



St. John's Lutheran Church

Rooted and Growing: In Christ. In Community.

**OUR
GREATEST
NEEDS**

Welcome to Worship!

Water is one of our greatest needs—slight dehydration affects our mood, and we can only survive for two or three days without water. In the same way, we all have a deep spiritual thirst—our souls thirst for God (Psalm 42:2). But as Christians, we also know the One who satisfies that thirst. Jesus alone possesses the living water that satisfies the spiritually parched soul. Jesus alone grants eternal life.

That eternal life is also the focus of our capital campaign emphasis this weekend. All of us will one day depart this world for the glory of heaven. We don't need to think of that departure as leaving our treasures behind. Rather, we are going to be with our true treasures—and so we seek to use our worldly possessions to glorify our heavenly Father.

Worship Notes

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.

If you need assistance with anything during worship—including large-print service folders and assisted listening devices—please ask one of our ushers. Restrooms are located at the far end of the entry area. Small children can be taken into the entry area, mother's room (at the back of the church), or nursery (lower level of church) as needed during the worship service. Changing tables are available in the mother's room and in the room adjacent to the nursery.

During the offering, all worshipers are asked to fill out a Connection Card (included with the service folder or located online at www.sjtosa.org/Connect). Completed cards may be placed in the baskets by the exit.

Bible Study

Our study of "Christology 101," led by Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary President Earle Treptow, continues this morning. We'll be continuing our discussion from last week by looking at attributes of Jesus' two natures—divine and human—and how those attributes help to give us a fuller understanding of our Savior. Please join us at 9:15 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall!

The Third Sunday in Lent

March 11 & 12, 2023

Our Greatest Needs: Water for the Thirsty

Prelude

Opening Hymn

Please stand to sing the final stanza

What Wondrous Love Is This

Christian Worship 526

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

Amen.

Confession

Blessed are they whose transgressions are forgiven, whose sins are covered.

Blessed are they whose sin the Lord does not count against them.

Let us confess our sins to the Lord.

Almighty and merciful Father,

we have strayed from your ways like lost sheep.

We have followed what we have devised and desired in our hearts.

We have offended you and sinned against your holy law.

We have done those things that we should not have done,

and we have not done those things that we should have done.

Have mercy on us, Lord!

Spare us, forgive us, and restore us,

according to your promises in Christ Jesus.

Silence for meditation and reflection

God, our merciful Father, has forgiven all our sins. He sent his Son, Jesus Christ, to be our Redeemer and Savior. Jesus paid the penalty for our guilt by his death on the cross and freed us from death by his resurrection from the grave. We have peace with God now and forever.

Amen.

Lord, Have Mercy

In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

For the well-being of all people everywhere, that they may receive from you all they need to sustain body and life, hear our prayer, O Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the spread of your life-giving gospel throughout the world, that all who are lost in sin may be brought to faith in you, hear our prayer, O Christ.

Christ, have mercy.

For patience and perseverance in this life, that we may not lose the hope of heaven as we await your return, hear our prayer, O Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

Lord of life, live in us that we may live for you.

Amen.

The Word

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray.

O God, whose glory it is always to have mercy, be gracious to all who have gone astray from your ways, and bring them again with penitent hearts and steadfast faith to embrace and hold fast the unchangeable truth of your Word; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Be seated

First Reading

Exodus 17:1–7

In his grace, God provided his rebellious children with water from a stone.

¹The whole Israelite community set out from the Desert of Sin, traveling from place to place as the LORD commanded. They camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink.

²So they quarreled with Moses and said, “Give us water to drink.”

Moses replied, “Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you put the LORD to the test?”

³But the people were thirsty for water there, and they grumbled against Moses. They said, “Why did you bring us up out of Egypt to make us and our children and livestock die of thirst?”

⁴Then Moses cried out to the LORD, “What am I to do with these people? They are almost ready to stone me.”

