

Welcome!

**St. John's
Lutheran
Church**

(LCMS)

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**Christian
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Sun. 9:15 am

Services

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

***Proclaim the
Christ.***

***Grow the
Family.***

***Love the
Neighbor.***

Pastor

Mike Burdick

March 10, 2024

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 the acolyte 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 Organist
Mrs. Kiley Bohnhoff Song Leader
Ms. Holly Bray..... Choir Director
St. John's Praise Band 10:30am Music
Kade Pennington, Audrey Jansen, & Allyson Kremer Acolytes
Mr. Ray Hartman 5:30pm Elder on Duty
Mr. Gayland Bourland..... 8:00am Elder on Duty
Mr. Howard Janis..... 10:30am Elder on Duty
Mr. Jim Schroeder 217-821-1426 Elder on Duty for March 10 – 16
Chatelain School & Baja School Our Schools for feeding in Haiti
Ms. Janet Martins..... (773-463-0617) Stephen Ministry Leader
Mrs. Julie Scott (217-343-3047) Prayer Partner Coordinator
State, National & International Missions through our District and Synod

Holy Communion



Welcome! When the members of St. John's Lutheran Church, (LCMS) celebrate the Lord's Supper we confess the Real Presence of Christ's Body and Blood in the Bread and Wine, given and shed for the forgiveness of our sins. (1 Cor 10:16 & 1 Cor 11:23-26) We believe that Christ's Body and Blood are present "in, with and under" elements of the Holy Supper. Please register your intent to commune on the pew card after prayerfully reading it. If you are visiting with us and you desire to join with us in communion fellowship in agreement with these beliefs, please speak to our Pastor or the elder on duty before the Service. Thank You.

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

"Forever"

Preservice #1

*Give thanks to the Lord
Our God and King
His love endures forever
For He is good, He is above all things
His love endures forever
Sing praise, sing praise
Sing praise, sing praise*

*Forever God is faithful
Forever God is strong
Forever God is with us
Forever, Forever*

*With a mighty hand
and outstretched arm
His love endures forever
For the life that's been reborn
His love endures forever
Sing praise, sing praise
Sing praise, sing praise*

*Forever God is faithful
Forever God is strong
Forever God is with us
Forever, Forever*

*From the rising to the setting sun
His love endures forever
By the grace of God
We will carry on
His love endures forever
Sing praise, sing praise
Sing praise, sing praise*

*Forever God is faithful
Forever God is strong
Forever God is with us
Forever, Forever*

"Forever" written by Chris Tomlin 2001 worshiptogether.com songs Scripture Reference: Psalms 89:1-2 CCLI Song: 3148428 CCLI License: 51072

"The Faithful Love Of Jesus"

Preservice #2

*There are arms that we can lean into
That always will receive us
An endless wealth of living truth
The faithful love of Jesus*

*I pray you'll know the love of God
The love that never leaves us
The height the depth the width the breadth
The faithful love of Jesus*

*Beneath our broken hearts and wounds
Where no one else can reach us
He finds a way to heal us through
The faithful love of Jesus*

*I pray you'll know the love of God
The love that never leaves us
The height the depth the width the breadth
The faithful love of Jesus*

*The light that moves
The hand that heals
The voice that speaks
The hope that's real*

*The light that moves
The hand that heals
The voice that speaks
The hope that's real*

*I pray you'll know the love of God
The love that never leaves us
The height the depth the width the breadth
The faithful love of Jesus
The faithful love of Jesus
The faithful love of Jesus*

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DIVINE SERVICE FOUR



Prelude

Call to Worship

Welcome

Hymn #571

God Loved the World So That He Gave



Sacrament of Holy Baptism for Reagan Keith (10:30am)
Daughter Hunter & Madison Keith
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"See This Wonder In The Making"

(10:30) Opening Song

*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*

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

*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.*

*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

Confession and Absolution

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

C **Amen.**

P Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C **who made heaven and earth.**

P If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?

C **But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.**

P Since we are gathered to hear God's Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, and receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

C **Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.**

P Almighty God, merciful Father, in Holy Baptism You declared us to be Your children and gathered us into Your one, holy Church, in which You daily and richly forgive us our sins and grant us new life through Your Spirit. Be in our midst, enliven our faith, and graciously receive our prayer and praise; through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C **Amen.**

Service of the Word

Kyrie (5:30 & 8:00)

Mark 10:47 LSB 204



C Lord, have mer - cy; Christ, have mer - cy; Lord, have mer - cy.

Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

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

Numbers 21:4–9

⁴From Mount Hor they set out by the way to the Red Sea, to go around the land of Edom. And the people became impatient on the way. ⁵And the people spoke against God and against Moses, “Why have you brought us up out of Egypt to die in the wilderness? For there is no food and no water, and we loathe this worthless food.” ⁶Then the LORD sent fiery serpents among the people, and they bit the people, so that many people of Israel died. ⁷And the people came to Moses and said, “We have sinned, for we have spoken against the LORD and against you. Pray to the LORD, that he take away the serpents from us.” So Moses prayed for the people. ⁸And the LORD said to Moses, “Make a fiery serpent and set it on a pole, and everyone who is bitten, when he sees it, shall live.” ⁹So Moses made a bronze serpent and set it on a pole. And if a serpent bit anyone, he would look at the bronze serpent and live.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm

Psalm 107:1–9; antiphon: v. 19

¹Oh give thanks to the LORD, for he is good,
for his steadfast love endures forever!

²Let the redeemed of the LORD say so,
whom he has redeemed from trouble

³and gathered in from the lands,
from the east and from the west, from the north and from the south.

⁴Some wandered in desert wastes,
finding no way to a city to dwell in;

⁵hungry and thirsty,
their soul fainted within them.

⁶Then they cried to the LORD in their trouble,
and he delivered them from their distress.

⁷He led them by a straight way
till they reached a city to dwell in.

⁸Let them thank the LORD for his steadfast love,
for his wondrous works to the children of men!

⁹For he satisfies the longing soul,
and the hungry soul he fills with good things.

Epistle

Ephesians 2:1–10

¹And you were dead in the trespasses and sins ²in which you once walked, following the course of this world, following the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work in the sons of disobedience— ³among whom we all once lived in the passions of our flesh, carrying out the desires of the body and the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, like the rest of mankind. ⁴But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us, ⁵even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved— ⁶and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, ⁷so that in the coming ages he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. ⁸For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, ⁹not a result of works, so that no one may boast. ¹⁰For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Choir Anthem

“Nearer, My God, to Thee”

Psalm 24:18 *The Lord is near to the brokenhearted and saves the crushed in spirit.*

Holy Gospel

John 3:14–21

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

C Glory to You, O Lord.

¹⁴[Jesus said:] “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. ¹⁸Whoever believes in him is not condemned, but whoever does not believe is condemned already, because he has not believed in the name of the only Son of God. ¹⁹And this is the judgment: the light has come into the world, and people loved the darkness rather than the light because their deeds were evil. ²⁰For everyone who does wicked things hates the light and does not come to the light, lest his deeds should be exposed. ²¹But whoever does what is true comes to the light, so that it may be clearly seen that his deeds have been carried out in God.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

Nicene Creed

C I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Hymn #337

The Night Will Soon Be Ending

“Not To Us”

(10:30) Sermon Song

*Not to us, oh Lord, not to us oh Lord
But unto Your name be the glory
From the dawn of time to its setting sun
The name of the Lord shall be praised*

*One song will ring through the ages
One throne will ever remain
This world will pass and its glories fade
One name forever shall be praised*

*While the nations rage, trusting idols vain
Our God stands alone in the heavens
Robed in majesty, hail the highest King
The name of the Lord shall be praised*

*One song will ring through the ages
One throne will ever remain
This world will pass and its glories fade
One name forever shall be praised
One name forever shall be praised*

(continued)

*May Your face be set, may Your blessing rest
Upon us Your people beloved
Mark us by Your grace, that the world would say
"The name of the Lord shall be praised!"*

*One song will ring through the ages
One throne will ever remain
This world will pass and its glories fade
One name forever shall be praised*

*One song will ring through the ages
One throne will ever remain
This world will pass and its glories fade
One name forever shall be praised*

*One name forever shall be praised
One name forever shall be praised*

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Catechism Review (p. 321)

Sermon

"Light"
John 3:14-21

Prayer of the Church

Offering

Service of the Sacrament



Preface

2 Timothy 4:22; [Colossians 3:1]; [Psalm 136]

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Lift up your hearts.

C **We lift them to the Lord.**

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

(10:30 Service continues with the Prayer of Thanksgiving)

P It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, for the countless blessings You so freely bestow on us and all creation. Above all, we give thanks for Your boundless love shown to us when You sent Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, into our flesh and laid on Him our sin, giving Him into death that we might not die eternally. Because He is now risen from the dead and lives and reigns to all eternity, all who believe in Him will overcome sin and death and will rise again to new life. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

Sanctus (5:30 & 8:00)

Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 21:9 LSB 208



C Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth a - dored;



Heav'n and earth with full ac-claim shout the glo-ry of Your name.



Sing ho - san-na in the high-est, sing ho-san - na to the Lord;



Tru - ly blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord!

Text: Stephen P. Starke

Prayer of Thanksgiving

P Blessed are You, O Lord our God, king of all creation, for You have had mercy on us and given Your only-begotten Son that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life.

At Your command, Abraham prepared to offer his son Isaac as a sacrifice on the mountain; yet, in mercy You provided a ram as a substitute. We give You thanks that on Calvary You spared not Your only Son but sent Him to offer His life as a ransom for many.

