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**Divine Service I**

**OPENING HYMN 823** *May God Bestow on Us His Grace*

- 1 May God bestow on us His grace, With blessings rich provide us;  
And may the brightness of His face To life eternal guide us,  
That we His saving health may know, His gracious will and pleasure,  
And also to the nations show Christ's riches without measure  
And unto God convert them.
- 2 Thine over all shall be the praise And thanks of ev'ry nation;  
And all the world with joy shall raise The voice of exultation.  
For Thou shalt judge the earth, O Lord, Nor suffer sin to flourish;  
Thy people's pasture is Thy Word Their souls to feed and nourish,  
In righteous paths to keep them.
- Δ3 O let the people praise Thy worth, In all good works increasing;  
The land shall plenteous fruit bring forth, Thy Word is rich in blessing.  
May God the Father, God the Son, And God the Spirit bless us!  
Let all the world praise Him alone, Let solemn awe possess us.  
Now let our hearts say, "Amen!"

**\*INVOCATION, CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION**

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

**C Amen.**

**P** If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

**C But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

**P** Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

**C Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. 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. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. 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.**

**P** Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore 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

**P** In peace let us pray to the Lord.

**C Lord, have mercy.**

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

**C Lord, have mercy.**

**P** 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.

**C Lord, have mercy.**

**P** For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.

**C Lord, have mercy.**

**P** Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

**C Amen.**

\*SALUTATION and COLLECT OF THE DAY

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** **And also with you.**

**P** Let us pray.

*The Collect of the Day is spoken.*

**C** **Amen.**

OLD TESTAMENT READING: Exodus 20:1-17

<sup>1</sup>And God spoke all these words, saying,

<sup>2</sup>“I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery.

<sup>3</sup>“You shall have no other gods before me.

<sup>4</sup>“You shall not make for yourself a carved image, or any likeness of anything that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth. <sup>5</sup> You shall not bow down to them or serve them, for I the LORD your God am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers on the children to the third and the fourth generation of those who hate me, <sup>6</sup> but showing steadfast love to thousands of those who love me and keep my commandments.

<sup>7</sup>“You shall not take the name of the LORD your God in vain, for the LORD will not hold him guiltless who takes his name in vain.

<sup>8</sup>“Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy. <sup>9</sup> Six days you shall labor, and do all your work, <sup>10</sup> but the seventh day is a Sabbath to the LORD your God. On it you shall not do any work, you, or your son, or your daughter, your male servant, or your female servant, or your livestock, or the sojourner who is within your gates. <sup>11</sup> For in six days the LORD made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, and rested on the seventh day. Therefore the LORD blessed the Sabbath day and made it holy.

<sup>12</sup>“Honor your father and your mother, that your days may be long in the land that the LORD your God is giving you.

<sup>13</sup>“You shall not murder.

<sup>14</sup>“You shall not commit adultery.

<sup>15</sup>“You shall not steal.

<sup>16</sup>“You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.

<sup>17</sup>“You shall not covet your neighbor's house; you shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or his male servant, or his female servant, or his ox, or his donkey, or anything that is your neighbor's.”

*After the reading:*

**P** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

EPISTLE READING: 1 Corinthians 1:18-31

<sup>18</sup> For the word of the cross is folly to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. <sup>19</sup> For it is written,

“I will destroy the wisdom of the wise,

and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart.”

<sup>20</sup> Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? <sup>21</sup> For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, it pleased God through the folly of what we preach to save those who believe. <sup>22</sup> For Jews demand signs and Greeks seek wisdom, <sup>23</sup> but we preach Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and folly to Gentiles, <sup>24</sup> but to those who are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. <sup>25</sup> For the foolishness of God is wiser than men, and the weakness of God is stronger than men. <sup>26</sup> For consider your calling, brothers: not many of you were wise according to worldly standards, not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth. <sup>27</sup> But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong; <sup>28</sup> God chose what is low and despised in the world, even things that are not, to bring to nothing things that are, <sup>29</sup> so that no human being might boast in the presence of God. <sup>30</sup> And because of him you are in Christ Jesus, who became to us wisdom from God, righteousness and sanctification and redemption, <sup>31</sup> so that, as it is written, “Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord.”

