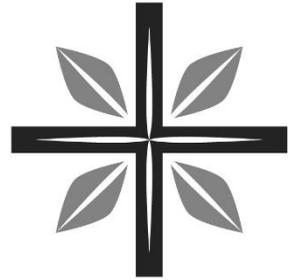


# St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church



## 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.
- Large print service folders are available from an usher. Assisted listening devices, including both ear bud and loop receivers for digital hearing aids, are also 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.
- Restrooms are located at the far end of the entry area.
- 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.
- Please join us for Bible class at 9:15 a.m..  
*The Judges and Their Times*: Fellowship Hall, lower level of church  
A staffed nursery is available during Bible class.

# The Third Sunday in Lent

March 23 & 24, 2019

Jesus Knew: He would surrender

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## Opening Hymn

*Please stand to sing the final stanza*

## Today Your Mercy Calls Us

*Christian Worship 339*

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

**C:** Amen.

## CONFESSION OF SINS

**M:** Beloved in the Lord: let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins to God our Father, asking him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

**C:** **Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful and that I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. For this I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior Jesus Christ, I pray: Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner.**

Lord, have mer-cy on us. Christ, have mer-cy  
on us. Lord, have mer-cy on us. A - men.

The image shows two staves of musical notation in G minor (one flat). The first staff contains the melody for the first line of the hymn: "Lord, have mer-cy on us. Christ, have mer-cy". The second staff contains the melody for the second line: "on us. Lord, have mer-cy on us. A - men." The lyrics are written below the notes, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across notes.

**M:** God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given his only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son  $\oplus$  and of the Holy Spirit.

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

**Prayer of the Day**

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

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

**M:** Let us pray.

Almighty God, look with favor on your humble servants and stretch out the right hand of your power to defend us against all our enemies; through Jesus Christ, your Son, 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**

**Numbers 16:23-40**

*In the midst of rebellion and judgment, God has mercy on those who repent.*

Then the LORD said to Moses, “Say to the assembly, ‘Move away from the tents of Korah, Dathan and Abiram.’ ”

Moses got up and went to Dathan and Abiram, and the elders of Israel followed him. He warned the assembly, “Move back from the tents of these wicked men! Do not touch anything belonging to them, or you will be swept away because of all their sins.” So they moved away from the tents of Korah, Dathan and Abiram. Dathan and Abiram had come out and were standing with their wives, children and little ones at the entrances to their tents.

Then Moses said, “This is how you will know that the LORD has sent me to do all these things and that it was not my idea: If these men die a natural death and experience only what usually happens to men, then the LORD has not sent me. But if the LORD brings about something totally new, and the earth opens its mouth and swallows them, with everything that belongs to them, and they go down alive into the grave, then you will know that these men have treated the LORD with contempt.”

As soon as he finished saying all this, the ground under them split apart and the earth opened its mouth and swallowed them, with their households and all Korah's men and all their possessions. They went down alive into the grave, with everything they owned; the earth closed over them, and they perished and were gone from the community. At their cries, all the Israelites around them fled, shouting, "The earth is going to swallow us too!"

And fire came out from the LORD and consumed the 250 men who were offering the incense.

The LORD said to Moses, "Tell Eleazar son of Aaron, the priest, to take the censers out of the smoldering remains and scatter the coals some distance away, for the censers are holy – the censers of the men who sinned at the cost of their lives. Hammer the censers into sheets to overlay the altar, for they were presented before the LORD and have become holy. Let them be a sign to the Israelites."

So Eleazar the priest collected the bronze censers brought by those who had been burned up, and he had them hammered out to overlay the altar, as the LORD directed him through Moses. This was to remind the Israelites that no one except a descendant of Aaron should come to burn incense before the LORD, or he would become like Korah and his followers.

## **Psalm of the Day**

**Psalm 38 (see pg. 11)**

*With the psalmist, we turn to the Lord in repentance and confess our sins.*

## **Second Lesson**

**1 Corinthians 10:1-13**

*Paul uses Israel as an example for us to turn from temptation and repent.*

For I do not want you to be ignorant of the fact, brothers, that our forefathers were all under the cloud and that they all passed through the sea. They were all baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea. They all ate the same spiritual food and drank the same spiritual drink; for they drank from the spiritual rock that accompanied them, and that rock was Christ. Nevertheless, God was not pleased with most of them; their bodies were scattered over the desert.