⁵The LORD answered Moses, “Go out in front of the people. Take with you some of the elders of Israel and take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile, and go. ⁶I will stand there before you by the rock at Horeb. Strike the rock, and water will come out of it for the people to drink.” So Moses did this in the sight of the elders of Israel. ⁷And he called the place Massah and Meribah because the Israelites quarreled and because they tested the LORD saying, “Is the LORD among us or not?”

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm of the Day

Psalm 95 (see pg. 12)

Second Reading

Romans 5:1–8

In his grace, God poured out his love into our hearts like living water.

¹Therefore, since we have been justified through faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, ²through whom we have gained access by faith into this grace in which we now stand. And we boast in the hope of the glory of God. ³Not only so, but we also glory in our sufferings, because we know that suffering produces perseverance; ⁴perseverance, character; and character, hope. ⁵And hope does not put us to shame, because God’s love has been poured out into our hearts through the Holy Spirit, who has been given to us.

⁶You see, at just the right time, when we were still powerless, Christ died for the ungodly. ⁷Very rarely will anyone die for a righteous person, though for a good person someone might possibly dare to die. ⁸But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Please stand

Gospel Acclamation

John 4:13,14

Glory, praise, and honor to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Jesus answered, "Everyone who drinks this water will be thirsty again, but whoever drinks the water I give them will never thirst."

Glory, praise, and honor to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Gospel

John 4:5–26

In his grace, Jesus called a Samaritan woman to faith and provided living water for her thirsty soul.

⁵So he came to a town in Samaria called Sychar, near the plot of ground Jacob had given to his son Joseph. ⁶Jacob's well was there, and Jesus, tired as he was from the journey, sat down by the well. It was about noon.

⁷When a Samaritan woman came to draw water, Jesus said to her, "Will you give me a drink?"
⁸(His disciples had gone into the town to buy food.)

⁹The Samaritan woman said to him, "You are a Jew and I am a Samaritan woman. How can you ask me for a drink?" (For Jews do not associate with Samaritans.)

¹⁰Jesus answered her, "If you knew the gift of God and who it is that asks you for a drink, you would have asked him and he would have given you living water."

¹¹"Sir," the woman said, "you have nothing to draw with and the well is deep. Where can you get this living water? ¹²Are you greater than our father Jacob, who gave us the well and drank from it himself, as did also his sons and his livestock?"

¹³Jesus answered, "Everyone who drinks this water will be thirsty again, ¹⁴but whoever drinks the water I give them will never thirst. Indeed, the water I give them will become in them a spring of water welling up to eternal life."

¹⁵The woman said to him, "Sir, give me this water so that I won't get thirsty and have to keep coming here to draw water."

¹⁶He told her, "Go, call your husband and come back."

¹⁷"I have no husband," she replied.

Jesus said to her, "You are right when you say you have no husband. ¹⁸The fact is, you have had five husbands, and the man you now have is not your husband. What you have just said is quite true."

¹⁹"Sir," the woman said, "I can see that you are a prophet. ²⁰Our ancestors worshiped on this mountain, but you Jews claim that the place where we must worship is in Jerusalem."

²¹"Woman," Jesus replied, "believe me, a time is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. ²²You Samaritans worship what you do not know; we worship what we do know, for salvation is from the Jews. ²³Yet a time is coming and has now come when the true worshipers will worship the Father in the Spirit and in truth, for they are the

kind of worshipers the Father seeks. ²⁴God is spirit, and his worshipers must worship in the Spirit and in truth."

²⁵The woman said, "I know that Messiah" (called Christ) "is coming. When he comes, he will explain everything to us."

²⁶Then Jesus declared, "I, the one speaking to you—I am he."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to you, O Christ!

Be seated

Anthem (Sunday)

Junior Choir

His Robes for Mine

Christian Worship 568

His robes for mine: O wonderful exchange!
Clothed in my sin, Christ suffered 'neath God's rage.
Draped in his righteousness, I'm justified.
In Christ I live, for in my place he died.

