge his an - gel le - gions watch and ward o'er you to keep,
you shall call on him in trou - ble; he will hear - ken, he will save;
though you walk through hos - tile re - gions, though in des - ert wilds you sleep.
here for grief re - ward you dou - ble, crown with life be - yond the grave.

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.

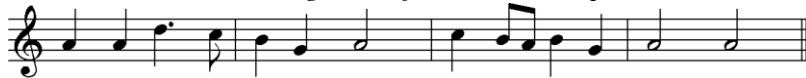
^{8b}“The word is near you,
on your lips and in your heart”
(that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); ⁹because if you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. ¹⁰For one believes with the heart and so is justified, and one confesses with the mouth and so is saved. ¹¹The scripture says, “No one who believes in him will be put to shame.” ¹²For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all and is generous to all who call on him. ¹³For, “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 all repeat it.



Praise to you, Lord Je-sus Christ, King of e-ter-nal glo - ry!

*Verse (cantor): One does not live by bread alone,
but by every word that comes from the mouth of God (Matt. 4:4)*

*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.

¹Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the wilderness, ²where 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. ³The devil said to him, “If you are the Son of God, command this stone to become a loaf of bread.” ⁴Jesus answered him, “It is written, ‘One does not live by bread alone.’”

⁵Then the devil led him up and showed him in an instant all the kingdoms of the world. ⁶And 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. ⁷If you, then, will worship me, it will all be yours.” ⁸Jesus answered him, “It is written, ‘Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him.’”

⁹Then 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, ¹⁰for it is written, ‘He will command his angels concerning you, to protect you,’ ¹¹and ‘On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.’”

¹²Jesus answered him, “It is said, ‘Do not put the Lord your God to the test.’” ¹³When 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**

Je - sus, tempt - ed in the des - ert, lone - ly, hun - gry, filled with dread:
Je - sus, tempt - ed at the tem - ple, high a - bove its an - cient wall:
Je - sus, tempt - ed on the moun - tain by the lure of vast do - main:
When we face tempt - ta - tion's pow - er, lone - ly, strugg - ling, filled with dread,

"Use your power," the tempt - er tells him; "Turn these bar - ren rocks to bread!"
"Throw your - self from loft - y tur - ret; an - gels wait to break your fall!"
"Fall be - fore me! Be my ser - vant! Glo - ry, fame, you're sure to gain!"
Christ, who knew the tempt - er's ho - ur, come and be our liv - ing bread.

"Not a - lone by bread," he an - swers, "Can the hu - man heart be filled.
Je - sus shuns such emp - ty mar - vels, feats that fick - le crowds re - quest:
Je - sus sees the dazz - ling vi - sion, turns his eyes an - oth - er way:
By your grace, pro - tect, pre - serve us lest we fall, your trust be - tray.

On - ly by the Word that calls us is our deep - est hun - ger stilled"
"God, whose grace pro - tects, pre - serves us, we must nev - er vain - ly test."
"God a - lone de - serves our hom - age! God a - lone will I o - bey!"
Yours, a - bove all oth - er voic - es, be the Word we hear, o - bey.

***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**

Hearing the call to return to the Lord, let us join the whole people of God in prayer for all who cry out in pain and in hope.

Break down and mend divisions within your church, Holy One. Bring together rich and poor, homeless and housed, and those who hold differing political views as the one body of Christ. Unite us in worship of you. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Sustain citrus groves and orchards, divine Gardener. Provide rich soil and water in due season for an abundant harvest. Help us share the fruit of your harvest with all people. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Raise up peacemakers, almighty God. In nations ravaged by war, pour out your Spirit of wisdom on their leaders. Equip them to respond with your mercy and justice. Make peace flourish in all the world. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Protect all who flee oppression, eternal Father. Grant refuge on their journey. Provide shelter as there is need. Turn the hearts of those who oppress. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Teach us to love as you love, gracious Lord. Open us to encounter our enemies as our neighbors. Give us courage to trust in your redeeming love and proclaim your gospel to all people. We pray especially for Frieda, Raymond, Wanda Jean, Francis & Grace, Kathryn, Fred & Jane, David & Ellen, and all those we remember aloud or in our hearts. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Show all people your salvation, Alpha and Omega. Bring us to eternal joy with all the saints who have gone before us especially the missionaries Cyril and Methodius. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

To you, gracious God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your boundless mercy; through Jesus Christ, our Savior.
Amen.

***PEACE**

The peace of the Lord be with you always.
And also with you.

