

Welcome!

**St. John's
Lutheran
Church**

(LCMS)

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Christian

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 5, 2023

2nd 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

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| 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. Holly Adams..... | Song Leader |
| Mrs. Linda Marxmann..... | Bell Choir Director |
| St. John's Praise Band | 10:30am Music |
| Kade Pennington, Charlie & Audrey Jansen and Allyson Kremer | Acolytes |
| Mr. Ray Hartman | 5:30pm Elder on Duty |
| Mr. Dave Worman | 8:00am Elder on Duty |
| Mr. Jim Schroeder | 10:30am Elder on Duty |
| Mr. Howard Janis 217-821-6728..... | Elder on Duty for March 6 – March 10 |
| 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.

“The Lion And The Lamb”

Preservice #1

*He's coming on the clouds
Kings and kingdoms will bow down
And every chain will break
As broken hearts declare His praise
For who can stop the Lord Almighty*

*Our God is the Lion
The Lion of Judah
He's roaring with power
And fighting our battles
And every knee will bow before Him*

*Our God is the Lamb
The Lamb that was slain
For the sin of the world
His blood breaks the chains
And every knee will bow before the Lion and the Lamb
And every knee will bow before the Lion and the Lamb*

*So open up the gates
Make way before the King of kings
Our God who comes to save
Is here to set the captives free
For who can stop the Lord Almighty*

*Our God is the Lion
The Lion of Judah
He's roaring with power
And fighting our battles
And every knee will bow before Him*

*Our God is the Lamb
The Lamb that was slain
For the sin of the world
His blood breaks the chains
And every knee will bow before the Lion and the Lamb
And every knee will bow before the Lion and the Lamb*

*Who can stop the Lord Almighty
Who can stop the Lord Almighty
Who can stop the Lord Almighty
Who can stop the Lord (Almighty)*

*Our God is the Lion
The Lion of Judah
He's roaring with power
And fighting our battles
And every knee will bow before Him*

*Our God is the Lamb
The Lamb that was slain
For the sin of the world
His blood breaks the chains
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And every knee will bow before the Lion and the Lamb
And every knee will bow before the Lion and the Lamb
And every knee will bow before the Lion and the Lamb*

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"Closer To God"

Preservice #2

*I thought the more I cleaned myself up
The more worthy I'd be
I thought I had to draw to near to Him
For Him to draw back to me
But He's the breath in my lungs
When I'm gasping for air
He's the friend listening
Holding my desperate prayers*

*In every hour that felt too dark
In every moment He felt far
Every time I felt like He forgot
Didn't know I was closer to God
In every valley He walked with me
He sealed my future set me free
In every place I felt lost
Didn't know I was closer to God*

*'Cause He leans into the brokenhearted
The whisper in the storm
Looking back to where I started
The path revealed Him more
He's the tears in my eyes washing my soul
And I had to lose it to know He's in control*

*In every hour that felt too dark
In every moment He felt far
Every time I felt like He forgot
Didn't know I was closer to God
In every valley He walked with me
He sealed my future set me free
In every place I felt lost
Didn't know I was closer to God*

*I had to lose hope
To finally stop runnin'
I had to feel alone
To learn that I wasn't*

*In every hour that felt too dark
In every moment He felt far
Every time I felt like He forgot
Didn't know I was closer to God
In every valley He walked with me
He sealed my future set me free
In every place I felt lost
Didn't know I was closer to God*

*He's the friend listening
Holding my desperate prayers*

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SERVICE THREE, WITHOUT COMMUNION

Prelude

Call to Worship

Welcome



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God Loved the World So That He Gave

"Step by Step"

(10:30) Opening Song

*O God, You are my God and I will ever praise You
O God, You are my God and I will ever praise You
I will seek You in the morning
and I will learn to walk in Your ways
Step by step You lead me
and I will follow You all of my days.*

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Confession and Absolution

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

C **Amen.**

P Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

P Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C **who made heaven and earth.**

P I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,
C and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

P Almighty God, our maker and redeemer, we poor sinners confess unto You that we are by nature sinful and unclean and that we have sinned against You by thought, word, and deed. Wherefore we flee for refuge to Your infinite mercy, seeking and imploring Your grace for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ.