Now these things occurred as examples to keep us from setting our hearts on evil things as they did. Do not be idolaters, as some of them were; as it is written: "The people sat down to eat and drink and got up to indulge in pagan revelry." We should not commit sexual immorality, as some of them did – and in one day twenty-three thousand of them died. We should not test the Lord, as some of them did – and were killed by snakes. And do not grumble, as some of them did – and were killed by the destroying angel.

These things happened to them as examples and were written down as warnings for us, on whom the fulfillment of the ages has come. So, if you think you are standing firm, be careful that you don't fall! No temptation has seized you except what is common to man. And God is faithful; he will not let you be tempted beyond what you can bear. But when you are tempted, he will also provide a way out so that you can stand up under it.

## Verse of the Day

**M:** Just as Moses lifted up the snake in the desert, so the Son of Man must be lifted up, that everyone who believes in him may have eternal life.

*Please stand*

*After the announcement of the Gospel, the congregation sings:*



## Gospel

**Luke 13:1-9**

*Jesus calls upon us to examine our lives for the fruits of repentance.*

Now there were some present at that time who told Jesus about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mixed with their sacrifices. Jesus answered, “Do you think that these Galileans were worse sinners than all the other Galileans because they suffered this way? I tell you, no! But unless you repent, you too will all perish. Or those eighteen who died when the tower in Siloam fell on them – do you think they were more guilty than all the others living in Jerusalem? I tell you, no! But unless you repent, you too will all perish.”

Then he told this parable: “A man had a fig tree, planted in his vineyard, and he went to look for fruit on it, but did not find any. So he said to the man who took care of the vineyard, ‘For three years now I’ve been coming to look for fruit on this fig tree and haven’t found any. Cut it down! Why should it use up the soil?’

“‘Sir,’ the man replied, ‘leave it alone for one more year, and I’ll dig around it and fertilize it. If it bears fruit next year, fine! If not, then cut it down.’ ”



*Be seated*

**Anthem (Sunday)**  
*Adult Handbell Choir*

**How Beautiful**  
*arranged by Lloyd Larson*

How beautiful the hands that served the wine and the bread and the children of earth.  
How beautiful the feet that walked the long dusty roads and the hill to the cross.  
How beautiful is the body of Christ.

How beautiful the heart that bled, that took all my sin and bore it instead.  
How beautiful the tender eyes that chose to forgive and never despise.  
How beautiful is the body of Christ.

And as he laid down his life, we offer this sacrifice  
That we will live just as he died: willing to pay the price.

How beautiful the feet that bring the sound of good news and the love of the King.  
How beautiful the hands that serve the wine and the bread and the children of earth.  
How beautiful is the body of Christ.

**Hymn of the Day**

**Lord, to You I Make Confession**  
*Christian Worship 302*

**Sermon**

**Luke 13:1-9**

Karma, Justice, Repentance and Fruit

*Please stand*

**Apostles' Creed**

**C: 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.**

*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**

- M:** Dearest Lord Jesus, accept our humble thanks for becoming one of us: the Word made flesh who fulfilled all that was necessary for our eternal redemption.
- C:** **You lived a holy life that your perfect obedience might be credited to us.**
- M:** Bearing our sins, you willingly traveled the agonizing path to the cross where God laid on you the iniquity of us all.
- C:** **You died an innocent death that we might live forever in heaven.**
- M:** Keep this message of pardon granted and salvation won always on our hearts and lips, that we may tell those around us of your grace and mercy.
- C:** **Remind us daily of the depths of your love, and provide us with opportunities to live out this love in our lives.**

**M:** On those days when trials and temptations threaten to overshadow your love for us, cause us to remember your promise to never leave us or forsake us.

**C:** **Even in our darkest hours, give us the strength to bear our crosses and remain firm in our faith.**

*Special prayers and intercessions may follow*

**M:** As we continue our journey in this fallen world, remind us that our present sufferings are not worth comparing with the glory that will be revealed in us.

**C:** **Bring us quickly to the day when we will exchange our crosses for a crown of glory. 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.**

*Be seated*

### **Hymn**

**Day by Day (see pg. 12)**  
*Christian Worship Supplement 765*

*Please stand*

**M:** Almighty God, grant to your Church the Holy Spirit and the wisdom that comes from above. Let nothing hinder your Word from being freely proclaimed to the joy and edifying of Christ's holy people, so that we may serve you in steadfast faith and confess your name as long as we live, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, 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**

**Jesus, Refuge of the Weary**  
*Christian Worship 108*

**Announcements**

**WELS Connection**

**Mission Journey**

*If you do not wish to take your service folder home, please place it in the basket so it can be reused.*

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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 38

### *Refrain*



### *Psalm tone*



O LORD, do not rebuke me in your anger  
or discipline me in your wrath.