Refrain: I cling to Christ, and marvel at the cost:
Jesus forsaken, God estranged from God.
Bought by such love, my life is not my own.
My praise—my all—shall be for Christ alone.

His robes for mine: what cause have I for dread?
God's daunting law Christ mastered in my stead.
Faultless I stand with righteous works not mine,
saved by my Lord's vicarious death and life. *Refrain*

His robes for mine: God's justice is appeased.
Jesus is crushed, and thus the Father's pleased.
Christ drank God's wrath on sin, then cried, "'Tis done!"
Sin's wage is paid, propitiation won. *Refrain*

His robes for mine: such anguish none can know.
Christ, God's beloved, condemned as though his foe.
He, as though I, accursed and left alone;
I, as though he, embraced and welcomed home! *Refrain*

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Hymn of the Day

I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say
Christian Worship 703

Sermon

Philippians 4:14-20

A Sacrifice Pleasing to God

¹⁴Yet it was good of you to share in my troubles. ¹⁵Moreover, as you Philippians know, in the early days of your acquaintance with the gospel, when I set out from Macedonia, not one church shared with me in the matter of giving and receiving, except you only; ¹⁶for even when I was in Thessalonica, you sent me aid more than once when I was in need. ¹⁷Not that I desire your gifts; what I desire is that more be credited to your account. ¹⁸I have received full payment and have more than enough. I am amply supplied, now that I have received from Epaphroditus the gifts you sent. They are a fragrant offering, an acceptable sacrifice, pleasing to God. ¹⁹And my God will meet all your needs according to the riches of his glory in Christ Jesus.

²⁰To our God and Father be glory for ever and ever. Amen.

Please stand

Apostles' Creed

**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.**

Prayer of the Church

Almighty God, we thank you for all the gifts you have given to us. All we have is from you.

We offer you thanks and praise for the many earthly blessings that come from your good and gracious hand.

You have showered upon us all that we need to sustain body and life. More than that, you have given us everything we need to live rich and fulfilled lives.

Each day, move us to use our blessings to be a blessing to those around us.

But even as we give thanks for these earthly blessings, remind us that they are temporary and will one day pass away.

Keep our eyes turned heavenward toward the unfathomable blessings that are waiting for us.

Special prayers and intercessions may follow

As we look forward to our heavenly reward, work in our hearts that we might invest generously in the work of your kingdom.

Lead us to support the work of your church as we seek to share your saving message with a lost and sin-darkened world. Amen.

Be seated

Offering

Members of St. John's give offerings to support the Lord's work in our community and around the world. Visitors are welcome but not obligated to give an offering. All worshipers are asked to fill out a Connection Card (included with the service folder). Physical offerings and Connection Cards can be left in the basket on your way out of church. To submit your offering electronically or fill out a Connection Card online, scan the QR code or visit www.sjtosa.org/offering.



Hymn

Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me
Christian Worship 839

Please stand

Blessed Lord, you have given us your Holy Scriptures for our learning. May we so hear them, read, learn, and take them to heart that, being strengthened and comforted by your holy Word, we may cling to the blessed hope of everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Lord's Prayer

**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.**

Blessing

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.

Amen.

Be seated

Closing Hymn

Take the World, but Give Me Jesus (sts. 1, 3)