*After the reading:*

**P** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

\*VERSE FOR LENT

**C** **Return to the Lord, your God, for He is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love, and abounding in steadfast love.**

## HOLY GOSPEL

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the second chapter. (13-22)

**C** **Glory to You, O Lord.**

<sup>13</sup> The Passover of the Jews was at hand, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. <sup>14</sup> In the temple he found those who were selling oxen and sheep and pigeons, and the money-changers sitting there. <sup>15</sup> And making a whip of cords, he drove them all out of the temple, with the sheep and oxen. And he poured out the coins of the money-changers and overturned their tables. <sup>16</sup> And he told those who sold the pigeons, "Take these things away; do not make my Father's house a house of trade." <sup>17</sup> His disciples remembered that it was written, "Zeal for your house will consume me." <sup>18</sup> So the Jews said to him, "What sign do you show us for doing these things?" <sup>19</sup> Jesus answered them, "Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up." <sup>20</sup> The Jews then said, "It has taken forty-six years to build this temple, and will you raise it up in three days?" <sup>21</sup> But he was speaking about the temple of his body. <sup>22</sup> When therefore he was raised from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this, and they believed the Scripture and the word that Jesus had spoken.

*After the reading:*

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C** **Praise to You, O Christ.**

## **HYMN OF THE DAY 425** *When I Survey the Wondrous Cross*

- 1 When I survey the wondrous cross On which the Prince of Glory died,  
My richest gain I count but loss And pour contempt on all my pride.
- 2 Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast Save in the death of Christ, my God;  
All the vain things that charm me most, I sacrifice them to His blood.
- 3 See, from His head, His hands, His feet Sorrow and love flow mingled down!  
Did e'er such love and sorrow meet Or thorns compose so rich a crown?
- 4 Were the whole realm of nature mine, That were a tribute far too small;  
Love so amazing, so divine, Demands my soul, my life, my all!

SERMON "*Jesus and the Temple*" John 2:13-22

## \*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.

## \*PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

### PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

## \*LORD'S PRAYER

## \*COLLECT

## \*BENEDICTION

**P** The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.

**C Amen.**

## CLOSING HYMN 421 *Jesus, Grant That Balm and Healing*

1 Jesus, grant that balm and healing In Your holy wounds I find,  
Ev'ry hour that I am feeling Pains of body and of mind.  
Should some evil thought within Tempt my treach'rous heart to sin,  
Show the peril, and from sinning Keep me from its first beginning.

- 2 Should some lust or sharp temptation Fascinate my sinful mind,  
 Draw me to Your cross and passion, And new courage I shall find.  
 Or should Satan press me hard, Let me then be on my guard,  
 Saying, "Christ for me was wounded," That the tempter flee confounded.
- 3 If the world my heart entices With the broad and easy road,  
 With seductive, sinful vices, Let me weigh the awful load  
 You were willing to endure. Help me flee all thoughts impure  
 And to master each temptation, Calm in prayer and meditation.
- 4 Ev'ry wound that pains or grieves me By Your wounds, Lord, is made whole;  
 When I'm faint, Your cross revives me, Granting new life to my soul.  
 Yes, Your comfort renders sweet Ev'ry bitter cup I meet;  
 For Your all-atoning passion Has procured my soul's salvation.
- 5 O my God, my rock and tower, Grant that in Your death I trust,  
 Knowing death has lost its power Since You crushed it in the dust.  
 Savior, let Your agony Ever help and comfort me;  
 When I die be my protection, Light and life and resurrection.

