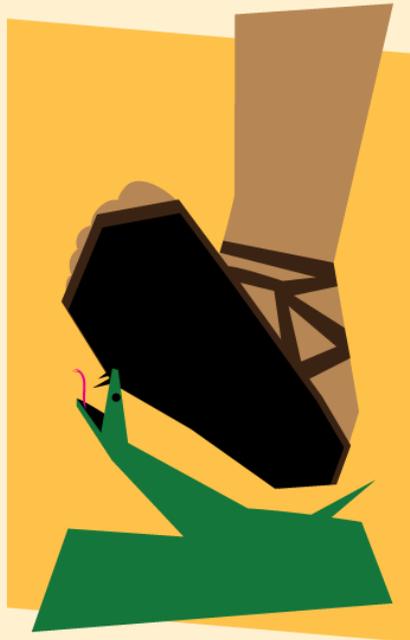




St. John's Lutheran Church

Rooted and Growing: In Christ. In Community.



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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.
- Restrooms are located at the far end of the entry area.
- Large print service folders and assisted listening devices are 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.
- During the offering, all worshipers are asked to fill out a Connection Card (included with the service folder or available online at www.sjtosa.org/Connect). Completed cards may be placed in the baskets by the exit.
- Please join us for Bible study at 9:15 a.m.
*Christ Will Be of No Advantage to You:
Paul's Case Against Salvation by Law in Galatians*
(Fellowship Hall, lower level of church)
A staffed nursery is available during Bible study

The Second Sunday in Lent

March 12 & 13, 2022

Shortcuts are Crushed by Determination.

Prelude

Opening Hymn

Please stand to sing the final stanza

Though Thoughtless Thousands Choose the Road

Christian Worship 718

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.

The Word

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray.

Almighty God, you see that we have no power to defend ourselves. Guard and keep us both outwardly and inwardly from all adversities that may happen to the body and all evil thoughts that may assault and hurt the soul; 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

Jeremiah 26:8–15

Even in the face of death, Jeremiah was determined to call Judah to repentance.

But as soon as Jeremiah finished telling all the people everything the LORD had commanded him to say, the priests, the prophets and all the people seized him and said, “You must die! Why do you prophesy in the LORD’s name that this house will be like Shiloh and this city will be desolate and deserted?” And all the people crowded around Jeremiah in the house of the LORD.

When the officials of Judah heard about these things, they went up from the royal palace to the house of the LORD and took their places at the entrance of the New Gate of the LORD’s house. Then the priests and the prophets said to the officials and all the people, “This man should be sentenced to death because he has prophesied against this city. You have heard it with your own ears!”

Then Jeremiah said to all the officials and all the people: “The LORD sent me to prophesy against this house and this city all the things you have heard. Now reform your ways and your actions and obey the LORD your God. Then the LORD will relent and not bring the disaster he has pronounced against you. As for me, I am in your hands; do with me whatever you think is good and right. Be assured, however, that if you put me to death, you will bring the guilt of innocent blood on yourselves and on this city and on those who live in it, for in truth the LORD has sent me to you to speak all these words in your hearing.”

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.



1 As pants the deer for liv - ing streams, in dry or
 2 Tears are my bread both night and day; fools crush me,
 3 Deep calls to deep, the bil - lows roar; they cov - er
 4 O send your light to guide me home; my Sav - ior,



des - ert space, I thirst for you, O liv - ing
 soul and bone. They laugh and ask, "Where is your
 me with pain. I cry for heal - ing and for
 guide me still. With shout - ing pil - grims I will



God; I long to see your face! Oh, how I miss the
 God?" I hope in you a - lone. Why cast me off? Where
 home; God, show your love a - gain! With - out your peo - ple,
 come to climb your ho - ly hill. Then with the harp I'll



hap - py days when with the throng I'd praise!
 have you gone? Why is your grace with - drawn?
 who am I? With - out you, I will die.
 sing your praise; my hap - py voice I'll raise.

Refrain



Take cour - age now, my trem - bling heart, for God will take your part!

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Second Reading

Philippians 3:17—4:1

Paul encourages us to stand firm and follow his example of determination.

Join together in following my example, brothers and sisters, and just as you have us as a model, keep your eyes on those who live as we do. For, as I have often told you before and now tell you again even with tears, many live as enemies of the cross of Christ. Their destiny is destruction, their god is their stomach, and their glory is in their shame. Their mind is set on earthly things. But our citizenship is in heaven. And we eagerly await a Savior from there, the Lord Jesus Christ, who, by the power that enables him to bring everything under his control, will transform our lowly bodies so that they will be like his glorious body.

Therefore, my brothers and sisters, you whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, dear friends!

