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11:00 a.m. WORSHIP SERVICE



St. John's Lutheran Church is part of the North American Lutheran Church in America. We welcome you and are glad you are participating in the Service of the Word this morning as we celebrate **The Third Sunday in Lent**. Please register your attendance in the blue pad at the end of the pew. HOLY COMMUNION is celebrated the first and third Sundays of each month and on Festival Sundays. All who are baptized and believe that Christ is truly present in the Lord's Supper are invited to receive this Sacrament with us.

Prayer upon entering God’s house:

O God, our maker and sustainer, we pray that we may call upon You for help in every temptation and every trial, and that we may find in You our strength and salvation, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

PRELUDE

“Second Benedictus”

Rowley

***BRIEF ORDER FOR CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

P We worship this day in the name of the Father, and of the ✠ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen

P Let us confess our sin in the presence of God.

Silence for self-examination.

P Holy and gracious God,

C I confess that I have sinned against you this day. Some of my sin I know—the thoughts and words and deeds of which I am ashamed—but some is known only to you. In the name of Jesus Christ, I ask forgiveness.

P The Almighty and Merciful Lord grants you pardon, forgiveness, and remission of all your sins. In the Name of the Father, and of the ✠ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen

***ENTRANCE HYMN**

“Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing”

LBW 499

***GREETING**

P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C And also with you.

***KYRIE**



A In peace, let us pray to the Lord. **C** Lord, have mer - cy.



A For the peace from a- bove, and for our sal- vation, let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.

*Those who are able, please stand

LBW—Green Hymnal WOV—Blue Hymnal



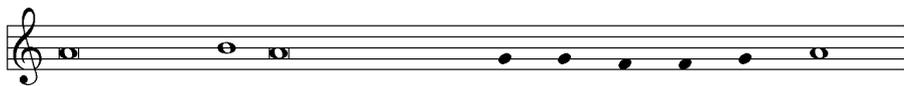
☩ For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



and for the u - ni - ty of all, let us pray to the Lord.



☩ Lord, have mer - cy.



☩ For this holy house, and for all who offer here their wor - ship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord. ☩ Lord, have mer - cy.



☩ Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gra - cious Lord. ☩ A - men

*PRAYER OF THE DAY



☩ The Lord be with you. ☩ And al - so with you.

P Let us pray.

Eternal Lord, Your kingdom has broken into our troubled world through the life, death, and resurrection of Your Son. Help us to hear Your Word and obey it, so that we become instruments of Your redeeming love; through Your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen

NEW BELLS

"When I Survey"

Mason

FIRST LESSON:

ISAIAH 55:1-9

A The First Lesson is from the 55th chapter of Isaiah.

"Come, everyone who thirsts,
come to the waters;
and he who has no money,
come, buy and eat!
Come, buy wine and milk

without money and without price.

²Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread,
and your labor for that which does not satisfy?

Listen diligently to me, and eat what is good,
and delight yourselves in rich food.

³Incline your ear, and come to me;
hear, that your soul may live;

and I will make with you an everlasting covenant,
my steadfast, sure love for David.

⁴Behold, I made him a witness to the peoples,
a leader and commander for the peoples.

⁵Behold, you shall call a nation that you do not know,
and a nation that did not know you shall run to you,
because of the LORD your God, and of the Holy One of Israel,
for he has glorified you.

⁶“Seek the LORD while he may be found;
call upon him while he is near;

⁷let the wicked forsake his way,
and the unrighteous man his thoughts;
let him return to the LORD, that he may have compassion on him,
and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon.

⁸For my thoughts are not your thoughts,
neither are your ways my ways, declares the LORD.

⁹For as the heavens are higher than the earth,
so are my ways higher than your ways
and my thoughts than your thoughts.

A Here ends the reading.

PSALM:

PSALM 63:1–8

O God, you are my God; eagerly I seek you;
my soul thirsts for you, my flesh faints for you,
as in a barren and dry land where there is no water.

**²Therefore I have gazed upon you in your holy place,
that I might behold your power and your glory.**

³For your loving kindness is better than life itself;
my lips shall give you praise.

