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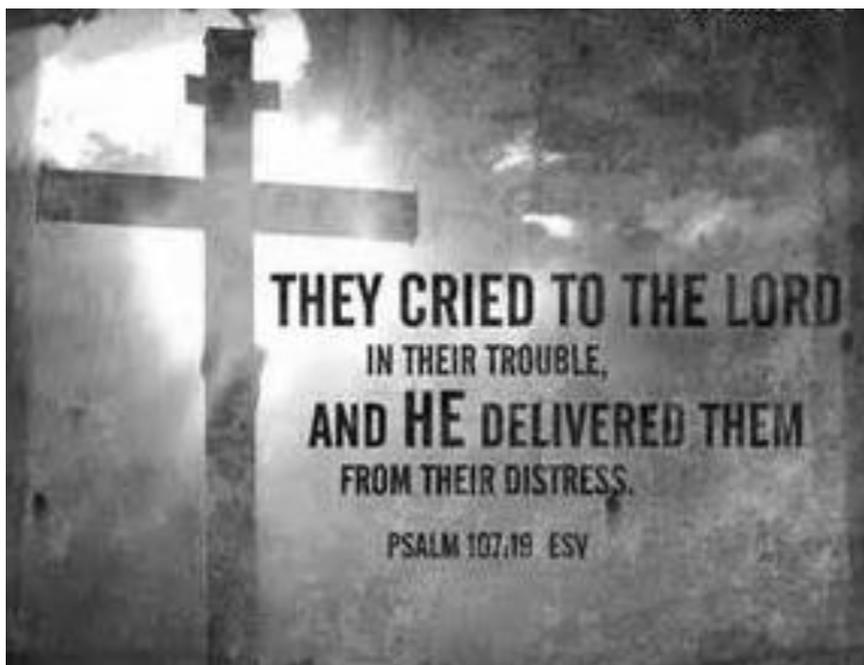
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The Rev. Carl A. Johnson, Pastor

March 14, 2021

11:00 a.m. WORSHIP SERVICE



St. John's Lutheran Church is part of the North American Lutheran Church. We welcome you and are glad you are participating in the Service of the Word this morning as we celebrate the **Fourth 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 Blessed Savior, who did stoop to rescue us, sinners worthy of eternal judgment, we pray that Your love will so penetrate every part of our being that we will think, speak, and act in the same spirit of love. Amen.

PRELUDE

"Attende, domine"

Demessieux

***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

***OPENING HYMN**

"My Hope is Built on Nothing Less"

LBW 294

***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. **B** Lord, have mer - cy.



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



B 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

God of all mercy, by Your power to heal and to forgive, graciously cleanse us from all sin and make us strong; through Your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen

FIRST LESSON:

NUMBERS 21:4-9

A The First Lesson is from the twenty-first chapter of Numbers.

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. ⁷ And 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. ⁸ And 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.” ⁹ So 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.

A Here ends the reading.

PSALM:

PSALM 107:1–3, 17–22

Give thanks to the LORD, for He is good,
and His mercy endures forever.

**²Let all those whom the LORD has redeemed proclaim
that He redeemed them from the hand of the foe.**

³He gathered them out of the lands;
from the east and from the west, from the north and from the south.

**¹⁷Some were fools and took to rebellious ways;
they were afflicted because of their sins.**

¹⁸They abhorred all manner of food
and drew near to death's door.

**¹⁹Then they cried to the LORD in their trouble,
and He delivered them from their distress.**

²⁰He sent forth His word and healed them
and saved them from the grave.

**²¹Let them give thanks to the LORD for His mercy
and the wonders He does for His children.**

²²Let them offer a sacrifice of thanksgiving
and tell of His acts with shouts of joy.

SECOND LESSON:

EPHESIANS 2:1–10

A The Second Lesson is from the second chapter of Ephesians.

² And you were dead in the trespasses and sins ² in 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— ³ among 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. ⁴ But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us, ⁵ even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with

Christ—by grace you have been saved—⁶ and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, ⁷ so that in the coming ages he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. ⁸ For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, ⁹ not a result of works, so that no one may boast. ¹⁰ For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.

A Here ends the reading.

***VERSE**

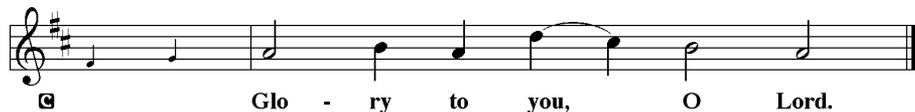


☐ Re - turn to the Lord, your God, for he is gra-cious and mer-ci-ful,
slow to an - ger, and a-bound-ing in stead-fast love.

