



St. John's Lutheran Church

Rooted and Growing: In Christ. In Community.

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**OUR  
GREATEST  
NEEDS**

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## **Welcome to Worship!**

Lent is an ancient season of the church year which dates back to the 300s AD. Running from Ash Wednesday through Holy Saturday (the day before Easter Sunday), this season is a time for preparation and repentance as Christians walk alongside their Savior on his journey to the cross. In the early Christian Church, catechumens (those studying the faith) were instructed during Lent. The Sundays between Ash Wednesday and Holy Saturday are not counted in the 40 days of Lent. Rather, these Sundays serve as islands of refreshment during the somber Lenten season and remind God's people that every Sunday is a little Easter.

This year, our Lenten midweek services will follow the theme "His Final Steps." Through a look at the significance of the people and places that Jesus encountered on his resolute final steps to the cross, we will ponder the depths of our Savior's love for us.

## **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](http://www.sjtosa.org/Connect)). Completed cards may be placed in the baskets by the exit.

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# Midweek Lent 4

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The Lord Al - might - y grant us a qui - et  
night and peace at the last.  
**A - men.**

It is good to give thanks to the Lord,  
**to sing praise to your name, O Most High,**  
to her - ald your love in the morn - ing,  
**your truth at the close of day.**

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## Opening Hymn

*Please stand to sing the final stanza*

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

*Christian Worship 407*

Our help is in the name of the Lord,  
**the maker of heaven and earth.**

Let us confess our sins in the presence of God and of one another.

Almighty God, our heavenly Father,  
**we have sinned against you**  
**in our thoughts,**  
**in our words,**  
**in our deeds,**  
**and in all that we have not done.**  
**Forgive us in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.**  
**Deliver and restore us,**  
**that we may rest in peace.**

By the mercy of God we are redeemed by Jesus Christ,  
and in him we are forgiven.

Let us rest in his peace until the rising of the sun,  
when we shall serve him in newness of life.

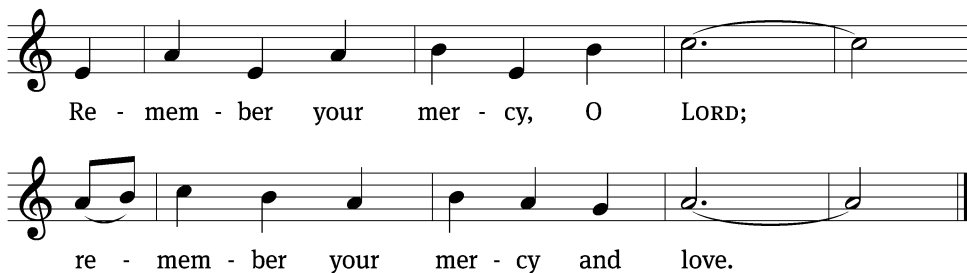
**Amen.**

*Be seated*

## Psalm

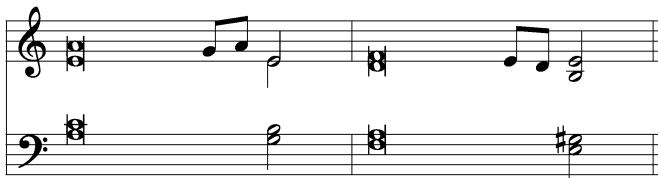
Psalm 130

*Refrain*



Re - mem - ber your mer - cy, O LORD;  
re - mem - ber your mer - cy and love.

### Tone



Out of the depths I cry to / you, LORD;

Lord, / hear my voice.

Let your ears be at- / tentive

to my cry for / mercy.

If you, LORD, kept a record of sins, Lord, / who could stand?

But with you there is forgiveness, so that we can, with reverence, / serve you. *Refrain*

I wait for the LORD, my whole / being waits,

and in his word I / put my hope.

I wait for the Lord more than watchmen wait for the / morning,

more than watchmen wait for the / morning.

Israel, put your hope / in the LORD,

for with the LORD is unfailing love and with him is full re- / demption.

He himself will redeem / Israel

from / all their sins.

**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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### Reading

### The Passion History

*The Passion History readings tell us of Jesus' suffering and death as recorded by the four Gospel writers.*

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## **Anthem (6:45 p.m.)**

*Adult Choir*

O Love, How Deep, How Broad, How High

*arranged by Hal H. Hopson*

O love, how deep, how broad, how high, beyond all thought and fantasy,  
that God, the Son of God, should take our mortal form for mortals' sake!