C **O most merciful God, who has given Your only-begotten Son to die for us, have mercy upon us and for His sake grant us remission of all our sins; and by Your Holy Spirit increase in us true knowledge of You and of Your will and true obedience to Your Word, to the end that by Your grace we may come to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

P Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

Kyrie (5:30 & 8:00)

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C Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -



on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

C **And with thy spirit.**

P Let us pray. O God, You see that of ourselves we have no strength. By Your mighty power defend us from all adversities that may happen to the body and from all evil thoughts that may assault and hurt the soul; 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

Genesis 12:1–9

¹The LORD said to Abram, “Go from your country and your kindred and your father’s house to the land that I will show you. ²And I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. ³I will bless those who bless you, and him who dishonors you I will curse, and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed.”

⁴So Abram went, as the LORD had told him, and Lot went with him. Abram was seventy-five years old when he departed from Haran. ⁵And Abram took Sarai his wife, and Lot his brother’s son, and all their possessions that they had gathered, and the people that they had acquired in Haran, and they set out to go to the land of Canaan. When they came to the land of Canaan, ⁶Abram passed through the land to the place at Shechem, to the oak of Moreh. At that time the Canaanites were in the land. ⁷Then the LORD appeared to Abram and said, “To your offspring I will give this land.” So he built there an altar to the LORD, who had appeared to him. ⁸From there he moved to the hill country on the east of Bethel and pitched his tent, with Bethel on the west and Ai on the east. And there he built an altar to the LORD and called upon the name of the LORD. ⁹And Abram journeyed on, still going toward the Negeb.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Bell Choir *(all services)*

“Savior, Again to Thy Dear Name”

Psalm

Psalm 121; antiphon: v. 8

¹I lift up my eyes to the hills.

From where does my help come?

²My help comes from the LORD,

who made heaven and earth.

³He will not let your foot be moved;

he who keeps you will not slumber.

⁴Behold, he who keeps Israel

will neither slumber nor sleep.

⁵The LORD is your keeper;

the LORD is your shade on your right hand.

⁶The sun shall not strike you by day,

nor the moon by night.

⁷The LORD will keep you from all evil;

he will keep your life.

⁸The LORD will keep your going out and your coming in

from this time forth and forevermore.

Epistle

Romans 4:1–8, 13–17

¹What then shall we say was gained by Abraham, our forefather according to the flesh? ²For if Abraham was justified by works, he has something to boast about, but not before God. ³For what does the Scripture say? “Abraham believed God, and it was counted to him as righteousness.” ⁴Now to the one who works, his wages are not counted as a gift but as his due. ⁵And to the one who does not work but trusts him who justifies the ungodly, his faith is counted as righteousness, ⁶just as David also speaks of the blessing of the one to whom God counts righteousness apart from works:

⁷“Blessed are those whose lawless deeds are forgiven,
and whose sins are covered;

⁸blessed is the man against whom the Lord will not count his sin.” . . .

¹³For the promise to Abraham and his offspring that he would be heir of the world did not come through the law but through the righteousness of faith. ¹⁴For if it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. ¹⁵For the law brings wrath, but where there is no law there is no transgression.

¹⁶That is why it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his offspring—not only to the adherent of the law but also to the one who shares the faith of Abraham, who is the father of us all, ¹⁷as it is written, “I have made you the father of many nations”—in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Children’s Sermon

Holy Gospel

John 3:1–17

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

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

¹Now there was a man of the Pharisees named Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews. ²This man came to Jesus by night and said to him, “Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher come from God, for no one can do these signs that you do unless God is with him.” ³Jesus answered him, “Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born again he cannot see the kingdom of God.” ⁴Nicodemus said to him, “How can a man be born when he is old? Can he enter a second time into his mother’s womb and be born?” ⁵Jesus answered, “Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God. ⁶That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. ⁷Do not marvel that I said to you, ‘You must be born again.’ ⁸The wind blows where it wishes, and you hear its sound, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit.”