GOSPEL:

JOHN 3:14–21

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



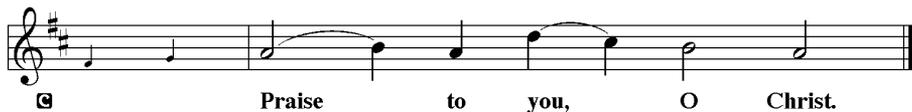
☐ Glo - ry to you, O Lord.

¹⁴ And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, ¹⁵ that 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. ¹⁷ For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him. ¹⁸ Whoever 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.

¹⁹ And this is the judgment: the light has come into the world, and people loved the darkness rather than the light because their works were evil. ²⁰ For everyone who does wicked things hates the light and does not come to the light, lest his works should be exposed. ²¹ But whoever does what is true comes to the light, so that it may be clearly seen that his works have been carried out in God.”

P The Gospel of the Lord.



CHILDREN'S SERMON

*HYMN

"Wide Open Are Your Hands"

LBW 489

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

Let us humbly beseech God for His mercy upon the Church, the world, and
one another.

A brief silence

Dear Father, we know the words by heart: "For God so loved the world, that
he gave his only begotten Son." Kindle your Holy Spirit in us, so these words
burn bright and pure therein. Let them shine through all our thoughts, words,
and deeds.

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

"Bought With a Price"

Sleeth

*OFFERTORY



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.

A Merciful Father,

C we offer with joy and thanksgiving what You have first given us—our selves, 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

GREAT THANKSGIVING



♩ The Lord be with you. ♪ And al - so with you.



♩ Lift up your hearts. ♪ We lift them to the Lord.



♩ Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

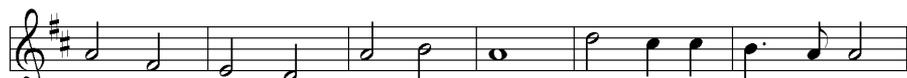


♪ It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

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:

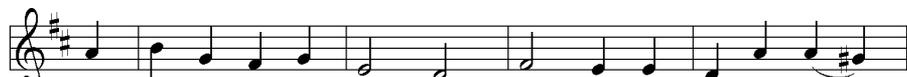
*SANCTUS



♪ Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might:



Heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.



Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes



in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

*WORDS OF INSTITUTION

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



C 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

LBW 197, 212, 507, WOV 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.*

Please inform Pastor if you need a gluten-free communion wafer.

The body of Christ, given for you.

The blood of Christ, shed for you.

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.



C A - men

*CLOSING HYMN

"My Faith Looks Up to Thee"

LBW 479

*DISMISSAL

A Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

“Crucifer”

arr. Manz

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THIS WEEK AT ST. JOHN’S

Today	8:30 a.m.	Rock of our Salvation
	9:30 a.m.	Junior Choir
	9:45 a.m.	Children’s Sunday school
	10:00 a.m.	Senior Choir
	11:00 a.m.	Worship: Communion
	6:30 p.m.	Youth Group 9-12 Dunkin Run
Monday 3/15	7:00 p.m.	Monday Lenten Bible Study <i>“The Last Supper according to John”</i>
	7:00 p.m.	Women’s Bible Study in person
Tuesday 3/16	7:00 p.m.	Lenten Community Worship@1st Baptist
	6:00 p.m.	New Bells
	6:30 p.m.	Senior Bells
Wednesday 3/17	9:30 a.m.	Children’s Hour in person
	11:30 a.m.	Children’s Hour Facebook
	7:00 p.m.	Adult Catechism The Sacraments, Confession
Thursday 3/18	11:00 a.m.	Women’s Bible Study via Zoom
	2:45 p.m.	Catechism
	7:00 p.m.	Catechism
Saturday 3/20	8:00 a.m.	Lenten Men’s Breakfast
Sunday 3/21	8:30 a.m.	Rock of our Salvation
	9:30 a.m.	Junior Choir
	9:45 a.m.	Children’s Sunday school
	10:00 a.m.	Senior Choir
	11:00 a.m.	Worship: Communion
	6:30 p.m.	Youth Group 6-12



The flower chart for 2021 has been posted in the narthex.
Please take this opportunity to sign up for the dates that you would like to place flowers on the altar in memory or in honor of a loved one or special event. Flowers are \$50.00.

Monday Lenten Bible Study 7:00 PM

The Gospel of John – March 15 - The Last Supper
Each Monday in Lent we will study a different part of John.
No Homework.
No reading outside of class. Just come and see!

Tuesday Lenten Community Worship

Tuesdays 7:00 p.m.		
Date	Speaker	Host Church
March 16 th	Rev. Jeremy Andrews	First Baptist
March 23 rd	Rev. Carl Johnson	Cornerstone Assembly of God

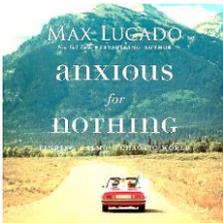
Wednesday Lenten Adult Catechism Study 7:00 p.m.