P As we eat and drink His body and blood, grant us, like Abraham our father, to trust in Your promise now fulfilled in Christ, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world.

Hear us as we pray in His name and as He has taught us:

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.

The Words of Our Lord

Pax Domini

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C Amen.

Agnus Dei (5:30 & 8:00)

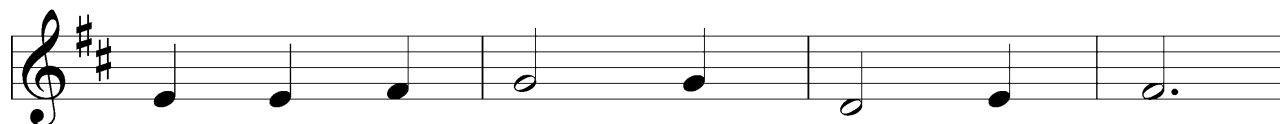
John 1:29 LSB 210



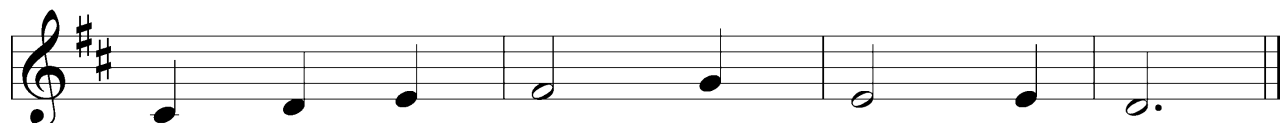
1 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,
2 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,



You take the sin of the world a - way;
You take the sin of the world a - way;



O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,
Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus Christ,



Have mer - cy on us, Lord, we pray.
And grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.

Text: Stephen P. Starke

Distribution

Hymn #915

Hymn #624

Today Your Mercy Calls Us
The Infant Priest Was Holy Born

“What a Friend we have in Jesus”

(10:30) Communion Song

*What a friend we have in Jesus,
All our sins and griefs to bear!
What a privilege to carry
Ev'rything to God in prayer!
Oh, what peace we often forfeit,
Oh what needless pain we bear,
All because we do not carry
Ev'rything to God in prayer!*

*Have we trials and temptations?
Is there trouble anywhere?
We should never be discouraged,
Take it to the Lord in prayer:
Can we find a friend so faithful
Who will all our sorrows share?
Jesus Knows our every weakness,
Take it to the Lord in prayer.*

*Are we weak and heavy laden,
Cumbered with a load of care?
Precious Savior, still our Refuge
Take it to the Lord in prayer.
Do thy friends despise, forsake thee?
Take it to the Lord in prayer;
In His arms He'll take and shield thee,
Thou wilt find a solace there.*

"What A Friend We Have In Jesus" written by Charles Crozat Converse, Joseph Medlicott Scriven Public Domain Scripture Reference: Matt:11:28-30; John 15:15CCLI Song: 27714CCLI License: 51072

C 1 O Lord, now let Your ser - vant De -
 2 All glo - ry to the Fa - ther, All
 part in heav'n - ly peace, For I have seen the
 glo - ry to the Son, All glo - ry to the
 glo - ry Of Your re - deem - ing grace:
 Spir - it, For - ev - er Three in One;
 A light to lead the Gen - tiles Un -
 For as in the be - gin - ning, Is
 to Your ho - ly hill, The glo - ry of Your
 now, shall ev - er be, God's tri - une name re -
 peo - ple, Your cho - sen Is - ra - el.
 sound - ing Through all e - ter - ni - ty.

Blessing

Post-Communion Collect

P Let us pray.

We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Benedicamus

Psalm 103:1 LSB 212

P Let us bless the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Benediction

Hymn #601

All Who Believe and Are Baptized

“Oh How Good It Is”

(10:30) Closing Song

*Oh how good it is
When the family of God
Dwells together in spirit
In faith and unity.
Where the bonds of peace,
Of acceptance and love
Are the fruit of His presence
Here among us.*

CHORUS

*So with one voice we'll sing to the Lord
And with one heart we'll live out His word
Till the whole earth sees
The Redeemer has come
For He dwells in the presence of His people.*

*Oh how good it is
On this journey we share
To rejoice with the happy
And weep with those who mourn.
For the weak find strength
The afflicted find grace
When we offer the blessing
Of belonging. <Chorus>*

*Oh how good it is
To embrace His command
To prefer one another
Forgive as He forgives.
When we live as one
We all share in the love
Of the Son with the Father
And the Spirit. <Chorus>*

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Holy Week

Palm Sunday w/Holy Communion

March 23 at 5:30pm
March 24 at 8am and 10:30am

Maundy Thursday w/Holy Communion

March 28 at 12:15pm
6:30pm (Stripping of Altar)

Good Friday

March 29 at 12:15pm and 6:30pm

The Resurrection of Our Lord w/Holy Communion

March 31 at 6:00am, 8:00am, and 10:30am

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