

St. John's Lutheran Church

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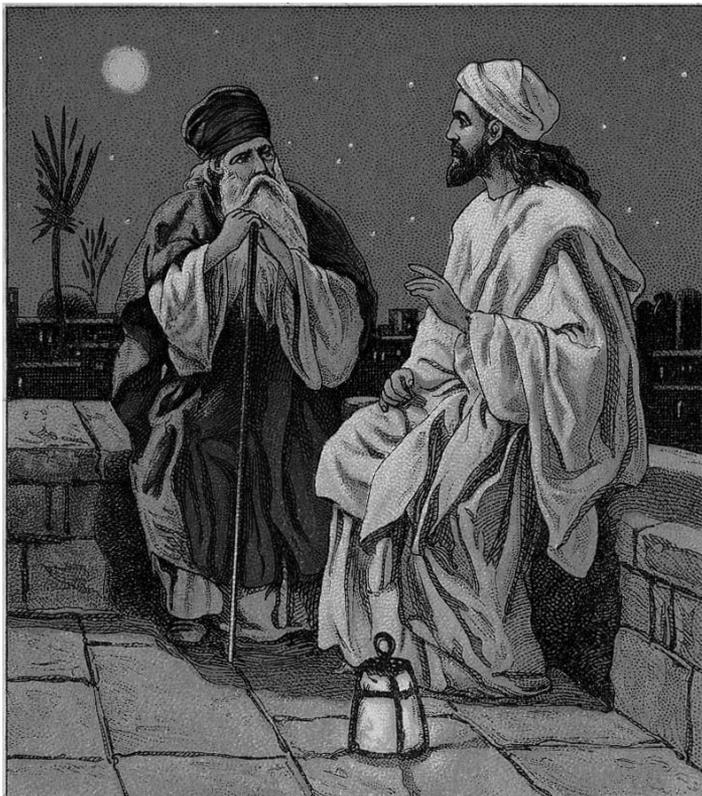
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The Rev. Carl A. Johnson, Pastor

March 8, 2020

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 Word and Sacrament this morning as we celebrate the **Second 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

Psalms 121, 139

Michael Card

***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**

“He Leadeth Me”

LBW 501

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



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



G Lord, have mer - cy.



Ⓐ 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 God, it is Your glory always to have mercy. Bring back all who have erred and strayed from Your ways; lead them again to embrace in faith the truth of Your Word and to hold it fast; through Jesus Christ Your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen

FIRST LESSON:

GENESIS 12:1–4

A The First Lesson is from the twelfth chapter of Genesis.

Now the LORD said to Abram, “Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you. ² And 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. ³ I 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.”

⁴ So Abram went, as the LORD had told him, and Lot went with him. Abram was seventy-five years old when he departed from Haran.

A Here ends the reading.

PSALM:

PSALM 121

I lift up my eyes to the hills;
from where is my help to come?

**²My help comes from the LORD,
the maker of heaven and earth.**

³He will not let your foot be moved
and he who watches over you will not fall asleep.

**⁴Behold, he who keeps watch over Israel
shall neither slumber nor sleep;**

⁵the LORD himself watches over you;
the LORD is your shade at your right hand,

**⁶so that the sun shall not strike you by day,
nor the moon by night.**

⁷The LORD shall preserve you from all evil;
it is he who shall keep you safe.

**⁸The LORD shall watch over your
going out and your coming in,
from this time forth for evermore.**

SECOND LESSON:

ROMANS 4:1–5, 13–17

A The Second Lesson is from the fourth chapter of Romans.

What then shall we say was gained by Abraham, our forefather according to the flesh? ² For if Abraham was justified by works, he has something to boast about, but not before God. ³ For what does the Scripture say? “Abraham believed God, and it was counted to him as righteousness.” ⁴ Now to the one who works, his wages are not counted as a gift but as his due. ⁵ And to the one who does not work

but believes in him who justifies the ungodly, his faith is counted as righteousness,

¹³ For 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. ¹⁴ For if it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. ¹⁵ For the law brings wrath, but where there is no law there is no transgression.

¹⁶ That 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, ¹⁷ as 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.

A Here ends the reading.

*VERSE

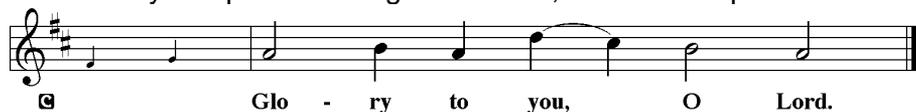


Re - turn to the Lord, your God, for he is gra - cious and mer - ci - ful,
slow to an - ger, and a - bound - ing in stead - fast love.

