



St. John Lutheran Church and School
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Divine Service III

OPENING HYMN 418 *O Lord, throughout These Forty Days*

- 1 O Lord, throughout these forty days You prayed and kept the fast;
Inspire repentance for our sin, And free us from our past.
- 2 You strove with Satan, and You won; Your faithfulness endured;
Lend us Your nerve, Your skill and trust In God's eternal Word.
- 3 Though parches and hungry, yet You prayed And fixed Your mind above;
So teach us to deny ourselves, Since we have known God's love.
- 4 Be with us through this season, Lord, And all our earthly days,
That when the final Easter dawns, We join in heaven's praise.

***INVOCATION, CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION**

P In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

P Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

P Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C who made heaven and earth.

P I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,

C and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

P O almighty God, merciful Father,

C I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.

P Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

SERVICE OF THE WORD

*KYRIE

Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us.

*SALUTATION and COLLECT OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.

C And with thy spirit.

P Let us pray...*(The Collect of the Day is spoken.)*

C Amen.

Old Testament Reading: Genesis 22:1-18

¹ After these things God tested Abraham and said to him, "Abraham!" And he said, "Here I am." ² He said, "Take your son, your only son Isaac, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah, and offer him there as a burnt offering on one of the mountains of which I shall tell you." ³ So Abraham rose early in the morning, saddled his donkey, and took two of his young men with him, and his son Isaac. And he cut the wood for the burnt offering and arose and went to the place of which God had told

him. ⁴ On the third day Abraham lifted up his eyes and saw the place from afar. ⁵ Then Abraham said to his young men, “Stay here with the donkey; I and the boy will go over there and worship and come again to you.” ⁶ And Abraham took the wood of the burnt offering and laid it on Isaac his son. And he took in his hand the fire and the knife. So they went both of them together. ⁷ And Isaac said to his father Abraham, “My father!” And he said, “Here I am, my son.” He said, “Behold, the fire and the wood, but where is the lamb for a burnt offering?” ⁸ Abraham said, “God will provide for himself the lamb for a burnt offering, my son.” So they went both of them together.

⁹ When they came to the place of which God had told him, Abraham built the altar there and laid the wood in order and bound Isaac his son and laid him on the altar, on top of the wood. ¹⁰ Then Abraham reached out his hand and took the knife to slaughter his son. ¹¹ But the angel of the LORD called to him from heaven and said, “Abraham, Abraham!” And he said, “Here I am.” ¹² He said, “Do not lay your hand on the boy or do anything to him, for now I know that you fear God, seeing you have not withheld your son, your only son, from me.” ¹³ And Abraham lifted up his eyes and looked, and behold, behind him was a ram, caught in a thicket by his horns. And Abraham went and took the ram and offered it up as a burnt offering instead of his son. ¹⁴ So Abraham called the name of that place, “The LORD will provide”; as it is said to this day, “On the mount of the LORD it shall be provided.”

¹⁵ And the angel of the LORD called to Abraham a second time from heaven ¹⁶ and said, “By myself I have sworn, declares the LORD, because you have done this and have not withheld your son, your only son, ¹⁷ I will surely bless you, and I will surely multiply your offspring as the stars of heaven and as the sand that is on the seashore. And your offspring shall possess the gate of his enemies, ¹⁸ and in your offspring shall all the nations of the earth be blessed, because you have obeyed my voice.”

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Epistle Reading: James 1:12-18

¹² Blessed is the man who remains steadfast under trial, for when he has stood the test he will receive the crown of life, which God has promised to those who love him. ¹³ Let no one say when he is tempted, “I am being tempted by God,” for God cannot be tempted with evil, and he himself tempts no one. ¹⁴ But each person is tempted

when he is lured and enticed by his own desire. ¹⁵ Then desire when it has conceived gives birth to sin, and sin when it is fully grown brings forth death.

¹⁶ Do not be deceived, my beloved brothers. ¹⁷ Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change. ¹⁸ Of his own will he brought us forth by the word of truth, that we should be a kind of firstfruits of his creatures.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

*Holy Gospel

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the first chapter. (9-15)

C Glory be to Thee, O Lord.

⁹ In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. ¹⁰ And when he came up out of the water, immediately he saw the heavens being torn open and the Spirit descending on him like a dove. ¹¹ And a voice came from heaven, “You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased.”

