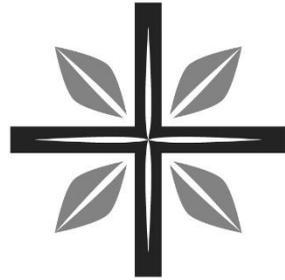




# St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church



## 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, assisted listening devices, children's service folders, and children's worship notes are available from the ushers.
- 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.
- 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.
- The Lord's Supper will be celebrated in our worship today. Scripture tells us that the Lord's Supper is an expression of unity in God's Word and a privilege reserved for those who have publicly confessed their oneness in faith. Therefore, we ask guests who are not members of WELS or ELS congregations to refrain from communion until such oneness can be established. We do not intend to be exclusive and unloving. Rather, we desire to faithfully carry out the teaching of Scripture and further explore God's Word with you in the hope that we may eventually enjoy such "communion fellowship" together. For more information, please speak with one of our pastors.

# The Second Sunday in Lent

March 16 & 17, 2019

Jesus Knew: He had to be resolute

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## Opening Hymn

*Please stand to sing the final stanza*

## Though Thoughtless Thousands Choose

*Christian Worship 466*

**M:** In the name of the Father and of the Son ☩ and of the Holy Spirit.

**C:** Amen.

## CONFESSION OF SINS

**M:** Dear friends, let us approach God with a true heart and confess our sins, asking him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to forgive us.

*Please kneel*

**C:** **Lord of life, I confess that I am by nature dead in sin. For faithless worrying and selfish pride, for sins of habit and sins of choice, for the evil I have done and the good I have failed to do, you should cast me away from your presence forever. O Lord, I am sorry for my sins. Forgive me, for Jesus' sake.**

**M:** Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again. In his great mercy, God made us alive in Christ even when we were dead in our sins. Hear the word of Christ through his called servant: I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son ☩ and of the Holy Spirit.

**C:** Amen.

*Please stand*

## **PRAYER AND PRAISE**

**M:** 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.

**C:** **Lord, have mercy.**

**M:** 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.

**C:** **Christ, have mercy.**

**M:** 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.

**C:** **Lord, have mercy.**

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

**C:** **Amen.**

### **Prayer of the Day**

**M:** The Lord be with you.

**C:** **And also with you.**

**M:** 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 from all evil thoughts that may assault and hurt the soul; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C:** **Amen.**

*Be seated*

## THE WORD

### First Lesson

**Jeremiah 26:8-15**

*Although Jeremiah was rejected and alone, he remained resolute.*

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.”

### Psalm of the Day

**Psalm 42-43 (see pg. 15)**

*Through God’s promises, his people can remain resolute.*

### Second Lesson

**Philippians 3:17 – 4:1**

*Paul calls on us to remain resolute and stand firm in the Lord.*

Join with others in following my example, brothers, and take note of those who live according to the pattern we gave you. For, as I have often told you before and now say 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 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, you whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, that is how you should stand firm in the Lord, dear friends!

### Verse of the Day

**M:** Jesus humbled himself and became obedient to death, even death on a cross.

*Please stand*

**Gospel**

**Luke 13:31-35**

*Jesus remained resolute in his mission and pressed on toward the cross.*

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 drive out demons and heal people today and tomorrow, and on the third day I will reach my goal.’ In any case, I must keep going today and tomorrow and the next day – for surely no prophet can die outside Jerusalem!

“O 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, but 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.’ ”

**M:** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C:** Praise be to you, O Christ.

*Be seated*

**Anthem (Sunday)**

*Junior Choir*

**Children of the Heavenly Father**

*arranged by Jeremy S. Bakken*

Children of the heav'nly Father  
Safely in his bosom gather;  
Nestling bird nor star in heaven  
Such a refuge e'er was given.

God his own shall tend and nourish;  
In his holy courts they flourish.  
From all evil things he spares them;  
In his mighty arms he bears them.

Neither life nor death shall ever  
From the Lord his children sever;  
Unto them his grace he showeth,  
And their sorrows all he knoweth.

Though he giveth or he taketh,  
God his children ne'er forsaketh;  
His the loving purpose solely  
To preserve them pure and holy.

