

*Jesus was led by the Spirit
in the wilderness* LUKE 4:1



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We are a Christian church within the Lutheran tradition (Evangelical Lutheran Church of America) and we welcome people of all Christian traditions as well as people of other faiths and people of little or no faith. Christian worship has been offered to God in this congregation for 188 years. By worshipping with us today, you become part of that living tradition.

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March 9, 2025
First Sunday in Lent
Holy Communion 8:00 A.M. & 10:30 A.M.
Musical setting #9 Evangelical Lutheran Worship

TEMPLE TALK Bridge of Hope

PRELUDE *Jesus Walked this Lonesome Valley* Dale Wood

Stand

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Silence for reflection and self-examination.

Most merciful God,

we confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name.

Amen

Almighty God, in his mercy, has given his Son to die for us and, for his sake, forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen

APOSTOLIC 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.

RESPONSE

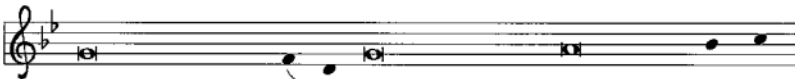


Lord, have mer - cy.



For the peace from a - bove, and for our sal - vation, let us pray to the Lord.

RESPONSE

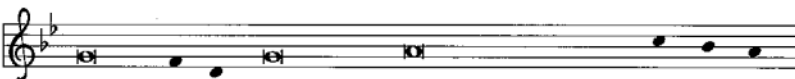


For the peace of the whole world, for the well - being of the church of



God, and for the u - ni - ty of all, let us pray to the Lord.

RESPONSE



For this ho - ly house, and for all who offer here their wor - ship and



praise, let us pray to the Lord.

RESPONSE



Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gra - cious Lord.



A - men.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray....O Lord God, you led your ancient people through the wilderness and brought them to the promised land. Guide now the people of your Church, that, following our Savior, we may walk through the wilderness of this world toward the glory of the world to come; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen**

Sit

FIRST READING

Deuteronomy 26:1-11

(back cover)

PSALMODY

Psalm 91: 1-2, 9-16 *Sung Cantor/Congregation*

The Organ introduces the tone, then it is sung unaccompanied.



- ¹ He who dwells in the shelter of | the Most High,*
abides under the shadow of | the Almighty.
- ² **He shall say to the LORD, "You are my refuge | and my stronghold,*
my God in whom I | put my trust."**
- ⁹ Because you have made the | LORD your refuge,*
and the Most High your | habitation,
- ¹⁰ **there shall no evil hap- | pen to you,*
neither shall any plague come | near your dwelling.**
- ¹¹ For he shall give his angels charge | over you,*
to keep you in | all your ways.
- ¹² **They shall bear you | in their hands,*
lest you dash your foot a- | gainst a stone.**
- ¹³ You shall tread upon the li- | on and the adder;*
you shall trample the young lion and the serpent un- | der your feet.
- ¹⁴ **Because he is bound to me in love, therefore will I de- | liver him;*
I will protect him, because he | knows my name.**
- ¹⁵ He shall call upon me, and I will | answer him;*
I am with him in trouble; I will rescue him and bring | him to honor.
- ¹⁶ **With long life will I sat- | isfy him,*
and show him | my salvation.**

SECOND READING

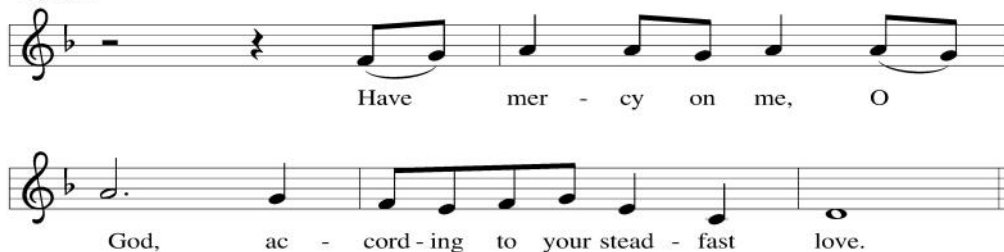
Romans 10:8b-13

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Stand

VERSE

Refrain



HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 4:1-13

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The Holy Gospel according to Luke.