GOSPEL:

JOHN 3:1-17

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



Glo - ry to you, O Lord.

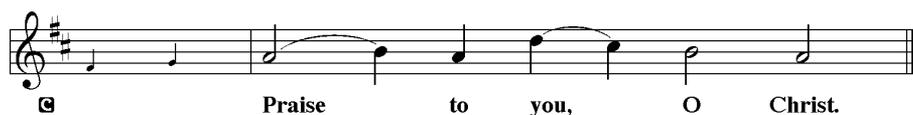
Now there was a man of the Pharisees named Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews. ² This man came to Jesus by night and said to him, “Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher come from God, for no one can do these signs that you do unless God is with him.” ³ Jesus answered him, “Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born again he cannot see the

kingdom of God.” ⁴ Nicodemus 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?” ⁵ Jesus answered, “Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God. ⁶ That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. ⁷ Do not marvel that I said to you, ‘You must be born again.’ ⁸ The 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.”

⁹ Nicodemus said to him, “How can these things be?” ¹⁰ Jesus answered him, “Are you the teacher of Israel and yet you do not understand these things? ¹¹ Truly, 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. ¹² If I have told you earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you heavenly things? ¹³ No one has ascended into heaven except he who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. 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.

P The Gospel of the Lord.



CHILDREN'S SERMON

*HYMN

“Jesus, Refuge of the Weary”

LBW 93

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 lift our hearts and voices to the Lord in prayer, that he would be merciful to his people.

Dearest Heavenly Father, You so loved the world! That You gave Your only Son so we may have everlasting life. We praise and adore You for Your love. Through the power of Your Holy Spirit, guide every thought, word, and action that we might be a reflection of that love.

Lord, in Your mercy

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

***PEACE**

P The peace of the LORD be with you always.

C And also with you.

ANTHEM

"God So Loved the World"

Stainer

*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.

THE 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.

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



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, 479, 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.*

P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and
keep you in His grace. **C Amen**

***CANTICLE**



C 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

CLOSING HYMN

"Lift High the Cross"

LBW 377

***DISMISSAL**

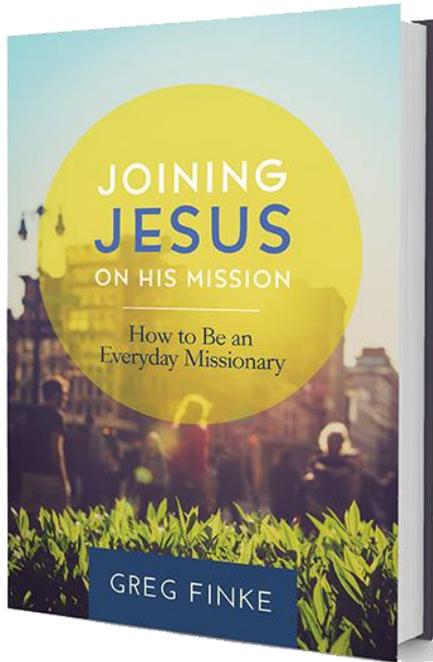
A Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

There Is A Redeemer -

Melody Green



2020 Lenten Schedule

"Joining Jesus on His Mission" Book

"Joining Jesus on His Mission" is a simple, powerful, practical book that will move you and your people from merely thinking about being everyday missionaries to launching. You will feel both relief and hope as you gain insights into how to recognize where Jesus is already at work in your everyday world and join Him. A bonus Discussion Guide is included! Available in paperback as well as various e-book formats!

Beginning March 1st:

Sundays: During Sunday School: Joining Jesus Class

Mondays: 6:00 p.m. Joining Jesus Class

Tuesdays: 7:00 p.m. KMA Ministerial Worship Services

Wednesdays: 10:00 a.m. Joining Jesus Class
Noon KMA Luncheons@Grace Presb.

6:00 p.m. Joining Jesus Class

Thursdays: 6:00 p.m. Joining Jesus Class

Lenten Men's Breakfasts

Saturdays March 14, 21, 28 at 8:00 a.m.

The men of St. John's will be meeting Saturday mornings for Breakfast and Study.

Pastor Johnson is looking for some brave individuals willing to cook and others willing to clean up after. Following the meal will be a brief program. Everything will be done by 9:00.

