

## St. John's Lutheran Church (LCMS)

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**Services:** Sat. 5:30pm – Sun. 8:00am & 10:30am



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.

- Little Children's Worship bags are available in the Atrium.
- Restrooms are located on the 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, and 5<sup>th</sup> floors. Those on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> floors include diaper-changing stations.
- The Service video is broadcast in the Atrium and in the Library area on the 5<sup>th</sup> 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.
- **All worshipers are requested to complete an attendance card. They will be collected by ushers after the sermon. Thank you!**
- Share prayer requests using the yellow cards in the pews.

### Those Who Serve Us

Each Member of St. John's .....	The Body of Christ
Rev. Mike Burdick .....	Pastor
Rev. Gary Fortkamp .....	Visitation Pastor
Mrs. Carrie Collier .....	Preschool Director
Ms. Jerry Starner & Mr. Jamie Lotz .....	Organists
Jackson Fritch .....	Acolyte
Mr. Fred Bray .....	12:15pm Elder on Duty
Mr. Gayland Bourland .....	6:30pm Elder on Duty
Mr. Dave Worman 217-821-7819 .....	Elder on Duty for March 1-3
Chatelain School & Baja School .....	Our Schools for feeding in Haiti
Ms. Janet Martins .....	Stephen Ministry Leader
Mrs. Julie Scott .....	(1-217-343-3047) Prayer Partner Coordinator
State, National & International Missions .....	through our District and Synod

Lent 1 Midweek Service - March 1, 2023



# Exodus



LET MY PEOPLE GO

Prelude

Call to Worship

Welcome

Hymn #435

*"Come to Calvary's Holy Mountain"*

Invocation

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

C Amen.

Psalm 77:11–20

<sup>11</sup>I will remember the deeds of the LORD;  
**yes, I will remember your wonders of old.**

<sup>12</sup>I will ponder all your work,  
**and meditate on your mighty deeds.**

<sup>13</sup>Your way, O God, is holy.  
**What god is great like our God?**

<sup>14</sup>You are the God who works wonders;  
**you have made known your might among the peoples.**

<sup>15</sup>You with your arm redeemed your people,  
**the children of Jacob and Joseph.**

<sup>16</sup>When the waters saw you, O God, when the waters saw you, they were afraid;  
**indeed, the deep trembled.**

<sup>17</sup>The clouds poured out water; the skies gave forth thunder;  
**your arrows flashed on every side.**

<sup>18</sup>The crash of your thunder was in the whirlwind; your lightnings lighted up the world;  
**the earth trembled and shook.**

<sup>19</sup>Your way was through the sea, your path through the great waters;  
**yet your footprints were unseen.**

<sup>20</sup>You led your people like a flock  
**by the hand of Moses and Aaron.**

## Prayer

### Reading

*Romans 12:1–2*

<sup>1</sup>I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. <sup>2</sup>Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect.

*(silence for reflection)*

### Reading

*Exodus 3:1–14*

<sup>1</sup>Now Moses was keeping the flock of his father-in-law, Jethro, the priest of Midian, and he led his flock to the west side of the wilderness and came to Horeb, the mountain of God. <sup>2</sup>And the angel of the LORD appeared to him in a flame of fire out of the midst of a bush. He looked, and behold, the bush was burning, yet it was not consumed. <sup>3</sup>And Moses said, “I will turn aside to see this great sight, why the bush is not burned.” <sup>4</sup>When the LORD saw that he turned aside to see, God called to him out of the bush, “Moses, Moses!” And he said, “Here I am.” <sup>5</sup>Then he said, “Do not come near; take your sandals off your feet, for the place on which you are standing is holy ground.” <sup>6</sup>And he said, “I am the God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob.” And Moses hid his face, for he was afraid to look at God.

