

# 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
Charlie Jansen.....	Acolyte
Mr. Ray Hartman .....	12:15pm Elder on Duty
Mr. Howard Janis.....	6:30pm Elder on Duty
Mr. Howard Janis 217-821-6728.....	Elder on Duty for March 8-10
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

Lent 2 Midweek Service March 8, 2023



# Exodus



LET MY PEOPLE GO

Prelude

Call to Worship

Welcome

Hymn #423

**“Jesus, Refuge of the Weary”**

Invocation

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

C Amen.

Reading

*Psalm 105*

<sup>23</sup>Israel came to Egypt;

**Jacob sojourned in the land of Ham.**

<sup>24</sup>And the LORD made his people very fruitful  
**and made them stronger than their foes.**

<sup>25</sup>He turned their hearts to hate his people,  
**to deal craftily with his servants.**

<sup>26</sup>He sent Moses, his servant,  
**and Aaron, whom he had chosen.**

<sup>27</sup>They performed his signs among them  
**and miracles in the land of Ham.**

<sup>28</sup>He sent darkness, and made the land dark;  
**they did not rebel against his words.**

<sup>29</sup>He turned their waters into blood  
**and caused their fish to die.**

<sup>30</sup>Their land swarmed with frogs,  
**even in the chambers of their kings.**

<sup>31</sup>He spoke, and there came swarms of flies,  
**and gnats throughout their country.**

<sup>32</sup>He gave them hail for rain,  
**and fiery lightning bolts through their land.**

<sup>33</sup>He struck down their vines and fig trees,  
**and shattered the trees of their country.**

<sup>34</sup>He spoke, and the locusts came,  
**young locusts without number,**

<sup>35</sup>which devoured all the vegetation in their land  
**and ate up the fruit of their ground.**

<sup>36</sup>He struck down all the firstborn in their land,  
**the firstfruits of all their strength.**

<sup>37</sup>Then he brought out Israel with silver and gold,  
**and there was none among his tribes who stumbled.**

## Prayer

### Reading

*2 Corinthians 5:1–9*

<sup>1</sup>For we know that if the tent, which is our earthly home, is destroyed, we have a building from God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens. <sup>2</sup>For in this tent we groan, longing to put on our heavenly dwelling, <sup>3</sup>if indeed by putting it on we may not be found naked. <sup>4</sup>For while we are still in this tent, we groan, being burdened—not that we would be unclothed, but that we would be further clothed, so that what is mortal may be swallowed up by life. <sup>5</sup>He who has prepared us for this very thing is God, who has given us the Spirit as a guarantee.

<sup>6</sup>So we are always of good courage. We know that while we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord, <sup>7</sup>for we walk by faith, not by sight. <sup>8</sup>Yes, we are of good courage, and we would rather be away from the body and at home with the Lord. <sup>9</sup>So whether we are at home or away, we make it our aim to please him.

*(silence for reflection)*

### Reading

*Exodus 14:1–29*

<sup>1</sup>Then the LORD said to Moses, <sup>2</sup>“Tell the people of Israel to turn back and encamp in front of Pi-hahiroth, between Migdol and the sea, in front of Baal-zephon; you shall encamp facing it, by the sea. <sup>3</sup>For Pharaoh will say of the people of Israel, ‘They are wandering in the land; the wilderness has shut them in.’ <sup>4</sup>And I will harden Pharaoh’s heart, and he will pursue them, and I will get glory over Pharaoh and all his host, and the Egyptians shall know that I am the LORD.” And they did so.

<sup>5</sup>When the king of Egypt was told that the people had fled, the mind of Pharaoh and his servants was changed toward the people, and they said, “What is this we have done, that we have let Israel go from serving us?” <sup>6</sup>So he made ready his chariot and took his army with him, <sup>7</sup>and took six hundred chosen chariots and all the other chariots of Egypt

with officers over all of them. <sup>8</sup>And the LORD hardened the heart of Pharaoh king of Egypt, and he pursued the people of Israel while the people of Israel were going out defiantly. <sup>9</sup>The Egyptians pursued them, all Pharaoh's horses and chariots and his horsemen and his army, and overtook them encamped at the sea, by Pi-hahiroth, in front of Baal-zephon.