**Hymn of the Day**

**Lord, You I Love with All My Heart**  
*Christian Worship 434*

**Sermon**

**Luke 13:31-35**

A Portrait of Resolve

*Please stand*

**Nicene Creed**

**C: We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is,  
seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,  
begotten, not made, of one being with the Father.  
Through him all things were made.  
For us and for our salvation,  
he came down from heaven,  
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary,  
and became fully human.  
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate.  
He suffered death and was buried.  
On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures.  
He ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
who in unity with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,  
who has spoken through the prophets.  
We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church.  
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.  
We look for the resurrection of the dead  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

*Be seated*

### **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](http://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**

*The minister says the Prayer of the Church.*

## **THE SACRAMENT**

**M:** The Lord be with you.

**C:** **And also with you.**

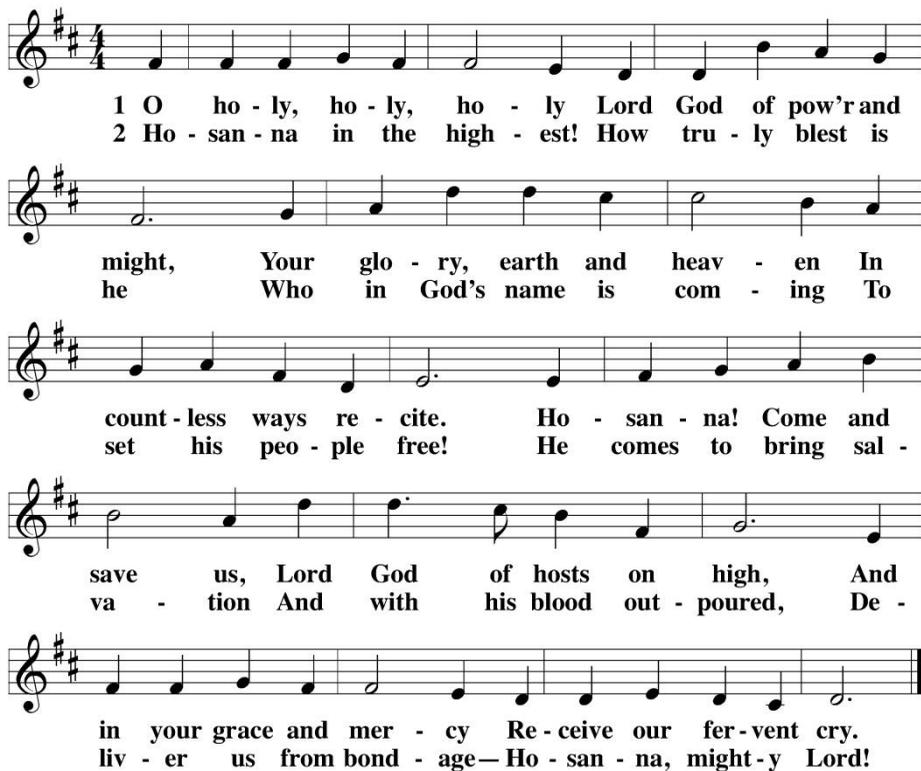
**M:** Lift up your hearts.

**C:** **We lift them up to the Lord.**

**M:** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**C:** **It is good and right so to do.**

**M:** It is truly good and right that we should at all times and in all places give you thanks, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who willingly died under the curse of this world's sin so that we may live forever in the light of God's blessing. Therefore with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:



1 O ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of pow'r and  
2 Ho - san - na in the high - est! How tru - ly blest is

might, Your glo - ry, earth and heav - en In  
he Who in God's name is com - ing To

count - less ways re - cite. Ho - san - na! Come and  
set his peo - ple free! He comes to bring sal -

save us, Lord God of hosts on high, And  
va - tion And with his blood out - poured, De -

in your grace and mer - cy Re - ceive our fer - vent cry.  
liv - er us from bond - age— Ho - san - na, might - y Lord!

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† **Sanctus:** The *Sanctus* (coming from the Latin word for “holy”) is the fourth of the five major liturgical canticles. It begins with an echo of the song of the seraphim from Isaiah 6:3 and continues with the words of the crowds on Palm Sunday: “Hosanna in the highest!” These words, used centuries ago to greet the promised Messiah, remind us that Jesus also comes to us today in the Sacrament. He is the second person of the triune God, praised by the seraphim in Isaiah’s vision. For more information on the Sanctus, see pg. 22 of *Understanding Lutheran Worship*, found in the hymnal rack.

## **Prayer of Thanksgiving**

**M:** Blessed are you, O Lord, because you have brought us from death to life. With humble and repentant hearts, we praise and thank you for your Son, Jesus Christ, who became our substitute under your holy law, who destroyed the works of the devil by his perfect obedience to your will, who willingly carried a cross to pay the debt of the world's sin, and who lives and reigns to give us life.