At the conclusion of the Gospel.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Glory to you, O Lord.**Praise to you, O Christ.***Sit***SERMON**

Pastor Reep

*Stand***HYMN OF THE DAY*****Bless Now, O God, the Journey (ELW 326)***

1 Bless now, O God, the jour - ney that all your peo - ple make,
2 Bless so - journ-ers and pil - grims who share this wind-ing way;
3 Di - vine e - ter - nal lov - er, you meet us on the road.

the path through noise and si - lence, the way of give and take.
your hope burns through the ter - rors, your love sus-tains the day.
We wait for lands of prom - ise where milk and hon-ey flow,

The trail is found in des - ert and winds the moun-tain round,
We yearn for ho - ly free - dom while of - ten we are bound;
but wait-ing not for plac - es, you meet us all a - round.

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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;
by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the virgin
Mary, and was made man.
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.
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.
He 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

Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, and for all people according to their needs.

A brief silence.

Gracious God, we pray for the Church, strengthen us to withstand the temptation to turn inward in fear or complacency. Embolden church institutions to turn from self-preservation toward the self-giving love of Jesus. God, in your mercy,

receive our prayer.

We pray for creation. Grant wisdom to your people, that we may quell the urge to strip lands of their resources and instead preserve it for future generations. God, in your mercy,

receive our prayer.

We pray for secular leaders: mayors, councils, and tribal leaders, legislators, judges and juries, presidents, and monarchs. Help them discern your voice and follow your guidance, resisting the temptations of the evil one. God, in your mercy,

receive our prayer.

We pray for people seeking refuge from persecution and violence. Use us to provide care and protection. God, in your mercy,

receive our prayer.

We pray for lay ministers, home communion teams, and others who attend to those who are overlooked, vulnerable, or lonely. We pray for all who are ill (*especially*). God, in your mercy,

receive our prayer.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

Living God, we give thanks for all the faithful witnesses who have gone before us and rest in you. We rest in the confidence of your promise made sure in Christ. God, in your mercy,

receive our prayer.

Receive the prayers of your people and draw all things together in your love, in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord. **Amen.**

PEACE

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

The ministers and congregation greet one another in the name of the Lord.

Sit

OFFERING	8:00 AM	<i>My Shepherd Will Supply My Need</i>	Gilbert Martin
	10:30 AM	Chancel Choir <i>Shadows from the Cross</i>	Randall Sensmeier

Stand
OFFERTORY

Create in Me a Clean Heart (ELW 188)

Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re - new a right

The first system of musical notation is in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of a treble and bass staff. The melody is primarily in the treble staff, with block chords in the bass. The lyrics are: 'Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re - new a right'.

spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a - way from your

The second system continues the melody and accompaniment. The lyrics are: 'spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a - way from your'.

pres-ence, and take not your Ho - ly Spir - it from me. Re -

The third system continues the melody and accompaniment. The lyrics are: 'pres-ence, and take not your Ho - ly Spir - it from me. Re -'.

store un - to me the joy of your sal - va - tion,

The fourth system continues the melody and accompaniment. The lyrics are: 'store un - to me the joy of your sal - va - tion,'.

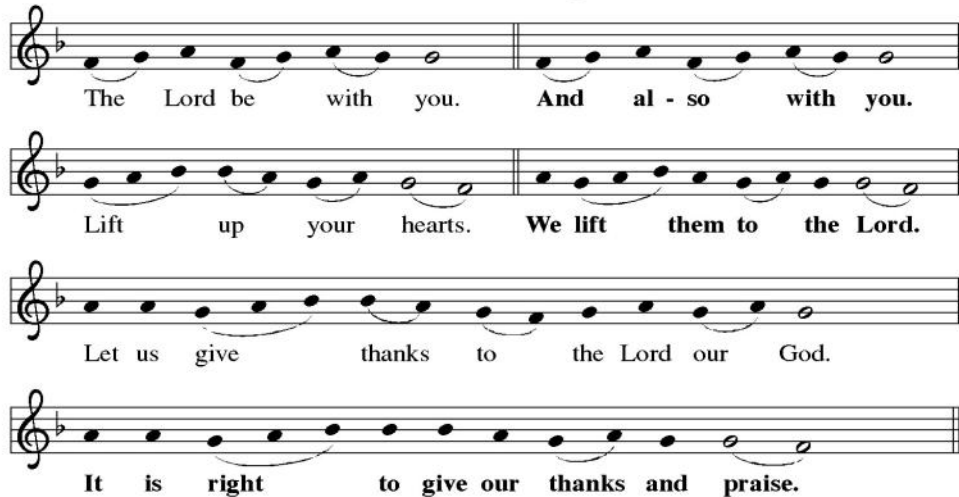
and up - hold me with your free Spir - it.