**⁴So will I bless you as long as I live
and lift up my hands in your name.**

⁵My soul is content, as with marrow and fatness,
and my mouth praises you with joyful lips,

**⁶when I remember you upon my bed,
and meditate on you in the night watches.**

⁷For you have been my helper,
and under the shadow of your wings I will rejoice.

**⁸My soul clings to you;
Your right hand holds me fast.**

SECOND LESSON:

1 CORINTHIANS 10:1-13

A The Second Lesson is from the Tenth chapter of First Corinthians.

For I do not want you to be unaware, brothers, that our fathers were all under the cloud, and all passed through the sea, ²and all were baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea, ³and all ate the same spiritual food, ⁴and all drank the same spiritual drink. For they drank from the spiritual Rock that followed them, and the Rock was Christ.

⁵Nevertheless, with most of them God was not pleased, for they were overthrown in the wilderness.

⁶Now these things took place as examples for us, that we might not desire evil as they did. ⁷Do not be idolaters as some of them were; as it is written, "The people sat down to eat and drink and rose up to play."

⁸We must not indulge in sexual immorality as some of them did, and twenty-three thousand fell in a single day. ⁹We must not put Christ to the test, as some of them did and were destroyed by serpents, ¹⁰nor grumble, as some of them did and were destroyed by the Destroyer.

¹¹Now these things happened to them as an example, but they were written down for our instruction, on whom the end of the ages has come. ¹²Therefore let anyone who thinks that he stands take heed lest he fall. ¹³No temptation has overtaken you that is not common to man. God is faithful, and he will not let you be tempted beyond your ability, but with the temptation he will also provide the way of escape, that you may be able to endure it.

A Here ends the reading.

***VERSE**



☩ Re - turn to the Lord, your God, for he is gra - cious and mer - ci - ful,



slow to an - ger, and a - bound - ing in stead - fast love.

GOSPEL:

LUKE 13:1-9

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the thirteenth chapter.

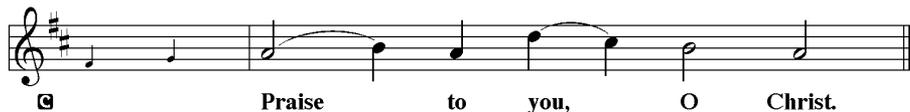


☩ Glo - ry to you, O Lord.

There were some present at that very time who told him about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices. ² And he answered them, "Do you think that these Galileans were worse sinners than all the other Galileans, because they suffered in this way? ³ No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all likewise perish. ⁴ Or those eighteen on whom the tower in Siloam fell and killed them: do you think that they were worse offenders than all the others who lived in Jerusalem? ⁵ No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all likewise perish."

⁶ And he told this parable: "A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard, and he came seeking fruit on it and found none. ⁷ And he said to the vinedresser, 'Look, for three years now I have come seeking fruit on this fig tree, and I find none. Cut it down. Why should it use up the ground?' ⁸ And he answered him, 'Sir, let it alone this year also, until I dig around it and put on manure. ⁹ Then if it should bear fruit next year, well and good; but if not, you can cut it down.'"

P The Gospel of the Lord.



CHILDREN'S SERMON

SR. BELL ANTHEM

"Precious Lord"

arr. Schrader

*HYMN

"Spread, Oh Spread, Almighty Word"

LBW 379

SERMON

*APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord.

**He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the virgin Mary.**

**He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.**

He descended into hell.

On the third day He rose again.

**He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen**

*THE PRAYERS

A For the Church, the world, and our poor sinful selves, let us pray to our Lord, who is slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

A brief silence

Heavenly Father, thank You for Your Son. He diagnoses our sin, and provides our remedy. Thank You for Your Holy Spirit. He opens an escape door when we are tempted, and helps us to repent when we don't walk through. Help us in these struggles, and have mercy on us when we fall.

A Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

(Other intercessions are offered.)

P Into Your hands, O LORD, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy; through Jesus Christ our LORD.

C Amen

ANTHEM

"Guide Me O Thou Great Jehovah"

arr. Hayes

Dan Minnich - Trumpet

*OFFERTORY



C What shall I ren - der to the Lord for all his ben - e - fits to me?



