

Welcome!

**St. John's
Lutheran
Church**

(LCMS)

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Education

Sun. 9:15 am

Services

Sat. 5:30 pm
Sun. 8:00 am
Sun. 10:30 am

“A Fellowship of
Hope, Teaching,
Serving, and
Proclaiming”

Pastor

Mike Burdick

March 20, 2022

The 3rd Sunday
In Lent

Welcome

We welcome you to God's Service in worship at St. John's, and extend a special welcome to all guests and visitors with us.

- Restrooms are located on the 2nd, 3rd, and 5th floors. Those on the 2nd and 5th floors include diaper-changing stations.
- The Service video is broadcast in the Atrium and in the Library area on the 5th floor.
- Visitors are not expected to bring an offering. Our members do so in free response to the Gospel and to finance the extension of God's Kingdom. They place offerings in the boxes at the North and West doors, or give through our online portal on our website.
- **All worshipers are requested to complete an attendance card. They will be collected by ushers after the sermon. Thank you!**

Those Who Serve Us

Each Member of St. John's.....	The Body of Christ
Rev. Mike Burdick.....	Pastor
Rev. Gary Fortkamp.....	Visitation Pastor
Mrs. Sandy Esker.....	Preschool Director
Mrs. Dana Keller.....	Organist
Mrs. Amy Kohnert, Dana Keller, & Treva Brandt.....	Song Leaders
St. John's Praise Band.....	10:30am Music
Allie Wendling, Hank Sipe, & Jake Niebrugge.....	Acolytes
Mr. Todd Zeigler.....	5:30pm Elder on Duty
Mr. Keith Knight.....	8:00am Elder on Duty
Mr. Jeff Weis.....	10:30am Elder on Duty
Mr. Jim Schroeder 217-821-1426.....	Elder on Duty for March 21 – March 25
Chatelain School & Baja School.....	Our Schools for feeding in Haiti
Ms. Janet Martins & Mr. Kris Lipe.....	Stephen Ministry Leaders
Mrs. Julie Scott.....	(1-217-343-3047) Prayer Partner Coordinator
State, National & International Missions.....	through our District and Synod

As We Gather

How then shall we live? What a profound question for Christians to consider midway through Lent! The Lord has shown His mercy to us, forgiven our sins, and delivered us from death. Then what? What is the focus of our lives? The call of the Readings for this Sunday points us to the repentance that bears the good fruit of God's kingdom. Like trees that have failed to produce good fruit, the Lord has tended us with His Word, with the warning of the Law and the promise of the Gospel. But if the tree remains unfruitful, the tree will have to be cut down. It is a hard word to hear, but God remains merciful, and most of all, He seeks that we bear the good fruits of faith and repentance in our daily lives.

You will find the songs for our 10:30am Service in italics.

“Anywhere With Jesus”

Preservice #1

*Anywhere with Jesus I can safely go
Anywhere He leads me in this world below
Anywhere without Him dearest joys would fade
Anywhere with Jesus I am not afraid*

*Anywhere, anywhere, any little fear I'll never know
Anywhere with Jesus I can safely go*

*Anywhere with Jesus I am not alone
Other friends may fail me, He is still my own
Though His hand may lead me over dreariest ways
Anywhere with Jesus is a house of praise*

*Anywhere, anywhere, any little fear I'll never know
Anywhere with Jesus I can safely go*

*Anywhere with Jesus I can go to sleep
When the darkening shadows round about me creep
Knowing I shall waken, never more to roam
Anywhere with Jesus will be home, sweet home*

*Anywhere, anywhere, any little fear I'll never know
Anywhere with Jesus I can safely go
Anywhere with Jesus I can surely go*

"Anywhere With Jesus" written by Daniel Brink Towner Public Domain Scripture Reference : 1 John 5:18 CCLI Song: 27587 CCLI License : 51072

“The Old Rugged Cross”

Preservice #2

*On a hill far away stood an old rugged cross,
the emblem of suffering and shame;
and I love that old cross where the dearest and best
for a world of lost sinners was slain.*

Refrain:

*So I'll cherish the old rugged cross,
till my trophies at last I lay down;
I will cling to the old rugged cross,
and exchange it some day for a crown.*

(continued)

*O that old rugged cross, so despised by the world,
has a wondrous attraction for me;
for the dear Lamb of God left his glory above
to bear it to dark Calvary.
(Refrain)*

*In that old rugged cross, stained with blood so divine,
a wondrous beauty I see,
for 'twas on that old cross Jesus suffered and died,
to pardon and sanctify me.
(Refrain)*

*To that old rugged cross I will ever be true,
its shame and reproach gladly bear;
then he'll call me some day to my home far away,
where his glory forever I'll share.
(Refrain)*

"The Old Rugged Cross" written by George BennardPublic DomainScripture Reference: John 3:16; Hebrews 12:2 -3CCLI Song: 19722CCLI License: 51072

Call to Worship

Prelude (5:30 & 8:00)

Welcome

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There Is a Time for Everything

"Thank You For The Cross"

(10:30) Opening Song

*Thank You for the cross
Thank You for the cross
Jesus, Jesus
Thank You for the cross*

*Thank You for the cross
Thank You for the cross
Jesus, Jesus
Thank You for the cross*

*Thank You for Your precious blood
that flowed for my sin
Jesus, Jesus
Thank You once again
Jesus, Jesus
Thank You once again*

"Thank You For The Cross" written by Aaron Spiro2002 Birdwing MusicCCLI Song: 3630273CCLI License: 51072

Invocation, Confession and Absolution

Psalm 1:6; 5:4, 7, adapt.

