



St. John's Lutheran Church

Rooted and Growing: In Christ. In Community.



THE
crucial
HOURS



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.
- These midweek vesper services have been planned for the purpose of helping you to prepare your hearts as we walk the way of the cross with our Savior. Our theme this year is "**The Crucial Hours.**" During this season of Lent, we will reflect on the battles Jesus fought as he walked the way of the cross for us.
- 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 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.

Midweek Lent 4

March 23, 2022



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

In Hopelessness and Near Despair

Christian Worship 651

Confession

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.

Confession

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 (see pg. 12)

Psalm 130

God our Father, you are rich in mercy, and there is forgiveness with you that you may be feared.
Do not remember our sins, but blot them out for the sake of Jesus, who has redeemed us by his
precious blood and his innocent suffering and death. Lead us to put our hope in you, for with
you is unfailing love.

Amen.

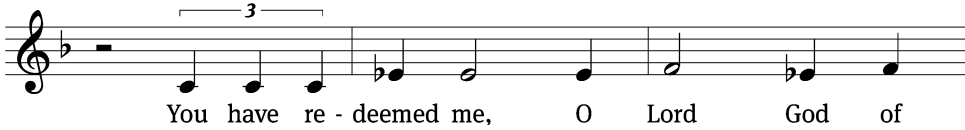
Reading

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.



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Anthem (3:30 p.m.)

Grades 5 & 6

Like a Lamb
by Mary Kay Beall

Like a lamb he goes to slaughter,
like a lamb—so meek, so still.
Like a lamb he goes to slaughter—
on a cross to do his Father’s will.

Like a lamb for sin atoning,
like a lamb, he pays the price.
Like a lamb, for sin atoning—
on a cross, a perfect sacrifice.

Like a lamb, his life is forfeit.
Like a lamb, he bears our shame.
Like a lamb, his life is forfeit—
on a cross, he calls his Father’s name.

Like a lamb, laid on the altar.
Like a lamb, his fate is sealed.
Like a lamb, laid on the altar—
on a cross, God’s wondrous love revealed,
On a cross, God’s perfect love revealed;
all for us, a Father’s love revealed.

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Hymn of the Day

Lord, to You I Make Confession
Christian Worship 653

Sermon

Matthew 27:3,4

What to Remember When You Are Seized with Remorse

When Judas, who had betrayed him, saw that Jesus was condemned, he was seized with remorse and returned the thirty pieces of silver to the chief priests and the elders.

“I have sinned,” he said, “for I have betrayed innocent blood.”

“What is that to us?” they replied. “That’s your responsibility.”

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.

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Prayer

O Lord, support us all day long, till the shadows lengthen and the evening comes and the busy world is hushed and the fever of life is over and our work is done. Then, in your mercy, grant us a safe lodging and a holy rest and peace at the last; 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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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

Luther's Evening Prayer
Christian Worship 782


Please stand

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,



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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

Now Rest beneath Night's Shadow
Christian Worship 794

Postlude

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Psalm 130

Refrain

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

Tone

G4 A4 B4 C5 B4 A4 G4
G2 A2 B2 C3 B2 A2 G2

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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Serving at Worship

Preacher

Pastor Ben Wessel

Presiding Minister

Pastor Joel Leyrer

Musicians

Lynn Kozlowski, organ
Carrie Tanner, vocals

Lent Worship Opportunities

Midweek Lent services are held on Wednesdays at 3:30 (broadcast online) and 6:45 p.m.

March 30: Midweek Lent 5

The Semblence of Legality
Pastor Tom Kneser

April 6: Midweek Lent 6

A Part for the Whole
Pastor Mark Aufdemberge

April 14: Maundy Thursday

3:30 & 6:45 p.m. worship with Holy
Communion

April 15: Good Friday

1:00 p.m. worship with Holy Communion
6:45 p.m. Tenebrae worship

April 17: Easter Sunday

6:00 a.m. sunrise worship
8:30 & 10:30 a.m. festival worship



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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