I will of - fer the sac - ri - fice of thanks - giv - ing and will call on the



name of the Lord. I will take the cup of sal - va - tion and will



call on the name of the Lord. I will pay my vows to the Lord now in the



pres - ence of all his peo - ple, in the courts of the Lord's house,



in the midst of you, O Je - ru - sa - lem.

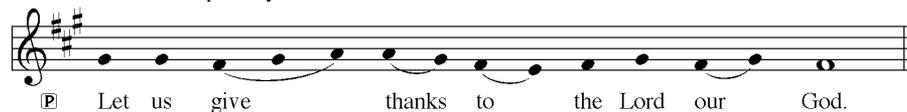
*OFFERTORY PRAYER

A Let us pray. Merciful Father,

C we offer with joy and thanksgiving what You have first given

us—ourselves, our time, and our possessions, signs of Your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of Him who offered Himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

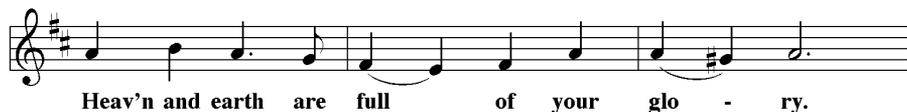
THE GREAT THANKSGIVING



* PREFACE

P It is indeed right and salutary that we should at all times and in all places offer thanks and praise to You, O Lord, holy Father, through Christ our Lord. You bid Your people cleanse their hearts and prepare with joy for the paschal feast. Renew our zeal in faith and life, and bring us to the fullness of grace that belongs to the children of God. And so, with the Church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise Your name and join their unending hymn:

SANCTUS



EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

P In the night in which He was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to His disciples, saying:

Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.

Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, He took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying:

This cup is the new covenant in my blood,

shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.

Do this for the remembrance of me.

***THE 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



☉ Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world;



grant us peace, grant us peace.

COMMUNION HYMNS:

WOV 710, 711, 776, 709, 740

***COMMUNION**

All who are baptized and believe that Christ is truly present

In the Lord’s Supper are invited to receive this Sacrament with us.

Gluten-Free Communion Wafers are available, please inform the Pastor of your needs.

P The body and blood of our LORD Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in His grace.

C Amen

*CANTICLE



Lord, now you let your ser- vant go in peace; your word has been ful -



filled. My own eyes have seen the sal - va - tion which you have pre-



pared in the sight of ev - 'ry peo - ple: A light to re - veal you to the



na - tions and the glo - ry of your peo - ple Is - ra - el.



Glo - ry to the Fa - ther, and to the Son, and to the Ho - ly Spir - it,



as it was in the be - gin - ning, is now,



and will be for - ev - er. A - men

*POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

A Let us pray.... Almighty God, You gave Your Son both as a sacrifice for sin and a model of the godly life. Enable us to receive Him always with thanksgiving, and to conform our lives to His; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord.

C Amen

*BENEDICTION

P The LORD bless you and keep you. The LORD make His face shine on you and be gracious to you. The LORD look upon you with favor and give you peace. In the name of the Father, and of the ☩ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.



A - men

***DISMISSAL**

A Go in peace. Serve the Lord.
C Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

“Toccata”

Nevin

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A Nursery/Cry Room is available on the second floor of the Education Building for those who may need it.

Men’s Bounty of the Earth Banquet 2022
TONIGHT, March 20, 2022 @ 5:00pm



Come ready to sample and enjoy an evening in which sportsman members share their game and wildlife with us. Menu includes: Wild Game Stroganoff with noodles and or rice, vegetable, salad. Welcome table of Smoked Salmon and cheeses to sample. Bring a partner, come prepared! We will be holding a Cornhole Tournament with a grand prize and a Silent Auction to benefit the Evangelism Team “Lemon Lift Ministry” so that they may continue their uplifting outreach! For reservations, see Tammy Fleeger, the church office or return this flier in the offering marked “Men’s Banquet”. \$8.00/each. (*Ages 12 and under free.*)

