

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

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**Christian Education:** Sun. 9:15am

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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 and Mr. Jamie Lotz .....	Organists
Melia Wendling .....	Acolyte
Mr. Fred Bray .....	12:15pm Elder on Duty
Mr. Keith Knight .....	6:30pm Elder on Duty
Mr. Fred Bray 217-240-8178 .....	Elder on Duty for March 22-24
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



LET MY PEOPLE GO

**Prelude**

**Call to Worship**

**Welcome**

**Hymn #420**

**Christ, the Life of All the Living** *sts. 1–4*

**Invocation**

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

**C** Amen.

**Reading**

*Psalm 136:10–16*

<sup>10</sup>to him who struck down the firstborn of Egypt,  
**for his steadfast love endures forever;**

<sup>11</sup>and brought Israel out from among them,  
**for his steadfast love endures forever;**

<sup>12</sup>with a strong hand and an outstretched arm,  
**for his steadfast love endures forever;**

<sup>13</sup>to him who divided the Red Sea in two,  
**for his steadfast love endures forever;**

<sup>14</sup>and made Israel pass through the midst of it,  
**for his steadfast love endures forever;**

<sup>15</sup>but overthrew Pharaoh and his host in the Red Sea,  
**for his steadfast love endures forever;**

<sup>16</sup>to him who led his people through the wilderness,  
**for his steadfast love endures forever;**

**Prayer**

## Reading

*Philippians 4:11–13*

<sup>11</sup>Not that I am speaking of being in need, for I have learned in whatever situation I am to be content. <sup>12</sup>I know how to be brought low, and I know how to abound. In any and every circumstance, I have learned the secret of facing plenty and hunger, abundance and need. <sup>13</sup>I can do all things through him who strengthens me.

## Bell Choir Anthem (6:30pm)

***Alas! And Did My Savior Bleed***

## Reading

*Exodus 20:1–17*

<sup>1</sup>And God spoke all these words, saying,

<sup>2</sup>“I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery.

<sup>3</sup>“You shall have no other gods before me.

<sup>4</sup>“You shall not make for yourself a carved image, or any likeness of anything that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth. <sup>5</sup>You shall not bow down to them or serve them, for I the LORD your God am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers on the children to the third and the fourth generation of those who hate me, <sup>6</sup>but showing steadfast love to thousands of those who love me and keep my commandments.

<sup>7</sup>“You shall not take the name of the LORD your God in vain, for the LORD will not hold him guiltless who takes his name in vain.

<sup>8</sup>“Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy. <sup>9</sup>Six days you shall labor, and do all your work, <sup>10</sup>but the seventh day is a Sabbath to the LORD your God. On it you shall not do any work, you, or your son, or your daughter, your male servant, or your female servant, or your livestock, or the sojourner who is within your gates. <sup>11</sup>For in six days the LORD made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, and rested the seventh day. Therefore the LORD blessed the Sabbath day and made it holy.

<sup>12</sup>“Honor your father and your mother, that your days may be long in the land that the LORD your God is giving you.

<sup>13</sup>“You shall not murder.

<sup>14</sup>“You shall not commit adultery.

<sup>15</sup>“You shall not steal.

<sup>16</sup>“You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.

<sup>17</sup>“You shall not covet your neighbor’s house; you shall not covet your neighbor’s wife, or his male servant, or his female servant, or his ox, or his donkey, or anything that is your neighbor’s.”

## Sermon

***“Mine!”***

## Hymn #730

**What Is the World to Me**

## Passion Reading

*In our Midweek Lenten Services, we 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.*

### Matthew 26:47–68

<sup>47</sup>While he was still speaking, Judas came, one of the twelve, and with him a great crowd with swords and clubs, from the chief priests and the elders of the people. <sup>48</sup>Now the betrayer had given them a sign, saying, “The one I will kiss is the man; seize him.” <sup>49</sup>And he came up to Jesus at once and said, “Greetings, Rabbi!” And he kissed him. <sup>50</sup>Jesus said to him, “Friend, do what you came to do.” Then they came up and laid hands on Jesus and seized him. <sup>51</sup>And behold, one of those who were with Jesus stretched out his hand and drew his sword and struck the servant of the high priest and cut off his ear. <sup>52</sup>Then Jesus said to him, “Put your sword back into its place. For all who take the sword will perish by the sword. <sup>53</sup>Do you think that I cannot appeal to my Father, and he will at once send me more than twelve legions of angels? <sup>54</sup>But how then should the Scriptures be fulfilled, that it must be so?” <sup>55</sup>At that hour Jesus said to the crowds, “Have you come out as against a robber, with swords and clubs to capture me? Day after day I sat in the temple teaching, and you did not seize me. <sup>56</sup>But all this has taken place that the Scriptures of the prophets might be fulfilled.” Then all the disciples left him and fled.

<sup>57</sup>Then those who had seized Jesus led him to Caiaphas the high priest, where the scribes and the elders had gathered. <sup>58</sup>And Peter was following him at a distance, as far as the courtyard of the high priest, and going inside he sat with the guards to see the end. <sup>59</sup>Now the chief priests and the whole Council were seeking false testimony against Jesus that they might put him to death, <sup>60</sup>but they found none, though many false witnesses came forward. At last two came forward <sup>61</sup>and said, “This man said, ‘I am able to destroy the temple of God, and to rebuild it in three days.’” <sup>62</sup>And the high priest stood up and said, “Have you no answer to make? What is it that these men testify against you?” <sup>63</sup>But Jesus remained silent. And the high priest said to him, “I adjure you by the living God, tell us if you are the Christ, the Son of God.” <sup>64</sup>Jesus said to him, “You have said so. But I tell you, from now on you will see the Son of Man seated at the right hand of Power and coming on the clouds of heaven.” <sup>65</sup>Then the high priest tore his robes and said, “He has uttered blasphemy. What further witnesses do we need? You have now heard his blasphemy. <sup>66</sup>What is your judgment?” They answered, “He deserves death.” <sup>67</sup>Then they spit in his face and struck him. And some slapped him, <sup>68</sup>saying, “Prophecy to us, you Christ! Who is it that struck you?”

## 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.

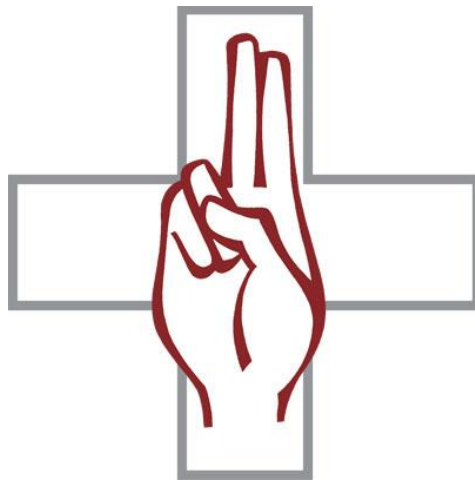
## Benediction

*(12:15pm Service concludes here)*

## Hymn #890

**O Blessed Light, O Trinity**

## Postlude



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