The fifth system concludes the piece. The lyrics are: 'and up - hold me with your free Spir - it.'.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Let us pray. Merciful Father,
we offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us—our selves, our time, and our possessions, signs of your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us, 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.

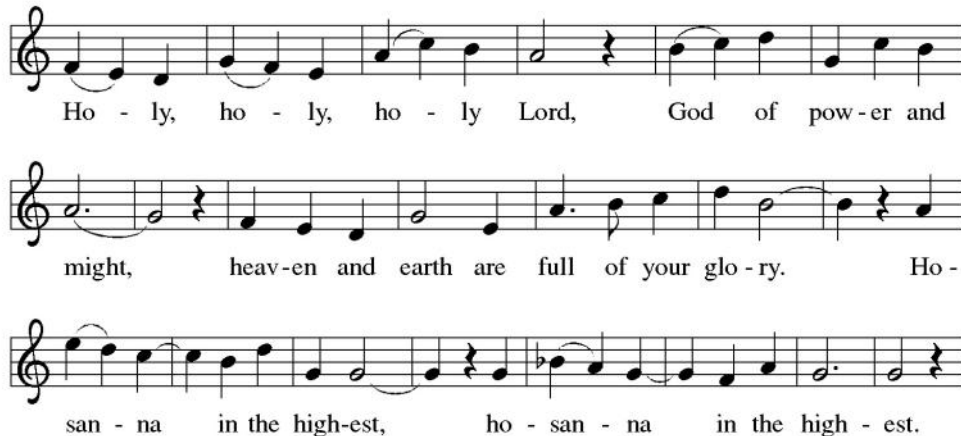
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

PREFACE

It is indeed right and salutary that we should at all times and in all places offer thanks and praise to you, O Lord, holy Father, through Christ our Lord. You bid your people cleanse their hearts and prepare with joy for the paschal feast. Renew our zeal in faith and life, and bring us to the fullness of grace that belongs to the children of God. And so, with the Church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

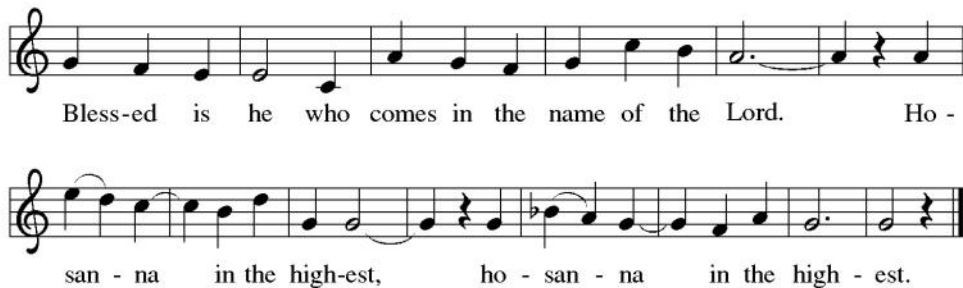
SANCTUS



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



EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

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 our 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 honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, with the Holy Spirit, in your holy Church, both now and forever. **Amen**

Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.

THE 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.**

FRACTION *A brief silence is kept.*

AGNUS DEI

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 OF THE FAITHFUL *Sir*

Holy Communion at St. Paul's Church is "open" to all believers who trust that the Risen Christ is present for his people in the Holy Eucharist.