¹² The Spirit immediately drove him out into the wilderness. ¹³ And he was in the wilderness forty days, being tempted by Satan. And he was with the wild animals, and the angels were ministering to him.

¹⁴ Now after John was arrested, Jesus came into Galilee, proclaiming the gospel of God, ¹⁵ and saying, “The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand; repent and believe in the gospel.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

*NICENE CREED

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible. And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third

day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

HYMN OF THE DAY 656 *A Mighty Fortress Is Our God*

- 1 A mighty fortress is our God, A trusty shield and weapon;
He helps us free from ev'ry need That hath us now o'er-taken.
The old evil foe Now means deadly woe;
Deep guile and great might Are his dread arms in fight;
On earth is not his equal.
- 2 With might of ours can naught be done, Soon were our loss effected;
But for us fights the valiant One, Whom God Himself elected.
Ask ye, Who is this? Jesus Christ it is,
Of Sabaoth Lord, And there's none other God;
He holds the field forever.
- 3 Though devils all the world should fill, All eager to devour us,
We tremble not, we fear no ill; They shall not over-pow'r us.
This world's prince may still Scowl fierce as he will,
He can harm us none. He's judged; the deed is done;
One little word can fell him.
- 4 The Word they still shall let remain Nor any thanks have for it;
He's by our side upon the plain With His good gifts and Spirit.
And take they our life, Goods, fame, child, and wife,
Though these all be gone, Our vict'ry has been won;
The Kingdom ours remaineth.

SERMON “*The Anointed One*” Mark 1:9-15

P The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.

C Amen.

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

*PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

*LORD’S PRAYER

*COLLECT

*SALUTATION AND BENEDICAMUS

P The Lord be with you.

C And with thy spirit.

P Bless we the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

*BENEDICTION

P The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you. The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace.

C Amen, amen, amen.

CLOSING HYMN 424 *O Christ, You Walked the Road*

- 1 O Christ, You walked the road Our wand’ring feet must go.
You faced with us temptation’s pow’r And fought our ancient foe.
- 2 No bread of earth alone Can fill our hung’ring hearts.
Lord, help us seek Your living Word, The food Your grace imparts.
- 3 No blinding sign we ask, No wonder from above.
Lord, help us place our trust alone In Your unswerving love.

- 4 When lures of easy gain With promise brightly shine,
Lord, help us seek Your kingdom first; Our wills with Yours align.
- 5 O Christ, You walked the road Our wand'ring feet must go.
Stay with us through temptation's hour To fight our ancient foe.
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SERVING:

Preaching: Rev. Jeff Caithamer

Organist: Keith Williams

Videographer: Lou Ann

OUR CONGREGATIONAL FAMILY – The altar flowers are given in celebration of St. John Lutheran School. We also remember the following people in our prayers: *for healing and recovery:* Heidi, Maelynn- granddaughter of Rick & Rita, Karla, Shirley, Pastor Ehlers, Esther, Judy, Martin-son of Letty, Aidan, Whitney-wife of Ellie's grandson, Barbara-friend of the congregation, Ashlyn-infant relative of Joyce, Jan, John, Tom, Opal, Hendricks-grandson of Dan & Joanie, Jacob-great grandson of Bob & Joan, Maria, Brett-cousin of the Kindts', Merv, Jessica-granddaughter of Bob & Joan, Joan-mother of Bill, Judy-mother of Rochelle, Rebecca-daughter of Marvin & Esther, Roy-father of Anne, Dan-brother of Bonnie, Todd; *following surgery:* Steve-brother of Brenda; *for successful treatments:* Luke, Kendra (school parent), Cari (school parent), Nicole (school parent), Earl, Jayne, Linda, Joan, Jeanette, Nancy; *for our college students:* Billy, Kyle, Joshua; *for those in the military:* Roberto, Adam, Joshua, Nick, Taylor, Andy, Brandon, Ben, Allyson, Zachary; *for our homebound:* Alice, Mavis.