For us baptized, for us he bore his holy fast and hungered sore;  
for us temptation sharp he knew, for us the tempter overthrew.

For us he prayed, for us he taught; for us his daily works he wrought,  
by words and signs and actions thus still seeking not himself but us.

For us, by evil pow'r betrayed, scourged, mocked, in purple robe arrayed,  
he bore the shameful cross and death; for us gave up his dying breath.

## **Hymn of the Day**

Jesus, Refuge of the Weary

*Christian Worship 409*

## **Sermon**

Luke 20:9-19

### ***His Final Steps Led to His Enemies***

<sup>9</sup>He went on to tell the people this parable: "A man planted a vineyard, rented it to some farmers and went away for a long time. <sup>10</sup>At harvest time he sent a servant to the tenants so they would give him some of the fruit of the vineyard. But the tenants beat him and sent him away empty-handed. <sup>11</sup>He sent another servant, but that one also they beat and treated shamefully and sent away empty-handed. <sup>12</sup>He sent still a third, and they wounded him and threw him out.

<sup>13</sup>"Then the owner of the vineyard said, 'What shall I do? I will send my son, whom I love; perhaps they will respect him.'

<sup>14</sup>"But when the tenants saw him, they talked the matter over. 'This is the heir,' they said. 'Let's kill him, and the inheritance will be ours.' <sup>15</sup>So they threw him out of the vineyard and killed him.

"What then will the owner of the vineyard do to them? <sup>16</sup>He will come and kill those tenants and give the vineyard to others."

When the people heard this, they said, "God forbid!"

<sup>17</sup>Jesus looked directly at them and asked, "Then what is the meaning of that which is written:

"The stone the builders rejected has become the cornerstone?"

<sup>18</sup>Everyone who falls on that stone will be broken to pieces; anyone on whom it falls will be crushed."

<sup>19</sup>The teachers of the law and the chief priests looked for a way to arrest him immediately, because they knew he had spoken this parable against them. But they were afraid of the people.

## 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](http://www.sjtosa.org/offering).



## Hymn

Luther's Evening Prayer  
Christian Worship 782

Please stand

Hear my prayer, O Lord;  
lis - ten to my cry.  
Keep me as the ap - ple of your eye;  
hide me in the shad - ow of your wings.  
In right - eous - ness I shall see you;  
when I a - wake, your pres - ence will give me joy.

The musical notation consists of six staves of music in a single system. Each staff begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The lyrics are printed below the notes, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across multiple notes. The final note of the sixth staff is a whole note G4.

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Keep watch, dear Lord, with those who watch or work or weep this night, and give your angels charge over those who sleep. Tend the sick, give rest to the weary, pity the afflicted, soothe the suffering, bless the dying—and all for your love’s sake; through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
**Amen.**

## Lord’s Prayer

Our Fa - ther in heav - en, hal - lowed be your  
name, your king - dom come, your will be done on  
earth as in heav - en. Give us to - day our  
dai - ly bread. For - give us our sins, as  
we for - give those who sin a - gainst us.  
Lead us not in - to temp - ta - tion, but de -  
liv - er us from e - vil. For the king - dom, the



pow - er, and the glo - ry are yours

now and for - ev - er. A - men.

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## Song of Simeon

Nunc Dimittis

Guide us wak - ing, O Lord,

and guard us sleep - ing

that a - wake we may watch with Christ

and a - sleep we may rest in peace.

In peace, Lord, in peace you let your ser - vant

now de - part ac - cord - ing to your word. For my

eyes have seen your sal - va - tion, which  
 you have pre - pared for ev - 'ry peo - ple, a  
 light to light - en the Gen - tiles and the  
 glo - ry of your peo - ple Is - ra - el.

Guide us wak - ing, O Lord,  
 and guard us sleep - ing

that a - wake we may watch with Christ

and a - sleep we may rest in peace,

in peace, in peace.

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Let us praise the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### **Blessing**

The almighty and merciful Lord—the Father, the † Son, and the Holy Spirit—bless us and keep us.

**Amen.**

*Be seated*

### **Closing Hymn**

Sweet the Moments, Rich in Blessing  
*Christian Worship 400*

### **Postlude**

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## **Serving at Worship**

**Minister**

Pastor Eric Schroeder

**Musician**

Lynn Kozlowski, organ

**Adult Choir Director**

Adam Sipe

# 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 21<sup>st</sup> 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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