

Welcome!

**St. John's
Lutheran
Church**

(LCMS)

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Sun. 9:15 am

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

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

Pastor

Mike Burdick

March 19, 2023

4th 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.

- Little Children's Worship bags are available in the Atrium.
- 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.
- **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
Mrs. Dana Keller	Organist
Mrs. Ammon Probst	Song Leader
St. John's Praise Band	10:30am Music
Jackson & Josie Fritch, Kylie Pryor, & Luke Sipe	Acolytes
Mr. Dave Worman	5:30pm Elder on Duty
Mr. Keith Knight	8:00am Elder on Duty
Mr. Howard Janis	10:30am Elder on Duty
Mr. Fred Bray 217-663-3916	Elder on Duty for March 20 – March 24
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

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

“Lord, I Need You”

Preservice #1

*Lord, I come, I confess
Bowing here I find my rest
Without You I fall apart
You're the One that guides my heart*

*Lord, I need You, Oh, I need You
Every hour I need You
My one defense, my righteousness
Oh God, how I need You - Preservice #1*

*Where sin runs deep Your grace is more
Where grace is found is where You are
And where You are, Lord, I am free
Holiness is Christ in me*

*Lord, I need You, Oh, I need You
Every hour I need You*

*My one defense, my righteousness
Oh God, how I need You*

*Teach my song to rise to You
When temptation comes my way
And when I cannot stand I'll fall on You
Jesus, You're my hope and stay*

*Lord, I need You, Oh, I need You
Every hour I need You
My one defense, my righteousness
Oh God, how I need You*

*You're my one defense, my righteousness
Oh God, how I need You
My one defense, my righteousness
Oh God, how I need You*

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“Lamb Of God”

Preservice #2

*Your only Son no sin to hide
But You have sent Him from Your side
To walk upon this guilty sod
And to become the Lamb of God*

*Your gift of love they crucified
They laughed and scorned Him as He died
The humble King they named a fraud
And sacrificed the Lamb of God*

*Oh Lamb of God sweet Lamb of God
I love the holy Lamb of God*

*Oh wash me in His precious blood
My Jesus Christ the Lamb of God*

*I was so lost I should have died
But You have brought me to Your side
To be led by Your staff and rod
And to be called a lamb of God*

*Oh Lamb of God sweet Lamb of God
I love the holy Lamb of God
Oh wash me in His precious blood
My Jesus Christ the Lamb of God*

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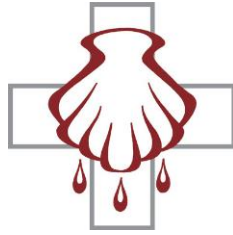
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Call to Worship

Prelude

Welcome

Mission Appeal from the Gideons: Mr. Bill Wagner (Trinity Lutheran, Peoria)



The Sacrament of Holy Baptism for

Witt Ronald Heuerman

Sawyer Thomas Whitaker

Georgia Mae Haarman

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

Dearly beloved, Christ our Lord says in the last chapter of Matthew, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to Me. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.” In the last chapter of Mark our Lord promises, “Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved.” And the apostle Peter has written, “Baptism now saves you.”

The Word of God also teaches that we are all conceived and born sinful and are under the power of the devil until Christ claims us as His own. We would be lost forever unless delivered from sin, death, and everlasting condemnation. But the Father of all mercy and grace has sent His Son Jesus Christ, who atoned for the sin of the whole world, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life.



_____, receive the sign of the holy cross both upon your forehead and upon your heart to mark you as one redeemed by Christ the crucified.

The Responsibility of Sponsors and Witnesses

P From ancient times the Church has observed the custom of appointing sponsors and witnesses for baptismal candidates. In the Evangelical Lutheran Church sponsors are to confess the faith expressed in the Apostles’ Creed and taught in the Small Catechism. They are to pray for them, support them in their ongoing instruction and nurture in the Christian faith, and encourage them toward the faithful reception of the Lord’s Supper. They are at all times to be examples to them of the holy life of faith in Christ and love for the neighbor.

P Is it your intention to serve _____ as sponsor and witness in the Christian faith?

R **Yes, with the help of God.**

P God enable you both to will and to do this faithful and loving work and with His grace fulfill what we are unable to do.

C **Amen.**

Lord's Prayer (*all*)

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.**

P The Lord preserve your coming in and your going out from this time forth and even forevermore. **Amen.**

Renouncing Evil, Confessing the Faith

P We will all answer on behalf of _____ in testimony of the victory over the devil that is completed by the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit:

Do you renounce the devil?

R **Yes, I renounce him.**

P Do you renounce all his works?

