



# St. John's Lutheran Church

Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

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## *The Testing of Jesus*

*February 3, 2019*

*10:30 Holy Communion*

Right after Jesus is baptized by John he is driven into the wilderness by the Holy Spirit. He spends 40 days there and is tested by the devil. Luke puts a curious piece in between the baptism and the wilderness. Today we'll explore why. We'll also see how Moses and Elijah also had 40 day experiences in waiting for God.

*Welcome to worship today!*

If you are visiting with us we invite you to sign the Guest Book in the back of the sanctuary.

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# † GATHERING †

## Prelude and Announcements

Gathering Hymn Will You Come and Follow Me  
*For music turn to Hymn 798 in the Red Hymnal*

1. **“Will you come and follow me if I but call your name?  
Will you go where you don’t know and never be the same?  
Will you let my love be shown,  
will you let my name be known,  
will you let my life be grown in you and you in me?”**
2. **“Will you leave yourself behind if I but call your name?  
Will you care for cruel and kind and never be the same?  
Will you risk the hostile stare,  
should your life attract or scare?  
Will you let me answer pray’r in you and you in me?”**
3. **“Will you let the blinded see if I but call your name?  
Will you set the pris’ners free and never be the same?  
Will you kiss the leper clean,  
and do such as this unseen,  
and admit to what I mean in you and you in me?”**
4. **“Will you love the you you hide if I but call your name?  
Will you quell the fear inside and never be the same?  
Will you use the faith you’ve found  
to reshape the world around,  
through my sight and touch and sound in you and you in me?”**
5. **Lord, your summons echoes true when you but call my name.  
Let me turn and follow you and never be the same.  
In your company I’ll go  
where your love and footsteps show.  
Thus I’ll move and live and grow in you and you in me.**

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Greeting (2 Corinthians 13:13)

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

**C: And also with you.**

Confession and Forgiveness

P: Blessed be the Holy Trinity, one God,  
who creates us and forms us,  
who redeems us and calls us,  
who unifies us and sends us.

**C: Amen.**

P: Gathered in God's presence, let us confess our sin.

*(A moment of silence for reflection)*

P: Mighty and loving God,

**C: we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves.**

**We seek our own way to fulfillment.**

**We cause division rather than create unity.**

**In your mercy, cleanse us and heal us.**

**Let the words of our mouths,**

**the thoughts of our hearts,**

**and everything that we do**

**be filled with faith, hope, and love.**

**Amen.**

P: Hear the voice of Jesus:

“The Spirit of the Lord is upon me to proclaim release to the captives.”

In the name of Jesus the Christ, I proclaim to you that your sins are forgiven and you are released. The joy of the Lord is your strength, and the gifts of the Holy Spirit are yours forever.

**C: Amen**

Hymn of Praise Now the Feast and Celebration

*(For music turn to Hymn 789 in the Blue Hymnal)*

*Refrain*

**Now the feast and celebration,  
all of creation sings for joy  
to the God of life and love and freedom  
praise and glory forevermore!**

**1. Now is the feast of the Lamb once slain,  
whose blood has freed and united us  
to be one great people of God.      *Refrain***

**2. Power and riches, wisdom and might,  
all honor and glory to Christ forever. *Refrain***

**3. For God has come to dwell with us,  
to make us people of God;  
to make all things new.** *Refrain*

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*Prayer of the Day*

A: 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.

**C: Amen.**

✠ WORD ✠

*First Reading* Exodus 34:1-28

The Lord said to Moses, "Cut two tablets of stone like the former ones, and I will write on the tablets the words that were on the former tablets, which you broke. <sup>2</sup>Be ready in the morning, and come up in the morning to Mount Sinai and present yourself there to me, on the top of the mountain. <sup>3</sup>No one shall come up with you, and do not let anyone be seen throughout all the mountain; and do not let flocks or herds graze in front of that mountain." <sup>4</sup>So Moses cut two tablets of stone like the former ones; and he rose early in the morning and went up on Mount Sinai, as the Lord had commanded him, and took in his hand the two tablets of stone.

<sup>5</sup>The Lord descended in the cloud and stood with him there, and proclaimed the name, "The Lord

<sup>27</sup>The Lord said to Moses: Write these words; in accordance with these words I have made a covenant with you and with Israel.

<sup>28</sup>He was there with the Lord forty days and forty nights; he neither ate bread nor drank water. And he wrote on the tablets the words of the covenant, the ten commandments.

*After the reading the reader may say:* The Word of the Lord

**C: Thanks be to God.**

*Scripture Poetry* Psalm 91 (*read responsively*)

A: All you sheltered by the Most High,  
who live in Almighty God's shadow,

**C: say to the Lord, “My refuge, my fortress,  
my God in whom I trust!”**

A: God will free you from hunters’ snares,  
will save you from deadly plague,

**C: will cover you like a nesting bird.  
God’s wings will shelter you.**

A: No nighttime terror shall you fear,  
no arrows shot by day,

**C: no plague that prowls the dark,  
no wasting scourge at noon.**

A: A thousand may fall at your side,  
ten thousand at your right hand.