For requests for the prayer chain or to be added to the chain:

<http://stjohnmedia.org/church/PrayerList.html>

OUR WEEK AHEAD

Today *1st Sunday in Lent; 8:00 Holy Communion; 9:30 Adult Bible Class, Sunday School; 10:45 Holy Communion; 1:00 New Member Class*

Monday *Newsletter Deadline*

Tuesday *10:00 Adult Bible Class; 5:00 School Open House; 6:00 Parish Ed; 7:00 Youth Board*

Wednesday 8:20 Chapel; 3:30 Lenten Service; 5:45 Midweek School, Lifelight; 7:15 Lenten Service
Thursday 9:00 Lifelight; 6:00 Lifelight; 6:30 Men's Choir
Sunday *2nd Sunday in Lent*; 8:00 Holy Communion; 9:30 Adult Bible Class, Sunday School; 10:45 Holy Communion; 1:00 Voter's Meeting

New Member Class – Pastor Caithamer will teach this class on Sunday afternoons from 1pm-2:30pm through the end of April.

Contribution Statements have been mailed. If you have not received yours or you have any questions or concerns, please contact the church office.

Open House – We will be hosting an Open House for Little Lamb Preschool and St. John Lutheran School on Tuesday, February 23rd at 5:00-6:30pm. Prospective families will have an opportunity to meet our teachers, see the classrooms, and ask questions about our school. Please invite friends, neighbors, family members, or anyone else who may be interested in sending their child to St. John this upcoming school year. *Masks and social distancing required.

Church Directory Update – The Church Directories have arrived, and are in the church overflow. Anyone who got their pictures taken will find a directory with their name on it. Extra directories are available for those who were unable to get their pictures taken, while supplies last.

Esther Berg is turning 100 on March 1st. There is a good chance she will not be able to receive visitors at that time, so the family is requesting a birthday card shower for her. Let's all wish Esther a happy birthday and send her a card to her son's address.

Woodcutters prepare for the annual Woodcutters' Retreat at Camp CILCA on Saturday, February 27 from 8am-6pm. Three meals will be served. Rev Jon Boehne will present on various Worldviews. And of course there will be plenty of wood to cut, split, and stack. Overnight accommodations are available in the Christian Growth Center for anyone who needs them. Contact the camp office (camp@cilca.org / 217-487-7497) today to reserve your spot.

LWML February 15, 2021 meeting, which was rescheduled from January 25th, is being cancelled due to the weather. The next regularly scheduled meeting is to be held in March. More information is to follow.

Altar Flower Chart – The 2021 Flower Chart is now available for signing up. Please leave your phone number and you will be telephoned before the Sunday you signed up for to find out what flowers you would like and if you would like them in memory or in honor of something or someone.

Email Addresses – Pastor Caithamer has compiled a list of members’ email addresses to communicate with the congregation. If you are not receiving these email communications, please call the church office with your email address so we can add you to the list.

Nursery Remodel – Be sure to stop by the Julia Eakin Nursery to see the progress of the remodel. Also, check out the bulletin board next to the Nursery (in the hallway) to track the progress on the chart.

Sacred Music for the Season of Lent – "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross," "In the Cross of Christ I Glory", "My Song Is Love Unknown", "A Lamb Goes Uncomplaining Forth." You can listen to sacred music for the Lenten season 24/7 at the Lutheran Public Radio mobile app, lutheranpublicradio.org, TuneIn, Amazon Echo, and Google Home.

LEARN BY HEART ***THE FAMILY ALTAR***

The families of St. John are encouraged to learn these words from the Small Catechism by heart this week:

The Sacrament of the Altar

What is the benefit of this eating and drinking? These words, "Given and shed for you for the forgiveness of sins," show us that in the Sacrament forgiveness of sins, life, and salvation are given us through these words. For where there is forgiveness of sins, there is also life and salvation.

How can bodily eating and drinking do such great things? Certainly not just eating and drinking do these things, but the words written here: "Given and shed for you for the forgiveness of sins." These words, along with the bodily eating and drinking, are the main thing in the Sacrament. Whoever believes these words has exactly what they say: "forgiveness of sins."

Bible Passage: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. 1 John 1:8-9

Hymn 423 *Jesus, Refuge of the Weary* (st. 1)

Psalm 6

Bible Readings for the Week:

The People Crave Meat – Numbers 11:4-6, 10, 13, 18-23, 31-34

The Burnt Offering – Leviticus 1:1-17

The Trespass Offering – Leviticus 5:1-10

Offerings with Restitution – Leviticus 5:17-6:7