Christian Worship 699

Announcements

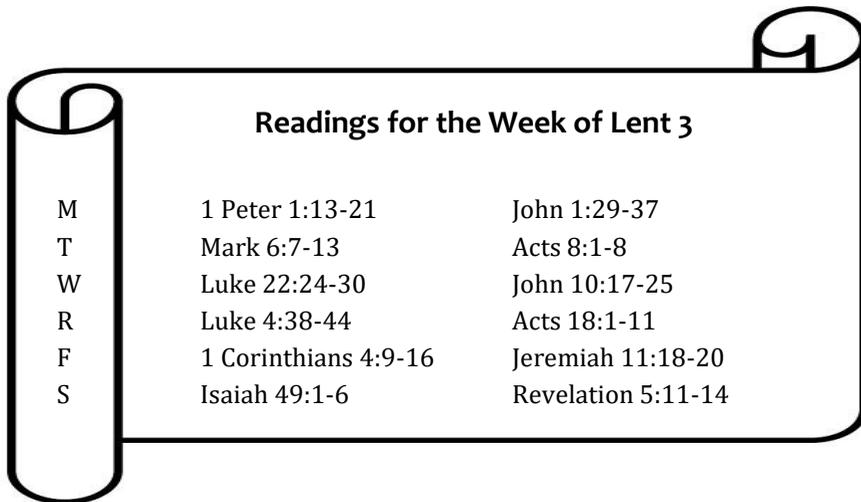
Postlude

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Readings for the Week of Lent 3		
M	1 Peter 1:13-21	John 1:29-37
T	Mark 6:7-13	Acts 8:1-8
W	Luke 22:24-30	John 10:17-25
R	Luke 4:38-44	Acts 18:1-11
F	1 Corinthians 4:9-16	Jeremiah 11:18-20
S	Isaiah 49:1-6	Revelation 5:11-14

Psalm 95

Refrain



Let us shout for joy to the rock of our sal - va - tion.

Tone



Come, let us sing for joy / to the LORD;

let us shout aloud to the rock of our sal - / vation.

Let us come before him with thanks - / giving

and extol him with mu - / sic and song.

For the LORD is the / great God,

the great King a - / bove all gods.

In his hand are the depths / of the earth,

and the mountain peaks be - / long to him.

The sea is his, for he / made it,

and his hands formed the / dry land. *Refrain*

Come, let us bow down in / worship,

let us kneel before the LORD our / maker;

for he is our God and we are the people of his / pasture,

the flock under / his care.

Today, if only you would / hear his voice,

“Do not hard - / en your hearts

as you did at / Meribah,

as you did that day at Massah in the / wilderness.”

Glory be to the Father and / to the Son

and to the Holy / Spirit,

as it was in the be - / ginning,

is now, and will be forever. / Amen. *Refrain*

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Serving at Worship

Preacher

Seminary Student Christian Willick

Presiding Minister

Pastor Joel Schwartz

Junior Choir Director

Mandy Treder

Musicians

Marjorie Flanagan, piano (Saturday)

Eric Sipe, organ (Sunday)