**C: But you shall live unharmed:  
God is sturdy armor.**

A: You have only to open your eyes  
to see how the wicked are repaid.

**C: You have the Lord as refuge,  
have made the Most High your stronghold.**

A: No evil shall ever touch you,  
no harm come near your home.

**C: God instructs angels  
to guard you wherever you go.**

A: With their hands they support you,  
so your foot will not strike a stone.

**C: You will tread on lion and viper,  
trample tawny lion and dragon.**

A: “I deliver all who cling to me,  
raise the ones who know my name,  
answer those who call me,  
stand with those in trouble.

**C: These I rescue and honor,  
satisfy with long life,  
and show my power to save.”**

Second Reading 1 Kings 19:1-9

Ahab told Jezebel all that Elijah had done, and how he had killed all the prophets with the sword. <sup>2</sup>Then Jezebel sent a messenger to Elijah, saying, “So may the gods do to me, and more also, if I do not make your life like the life of one of them by this time tomorrow.”

<sup>3</sup>Then he was afraid; he got up and fled for his life, and came to Beer-sheba, which belongs to Judah; he left his servant there. <sup>4</sup>But he himself

went a day's journey into the wilderness, and came and sat down under a solitary broom tree. He asked that he might die: "It is enough; now, O Lord, take away my life, for I am no better than my ancestors." <sup>5</sup>Then he lay down under the broom tree and fell asleep. Suddenly an angel touched him and said to him, "Get up and eat." <sup>6</sup>He looked, and there at his head was a cake baked on hot stones, and a jar of water. He ate and drank, and lay down again. <sup>7</sup>The angel of the Lord came a second time, touched him, and said, "Get up and eat, otherwise the journey will be too much for you." <sup>8</sup>He got up, and ate and drank; then he went in the strength of that food forty days and forty nights to Horeb the mount of God. <sup>9</sup>At that place he came to a cave, and spent the night there.

*After the reading the reader may say: The Word of the Lord*

**C: Thanks be to God.**

*Gospel Acclamation (1 John 3:11)*

**C: Alleluia. God instructs angels to guard you wherever you go. With their hands they support you, so your foot will not strike a stone. Alleluia.**

*Gospel Reading Luke 3:21-4:13*

*The gospel is announced:*

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke the 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> chapters.

**C: Glory to you O Lord.**

<sup>21</sup>Now when all the people were baptized, and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heaven was opened, <sup>22</sup>and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased." <sup>23</sup>Jesus was about thirty years old when he began his work. He was the son (as was thought) of Joseph son of Heli, <sup>24</sup>son of Matthat, son of Levi, son of Melchi, son of Jannai, son of Joseph, <sup>25</sup>son of Mattathias, son of Amos, son of Nahum, son of Esli, son of Naggai, <sup>26</sup>son of Maath, son of Mattathias, son of Semein, son of Josech, son of Joda, <sup>27</sup>son of Joanan, son of Rhesa, son of Zerubbabel, son of Shealtiel, son of Neri, <sup>28</sup>son of Melchi, son of Addi, son of Cosam, son of Elmadam, son of Er, <sup>29</sup>son of Joshua, son of Eliezer, son of Jorim, son of Matthat, son of Levi, <sup>30</sup>son of Simeon, son of Judah, son of Joseph, son of Jonam, son of Eliakim, <sup>31</sup>son of Melea, son of Menna, son of Mattatha, son of Nathan, son of David, <sup>32</sup>son of Jesse, son of Obed, son of Boaz, son of Sala, son of Nahshon, <sup>33</sup>son of Amminadab, son of Admin, son of Arni, son of Hezron, son of Perez, son of Judah, <sup>34</sup>son of Jacob, son of Isaac, son of Abraham, son of Terah, son of Nahor, <sup>35</sup>son of Serug, son of Reu, son of Peleg, son of Eber, son of Shelah, <sup>36</sup>son of Cainan, son

of Arphaxad, son of Shem, son of Noah, son of Lamech, <sup>37</sup>son of Methuselah, son of Enoch, son of Jared, son of Mahalaleel, son of Cainan, <sup>38</sup>son of Enos, son of Seth, son of Adam, son of God.

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.

*After the reading:*

P: The Gospel of the Lord

**C: Praise to you O Christ.**

### Children's Sermon

### Sermon

Hymn of the Day      Seek Ye First the Kingdom of God  
(for music, please turn to Hymn 783 in the Blue Hymnal)

**1. Seek ye first the kingdom of God and its righteousness,  
and all these things shall be added unto you.  
Allelu, alleluia.**

2. **Ask and it shall be given unto you; seek and you shall find;  
knock and the door shall be opened unto you.  
Allelu, alleluia.**

3. **We do not live by bread alone, but by ev'ry word  
that proceeds from the mouth of God,  
Allelu, alleluia.**

Text: Matt. 4:4,6,33,7:7, adapt. Karen Lafferty; Music: Karen Lafferty; Copyright 1972 Maranatha! Music

### Apostles' Creed

A: We confirm our faith with the Apostles' Creed

**C: 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

P: With the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, let us pray for the church, those in need, and all of God's creation.