R **Yes, I renounce them.**

P Do you renounce all his ways?

R **Yes, I renounce them.**

P Do you believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth?

R **Yes, I believe.**

P Do you believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried; He descended into hell; the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence He will come to judge the living and the dead?

R **Yes, I believe.**

P Do you believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting?

R **Yes, I believe.**

P _____, do you desire _____ to be baptized and consistently raised in the faith?

R **Yes.**

-- *The pastor pours water three times on the head of the candidate while saying: --*

P _____, I baptize you in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

P The almighty God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has given you the new birth of water and of the Spirit and has forgiven you all your sins, strengthen you with His grace to life everlasting. **Amen.**

The Baptismal candle on the altar is lighted.

P In Holy Baptism God the Father has made you a member of His Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, and an heir with us of all the treasures of heaven in the one holy Christian and apostolic Church. We receive you in Jesus' name as our brother/sister in Christ, that together we might hear His Word, receive His gifts, and proclaim the praises of Him who called us out of darkness into His marvelous light.

C Amen. We welcome you in the name of the Lord!

P Let us pray. Almighty and most merciful God and Father, we thank and praise You that You graciously preserve and enlarge Your family and have granted _____ the new birth in Holy Baptism and made him/her a member of Your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, and an heir of Your heavenly kingdom. We humbly implore You that, as he/she has now become Your child, You would keep him/her in his/her baptismal grace, that according to Your good pleasure he/she may faithfully grow to lead a godly life to the praise and honor of Your holy name and finally, with all Your saints, obtain the promised inheritance in heaven; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. **Amen!**

Hymn #601	All Who Believe and Are Baptized
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"See This Wonder In The Making"

(10:30) Opening Song

*1. See this wonder in the making
God Himself this child is taking
As a lamb safe in His keeping
His to be, awake or sleeping*

*3. Far more tender than a mother,
Far more caring than a father,
God, into Your arms we place them,
With Your love and peace embrace them.*

*2 .Miracle each time it happens
As the door to heaven opens
And the Father beams, "Beloved,
Heir of gifts a king would covet"*

*4. Here we bring a child of nature;
Home we take a newborn creature,
Now God's precious son or daughter,
Born again by Word and water.*

"See This Wonder In The Making" written by Jaroslav J. VajdaPublic DomainScripture Reference: Matt. 3:16-17; Titus 3:3-7; Mark 10:16CCLI License: 51072

*The Baptismal candle is extinguished for now,
to be taken home and lighted yearly in remembrance of this day.*



Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

C **And with thy spirit.**

P Let us pray. Almighty God, our heavenly Father, Your mercies are new every morning; and though we deserve only punishment, You receive us as Your children and provide for all our needs of body and soul. Grant that we may heartily acknowledge Your merciful goodness, give thanks for all Your benefits, and serve You in willing obedience; 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

Isaiah 42:14–21

¹⁴For a long time I have held my peace;
I have kept still and restrained myself;
now I will cry out like a woman in labor;
I will gasp and pant.

¹⁵I will lay waste mountains and hills,
and dry up all their vegetation;
I will turn the rivers into islands,
and dry up the pools.

¹⁶And I will lead the blind
in a way that they do not know,
in paths that they have not known
I will guide them.

I will turn the darkness before them into light,
the rough places into level ground.
These are the things I do,
and I do not forsake them.

¹⁷They are turned back and utterly put to shame,
who trust in carved idols,
who say to metal images,
“You are our gods.”

¹⁸Hear, you deaf,
and look, you blind, that you may see!
¹⁹Who is blind but my servant,
or deaf as my messenger whom I send?
Who is blind as my dedicated one,
or blind as the servant of the LORD?
²⁰He sees many things, but does not observe them;
his ears are open, but he does not hear.
²¹The LORD was pleased, for his righteousness' sake,
to magnify his law and make it glorious.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Epistle

Ephesians 5:8–14

⁸For at one time you were darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Walk as children of light ⁹(for the fruit of light is found in all that is good and right and true), ¹⁰and try to discern what is pleasing to the Lord. ¹¹Take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness, but instead expose them. ¹²For it is shameful even to speak of the things that they do in secret. ¹³But when anything is exposed by the light, it becomes visible, ¹⁴for anything that becomes visible is light. Therefore it says,

“Awake, O sleeper,
and arise from the dead,
and Christ will shine on you.”

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Children's Sermon

Holy Gospel

John 9:1–7, 13–17, 34–39

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the ninth chapter.