Procedure for receiving Communion:

1. Come to communion using the center aisle.
2. Take a communion glass from the tray of glasses.
3. Take your place along the chancel step.
4. The ministers will bring the host and wine to you.
5. Place the used cup in an empty tray located on a credence table at the side aisle.
6. Return to your pew using the side aisle

COMMUNION HYMN

I Want Jesus to Walk with Me (ELW 325)

1 I want Je - sus to walk with me;
2 In my tri - als, Lord, walk with me; walk with
3 When I'm in trou - ble, Lord, walk with me;

me; I want Je - sus to walk with me;
in my tri - als, Lord, walk with me;
when I'm in trou - ble, Lord, walk with me;

me; all a - long my pil - grim jour - ney,
when my heart is al - most break - ing,
when my head is bowed in sor - row,

Lord, I want Je - sus to walk with me.
Lord, I want Je - sus to walk with me. walk with me.
Lord, I want Je - sus to walk with me.

Stand

POST-COMMUNION BLESSING

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

Amen

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Let us pray. Almighty God, you gave your Son both as a sacrifice for sin and a model of the godly life. Enable us to receive him always with thanksgiving, and to conform our lives to his; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

BLESSING

Almighty God, Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever. **Amen**

HYMN

O Lord, throughout These Forty Days (ELW 319)

1 O Lord, through - out these for - ty days you
2 You strove with Sa - tan, and you won; your
3 Though parched and hun - gry, yet you prayed and
4 Be with us through this sea - son, Lord, and

prayed and kept the fast; in - spire re - pen - tance
faith - ful - ness en - dured; lend us your nerve, your
fixed your mind a - bove; so teach us to de -
all our earth - ly days, that when the fi - nal

for our sin, and free us from our past.
skill and trust in God's e - ter - nal word.
ny our - selves that we may know God's love.
Eas - ter dawns, we join in heav - en's praise.

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Serve the Lord. **Thanks be to God!**

The congregation remains standing until the ministers and servers have left the chancel.

Sit

POSTLUDE *The Glory of These Forty Days* Robert J. Powell

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This Week at St. Paul’s

Church office open Mon—Thurs, 8:00 AM—4:00 PM, Friday 8:00 AM—11:30 AM

Sunday, March 9

8:00 AM Holy Eucharist
9:15 AM Sunday School for all ages
9:15 AM Adult Ed-Bridge of Hope
 Christ Hall
10:30 AM Holy Eucharist– Live-Stream
11:45AM Second Sunday Sandwiches
6:30 PM AA Meeting—Community Room

Monday, March 10

7:00 PM Finance Mtg

Tuesday, March 11

Council Reports due to Church Secretary

9:30 AM Pantry
6:00 PM Create for Preschool thru Grade 6

Wednesday, March 12

6:00 PM Lenten Supper
7:00 PM Lenten Vespers

Thursday, March 13

10:00 AM Preschool with Pastor—Nave
6:00 PM English Class— Community Rm
6:30 PM Handbell Choir
7:30 PM Chancel Choir

Sunday, March 16

Newsletter Deadline

8:00 AM Holy Eucharist
9:15 AM Sunday School for all ages
9:15 AM Church Tour—Christ Hall
10:30 AM Holy Eucharist– Live-Stream
11:30 AM Women’s Group—Christ Hall
6:30 PM AA Meeting—Community Room

Serving the Lord with Gladness

DATE	TIME	Assisting Minister	Crucifer	Lector	Lent Bread Bakers	Greeters	Ushers -	Altar Early:Set-up Late: Clean -up
3/9	8:00 AM	Bob Reed	Denise Rider	Kirsten Barnes	Ann Ulrich	Pat Scarborough, Norma Shue	Team 3E: Sammy Barnes, Norma Shue, Cliff Beck, Sheridan Palmer	Pat Scarborough, Kat Lemke
3/9	10:30 AM	Aaron Jacobs	Christian Kopp	Aaron Jacobs	Jessica Ericson	Ann Anstadt, Jill Stribig	Team 3L: Dan Garber, Joe Guarriello, Larry Becker	Ann Anstadt, Jill Strebig

Call for Benevolence Applications—Please have applications to the office by April 30. You can request the online application from Patee in the office or use the green application form available in the Springettsbury Entrance. The application has a place for the year the funding is requested. Remember, you may support local, regional, national, or international ministry opportunities. Each applicant should have a connection to the project or ministry. Join the exciting ministry of showing the world that God is love. Pick up an application today. Feel free to call Pastor Snyder with any questions, 717-880-0350.