Through his body and blood, once given and poured out for us, forgive our sins and strengthen us for our journey heavenward. Unite us to our crucified and risen Lord, that we may believe in him, confess him, call on his name, and finally be delivered from this world to the feast of the Lamb, whose kingdom has no end.

**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.**

## **Words of Institution**

**M:** Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

**M:** The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C:** Amen.

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 your peace. A - men.

*Be seated*

*To receive communion, please proceed down the center aisle and exit via the side aisles.  
Grape juice is available in the center of the individual cup tray for those unable to receive wine.  
Personal prayers for communion can be found on pg. 18 of the service folder.*

**Distribution Hymns**

**Let Us Ever Walk With Jesus**

*Christian Worship 452*

**Church of God, Elect and Glorious (see pg. 16)**

*Christian Worship Supplement 774*

**Jesus Christ, Our Blessed Savior**

*Christian Worship 313*

*Please stand*

O Lord, now let your serv - ant De - part in peace, as -  
sured: For I have seen your prom - ised In -  
car - nate, sav - ing Word— A Light that will en -  
light - en All gloom where Gen - tiles dwell; The bril - liant,  
crown - ing glo - ry Of those in Is - ra - el!

**M:** We give you thanks, O Lord, for the foretaste of the heavenly banquet that you have given us to eat and to drink in this sacrament. Through this gift you have fed our faith, nourished our hope, and strengthened our love. By your Spirit help us to live as your holy people until that day when you will receive us as your guests at the wedding supper of the Lamb, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C:** Amen.

**M:** 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.

**C:** **Amen.**

*Be seated*

**Closing Hymn**

**Hail, O Once-Despised Jesus (stanzas 1 & 4)**

*Christian Worship 351*

**Announcements**

**Postlude**

*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

|                              |  |
|------------------------------|--|
| <b>Preacher</b>              | Pastor Joel Leyrer   |
| <b>Presiding Minister</b>    | Seminary Student Adam Marley (Saturday)<br>Pastor Eric Schroeder (Sunday)  |
| <b>Musicians</b>             | Pastor Kyle Bitter, organ<br>Holly Wildeman, flute (Sunday)<br>Terry Buske, piano (Sunday)                                 |
| <b>Junior Choir Director</b> | Mandy Treder   |
| <b>Communion Assistants</b>  | Mark Meissner, Mark Naumann, Dan Schmal (8:00 a.m.)<br>Brian Treichel, Jeff Sitz, Mike Swenson (10:30 a.m.)                |
| <b>Greeters</b>              | Sharon VanderVeen, Sue Freedlund, Mark & Jackie Bye (8:00 a.m.)<br>Marcus & Karah Radue, Mark & Cynthia Rouse (10:30 a.m.) |
| <b>Head Ushers</b>           | Doug Knuth (Saturday); Mark Meissner (8:00 a.m.); Matt Bahr (10:30 a.m.)   |
| <b>AV Operators</b>          | Dan Schmal (8:00 a.m.); Brian Cleary (10:30 a.m.)  |

## Worship Notes

- The altar flowers are placed by Doug and Ellen Lange in memory of their son, Timothy, who entered eternal life on March 20, 2001, and in gratitude to the Savior for the eternal life he now enjoys. “Now faith is confidence in what we hope for and assurance about what we do not see” (Hebrews 11:1).

## In Our Prayers

- Sharon Bartlein who is convalescing at Linden Grove Care Facility, New Berlin.
- Thanksgiving and blessings for Ida Yorde, who turned 100 years old last week.

## Psalm 42-43

### *Refrain*



Bless-ed are they who hope, who hope in the Lord.

### *Psalm tone*



As the deer pants for streams of water,  
so my soul pants for you, O God.

My soul thirsts for God, for the living God.  
Where can I go and meet with God?

Why are you downcast, O my soul?  
Why so disturbed within me?

Pur your hope in God,  
for I will yet praise him, my Savior and my God.

### *Refrain*

Send forth your light and your truth, let them guide me;  
let them bring me to the place where you dwell.

Then will I go to the altar of God, my joy and my delight.  
I will praise you with the harp, O God, my God.