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

C Amen.

P The LORD knows the way of the righteous,

C but the way of the wicked will perish.

P You are not a God who delights in wickedness; evil may not dwell with You.

C Through the abundance of Your steadfast love, I will enter Your house.

Silence for meditation and reflection.

P Let us confess our sins to God our Father:

C Almighty God, maker of all things and judge of all people, we poor sinners confess to You that we have turned away from You. We have not done the good You desire but have done the evil You forbid. We repent of all our sins of thought, word, and deed and pray for Your mercy for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Lord. Turn our hearts away from sin and its temptation and grant us by the Holy Spirit to serve You with all our heart, mind, body, and soul. In the holy name of Jesus, we pray. 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.

P May the Lord, who has begun this good work in us, bring it to completion in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.

C Amen.

Prayer of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Let us pray. O God, whose glory it is always to have mercy, be gracious to all who have gone astray from Your ways and bring them again with penitent hearts and steadfast faith to embrace and hold fast the unchangeable truth of Your Word; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Old Testament Reading

Ezekiel 33:7–20

⁷“So you, son of man, I have made a watchman for the house of Israel. Whenever you hear a word from my mouth, you shall give them warning from me. ⁸If I say to the wicked, O wicked one, you shall surely die, and you do not speak to warn the wicked to turn from his way, that wicked person shall die in his iniquity, but his blood I will require at your hand. ⁹But if you warn the wicked to turn from his way, and he does not turn from his way, that person shall die in his iniquity, but you will have delivered your soul.

¹⁰“And you, son of man, say to the house of Israel, Thus have you said: ‘Surely our transgressions and our sins are upon us, and we rot away because of them. How then can we live?’ ¹¹Say to them, As I live, declares the Lord GOD, I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked, but that the wicked turn from his way and live; turn back, turn back from your evil ways, for why will you die, O house of Israel?

¹²“And you, son of man, say to your people, The righteousness of the righteous shall not deliver him when he transgresses, and as for the wickedness of the wicked, he shall not fall by it when he turns from his wickedness, and the righteous shall not be able to live by his righteousness when he sins. ¹³Though I say to the righteous that he shall surely live, yet if he trusts in his righteousness and does injustice, none of his righteous deeds shall be remembered, but in his injustice that he has done he shall die. ¹⁴Again, though I say to the wicked, ‘You shall surely die,’ yet if he turns from his sin and does what is just and right, ¹⁵if the wicked restores the pledge, gives back what he has taken by robbery, and walks in the statutes of life, not doing injustice, he shall surely live; he shall not die. ¹⁶None of the sins that he has committed shall be remembered against him. He has done what is just and right; he shall surely live.

¹⁷“Yet your people say, ‘The way of the Lord is not just,’ when it is their own way that is not just. ¹⁸When the righteous turns from his righteousness and does injustice, he shall die for it. ¹⁹And when the wicked turns from his wickedness and does what is just and right, he shall live by them. ²⁰Yet you say, ‘The way of the Lord is not just.’ O house of Israel, I will judge each of you according to his ways.”

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Psalm

Psalm 85; antiphon: v. 8

¹LORD, you were favorable to your land;
you restored the fortunes of Jacob.

²You forgave the iniquity of your people;
you covered all their sin.

³You withdrew all your wrath;
you turned from your hot anger.

⁴Restore us again, O God of our salvation,
and put away your indignation toward us!

⁵Will you be angry with us forever?

Will you prolong your anger to all generations?

⁶Will you not revive us again,

that your people may rejoice in you?

⁷Show us your steadfast love, O LORD,

and grant us your salvation.

⁸Let me hear what God the LORD will speak,

for he will speak peace to his people, to his saints; but let them not turn back to folly.

⁹Surely his salvation is near to those who fear him,

that glory may dwell in our land.

¹⁰Steadfast love and faithfulness meet;

righteousness and peace kiss each other.

¹¹Faithfulness springs up from the ground,

and righteousness looks down from the sky.

¹²Yes, the LORD will give what is good,

and our land will yield its increase.

¹³Righteousness will go before him

and make his footsteps a way.

Epistle

1 Corinthians 10:1–13

¹I want you to know, brothers, that our fathers were all under the cloud, and all passed through the sea, ²and all were baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea, ³and all ate the same spiritual food, ⁴and all drank the same spiritual drink. For they drank from the spiritual Rock that followed them, and the Rock was Christ. ⁵Nevertheless, with most of them God was not pleased, for they were overthrown in the wilderness.