About being sick—We are in the season of colds and flu and other forms of sickness. Please, when you do not feel well, or when you know that you have been exposed to someone extremely contagious, please stay home from church and utilize the live stream accessed from our web site stpaulsyork.org. This summer we added an additional camera to enhance the viewing experience. While we love to have a full church nave, we want nothing more for anyone who is ill to stay home, rest, take care of themselves and not put others of the faith community at risk. Thank you.

Communion Bread Bakers—Please check the up-coming server schedule to see if you are designated to bake bread for Holy Communion. Questions should be directed to Pastor Reep

Food Pantry Needs: Plastic and paper grocery bags. Peanut butter.

Monetary donations can be placed in a “special” envelope marked “Pantry”.

Volunteers on: Tuesday (distribution day), Thursdays (food delivery days) and some Sundays (pantry stocking days) Contact Teresa Rohrbaugh, Patty Snyder, or the church office (717-843-8155) with questions.

The “Pantry Grocery Cart” in the Good Shepherd Room is for bags and food donations only.

Music and Create —Age 3 through Grade 6—Tuesday evenings 6:00 PM—7:15 PM

We provide this opportunity for our families with young children to engage in music and art while also having the opportunity to connect with other families. The program is designed for children ages 3 through grade 6. We divide the children into two age groups, age 3 through grade 1 and grade 2 through grade 6.

St Paul’s is collecting clothing for Union Lutheran Church’s Clothing Ministry and your help is requested. Union collects ‘gently used’ clothing (and shoes) for its clothing closet and offers it **free of charge** to needy families in the York City community. A bin has been placed in the Good Shepherd room to collect any clothing you would like to donate. These donations will surely be a blessing to our neighbors. Union’s volunteers are very appreciative of our cooperation and our help. If you have large donations you may take them directly to Union Lutheran Church. Simply call them to arrange a time.

Lent 1 C 2025

Deuteronomy 26:1-11

Romans 10:8b-13

Luke 4:1-13

The Force Awakens. It is the seventh movie in a series that stretches over a 30 year period. I saw the first movie *Star Wars* when I was in High School. I took our son when he was in lower elementary school to see the seventh picture in the series. *The Force Awakens* picks up where the previous movies left off, albeit many, many, years later. In the picture the forces of good and evil continue to be at work. Even if it seems that the evil has for a time dominated the realm reaching to the edges of the known galaxy system. The good, represented by the Jedi forces have all but been squelched by the dominating aggressive suffocating nature of the evil Sith forces. You don't have to be a *Star Wars* aficionado to grasp the struggle between good and evil and realize that the struggle is real.

The force that is awakening is the force of the Jedi, those who strive for justice and equality, who strive for good to triumph over evil. The hallmark of a good Jedi is that he refuses to order his life to serve his own need. In *The Force Awaken* a new character is introduced to the audience; a female Jedi. She too, like the Jedi before her, refuses to order her life to serve her own need. The battle rages. The evil ones work their woe. The evil Sith choose to order their life to serve their own need. Bondage and captivity are trumped only by extermination in order to satiate their need for control. And for some 2 hours and 16 minutes the riveting story of a suppressed few, relying on what seems to be an ancient and antiquated approach to life, battle it out with special effects and commanding sound track that will draw you into the fray.

This morning we are drawn into the fray of the Lenten season with Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, and led by the Spirit into the wilderness where the forces of evil will confront him. The dominant theme that swept over me this year as I looked at this text was that Jesus relies upon God's provision. And by relying on God's provision he refuses to order his life to serve his own needs.