<sup>7</sup>Then the LORD said, “I have surely seen the affliction of my people who are in Egypt and have heard their cry because of their taskmasters. I know their sufferings, <sup>8</sup>and I have come down to deliver them out of the hand of the Egyptians and to bring them up out of that land to a good and broad land, a land flowing with milk and honey, to the place of the Canaanites, the Hittites, the Amorites, the Perizzites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites. <sup>9</sup>And now, behold, the cry of the people of Israel has come to me, and I have also seen the oppression with which the Egyptians oppress them. <sup>10</sup>Come, I will send you to Pharaoh that you may bring my people, the children of Israel, out of Egypt.” <sup>11</sup>But Moses said to God, “Who am I that I should go to Pharaoh and bring the children of Israel out of Egypt?” <sup>12</sup>He said, “But I will be with you, and this shall be the sign for you, that I have sent you: when you have brought the people out of Egypt, you shall serve God on this mountain.”

<sup>13</sup>Then Moses said to God, “If I come to the people of Israel and say to them, ‘The God of your fathers has sent me to you,’ and they ask me, ‘What is his name?’ what shall I say to them?” <sup>14</sup>God said to Moses, “I AM WHO I AM.” And he said, “Say this to the people of Israel, ‘I AM has sent me to you.’”

## Sermon

***“How God Changes Us”***

*Exodus 3:1-14*

## Hymn: Here I Am, Lord

1. I, the Lord of sea and sky,  
I have heard my people cry.  
All who dwell in dark and sin  
My hand will save.

I who made the stars of night,  
I will make their darkness bright.  
Who will bear my light to them?  
Whom shall I send?

Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?  
I have heard you calling in the night.  
I will go, Lord, if you lead me.  
I will hold your people in my heart.

2. I, the Lord of snow and rain,  
I have borne my people's pain.  
I have wept for love of them.  
They turn away.

I will break their hearts of stone,  
Give them hearts for love alone.

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I will speak my word to them.  
Whom shall I send?

Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?  
I have heard you calling in the night.  
I will go, Lord, if you lead me.  
I will hold your people in my heart.

3. I, the Lord of wind and flame,  
I will tend the poor and lame.  
I will set a feast for them.  
My hand will save.

Finest bread I will provide  
Till their hearts be satisfied.  
I will give my life to them.  
Whom shall I send?

Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?  
I have heard you calling in the night.  
I will go, Lord, if you lead me.  
I will hold your people in my heart.

## Passion Reading

*In our Midweek Lenten Services, we will hear the Passion of Our Lord from  
Matthew 26-27.*

*Let us meditate upon all that Christ suffered for our exodus from sin and death.*

## Reading

*Matthew 26:17–25*

<sup>17</sup>Now on the first day of Unleavened Bread the disciples came to Jesus, saying, “Where will you have us prepare for you to eat the Passover?” <sup>18</sup>He said, “Go into the city to a certain man and say to him, ‘The Teacher says, My time is at hand. I will keep the Passover at your house with my disciples.’” <sup>19</sup>And the disciples did as Jesus had directed them, and they prepared the Passover.

<sup>20</sup>When it was evening, he reclined at table with the twelve. <sup>21</sup>And as they were eating, he said, “Truly, I say to you, one of you will betray me.” <sup>22</sup>And they were very sorrowful and began to say to him one after another, “Is it I, Lord?” <sup>23</sup>He answered, “He who has dipped his hand in the dish with me will betray me. <sup>24</sup>The Son of Man goes as it is written of him, but woe to that man by whom the Son of Man is betrayed! It would have been better for that man if he had not been born.” <sup>25</sup>Judas, who would betray him, answered, “Is it I, Rabbi?” He said to him, “You have said so.”

## Offering

## Prayer of the Church

## Lord's Prayer

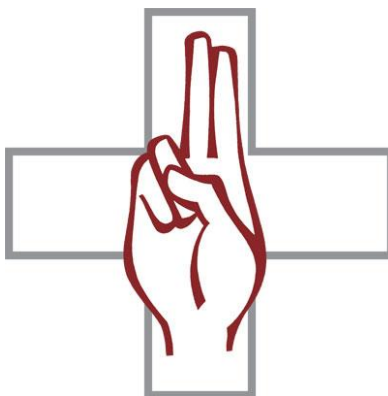
**C** Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven; give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

## Benediction

*(12:15pm Service concludes here)*

Hymn #878 (vv.1-4)	"Abide With Me"
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## Postlude



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