

Lenten Midweek 2

You Meant It for Evil, but God Meant It for Good

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3:30pm & 7:15pm



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Divine Service II with Holy Communion

**stand as you are able*

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Preaching: Rev. Jeff Caithamer

Organist: Alicia Haggin

Elders: 3:30 – Dan & Matt; 7:15 – Rick & Joe

WELCOME TO ST. JOHN! We ask members and guests to fill out an attendance card located by the hymnals; indicate your attendance at Holy Communion. Cards may be placed in the offering plate. Note that there are two glasses in the center of each tray with diluted wine. Sunday bulletins with announcements are available on the narthex table.

ABOUT THE LORD'S SUPPER: Our congregation is a member of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod, a family of congregations who pledge themselves to teach and to believe the same doctrines. We invite those persons who are members in good standing of a congregation of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod or of a church in fellowship with the LCMS to receive the sacrament. We want to express our sincere welcome to guests and to assure them that it is in their spiritual interest that we practice closed communion. Guests desiring to learn more about our beliefs are asked to make an appointment to speak with our pastor.

Old Testament Reading: Isaiah 51:17-22

¹⁷ Wake yourself, wake yourself,
stand up, O Jerusalem,
you who have drunk from the hand of the LORD
the cup of his wrath,
who have drunk to the dregs
the bowl, the cup of staggering.
¹⁸ There is none to guide her
among all the sons she has borne;
there is none to take her by the hand
among all the sons she has brought up.
¹⁹ These two things have happened to you—
who will console you?—
devastation and destruction, famine and sword;
who will comfort you?
²⁰ Your sons have fainted;
they lie at the head of every street
like an antelope in a net;
they are full of the wrath of the LORD,
the rebuke of your God.
²¹ Therefore hear this, you who are afflicted,
who are drunk, but not with wine:
²² Thus says your Lord, the LORD,
your God who pleads the cause of his people:
“Behold, I have taken from your hand the cup of
staggering;
the bowl of my wrath you shall drink no more;

Holy Gospel Reading: Luke 22:39-62

³⁹ And he came out and went, as was his custom,
to the Mount of Olives, and the disciples followed
him. ⁴⁰ And when he came to the place, he said to
them, “Pray that you may not enter into temptation.”
⁴¹ And he withdrew from them about a stone's throw,
and knelt down and prayed, ⁴² saying, “Father, if you
are willing, remove this cup from me. Nevertheless,
not my will, but yours, be done.” ⁴³ And there
appeared to him an angel from heaven, strengthening
him. ⁴⁴ And being in agony he prayed more earnestly;
and his sweat became like great drops of blood falling

down to the ground. ⁴⁵ And when he rose from prayer,
he came to the disciples and found them sleeping for
sorrow, ⁴⁶ and he said to them, “Why are you
sleeping? Rise and pray that you may not enter into
temptation.” ⁴⁷ While he was still speaking, there
came a crowd, and the man called Judas, one of the
twelve, was leading them. He drew near to Jesus to
kiss him, ⁴⁸ but Jesus said to him, “Judas, would you
betray the Son of Man with a kiss?” ⁴⁹ And when
those who were around him saw what would follow,
they said, “Lord, shall we strike with the sword?”
⁵⁰ And one of them struck the servant of the high priest
and cut off his right ear. ⁵¹ But Jesus said, “No more of
this!” And he touched his ear and healed him. ⁵² Then
Jesus said to the chief priests and officers of the
temple and elders, who had come out against
him, “Have you come out as against a robber, with
swords and clubs? ⁵³ When I was with you day after
day in the temple, you did not lay hands on me. But
this is your hour, and the power of darkness.” ⁵⁴ Then
they seized him and led him away, bringing him into
the high priest's house, and Peter was following at a
distance. ⁵⁵ And when they had kindled a fire in the
middle of the courtyard and sat down together, Peter
sat down among them. ⁵⁶ Then a servant girl, seeing
him as he sat in the light and looking closely at him,
said, “This man also was with him.” ⁵⁷ But he denied
it, saying, “Woman, I do not know him.” ⁵⁸ And a little
later someone else saw him and said, “You also are
one of them.” But Peter said, “Man, I am not.” ⁵⁹ And
after an interval of about an hour still another insisted,
saying, “Certainly this man also was with him, for he
too is a Galilean.” ⁶⁰ But Peter said, “Man, I do not
know what you are talking about.” And immediately,
while he was still speaking, the rooster crowed. ⁶¹ And
the Lord turned and looked at Peter. And Peter
remembered the saying of the Lord, how he had said
to him, “Before the rooster crows today, you will deny
me three times.” ⁶² And he went out and wept bitterly.

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

What the Hearers Owe Their Pastors –

The Lord has commanded that those who preach the gospel should receive their living from the gospel. (1 Corinthians 9:14)

Anyone who receives instruction in the word must share all good things with his instructor. Do not be deceived: God cannot be mocked. A man reaps what he sows. (Galatians 6:6–7)

The elders who direct the affairs of the church well are worthy of double honor, especially those whose work is preaching and teaching. For the Scripture says, “Do not muzzle the ox while it is treading out the grain,” and “The worker deserves his wages.” (1 Timothy 5:17–18)

Hymn 430 *My Song Is Love Unknown* (sts. 1-3)

Psalm 92

Bible Readings for the Week:

Jesus’ Betrayal and Arrest – John 18:1-27

Jesus Faces Pontius Pilate – John 18:28-40

Jesus Is Crucified – John 19:1-24

Jesus’ Side Is Pierced – John 19:25-42