Ordering our life to serve our own needs is a temptation that is dominating every aspect of our daily existence in America. That theme alone could easily dominate this entire sermon because we are drawn into the fray of putting ourselves first at every juncture. Keep in mind that the devil offers up seductive temptations for anyone willing to order their life to serve their own needs. Jesus by his resolve to be true to who he is as God's Son will faithfully rely on God's provision no matter what the situation. Even, as we hear in the text before us, after 40 days without food.

"If you are the Son of God, command this stone to become a loaf of bread" hisses the evil one; in a tone echoing that one heard ages before in Eden's garden. Jesus responds by depending on God's provision and then by quoting *"It is written, 'One does not live by bread alone.'"*

As we begin this Lenten journey the question before us is a relatively simple one. Will we trust God's provision or will we order our life based on our own need? The response that we give thrusts us into the battle of good and evil, of Christ Jesus and the devil. We may think all of this to be rather antiquated but it is very much our reality. The battle rages on.

In the gospel of Luke, Satan, the devil is active and always dominating and oppressing humans. Luke, the gospel writer has Satan vanquished at every turn by the stronger one who liberates people from demons, disease and even death. Jesus; casts out, rebukes, heals, restores, and raises to life when Satan works as quickly as he can to dominate, control, cause pain, alienate, or destroy. Luke's line up of miracle stories demonstrates this.

Jesus - Casting out an unclean demon of a man in the synagogue

Jesus - Rebuking the fever of Peter's mother-in-law

Jesus - Healing sick persons who came even at sun down

Jesus - Stretching out his hand to heal the man with leprosy

Jesus - Restoring health to the Centurion's slave who was near death

Jesus - Raising to life the deceased son of the widow at Nain

On Easter day we proclaim Jesus as the one who tramples hell underfoot. He is the one who triumphs over sin, death and the devil. And Jesus does so because he refuses to order his life to serve his own need. Jesus is the one to follow, emulate, embrace not just in time of need, but constantly clinging to him each day for life.

The church throughout the ages embarks on the Lenten journey by telling the riveting story of God's love for humanity. It often feels like we are a suppressed few, relying on what seem to be an ancient and antiquated approach to life (Christianity); self-denial, increased offerings, alms giving, loving neighbor, increased reading and study of the scriptures, prayer and worship. These ancient practices are what continue to aid us in the battle with the evil forces coming at us fully engaged. We know that the evil one is on the loose because humankind continues to be dominated and suppressed in many and various ways.

Our world view may be one that does not easily recognize the power of evil. Equally it may not recognize the power of the Holy Spirit at work. As God's baptized children we are led by the Spirit. We are led into places that may seem dry, parched, barren, and unfamiliar, into a landscape that is ever changing, into situations which are unknown. We are Spirit led. We do not go alone. We are accompanied by the Spirit of the Resurrected One who will in the end triumph over all. We know that it is not Satan who wins. It may look like the old devil has the upper hand at this very moment. But we profess Christ crucified and risen. We know Easter's joy and promise. Jesus wins.

On this First Sunday in Lent, the Holy Spirit is awakening us so that we are able to discern wants and needs. The Holy Spirit is at work among us enabling us to rely on the provision of God. The Holy Spirit is well aware of the temptations that are so hand-somely presented by the devil. Awaken in us O God the power of your love, the strength or your Spirit and the comfort of your providing hand. Amen.



EASTER FLOWER ORDER

Indicate the total number of flowers desired:

_____ Hyacinth _____ Lilies
_____ Tulips _____ Daffodils

Flowers are \$15.00

Please make check payable to St. Paul's
Lutheran Church

I desire that my plant(s) be listed: (please print clearly)

Number of plants _____ in Honor of:

Number of plants _____ in Loving Memory of:

Number of plants _____ Dedicated to the Glory of God

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FIRST READING: Deuteronomy 26:1-11

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, 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.

Psalms 91:1-2, 9-16**SECOND READING: Romans 10:8b-13**

"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."

GOSPEL: Luke 4:1-13

Jesus, 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.

Next Sunday's Readings: Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18; Psalm 27; Philippians 3:17-4:1; Luke 13:31-35.

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