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Please stand

Gospel Acclamation

Philippians 2:8

Glory, praise, and honor to you, Lord Jesus Christ. Being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to death—even death on a cross! Glory, praise, and honor to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Gospel

Luke 13:31–35

Rather than taking the shortcut offered by the Pharisees, Jesus was determined to reach his goal.

At that time some Pharisees came to Jesus and said to him, “Leave this place and go somewhere else. Herod wants to kill you.”

He replied, “Go tell that fox, ‘I will keep on driving out demons and healing people today and tomorrow, and on the third day I will reach my goal.’ In any case, I must press on today and tomorrow and the next day—for surely no prophet can die outside Jerusalem!

“Jerusalem, Jerusalem, you who kill the prophets and stone those sent to you, how often I have longed to gather your children together, as a hen gathers her chicks under her wings, and you were not willing. Look, your house is left to you desolate. I tell you, you will not see me again until you say, ‘Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.’”

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to you, O Christ!

Be seated

Anthem (Saturday)

Adult Handbell Choir

Lamb of God / There is a Redeemer

arranged by Peggy Bettcher

Your only Son, no sin to hide, but you have sent him from your side
to walk upon this guilty sod, and to become the Lamb of God.

O Lamb of God, sweet Lamb of God, I love the holy Lamb of God!

O wash me in his precious blood, my Jesus Christ, the Lamb of God.

There is a Redeemer, Jesus, God's own Son,
precious Lamb of God, Messiah, Holy One.

Thank you, O my Father, for giving us your Son

and leaving your Spirit till the work on earth is done.

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Hymn of the Day

Lord, Thee I Love with All My Heart

Christian Worship 817

Sermon

Jeremiah 26:8–15

Jeremiah: Example and Prototype

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

Heavenly Father, you loved the world and gave your Son to liberate us from sin and death by his obedient death on the cross.

We confess that without your love we are lost.

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.

Strengthen our determination to do what pleases you, no matter the danger or the cost.

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.

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

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.

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

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

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

Special prayers and intercessions may follow.

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.

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. To submit your offering electronically or to fill out an online Connection Card, scan the QR code or visit www.sjtosa.org/offering.



Hymn

Church of God, Elect and Glorious
Christian Worship 854

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

Hail, O Once-Despised Jesus
Christian Worship 534

Announcements

WELS Connection

World Missions—London

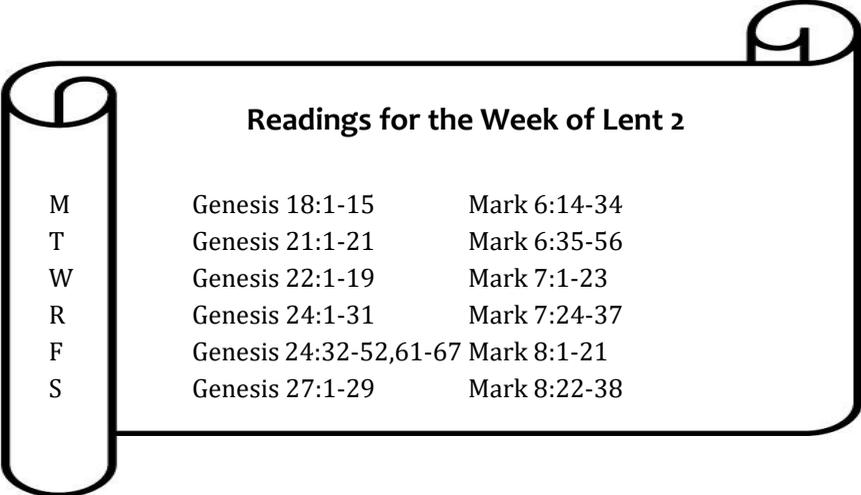
Postlude

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Readings for the Week of Lent 2		
M	Genesis 18:1-15	Mark 6:14-34
T	Genesis 21:1-21	Mark 6:35-56
W	Genesis 22:1-19	Mark 7:1-23
R	Genesis 24:1-31	Mark 7:24-37
F	Genesis 24:32-52,61-67	Mark 8:1-21
S	Genesis 27:1-29	Mark 8:22-38

Serving at Worship

Preacher

Pastor Joel Leyrer

Presiding Minister

Pastor Eric Schroeder

Musicians

Megan Bauer, piano (Saturday)
Pastor Kyle Bitter, organ (Sunday)

Adult Handbell Choir Director

Kristi Meyer

Worship Notes

- The flowers are placed by Esther Otto in celebration of her 23rd birthday.

In Our Prayers

- Pastor Douglas Van Sice, currently serving in Cornelius, NC, to whom our voters extended the call to serve as our associate pastor.
- Nick Maurer, who remains hospitalized and on life support in the Neurological ICU at Columbia-St. Mary's Hospital.
- JoAnn Schoeneck, who returned home last week after hip surgery.

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

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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