OFFERING

OFFERING HYMN #325: I Want Jesus to Walk with Me

(All stand for the final stanza as the gifts are brought forward)

***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-en 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**

Blessed are you, O God of the universe.

Your mercy is everlasting

and your faithfulness endures from age to age.

Praise to you for creating the heavens and the earth.

Praise to you for saving the earth from the waters of the flood.

Praise to you for bringing the Israelites safely through the sea.

Praise to you for leading your people through the wilderness
to the land of milk and honey.

Praise to you for the words and deeds of Jesus, your anointed one.

Praise to you for the death and resurrection of Christ.

Praise to you for your Spirit poured out on all nations.

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.

With this bread and cup
we remember our Lord's passover from death to life
as we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

O God of resurrection and new life:
Pour out your Holy Spirit on us
and on these gifts of bread and wine.
Bless this feast.
Grace our table with your presence.
Come, Holy Spirit.

Reveal yourself to us in the breaking of the bread.
Raise us up as the body of Christ for the world.
Breathe new life into us.
Send us forth,
burning with justice, peace, and love.
Come, Holy Spirit.

With your holy ones of all times and places,
with the earth and all its creatures,
with sun and moon and stars,
we praise you, O God,
blessed and holy Trinity,
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.

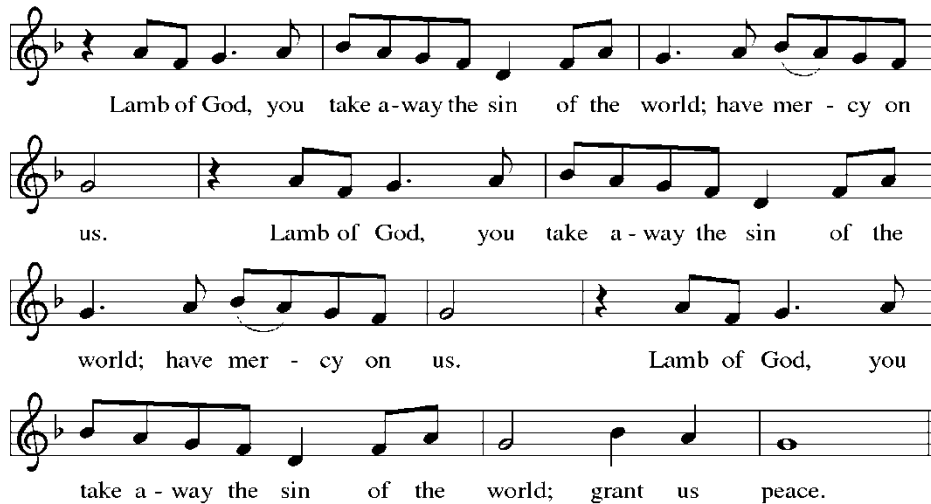
COMMUNION

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 area of cups bordered by green tape has grape juice.

COMMUNION SONG: *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.

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, we thank you for gathering and feeding us
as a mother hen embraces her young.

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.

***LENTEN BLESSING**

May you go from this place having acknowledged yourselves
as sinners in word and deed and in what has been left undone. **Amen.**

May you know always that God's response to our repentance
is never less than grace-filled and loving forgiveness. **Amen.**

May you be given the grace to forgive others as God has forgiven you. **Amen.**

And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, + the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you forever. **Amen.**

***SENDING SONG: A Mighty Fortress is Our God**

A musical score for the hymn "A Mighty Fortress is Our God". It consists of four systems of music, each with a vocal line (treble clef) and a bass line (bass clef). The lyrics are printed below the vocal line. The music is in 3/4 time and features a key signature of one sharp (F#). The lyrics are as follows:

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.

***DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. Remember the poor.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE: Processional and Trumpet Tune on CWM RHONDDA – Wayne L. Wold

8:00 am

Assisting Minister: Matt Claus
Communion Assistant: Ruth Ann Tully
Acolyte:
Lector:
Usher: Larry Werner
Attendance Last Week: 86
Weekly Budgeted Expense: \$ 3,374.14
YTD Budgeted Expenses: \$ 23,618.95
YTD Actual Expense: \$ 15,948.96

10:30 am

Assisting Minister: Melissa Kramer
Communion Assistant:
Acolyte: S. Brower
Lector:
Usher: Cardinal's
Attendance Last Year: 67
Last Week's Giving: \$ 5,144.00
YTD Receipts: \$16,428.00

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