#### **SERVING –**

**Preaching:** Rev. Jeff Caithamer

**Organist:** Keith Williams

**Videographer:** Lou Ann

**OUR CONGREGATIONAL FAMILY** – The altar flowers are given by Dan & Joanie in honor of their beloved grandchildren. We remember the following people in our prayers: *hospitalized:* Roger; *for healing and recovery:* Starley, 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; *for successful treatments:* Luke, Kendra (school parent), Cari (school parent), Nicole (school parent), Earl, Jayne, Linda, Joan, Jeanette, Nancy; *for our college students:* Connor, Ben, Matthew; *for those in the military:* Roberto, Adam, Joshua, Nick, Taylor, Andy, Brandon, Ben, Allyson, Zachary; *for our homebound:* Lavina, Gaylord.

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

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

## **OUR WEEK AHEAD**

<b>Today</b>	<i>3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Lent</i> ; 8:00 Holy Communion; 9:30 Adult Bible Class, Sunday School; 10:45 Holy Communion; 1:00 New Member Class
<b>Monday</b>	5:30 Finance Board
<b>Tuesday</b>	6:00 Elders, Handbells
<b>Wednesday</b>	8:20 Chapel; 10:00 Adult Bible Class; 3:30 Lenten Service; 5:45 Midweek School, Lifelight; 7:15 Lenten Service
<b>Thursday</b>	7:00 Men's Prayer Breakfast; 9:00 Lifelight; 6:00 Lifelight; 6:30 Men's Choir
<b>Sunday</b>	<i>4<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Lent; Daylight Savings Time Begins</i> ; 8:00 Holy Communion; 9:30 Adult Bible Class, Sunday School; 10:45 Holy Communion; 1:00 New Member Class

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

**From The Earl Welch Family** - We would like to express our immense gratitude for all the prayers and support we received after the death of our loved one. Although it is a difficult time for us, we find comfort in the fact that our church family is thinking of us and praying for us. We deeply appreciate all your support.

**Chart for Altar Flowers** – Upcoming available dates are: 5/9, 5/23. 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.

**Enrollment for 2021-2022** – St. John Lutheran School and Little Lamb Preschool offer a Christ-centered education for students age three through eighth grade. Our caring, skilled teachers use a variety of strategies to engage students' minds in a safe learning environment, with the focus on teaching every subject with a Biblical worldview. Little Lamb Preschool offers morning and full day classes. Two-day (T/TH), three-day (M/W/F), and five-day options are available. Tell everyone about our wonderful school.

Enrollment for the 2021-2022 school year has begun. For more information, contact the school office at (217) 359-1714.

**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.

**A Mobile Lutheran Bible Study** – Issues, Etc. is a radio talk show and podcast produced by Lutheran Public Radio in Collinsville, IL and hosted by LCMS Pastor Todd Wilken. This week’s teachings include: The Hymn “God Loved the World So That He Gave,” The Building of the Temple, Responding to Calvinist Proof Texts, Old Testament Judge Samson and more. You can listen on-demand at [issuesetc.org](http://issuesetc.org), the LPR mobile app and your favorite podcast provider.

**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 Table of Duties

To Bishops, Pastors, and Preachers

The overseer must be above reproach, the husband of but one wife, temperate, self-controlled, respectable, hospitable, able to teach, not given to drunkenness, not violent but gentle, not quarrelsome, not a lover of money. He must manage his own family well and see that his children obey him with proper respect. (1 Timothy 3:2–4)

He must not be a recent convert, or he may become conceited and fall under the same judgment as the devil. (1 Timothy 3:6)

He must hold firmly to the trustworthy message as it has been taught, so that he can encourage others by sound doctrine and refute those who oppose it. (Titus 1:9)

Bible Passage: For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord’s death until He comes. 1 Corinthians 11:26

Hymn 423 *Jesus, Refuge of the Weary* (st. 3)  
Psalm 15

Bible Readings for the Week:

Jesus Faces the Sanhedrin – Mark 14:53-72

Jesus Faces Pontius Pilate – Mark 15:1-15

The King of the Jews Is Mocked – Mark 15:16-32

Jesus’ Death and Burial – Mark 15:33-47