⁶Now these things took place as examples for us, that we might not desire evil as they did. ⁷Do not be idolaters as some of them were; as it is written, “The people sat down to eat and drink and rose up to play.” ⁸We must not indulge in sexual immorality as some of them did, and twenty-three thousand fell in a single day. ⁹We must not put Christ to the test, as some of them did and were destroyed by serpents, ¹⁰nor grumble, as some of them did and were destroyed by the Destroyer. ¹¹Now these things happened to them as an example, but they were written down for our instruction, on whom the end of the ages has come. ¹²Therefore let anyone who thinks that he stands take heed lest he fall. ¹³No temptation has overtaken you that is not common to man. God is faithful, and he will not let you be tempted beyond your ability, but with the temptation he will also provide the way of escape, that you may be able to endure it.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Children's Sermon

Holy Gospel

Luke 13:1-9

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the thirteenth chapter.

C Glory to You, O Lord.

¹There were some present at that very time who told [Jesus] about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices. ²And he answered them, "Do you think that these Galileans were worse sinners than all the other Galileans, because they suffered in this way? ³No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all likewise perish. ⁴Or those eighteen on whom the tower in Siloam fell and killed them: do you think that they were worse offenders than all the others who lived in Jerusalem? ⁵No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all likewise perish."

⁶And he told this parable: "A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard, and he came seeking fruit on it and found none. ⁷And he said to the vinedresser, 'Look, for three years now I have come seeking fruit on this fig tree, and I find none. Cut it down. Why should it use up the ground?' ⁸And he answered him, 'Sir, let it alone this year also, until I dig around it and put on manure. ⁹Then if it should bear fruit next year, well and good; but if not, you can cut it down.'"

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

Creed

Nicene Creed

C 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.

“Blessed Redeemer”

(10:30) **Sermon Song**

*Up Calvary’s mountain one dreadful morn
Walked Christ my Savior, weary and worn
Facing for sinners death on the cross
That He might save them from endless loss*

*Blessed Redeemer, precious Redeemer
Seems now I see Him on Calvary’s tree
Wounded and bleeding, for sinners pleading
Blind and unheeding, dying for me*

*“Father, forgive them,” my Savior prayed
Even while His lifeblood flowed fast away
Praying for sinners while in such woe
No one but Jesus ever loved so*

*Blessed Redeemer, precious Redeemer
Seems now I see Him on Calvary’s tree
Wounded and bleeding, for sinners pleading
Blind and unheeding, dying for me, dying for me*

*Blessed Redeemer, precious Redeemer
Seems now I see Him on Calvary’s tree
Wounded and bleeding, for sinners pleading
Blind and unheeding, dying for me*

*Oh how I love Him, Savior and friend
How can my praises ever find end
Through years unnumbered on Heaven’s shore
My songs shall praise Him forevermore*

*Blessed Redeemer, precious Redeemer
Seems now I see Him on Calvary’s tree
Wounded and bleeding, for sinners pleading
Blind and unheeding, dying for me*

*Blessed Redeemer, precious Redeemer
Seems now I see Him on Calvary’s tree
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"Blessed Redeemer" written by Avis B. Christiansen, Harry Dixon Loes © Words: 1921. Renewed 1949 Harry Dixon Loes Scripture Reference: Luke 23 CCLI Song: 14954 CCLI License: 51072

Sermon

“Deserving”
Luke 13:1-9

Collection of Cards / Preparation for Prayer

Catechism Review:

The Lord's Prayer Introduction (page 323)

Prayer of the Church

Lord's Prayer

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.

Benediction

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Guide Me, O Thou Great Redeemer

"Power In The Blood"

(10:30) Closing Song

*Would you be free from the burden of sin
There's power in the blood, Power in the blood
Would you o'er evil a victory win
There's wonderful power in the blood*

*There is power power, Wonder working power
In the blood of the Lamb
There is power power, Wonder working power
In the precious blood of the Lamb*

*Would you be free from passion and pride
There's power in the blood, Power in the blood
Come for a cleansing to Calvary's tide
There's wonderful power in the blood*

*There is power power, Wonder working power
In the blood of the Lamb
There is power power, Wonder working power
In the precious blood of the Lamb*

*Would you be whiter, much whiter than snow
There's power in the blood, Power in the blood
Sin stains are lost in the life giving flow
There's wonderful power in the blood*

*There is power power, Wonder working power
In the blood of the Lamb
There is power power, Wonder working power
In the precious blood of the Lamb*

*There is power power, Wonder working power
In the blood of the Lamb
There is power power, Wonder working power
In the precious blood of the Lamb*

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Postlude

Midweek Lenten Services

12:15pm and 6:30pm

March 23

Peter, John 18:12–27

March 30

Barabbas, John 18:33–40

April 6

Pontius Pilate, John 19:1–16

Maunder Thursday w/Holy Communion

April 14 at 12:15pm and 6:30pm

Judas Iscariot, John 13:21–30

Good Friday

April 15 at 12:15pm and 6:30pm

John, the Gospel Writer, John 19:25–37

The Resurrection of Our Lord w/Holy Communion

April 17 at 6:00am, 8:00am, and 10:30am

Mary Magdalene, John 20:1–18

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