C **Glory be to Thee, O Lord.**

¹As [Jesus] passed by, he saw a man blind from birth. ²And his disciples asked him, “Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?” ³Jesus answered, “It was not that this man sinned, or his parents, but that the works of God might be displayed in him. ⁴We must work the works of him who sent me while it is day; night is coming, when no one can work. ⁵As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world.” ⁶Having said these things, he spat on the ground and made mud with the saliva. Then he anointed the man's eyes with the mud ⁷and said to him, “Go, wash in the pool of Siloam” (which means Sent). So he went and washed and came back seeing. . . .

¹³They brought to the Pharisees the man who had formerly been blind. ¹⁴Now it was a

Sabbath day when Jesus made the mud and opened his eyes. ¹⁵So the Pharisees again asked him how he had received his sight. And he said to them, "He put mud on my eyes, and I washed, and I see." ¹⁶Some of the Pharisees said, "This man is not from God, for he does not keep the Sabbath." But others said, "How can a man who is a sinner do such signs?" And there was a division among them. ¹⁷So they said again to the blind man, "What do you say about him, since he has opened your eyes?" He said, "He is a prophet."

³⁴They answered him, "You were born in utter sin, and would you teach us?" And they cast him out.

³⁵Jesus heard that they had cast him out, and having found him he said, "Do you believe in the Son of Man?" ³⁶He answered, "And who is he, sir, that I may believe in him?" ³⁷Jesus said to him, "You have seen him, and it is he who is speaking to you." ³⁸He said, "Lord, I believe," and he worshiped him. ³⁹Jesus said, "For judgment I came into this world, that those who do not see may see, and those who see may become blind."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

Hymn #850

God of Grace and God of Glory

"Jerusalem"

(10:30) Sermon Song

*See Him in Jerusalem
Walking where the crowds are
Once these streets had sung to Him
Now they cry for murder
Such a frail and lonely Man
Holding up the heavy cross
See Him walking in Jerusalem
On the road to save us*

*See Him there upon the hill
Hear the scorn and laughter
Silent as a lamb He waits
Praying to the Father
See the King who made the sun
And the moon and shining stars
Let the soldiers hold and nail Him down
So that He could save them*

*See Him there upon the cross
Now no longer breathing
Dust that formed the watching crowds*

*Takes the blood of Jesus
Feel the earth is shaking now
See the veil is split in two
And He stood before the wrath of God
Shielding sinners with His blood*

*See the empty tomb today
Death could not contain Him
Once the Servant of the world
Now in vict'ry reigning
Lift your voices to the One
Who is seated on the throne
See Him in the New Jerusalem
Praise the One who saved us*

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St. John’s Lutheran Church Mission:

Proclaim the Christ.

Grow the family.

Love the neighbor.

Proclaim the Christ.

- Within the Church, we proclaim the Christ in our worship Services and educational offerings. Founded upon the Bible and Luther’s Small Catechism, we give our members Christ’s Word of Law and Gospel, so they have comfort in Him.
- As the Church, we reach out to unbelievers with the Gospel of Jesus Christ. We share God’s Word, because it alone has the power to bring someone to faith.

Grow the Family.

- As we have the opportunity, we get married and raise up children in the Christian faith. We teach the next generation the truth and grace of God.
- We believe that fellow members of St. John’s Lutheran Church comprise the household of faith, our church family. We care for one another and we invite people to join the church family.

Love the Neighbor.

- **We begin with our closest neighbors: our families. In concentric circles outward, we put Christian love into word and deed.**
- **As we have opportunity, we provide some of the necessities of life to those in our community and world -- food, shelter, help, and friendship – with the love of Jesus.**

Offertory (5:30 & 8:00)

LSB 192


Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -

new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a -

way from Thy pres-ence, and take not Thy Ho - ly Spir - it

from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of Thy sal - va -

tion, and up - hold me with Thy free spir-it. A - men.

Offering

Prayer of the Church

Benediction

Hymn #826

Hark, the Voice of Jesus Crying

"Sent Forth by God's Blessing"

(10:30) Closing Song

*Sent forth by God's blessing, Our true faith confessing,
The people of God from His dwelling take leave.
The supper is ended. Oh, now be extended
The fruits of this service in all who believe.
The seed of His teaching, Receptive souls reaching,
Shall blossom in action for God and for all.
His grace did invite us, His love shall unite us
To work for God's kingdom and answer His call.*

*With praise and thanksgiving To God everliving,
The tasks of our everyday life we will face.
Our faith ever sharing, In love ever caring,
Embracing His children of each tribe and race.
With Your feast You feed us, With Your light now lead us.
Unite us as one in this life that we share.
Then may all the living with praise and thanksgiving
Give honor to Christ and His name that we bear.*

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Postlude

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