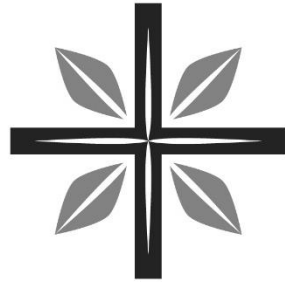


St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church



Welcome to our visitors!

- It is our hope and prayer that the message you hear today from God's Word will fill your heart with the peace that only God can offer and the joy we have in knowing that Jesus Christ is our Savior from sin.
- Large print service folders are available from an usher. Assisted listening devices, including both ear bud and loop receivers for digital hearing aids, are also available from an usher.
- Children's service folders and worship notes are available in the round tract rack in the entry area.
- Parents may take small children into the entry area, mother's room (at the back of the church), or nursery (lower level of church) as needed and follow the worship service on the TV monitor. Changing tables are available in the mother's room and in the room adjacent to the nursery.
- Restrooms are located at the far end of the entry area.
- As the offering is received, members and guests are asked to sign the Friendship Register. Please pass the register to your neighbor and then return it to the center aisle. Visitors are also asked to fill out a guest card and give it to an usher.
- Please join us for Bible class at 9:15 a.m.
The Judges and Their Times: Fellowship Hall, lower level of church
A staffed nursery is available during Bible class.

The First Sunday in Lent⁺

March 10, 2019

Jesus Knew: He would be alone

Prelude

Opening Hymn

Please stand to sing the final stanza

If God Had Not Been On Our Side

Christian Worship 202

M: The grace of our Lord ☩ Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

CONFESSION OF SINS

M: We have come into the presence of God, who created us to love and serve him as his dear children. But we have disobeyed him and deserve only his wrath and punishment. Therefore, let us confess our sins to him and plead for his mercy.

C: **Merciful Father in heaven, I am altogether sinful from birth. In countless ways I have sinned against you and do not deserve to be called your child. But trusting in Jesus, my Savior, I pray: Have mercy on me according to your unfailing love. Cleanse me from my sin, and take away my guilt.**

M: God, our heavenly Father, has forgiven all your sins. By the perfect life and innocent death of our Lord Jesus Christ, he has removed your guilt forever. You are his own dear child. May God give you strength to live according to his will.

C: **Amen.**

+ **Lent:** The liturgical color for Lent is *purple*. Like black, purple is a penitential color, representing somberness, repentance, and prayer. During Jesus' time, purple dye was very expensive, making purple a color worn mainly by the rich and by royalty. Purple is used during Lent as a reminder of the solemn and sacrificial nature of the season. For more information on Lent, see pg. 31 of *Understanding Lutheran Worship*, found in the hymnal rack.

Prayer of the Day

M: Let us pray.

Lord our strength, the battle of good and evil rages within and around us, and our ancient foe tempts us with his deceits and empty promises. Keep us steadfast in your Word, and when we fall, raise us up again and restore us through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



Be seated

THE WORD

First Lesson

Joshua 7:16-26

Achan succumbed to temptation and was punished for his sin.

Early the next morning Joshua had Israel come forward by tribes, and Judah was taken. The clans of Judah came forward, and he took the Zerahites. He had the clan of the Zerahites come forward by families, and Zimri was taken. Joshua had his family come forward man by man, and Achan son of Carmi, the son of Zimri, the son of Zerah, of the tribe of Judah, was taken.

Then Joshua said to Achan, “My son, give glory to the LORD, the God of Israel, and give him the praise. Tell me what you have done; do not hide it from me.”

Achan replied, “It is true! I have sinned against the LORD, the God of Israel. This is what I have done: When I saw in the plunder a beautiful robe from Babylonia, two hundred shekels of silver and a wedge of gold weighing fifty shekels, I coveted them and took them. They are hidden in the ground inside my tent, with the silver underneath.”

So Joshua sent messengers, and they ran to the tent, and there it was, hidden in his tent, with the silver underneath. They took the things from the tent, brought them to Joshua and all the Israelites and spread them out before the LORD.

Then Joshua, together with all Israel, took Achan son of Zerah, the silver, the robe, the gold wedge, his sons and daughters, his cattle, donkeys and sheep, his tent and all that he had, to the Valley of Achor. Joshua said, “Why have you brought this trouble on us? The LORD will bring trouble on you today.”

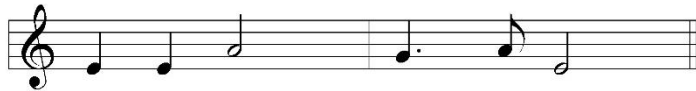
Then all Israel stoned him, and after they had stoned the rest, they burned them. Over Achan they heaped up a large pile of rocks, which remains to this day. Then the LORD turned from his fierce anger. Therefore that place has been called the Valley of Achor ever since.