2020 Lenten Schedule

Tuesdays 7 pm

Date	Speaker	Host Church
March 3rd	Rev. Mike Bobbitt	Living Water
March 10th	Rev. Mark Brady	St. Luke's UCC
March 17th	Rev. Matt Vatalare	Salvation Army
March 24th	Pastor Walt Marr	First Baptist
March 31st	Rev. Carl Johnson	Cornerstone Asm of God

Wednesdays at Noon at Grace Presbyterian Church

Date	Speaker	Food
March 4th	Rev. Dana Wilmot	Grace Presbyterian
March 11th	Capt. Luke Barney	Salvation Army
March 18th	Rev. Josh Webb	Simpson Bible
March 25th	Fr. Victor Baguna	St. Mary's R.C.
April 1st	Rev. Ed Walters	St. Luke's UCC

Good Friday Service will be held here at St. John's Lutheran Church at 12 Noon with Rev. Jonathan Rosnick, pastor of St. Paul's Episcopal Church, preaching.

THIS WEEK AT ST. JOHN'S

Sunday 3/8	9:30 a.m.	Youth Choir
	9:45 a.m.	Sunday School: <u>Joining Jesus Class</u>
	10:00 a.m.	Senior Choir
	11:00 a.m.	Worship: Communion
	12:15 p.m.	Ladies Bible Study
	6:30 p.m.	Youth Group
Monday 3/9	6:00 p.m.	<u>Joining Jesus Class</u>
	7:30 p.m.	Fireflies
Tuesday 3/10	7:00 p.m.	KMA Community Worship at St. Luke's UCC
Wednesday 3/11	9:30 a.m.	Children's Hour
	10:00 a.m.	<u>Joining Jesus Class</u>
	Noon	KMA Luncheon at Grace Presby.
	6:00 p.m.	<u>Joining Jesus Class</u>
	6:30 p.m.	New Bells
	7:00 p.m.	Senior Bells
	8:00 p.m.	Senior Choir
Thursday 3/12	8:15 a.m.	Ladies Bible Study
	9:30 a.m.	Children's Hour
	6:00 p.m.	<u>Joining Jesus Class</u>
	2:45 & 7:00 p.m.	Catechism
Friday 3/13	7:00 p.m.	Fireflies
Saturday 3/14	8:00 a.m.	Men's Breakfast
Sunday 3/15	9:30 a.m.	Youth Choir
	9:45 a.m.	Sunday School: <u>Joining Jesus Class</u>
	10:00 a.m.	Senior Choir
	11:00 a.m.	Worship: Communion
	12:15 p.m.	Ladies Bible Study
	4:00 p.m.	Men's Banquet

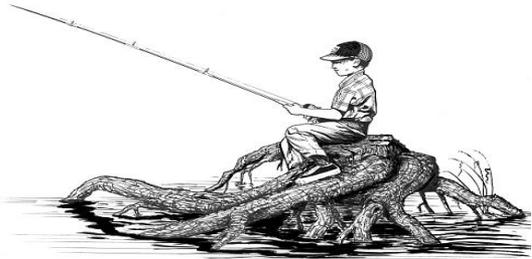
We welcome this morning Dirk Ahlgrim who is substituting as our organist while Rebecca Veith is on vacation.

Men's Bounty of the Earth Banquet 2020



*"But ask the beasts, and they will teach you; the birds of the heavens, and they will tell you; or the bushes of the earth, and they will teach you; and the fish of the sea will declare to you. Who among all these does not know that the hand of the Lord has done this? **In his hand is the life of every living thing and the breath of all mankind.** [Job 12:7-10](#)*

SUNDAY -March 15, 2020 4:00pm **Bounty of the Earth Men's Banquet.** Come ready to sample and enjoy an evening in which sportsman members share their game and wildlife with us. Menu includes : Venison vegetable Soup, Porcupine Balls in red sauce w mashed potato, Bear Butt Meatballs, Marinated Elk, Smoked Salmon and Cheeses. For reservations see Tammy Fleeger, the church office or return flier in the offering plate by envelope marked **Men's Banquet**



\$8.00/each

Ages 12 and under free.

Name: _____

Phone: _____

Number over 12 attending: _____

Total enclosed \$ _____

ALLERGY INFO:

SERVICE PARTICIPANTS

Assisting Minister	Carol Boarts(E) Tyler McMahon(L)
Lector	Linda Charley(E) Valerie Lager(L)
Acolyte	Robert John(E) Wyatt Lager (L)
Comm. Assistants	Amy Pomaybo(E) Rose Montgomery, Michelle Kozlowski(L)
Camera Operator	Jeff Boarts(E) Bill Bouch(L)

STAFF MEMBERS

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



The flowers on the altar this morning are presented to the Glory of God and in loving memory of our mother, Patricia Campbell by Juanita Sams, Connie Choncek, and families.

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.