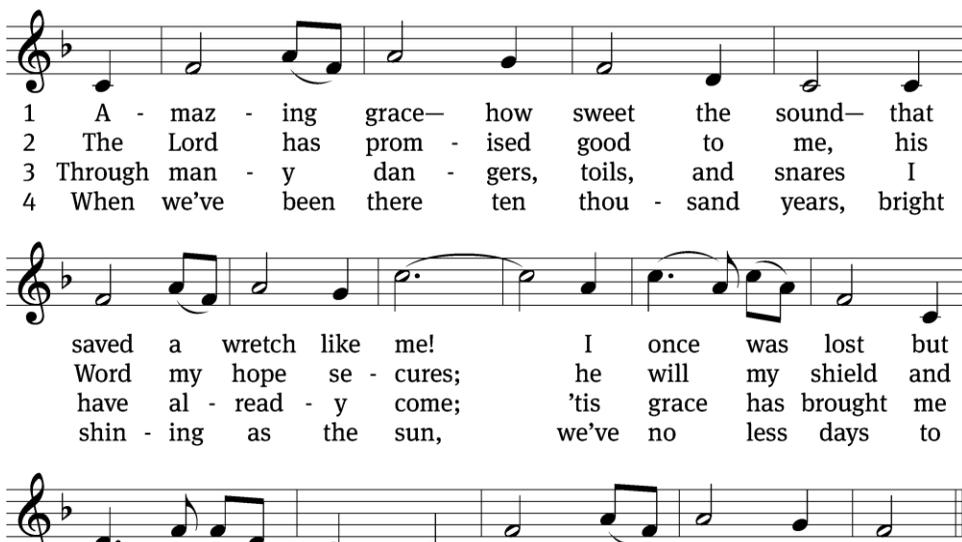
In Our Prayers

- All those who are currently deliberating or who have recently decided on divine calls:
 - St. John's 4th grade teacher Megan Bauer, who recently returned her call to Holy Trinity Lutheran School in Wyoming, MI.
 - St. John's 3rd grade teacher and school music coordinator Mandy Treder, who received a call on March 5 to teach 3rd grade at St. Matthew's Lutheran School in Spokane, WA.
 - St. John's upper-grade teacher Brett Kriese, who received a call on March 7 to teach 6th grade at Garden Homes Lutheran School in Milwaukee.
 - Laura Otto, currently serving at Salem Lutheran School in Milwaukee, whom we called to serve as our Early Learning Center Director.
 - Kathy Werre, currently serving at Luther High School in Onalaska, WI, whom we called to serve as our upper-grade language arts teacher.
- Brian Denk, hospitalized at Froedtert in anticipation of back surgery scheduled for this past week but which has been postponed until March 21.
- Jim Minor, who remains hospitalized at Froedtert and whose time of departure is near.

Parents' Preview for March 19

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.

Amazing Grace (*Christian Worship 576*)



1 A - maz - ing grace— how sweet the sound— that
2 The Lord has prom - ised good to me, his
3 Through man - y dan - gers, toils, and snares I
4 When we've been there ten thou - sand years, bright
saved a wretch like me! I once was lost but
Word my hope se - cures; he will my shield and
have al - read - y come; 'tis grace has brought me
shin - ing as the sun, we've no less days to
now am found, was blind but now I see.
por - tion be as long as life en - dures.
safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.
sing God's praise than when we'd first be - gun.

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Holy Week & Easter Worship Schedule

Sunday, April 2

Palm Sunday Worship with Holy Communion

8:00 & 10:30 a.m.

Thursday, April 6

Maundy Thursday Worship with Holy Communion

3:30 & 6:45 p.m.

Friday, April 7

Good Friday Worship with Holy Communion

1:00 p.m.

Good Friday Tenebrae Worship

6:45 p.m.

Sunday, April 9

Easter Sunrise Worship

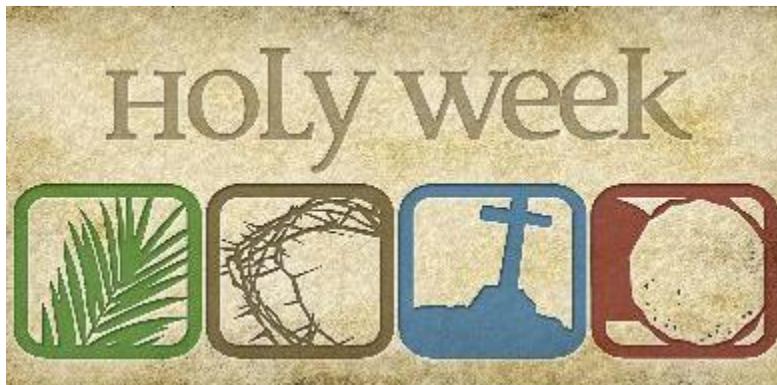
6:00 a.m.

Easter Festival Worship

8:00 & 10:30 a.m.

Easter Breakfast

7:15 a.m.



The Mission of our Church

As God's people gathered together at St. John's, we live to declare the praises of our Savior God who called us out of the darkness of sin into the light of his grace.

As 21st century disciples of Jesus, we reflect the light of God's love by:



Making worship of our Savior the top priority in our lives



Growing in our faith through daily contact with God's Word



Fostering Christian friendships for mutual encouragement and support



Using our unique gifts to glorify God and serve God's people



Sharing the good news of God's forgiving love with others

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Worship Services

Saturdays at 5:30 p.m.

Sundays at 8:00 & 10:30 a.m.

Worship in Chinese

Saturdays at 7:00 p.m.

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