The LORD helps us in our time of need and temptation.

Refrain



From the Lord comes de - liv - er - ance,



there - fore we will not fear.

Psalm Tone



O LORD, how many are my foes!
 How many rise up against me!
 Many are saying of me,
 "God will not deliver him."

But you are a shield around me, O LORD;
 you bestow glory on me and lift up my head.
 To the LORD I cry aloud,
 and he answers me from his holy hill.

Refrain

I lie down and sleep;
 I wake again, because the LORD sustains me.
 I will not fear the tens of thousands
 drawn up against me on ev'ry side.

Arise, O LORD!
 Deliver me, O my God!
 From the LORD comes deliverance.
 May your blessing be on your people.

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son
 and to the Holy Spirit,
 as it was in the beginning,
 is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

Refrain

Second Lesson

Hebrews 4:14-16

Because Jesus resisted temptation, we receive mercy and grace rather than punishment.

Therefore, since we have a great high priest who has gone through the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold firmly to the faith we profess. For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who has been tempted in every way, just as we are – yet was without sin. Let us then approach the throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need.

Verse of the Day

M: It is written, “Worship the Lord your God and serve him only.”

Please stand

Gospel

Luke 4:1-13

Jesus perfectly overcame the devil's temptations in our place.

Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the desert, where for forty days he was tempted by the devil. He ate nothing during those days, and at the end of them he was hungry.

The devil said to him, “If you are the Son of God, tell this stone to become bread.”

Jesus answered, “It is written: ‘Man does not live on bread alone.’ ”

The devil led him up to a high place and showed him in an instant all the kingdoms of the world. And he said to him, “I will give you all their authority and splendor, for it has been given to me, and I can give it to anyone I want to. So if you worship me, it will all be yours.”

Jesus answered, “It is written: ‘Worship the Lord your God and serve him only.’ ”

The devil led him to Jerusalem and had him stand on the highest point of the temple. “If you are the Son of God,” he said, “throw yourself down from here. For it is written:

“ ‘He will command his angels concerning you to guard you carefully;

they will lift you up in their hands so that you will not strike your foot against a stone.’ ”

Jesus answered, “It says: ‘Do not put the Lord your God to the test.’ ”

When the devil had finished all this tempting, he left him until an opportune time.



Be seated

Anthem (Sunday)

Grades 1 & 2

Jesus to the Wilderness

by Michael Bedford

Jesus to the wilderness slowly made his way;
Jesus to the wilderness went to fast and pray.
Jesus to the wilderness looked to God and said,
“By your Holy Spirit true may I now be led.”

Jesus from the wilderness came forth clean and pure;
Jesus from the wilderness came forth strong and sure.
May we then, like Jesus Christ, tempted though we be,
Giving not to Satan’s power, a joyful Easter see.

Hymn of the Day

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

Christian Worship 200

Sermon

1 Corinthians 1:22-25

We Preach Christ Crucified

Jews demand miraculous signs and Greeks look for wisdom, but we preach Christ crucified: a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, but to those whom God has called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. For the foolishness of God is wiser than man’s wisdom, and the weakness of God is stronger than man’s strength.

Please stand

Apostles’ Creed

**C: I believe in God, the Father almighty,
maker of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.**

He descended into hell.

The third day he rose again from the dead.

**He ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty.
From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

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

Be seated

THANKSGIVING

Offering

*The members of St. John's have joined together to do the Lord's work
in our community and around the world, and our offerings are
a joyful response of our faith. To submit your offering electronically,
scan the QR code or visit www.sjtosa.org/giving. If you are a visitor today,
you are welcome but not obligated to give an offering.*



Please stand

Prayer of the Church

- M:** Heavenly Father, you loved the world and gave your Son to liberate us from sin and death by his obedient death on the cross.
- C:** **We confess that without your love we are lost.**
- M:** Lord of the Church, we thank you for the treasure of the gospel. By your Spirit, keep our eyes fixed on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith.
- C:** **Strengthen our determination to do what pleases you, no matter what the danger or the cost.**

M: Let us pray for those who carry a cross in the name of Christ and face ridicule and persecution for the sake of the kingdom: missionaries and chaplains, young people who stand up for what is right in the face of pressure to do what is wrong, and all who pay a high price for their faith and their values as Christians.

C: **By your Spirit, O Lord, grant them patience and endurance.**

M: Let us pray for those who carry heavy burdens in life: the sick and the chronically ill, the depressed and the lonely, those torn by conflict in personal relationships, those victimized by war and injustice, and all who face the terrors of life with a heavy heart.