THIS WEEK AT ST. JOHN’S

Today	9:45 a.m.	Sunday School
	10:00 a.m.	Senior Choir
	11:00 a.m.	Worship: Communion
	12:00 p.m.	Congregational Council
	12:00 p.m.	Youth Group
	12:30 p.m.	Worship & Music
	5:00 p.m.	Men’s Banquet
Monday 3/21	7:00 p.m.	Lenten Bible Study: <i>Book of Luke</i>
Tuesday 3/22	6:00 p.m.	Women’s Bible Study
	7:00 p.m.	KMA Lenten Worship @ <i>Salvation Army</i>
Wednesday 3/23	9:30 a.m.	Children’s Hour
	5:30 p.m.	Junior Choir/Children’s Chimes
	6:00 p.m.	New Bells
	6:30 p.m.	Senior Bells
	7:00 p.m.	Pastor’s Bible Study
	8:00 p.m.	Senior Choir
Thursday 3/24	9:30 a.m.	Children’s Hour
	11:15 a.m.	Women’s Bible Study
	2:45 p.m.	Catechism
	7:00 p.m.	Catechism

Saturday 3/26	8:00 a.m.	Men's Breakfast
Sunday 3/27	8:30 a.m.	Worship: Rock of our Salvation
	9:45 a.m.	Sunday School
	10:00 a.m.	Senior Choir
	11:00 a.m.	Worship: Communion
	6:30 p.m.	Youth Group

St. John's March Meltdown Party
All Ages Winter Blast at the Falcon's Club in Ford City
Friday, March 25th 6:00-8:00 pm
Everyone please bring an appetizer to share...
music, games, bowling, prizes and more!

Lenten Men's Breakfasts

Every Saturday in Lent @ 8:00 a.m.
Breakfast and study. Following the meal will be a brief program.
Everything will be done by 9:00 a.m.

Katie's Cupboard needs your help!

Open - no questions asked, **Katie's Cupboard** fills gaps in services provided by organizations with operating hours and/or requiring paperwork/documentation. **It also encourages community and love for neighbor.** Join us in supporting Katie's Cupboard project in two ways. Purchase items when grocery shopping and place inside the cupboard. Volunteer to work on the "keep it stocked committee" to find ways to sustain this outreach through the congregation and community. Thank you!

Kentucky Disaster Response

We have all seen the terrible devastation from the aftermath of the tornadoes that ravaged Kentucky. Please keep them in prayer as they deal with the destruction.



NALC Disaster Response has sent truckloads of supplies to Kentucky and is on the ground. Pastor Pamela Thorson is preparing House of Prayer in Elizabethtown, KY to be the staging area for work teams and disaster supplies.

Our Mission District has sent \$2,000 and truckloads of supplies. Supplies continue to be collected and sent. A Mission Trip is being organized for May 1-7 2022. St. John's has sent \$600 and supplies, including toys for Christmas. We are collecting Health Kits, Flood Buckets, Gift Cards and donations to be sent.

To send money contributions to the NALC Disaster Relief mark on your envelope or in the Memo line - KY tornadoes. Reminder - 100% goes the tornado response. St. John's is a drop-off spot for relief items.

Social Ministry Collection for Kentucky Tornado: Health Kits

- One hand towel: 15 x 25 or 17 x 27
- One metal nail file or nail clipper with file
- One bar of soap (bath size in wrapper)
- One toothbrush (in original packaging)
- One gallon sized zip lock bag.
- One washcloth
- One comb
- Six band-aids
- \$1 to purchase toothpaste

All items must be new! If you prefer, financial support may be given to be used for the purchase of kit items and/or shipping costs.



**Women's Lenten Bible Study
Tuesdays @ 6pm & Thursdays @ 11:15am.**

"You are Never Alone" by Max Lucado

Order the study book on Amazon, or church has copies for you as well. Study dates in March are: Tuesdays, March 15, 22, 29 and Thursdays, March 17, 24 & 31.

**Bible Study: The Book of Luke
Monday evenings @ 7:00 pm**

March 21 Jesus' Teachings unique to Luke

**Community Lenten Series
Tuesdays @ 7:00 pm**

Date	Speaker	Host Church
March 22	Rev. Jeri-Lynne Bouterse	Salvation Army
March 29	Rev. Matthew Vatalare	First Baptist
April 5	Rev. Carl Johnson	Cornerstone Assembly of God
April 15	Rev. Mark Brady	St. John's (Good Friday)

**Wednesday Evenings at 7:00 pm Pastors' Study:
A Lutheran Toolkit by Ken Jones**

Lutheran Theology is both a treasure and a gift to the church. This little book by Ken Jones lays out some of these treasures in an easy to read, easy to understand fashion. Come explore the Lutheran Faith!