*The pastor will begin the prayer with a petition and then invites the congregation to add additional petitions and thanksgivings. Please conclude your petition with: Lord in your mercy,*

*The congregation will respond: **Hear our prayer.***

*The pastor concludes the prayer:*

P: Into your hands, gracious God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through Jesus Christ our Savior.

**C: Amen.**



Peace

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C: And also with you.**

P: Let us share that peace with one another.

*The congregation may greet one another with a sign of Christ's peace.*

† MEAL †

Offering

Hymn of Thanksgiving For music turn to page 35 in the Blue Hymnal

**Let the vineyards be fruitful, Lord,  
and fill to the brim our cup of blessing.**

**Gather a harvest from the seeds that were sown,  
that we may be fed with the bread of life.**

**Gather the hopes and dreams of all;  
unite them with the prayers we offer now.**

**Grace our table with your presence, Lord,  
and give us a foretaste of the feast to come.**

Offering Prayer

A: Let us pray: God of all creation,

**C: all you have made is good, and your love endures forever. You bring forth bread from the earth and fruit from the vine. Nourish us with these gifts, that we might be for the world signs of your gracious presence in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

Great Thanksgiving

P: The Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

P: Lift up your hearts.

**C: We lift them to the Lord.**

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

P: 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. By the leading of a star he was shown forth to all nations; in the waters of the Jordan you proclaimed him your

beloved Son, and in the miracle of water turned to wine he revealed your glory. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join in their unending hymn:

*(spoken)*

**C: Holy, holy, holy Lord,  
God of power and might,  
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.**

P: In the night in which he was handed over our Lord Jesus took bread, 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."

### Lord's Prayer

P: Lord remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray:

**C: 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.**

### Communion Distribution

*Welcome to the Lord's Supper! All who are baptized are invited to receive communion. You will receive bread from the communion assistant. If you need gluten free wafers please ask the assistant distributing bread. You may receive wine from either the common cup or in an individual glass. If you would like to receive in a glass please pick one up from the tray as you approach the altar rail. White grape juice is available in the individual glasses for those who do not wish to take wine. As we commune together everyone is invited to sing the*

*following hymns:*

*Lamb of God (Page 39 of the Blue Hymnal)*

**787** *You Who Dwell in the Shelter of the Lord (Red Hymnal)*

**733** *Great Is Thy Faithfulness (Red Hymnal)*

*Communion Blessing* *After all have communed the pastor will say:*

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

**C: Amen.**

*Post Communion Prayer*

A: Let us pray:

We thank you, O God, that you have fed us at your banqueting table with bread and wine beyond compare, the very life of Christ for us. Send your Spirit with us now, that we may set the captive free, use your gifts to build one another up, and in everything reflect your glory revealed in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**C: Amen.**

✠ SENDING ✠

*Blessing*

P: The God of glory dwell in you richly, name you beloved, and shine brightly on your path; and the blessing of almighty God, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit be with you now and remain with you always.

**C: Amen.**

*Sending Hymn* Just a Closer Walk With Thee

*(For music turn to Hymn 697 in the Red Hymnal)*

*Refrain*

**Just a closer walk with thee,**

**Grant it, Jesus, is my plea,**

**Daily walking close to thee,**

**Let it be, dear Lord, let it be.**

**1. I am weak, by thou art strong;**

**Jesus, keep me from all wrong;**

**I'll be satisfied as long**

**as I walk, let me walk close to thee. *Refrain***

2. **Through this world of toils and snares,  
if I falter, Lord, who cares?  
Who with me my burden shares?  
None but thee, dear Lord, none but thee.** *Refrain*

3. **When my feeble life is o'er  
time for me will be no more;  
guide me gently, safely o'er  
to thy kingdom shore, to thy shore.** *Refrain*

Text and music: North American traditional

Dismissal

A: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C: **God's Work. Our Hands.**

Worship assistants TODAY:

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|----------------------|------------------------------------|
| Greeters and Ushers  | Sara DeMuzio and Tricia Kolczynski |
| Acolyte              | Viala Wagner                       |
| Altar Care           | Beth Perdan                        |
| Communion Assistants | Bruce and Diane Boncke             |
| Nursery Care         | Judy VanDeVelde                    |
| Counters             | Bruce Boncke and Art Fields        |
| Coffee Hour          | Nancy Hagerman and Karen Spawton   |

Worship assistants for next Sunday, February 10, 2019

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| Greeters and Ushers | Linda Flood and Sue Kaufmann |
| Acolyte             | Hannah Stroup                |
| Nursery Care        | Katy Stimmel                 |
| Counters            | Nancy and Ivan Shuler        |
| Coffee Hour         | Sue Kaufmann                 |

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