C: **Grant them peace, O Lord, and in your mercy, be their guardian and friend, their comfort and hope.**

M: Let us pray for those who care for others: pastors and counselors, physicians and nurses, social workers and caring friends, all who feed the hungry, comfort the hurting, and stand beside the dying.

C: **Strengthen them in their work, O Lord, and do not let them become weary in doing good.**

Special prayers and intercessions may follow.

M: Help us run with perseverance the race marked out for us. Keep us faithful even to the point of death, that we may receive the crown of life, through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C: **Amen.**

Lord's Prayer

C: **Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven.**

Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us.

Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

Be seated

Hymn

In the Cross of Christ I Glory
Christian Worship 345

Please stand

M: Almighty God, we thank you for teaching us the things you want us to believe and do. Help us by your Holy Spirit to keep your Word in pure hearts that we may be strengthened in faith, guided in holiness, and comforted in life and in death, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



M: Brothers and sisters, go in peace. Live in harmony with one another. Serve the Lord with gladness.

The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look on you with favor and ☩ give you peace.



Be seated

Closing Hymn

Chief of Sinners Though I Be
Christian Worship 385

Announcements

If you do not wish to take your service folder home, please place it in the basket so it can be reused.

Serving at Worship

Preacher	Pastor Michael Otterstatter
Presiding Minister	Pastor Joel Leyrer
Musician	Dr. William Braun, organ
Greeters	Barbara Weihing, John Frailing, Steve and Jennifer Wolf (8:00 a.m.) Mary Perez, Paula Rauth, John and Julie Rader (10:30 a.m.)
Head Ushers	Jon Johnson (8:00 a.m.) Michael Schneider (10:30 a.m.)
AV Operators	Jonah / Riley Rindfleisch (8:00 a.m.) Ben Haferman (10:30 a.m.)

In Our Prayers

- The family and friends of Dick Brown, who went to be with his Lord last Sunday at the age of 80. His Christian Victory service was held at St. John's on Saturday, March 9.
- Former St. John's eighth grade international student, and present freshman at Shoreland Lutheran High School, Jerry Yang, hospitalized at Children's for serious injury suffered in a car accident last week.
- Donna Ibisch, released from the hospital last week and now recovering at home.

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Readings for the Week of Lent 1

M	James 4:1-10	Job 1:6-22
T	James 1:13-18	Deuteronomy 8:2-5, 11-18a
W	Hebrews 4:14-16	Exodus 24:12-18
R	Hebrews 12:1-7	John 2:13-22
F	Matthew 16:21-28	Hebrews 2:9-18
S	Matthew 12:38-42	Revelation 20:1-6

Parents' Preview for March 17

The Parents' Preview highlights an aspect of next week's service: a liturgical song, a Psalm refrain, or a hymn stanza. Our hope and prayer is that parents will teach this portion of the service to their children at home during the week so that children can participate more fully in the worship service.

“Children of the Heavenly Father” (stanzas 3 & 4)

Christian Worship 449



3 Nei - ther life nor death shall ev - er From the
4 Though he giv - eth or he tak - eth, God his



Lord his chil - dren sev - er; Un - to them his grace he
chil - dren ne'er for - sak - eth; His the lov - ing pur - pose



show - eth, And their sor - rows all he know - eth.
sole - ly To pre - serve them pure and ho - ly.

Lenten Worship Opportunities

St. John's midweek Lenten services are held on **Wednesdays at 3:30 p.m. and 6:45 p.m.**
Lenten fellowship meals will be served between services beginning at 4:30 p.m.

March 13 – Midweek Lent 2

Theme: "Love One Another"
Preacher: Pastor Tom Kneser
Menu: Fiesta night

March 20 – Midweek Lent 3

Theme: "I Am He"
Preacher: Pastor Kyle Bitter
Menu: Sloppy joes

March 27 – Midweek Lent 4

Theme: "What Is Truth?"
Preacher: Pastor Josh Zarling
Menu: Italian night

April 3 – Midweek Lent 5

Theme: "Watch and Pray!"
Preacher: Pastor Aaron Robinson
Menu: Pulled pork

April 10 – Midweek Lent 6

Theme: "Take Him Away"
Preacher: Pastor Ben Wessel
Menu: Build your own burger bar

April 18 – Maundy Thursday (3:30 p.m. and 6:45 p.m. Communion Services)

April 19 – Good Friday (1:00 p.m. Communion Service)

April 19 – Good Friday (6:45 p.m. Tenebrae Service)

April 21 – Easter Sunday (6:00 a.m. Sunrise Service)

April 21 – Easter Sunday (8:30 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. Festival Services)