- Mar 23 Chapters 5 & 6 Delivering the Goods
- Mar 30 Chapters 7 & 8 The Church
- April 6 Chapters 9 & 10 Sacraments n Death

A Letter from Bishop Selbo:

Dear Pastors, Congregations, Partners in Ministry, Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

Over the past several days, Russia has invaded Ukraine and is working to remove its government from power to replace it with its own. The actions of the Russian leader, Vladimir Putin, are unprovoked, the conflict is bloody, and the hostile takeover is one being protested by many nations throughout Europe and the entire world.

As a church body, the North American Lutheran Church (NALC) is in strong opposition to this war and is urging its pastors and congregations to be praying for an end to this senseless conflict. The NALC also has strong ties to the Ukrainian people through one of our partner ministries, the **Spiritual Orphans Network (SON Network)**. Formerly EEMN, the SON Network, led by Executive Director Pastor David Breidenbach, serves people in parts of the world that are often overlooked as a mission field. They excel at reaching spiritual orphans in the unique context of former communist nations. In this case, they are actively involved in supporting missionaries in Ukraine, as well as providing humanitarian support to the hundreds of thousands of refugees fleeing that country in the war.

As you consider how to support the people of Ukraine, know that the SON Network is an official partner ministry of the North American Lutheran Church and that their work amidst this devastating conflict is being done openly in the name of Jesus Christ.

We encourage you to be praying for the people in Ukraine, for the families torn apart by the war, for the humanitarian efforts that will be needed for some time, as well as for the hearts of the leaders of Russia and Ukraine to find ways to bring this conflict to an end, to move forward in ways that would lead to peace, and that people would be drawn to the One in whom all lasting peace is found, the Lord Jesus Christ.

The following prayer is offered for your use, individually, as families and in your congregations:

Gracious God, we come to You as people who know we have fallen short of Your call, who are in daily need of Your forgiveness and grace, and who have no lasting hope apart from the promises we have in Jesus. And yet we come with thankful and expectant hearts, knowing that You have promised to hear and to answer prayer.

We pray for You to be working in the hearts and the lives of the

people in Russia and the Ukraine who are caught in this senseless war and whose lives are being torn apart because of the conflict. We pray for the families who have been separated from their loved ones, for those who have been physically hurt as a result of the fighting, and for those lives that have been lost. We pray, Lord, that You would open doors for peace talks and negotiations to happen that would bring an end to the war and that would save the lives of many for whom our Lord Jesus died. Work through the nations of our world, through their governments, the United Nations, and through those leaders who have authority and opportunity to influence and impact what is happening in Christ-honoring ways. Be with our missionaries and mission agencies — that their work would be a witness to the love You have for all people, and to the desire You have for Your world that we would live in peace.

Help us to never lose sight of the promises we have in Jesus and to never lose hope in the One who, through His cross and resurrection from the dead, has overcome the world. In His most holy and precious name we pray. Amen.

“I have told you these things, so that in me you may have peace. In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world.”

—John 16:33 NIV



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SERVICE PARTICIPANTS

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Lector
Comm Assistants
Acolyte
Greeters
Camera Operators

Keith Livengood
John Swanson
Tabitha Bowser, Julie & Cassidy Smith
Lucas Bowser
Corinna Stonage & William Bouch III
Nick Wranich

STAFF MEMBERS

Director of Children's & Youth Ministry
Secretary
Sexton
Organist/Choir Director/Director of Music
Sr. Choir Accompanist

Julie Smith
Christine Lettrich
Michael Craft
Rebecca Veith
Elizabeth Cramer

OUR MISSION

St. John's Lutheran Church is a group of people who believe that we are saved by God's grace and who respond to God's love by joyfully serving God, each other, our community and our world. We will humbly and lovingly serve by proclaiming the Gospel, teaching the Word, offering Sacraments, leading others to fellowship, supporting those in need, giving generously of our talents as well as our resources and by thanking and praising God.

GRACE
happens



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All that I am and
all that I have,
belongs to,
and comes
from God.