

# Lenten Midweek 5

*Witnesses to Christ: People from His Passion*

**March 29, 2023**

3:30pm & 7:15pm



**St. John Lutheran Church and School**  
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*\*stand as you are able*

(3:30) Prelude – “ <i>God So Loved the World</i> ”	Day School 2 <sup>nd</sup> /3 <sup>rd</sup> Choir	
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**Preaching:** Rev. Jeff Caithamer

**Organist:** Keith Williams

**Elders:** 3:30 – Mike & Jim; 7:15 – Matt & Jim

**Day School Choir Director:** Alicia Haggin

**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.

**Lenten Dinner** – Please join us after the 3:30 service for our Lenten dinner hosted by the Fellowship Board. The meal tonight is goulash, salad, cornbread and dessert. We look forward to seeing you there.

**Holy Week Service Schedule** – *Palm Sunday Services* (4/2/23): Divine Service w/ Holy Communion, 8:00am & 10:45am. *Maundy Thursday* (4/6/23): 7:15pm Holy Communion; *Good Friday* (4/7/23): 7:15pm Tenebrae Vespers; *Easter Sunday* (4/9/23): 6:00am Sunrise Service, 8:00am & 10:45am Divine Service.

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**Old Testament Reading:** Ezekiel 11:17-21

<sup>17</sup>Therefore say, 'Thus says the Lord GOD: I will gather you from the peoples and assemble you out of the countries where you have been scattered, and I will give you the land of Israel.'

<sup>18</sup>And when they come there, they will remove from it all its detestable things and all its abominations. <sup>19</sup>And I will give them one heart, and a new spirit I will put within them. I will remove the heart of stone from their flesh and give them a heart of flesh, <sup>20</sup>that they may walk in my statutes and keep my rules and obey them. And they shall be my people, and I will be their God. <sup>21</sup>But as for those whose heart goes after their detestable things and their abominations, I will bring their deeds upon their own heads, declares the Lord GOD."

**Epistle Reading:** 2 Corinthians 4:1-6

<sup>1</sup>Therefore, having this ministry by the mercy of God, we do not lose heart. <sup>2</sup>But we have renounced disgraceful, underhanded ways. We refuse to practice cunning or to tamper with God's word, but by the open statement of the truth we would commend ourselves to everyone's conscience in the sight of God. <sup>3</sup>And even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are

perishing. <sup>4</sup>In their case the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelievers, to keep them from seeing the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God. <sup>5</sup>For what we proclaim is not ourselves, but Jesus Christ as Lord, with ourselves as your servants for Jesus' sake. <sup>6</sup>For God, who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

**Holy Gospel Reading:** John 19:1-16

<sup>1</sup>Then Pilate took Jesus and flogged him. <sup>2</sup>And the soldiers twisted together a crown of thorns and put it on his head and arrayed him in a purple robe. <sup>3</sup>They came up to him, saying, "Hail, King of the Jews!" and struck him with their hands. <sup>4</sup>Pilate went out again and said to them, "See, I am bringing him out to you that you may know that I find no guilt in him." <sup>5</sup>So Jesus came out, wearing the crown of thorns and the purple robe. Pilate said to them, "Behold the man!" <sup>6</sup>When the chief priests and the officers saw him, they cried out, "Crucify him, crucify him!" Pilate said to them, "Take him yourselves and crucify him, for I find no guilt in him."

**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:

**Table of Duties**

*Of Civil Government* – Everyone must submit himself to the governing authorities, for there is no authority except that which God has established. The authorities that exist have been established by God. Consequently, he who rebels against the authority is rebelling against what God has instituted, and those who do so will bring judgment on themselves. For rulers hold no terror for those who do right, but for those who do wrong. Do you want to be free from fear of the one in authority? Then do what is right and he will commend you. For he is God’s servant to do you good. But if you do wrong, be afraid, for he does not bear the sword for nothing. He is God’s servant, an agent of wrath to bring punishment on the wrongdoer. (Romans 13:1–4)

Bible Passage: ...And without the shedding of blood there is no forgiveness of sins. Hebrews 9:22b

Hymn 428 *Cross of Jesus, Cross of Sorrow* (sts. 3-4)

Psalm 16

Bible Readings for the Week:

The King of the Jews is Mocked – Matthew 27:27-44

Jesus Faces Pontius Pilate – John 18:28-40