**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*

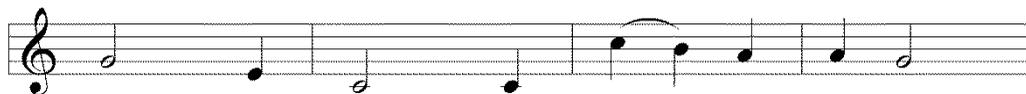
## Church of God, Elect and Glorious



1 Church of God, e - lect and glo - rious,  
 2 God has called you out of dark - ness  
 3 Once you were an al - ien peo - ple,  
 4 Church of God, e - lect and ho - ly,



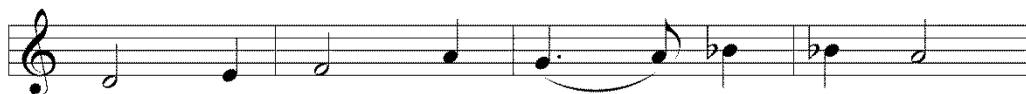
Ho - ly na - tion, cho - sen race;  
 In - to his most mar - v'lous light,  
 Stran - gers to God's heart of love;  
 Be the peo - ple he in - tends;



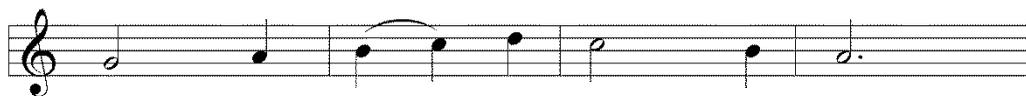
Called as God's own spe - cial peo - ple,  
 Brought his truth to life with - in you,  
 But he brought you home in mer - cy,  
 Strong in faith and swift to an - swer



Roy - al priests and heirs of grace:  
 Turned your blind - ness in - to sight.  
 Cit - i - zens of heav'n a - bove.  
 Each com - mand your mas - ter sends:



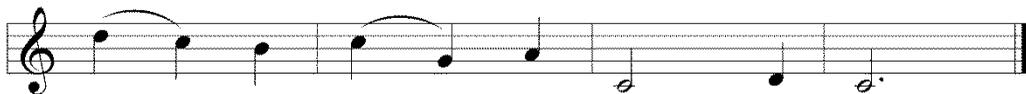
Know the pur - pose of your call - ing.  
 Let your light so shine a - round you  
 Let his love flow out to oth - ers;  
 Roy - al priests, ful - fill your call - ing



Show to all his might - y deeds;  
That God's name is glo - ri - fied  
Let them feel a Fa - ther's care;  
Through your sac - ri - fice and prayer;



Tell of love that knows no lim - its,  
And all find fresh hope and pur - pose  
That they too may know his wel - come  
Give your lives in joy - ful ser - vice—



Grace that meets all hu - man needs.  
In Christ Je - sus cru - ci - fied.  
And his count - less bless - ings share.  
Sing his praise, his love de - clare.

*This hymn emphasizes how Christians naturally fulfill what God has created and called them to be in Christ Jesus.*

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## Personal Prayer for Before Communion

May the receiving of your body and blood, Lord Jesus Christ, not bring me to judgment and condemnation, but through your loving mercy be for me forgiveness of sins, life, and salvation. Amen.

## Personal Prayer for After Communion

Heavenly Father, through this holy supper you nourish my faith, increase my hope, and strengthen my love. Teach me always to hunger for your Son, the true and living bread.

Enable me to live by every word that proceeds from your mouth. Amen.

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### Readings for the Week of Lent 2

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| M | John 7:14-18     | Hebrews 11:8-12, 17-19 |
| T | Acts 5:17-29     | Acts 5:34-42           |
| W | 1 Samuel 3:1-18  | Matthew 21:28-32       |
| R | Jeremiah 20:7-13 | Acts 16:8-15           |
| F | Hebrews 5:4-10   | Isaiah 41:8-13         |
| S | Matthew 21:33-46 | Isaiah 49:7-13         |

## Parents' Preview for March 24

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.

### “Jesus, Refuge of the Weary”

*(Christian Worship 108)*



1 Je - sus, Ref - uge of the wea - ry, Blest Re - deem - er,  
2 Dare we pass that cross un - heed - ing, Breath - ing no re -  
3 Je - sus, may our hearts be burn - ing With more fer - vent



whom we love, Foun - tain in life's des - ert drea - ry,  
pent - ant vow, As we see you wound - ed, bleed - ing,  
love for you! May our eyes be ev - er turn - ing



Sav - ior from the world a - bove, Oh, how oft your  
See your thorn - en - cir - cled brow? Since your sin - less  
To be - hold your cross a - new, Till in glo - ry,



eyes, of - fend - ed, Gaze up - on a sin - ner's fall! Yet, up -  
death has brought us Life e - ter - nal, peace, and rest, On - ly  
part - ed nev - er From the bless - ed Sav - ior's side, Grav - en



on the cross ex - tend - ed, You en - dured the pain of all.  
what your grace has taught us Calms the sin - ner's deep dis - tress.  
in our hearts for - ev - er, Dwell the cross, the Cru - ci - fied!