⁹Nicodemus said to him, “How can these things be?” ¹⁰Jesus answered him, “Are you the teacher of Israel and yet you do not understand these things? ¹¹Truly, truly, I say to you, we speak of what we know, and bear witness to what we have seen, but you do not receive our testimony. ¹²If I have told you earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you heavenly things? ¹³No one has ascended into heaven except he who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. ¹⁴And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, ¹⁵that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

¹⁶“For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. ¹⁷For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

Apostles' Creed

C I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

And 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.

I 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. Amen.

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Lift High the Cross

“O Church Arise” (Arise Shine)

(10:30) Sermon Song

*O Church arise and put your armour on
Hear the call of Christ our Captain
For now the weak can say that they are strong
In the strength that God has given
With shield of faith and belt of Truth
We'll stand against the devil's lies
An army bold whose battle cry is love
Reaching out to those in darkness*

*Our call to war to love the captive soul
But to rage against the captor
And with the sword that makes the wounded
whole
We will fight with faith and valor
When faced with trials on ev'ry side
We know the outcome is secure
And Christ will have the prize for which He died
An inheritance of nations*

(continued)

*Arise shine for your Light has come
Arise shine for the risen Son
Lift your eyes we are His radiant bride
Arise O Church arise*

*Come see the cross where love and mercy meet
As the Son of God is stricken
Then see His foes lie crushed beneath His feet
For the Conqueror has risen
And as the stone is rolled away
And Christ emerges from the grave
This victory march continues 'til the day
Every eye and heart shall see Him*

*So Spirit come put strength in every stride
Give grace for every hurdle
That we may run with faith to win the prize
Of a servant good and faithful
As saints of old still line the way
Retelling triumphs of His grace
We hear their calls and hunger for the day
When with Christ we stand in Glory*

*Arise shine for your Light has come
Arise shine for the risen Son
Lift your eyes we are His radiant bride
Arise O Church arise*

*Arise shine for your Light has come
Arise shine for the risen Son
Lift your eyes we are His radiant bride
Arise O Church arise*

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Sermon

"Proclaim the Christ"

John 3:1-17

ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

Our 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.

Next week we will focus upon "Grow the Family."



C 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

Lord's Prayer

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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| #422 | On My Heart Imprint Your Image |
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"Blessed Be Your Name"

(10:30) ***Closing Song***

*Blessed be your name
 In the land that is plentiful
 Where your streams of abundance flow
 Blessed be your name*

*Blessed be your name
 When I'm found in the desert place
 Though I walk through the wilderness
 Blessed be your name*

(continued)

*Every blessing you pour out,
I'll turn back to praise
When the darkness closes in, Lord
Still I will say...
Blessed be the name of the Lord
Blessed be your name
Blessed be the name of the Lord
Blessed be your glorious name*

*Blessed be your name
When the sun's shining down on me
When the world's all as it should be
Blessed be your name*

*Blessed be your name
On the road marked with suffering
Though there's pain in the offering
Blessed be your name*

*Every blessing you pour out,
I turn back to praise
When the darkness closes in, Lord*

*Still I will say...
Blessed be the name of the Lord
Blessed be your name
Blessed be the name of the Lord
Blessed be your glorious name
You give and take away
You give and take away
My heart will choose to say
Lord, Blessed be your name*

*You give and take away
You give and take away
My heart will choose to say
Lord, Blessed be your name*

*Blessed be the name of the Lord
Blessed be your name
Blessed be the name of the Lord
Blessed be your glorious name*

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Postlude

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