March 17: The Sacraments, Confession
March 24: Lutheran History/Theology

Lenten Men’s Breakfasts



Every Saturday at 8:00 a.m. Beginning February 20th
The men of St. John’s will be meeting on Saturday mornings for breakfast and study. Following the meal will be a brief program and we will be finished by 9:00 a.m.



St. John’s Women’s Ministry
Zoom & In Person Bible Study
Max Lucado: Anxious For Nothing

Available on Amazon and Kindle Version.
Please contact the office by email if you would like to join the **Zoom** meetings at **11:00 a.m.** every **Thursday in March**. Also in person

meetings will be held on Mondays, **March 15, 22 & 29 at 7:00 p.m.** in the church gathering room. All are welcome!



Electronic Giving is Good for You and the Church

You can now make a contribution to St. John's through a mobile app!

To get started, download GivePlus Church for free from the App Store or Google Play. Simply search for "GivePlus Church" to quickly find and download the app today. Then, you can easily make donations directly from your smartphone using your debit/credit card or checking/savings account.

You can also choose to donate as a guest or set up an account that allows you to securely and conveniently schedule recurring donations and manage and review your giving history.

We hope you enjoy this new way to contribute to our ministry and thank you for your support!

1. Download the FREE app on your Apple or Android phone•
2. Make one-time or recurring donations using your debit/credit card or checking/savings account•
3. Log in or donate as a guest•
4. Securely and conveniently manage donations using Touch ID/Fingerprint, PIN or password.
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To give through the app, search your phone's app store for "GivePlus Mobile" or contact the church office.



Disaster Response

Serve one another humbly in love.

GALATIANS 5:13b

DISASTER RESPONSE KIT LIST

Bibles

New or used (highlighted & underlined text is acceptable)
children's, teens, Spanish, large print, prayer books

Flood Bucket

1 five-gallon bucket with lid
2 large trash bags
Comet or scouring cleanser
Pine Sol or liquid cleaner
Scrub brush
Dust Masks (general use)
Gloves, 1 pair each, size L preferred
Rubber (reusable, Platex, dishwashing type), Leather, Cotton
Brooms & Dustpans
Rake, shovels, etc.

Health Care Kit

(Pack in 2-gallon Ziplock bag or tote bag)

1 Bath towel
1 Wash Cloth
1 bar soap original wrap (reg or 2 travel)
1 Toothbrush
1 pack of floss
1 Toothpaste (2 if travel size)
1 comb, 1 deodorant, 1 nail clipper

Quilts and Blankets

any size
any fabric including religious, patriotic, seasonal, military symbols

School Kit – Elementary

1 backpack or duffle bag
4 notebooks, 4 pocket folders
1 blunt scissor, 1 ruler
1 pencil sharpener
4 pencils, 2 pens, 1 eraser
1 box of crayons

School Kit – High School

1 backpack or duffle bag
4 notebooks
4 pocket folders
4 pencils, 1 pencil sharpener & 1 eraser,
4 mechanical pencils, 4 pens

1 calculator*

N95 masks - do not include in flood bucket kits, but box and send separately so they can be made available when requested.

Baby diapers (disposable, assorted sizes)

*High school calculators can also be donated - packed separately.

Any school supply can be donated in bulk quantities.

Gift Cards: Home Depot, Lowes & Walmart

We encourage you to write messages of hope in the front pages of donated Bibles.

FINANCIAL DONATIONS

Your donations are always appreciated. Please note that effective 12/14/2020 the address to which donations should be sent was changed to:

North American Lutheran Church
PO BOX 860565
Minneapolis, MN 55486-0565

HOW TO PACK YOUR DISASTER KITS:

- Pack complete kits, like items together, in sturdy boxes, not overly large.
- Label contents and quantity in LARGE, BLOCK LETTERS on the outside of the boxes and place label on at least one end and one side of the box, **not on top.**
- Include the name and address of your group or congregation on each box with a label that says: *A GIFT FROM: (church/group).*

SERVICE PARTICIPANTS

Assisting Minister	Karen Waugaman(E) Nancy Pierce(L)
Lector	Jill Wranich(E) Deb Bouch(L)
Comm. Assistants	Nick & Jill Wranich(E) Cheryl Mechling, Sara Shafer(L)
Acolyte	Robert John(E) Emily Bouch(L)
Camera Operator	Nick Wranich(E) Bill Bouch(L)

STAFF MEMBERS

Director of Children's & Youth Ministry	Julie Smith
Secretary	Christine Lettrich
Sexton	Michael Craft
Organist/Choir Director/Director of Music	Rebecca Veith
Sr. Choir Accompanist	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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