<sup>10</sup>When Pharaoh drew near, the people of Israel lifted up their eyes, and behold, the Egyptians were marching after them, and they feared greatly. And the people of Israel cried out to the LORD. <sup>11</sup>They said to Moses, "Is it because there are no graves in Egypt that you have taken us away to die in the wilderness? What have you done to us in bringing us out of Egypt? <sup>12</sup>Is not this what we said to you in Egypt, 'Leave us alone that we may serve the Egyptians'? For it would have been better for us to serve the Egyptians than to die in the wilderness." <sup>13</sup>And Moses said to the people, "Fear not, stand firm, and see the salvation of the LORD, which he will work for you today. For the Egyptians whom you see today, you shall never see again. <sup>14</sup>The LORD will fight for you, and you have only to be silent."

<sup>15</sup>The LORD said to Moses, "Why do you cry to me? Tell the people of Israel to go forward. <sup>16</sup>Lift up your staff, and stretch out your hand over the sea and divide it, that the people of Israel may go through the sea on dry ground. <sup>17</sup>And I will harden the hearts of the Egyptians so that they shall go in after them, and I will get glory over Pharaoh and all his host, his chariots, and his horsemen. <sup>18</sup>And the Egyptians shall know that I am the LORD, when I have gotten glory over Pharaoh, his chariots, and his horsemen."

<sup>19</sup>Then the angel of God who was going before the host of Israel moved and went behind them, and the pillar of cloud moved from before them and stood behind them, <sup>20</sup>coming between the host of Egypt and the host of Israel. And there was the cloud and the darkness. And it lit up the night without one coming near the other all night.

<sup>21</sup>Then Moses stretched out his hand over the sea, and the LORD drove the sea back by a strong east wind all night and made the sea dry land, and the waters were divided. <sup>22</sup>And the people of Israel went into the midst of the sea on dry ground, the waters being a wall to them on their right hand and on their left. <sup>23</sup>The Egyptians pursued and went in after them into the midst of the sea, all Pharaoh's horses, his chariots, and his horsemen. <sup>24</sup>And in the morning watch the LORD in the pillar of fire and of cloud looked down on the Egyptian forces and threw the Egyptian forces into a panic, <sup>25</sup>clogging their chariot wheels so that they drove heavily. And the Egyptians said, "Let us flee from before Israel, for the LORD fights for them against the Egyptians."

<sup>26</sup>Then the LORD said to Moses, "Stretch out your hand over the sea, that the water may come back upon the Egyptians, upon their chariots, and upon their horsemen." <sup>27</sup>So Moses stretched out his hand over the sea, and the sea returned to its normal course when the morning appeared. And as the Egyptians fled into it, the LORD threw the Egyptians into the midst of the sea. <sup>28</sup>The waters returned and covered the chariots and the horsemen; of all the host of Pharaoh that had followed them into the sea, not one of them remained. <sup>29</sup>But the people of Israel walked on dry ground through the sea, the waters being a wall to them on their right hand and on their left.

Hymn #728

How Firm a Foundation

**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 26:26–29*

<sup>26</sup>Now as they were eating, Jesus took bread, and after blessing it broke it and gave it to the disciples, and said, “Take, eat; this is my body.” <sup>27</sup>And he took a cup, and when he had given thanks he gave it to them, saying, “Drink of it, all of you, <sup>28</sup>for this is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins. <sup>29</sup>I tell you I will not drink again of this fruit of the vine until that day when I drink it new with you in my Father’s kingdom.”

**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.**

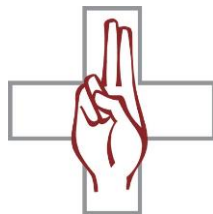
**Benediction**

*(12:15pm Service concludes here)*

Hymn #878 (vv.1, 5-6)

“Abide With Me”

**Postlude**



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