For your arrows have pierced me,  
and your hand has come down upon me.

My guilt has overwhelmed me  
like a burden too heavy to bear.

### *Refrain*

All my longings lie open before you, O LORD;  
my sighing is not hidden from you.

I wait for you, O LORD;  
you will answer, O Lord my God.

Come quickly to help me,  
O Lord my Savior.

**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*



1 Day by day, your mer - cies, Lord, at - tend me,  
 2 Day by day, I know you will pro - vide me  
 3 Oh, what joy to know that you are near me



Bring - ing com - fort to my anx - ious soul.  
 Strength to serve and wis - dom to o - bey;  
 When my bur - dens grow too great to bear;



Day by day, the bless - ings, Lord, you send me  
 I will seek your lov - ing will to guide me  
 Oh, what joy to know that you will hear me



Draw me near - er to my heav'n - ly goal.  
 O'er the paths I strug - gle day by day.  
 When I come, O Lord, to you in prayer.



Love di - vine, be - yond all mor - tal meas - ure,  
 I will fear no e - vil of the mor - row;  
 Day by day, no mat - ter what be - tide me,



Brings to naught the bur - dens of my quest;  
I will trust in your en - dur - ing grace.  
You will hold me ev - er in your hand.



Sav - ior, lead me to the home I treas - ure,  
Sav - ior, help me bear life's pain and sor - row;  
Sav - ior, with your pres - ence here to guide me,



Where, at last, I'll find e - ter - nal rest.  
Till in glo - ry I be - hold your face.  
I will reach at last the prom - ised land.

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## Serving at Worship

<b>Preacher</b>	Pastor Eric Schroeder
<b>Presiding Minister</b>	Pastor Kyle Bitter
<b>Musicians</b>	Carmen Rupprecht, piano (Saturday) Mandy Treder, organ (Sunday) Adam Sipe, trumpet (Sunday) Mike Swenson, French horn (Sunday)
<b>Adult Handbell Choir Director</b>	Kristi Meyer
<b>Greeters</b>	Mark & Mary Gaub, Adam & Jenny Greggs (8:00 a.m.) Mark & Chris Rindfleisch, Mary Rindfleisch, Eric Zabell (10:30 a.m.)
<b>Head Ushers</b>	Matt Bahr (Saturday) Kerry Kuehn (8:00 a.m.) Rick Yahn (10:30 a.m.)
<b>AV Operators</b>	Jonah / Riley Rindfleisch (8:00 a.m.) Paul Puglisi (10:30 a.m.)

## In Our Prayers

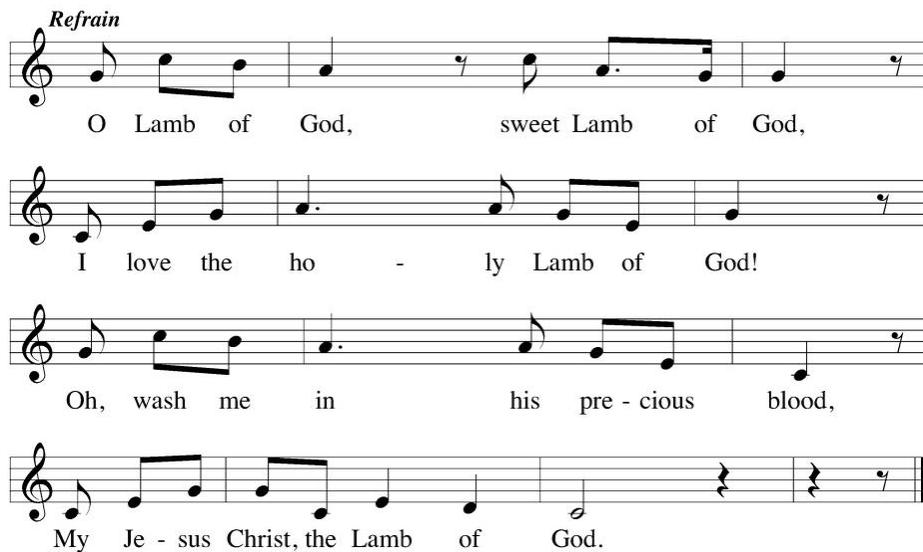
- Doris Krause and Sharon Bartlein, both receiving hospice care.
- Teachers David and Dana Leyrer, as they deliberate their divine calls to St. John's in Waterloo, Wisconsin.
- Mrs. Laura Schultz of Watertown, to whom we extended the call to be our 5<sup>th</sup> grade teacher.

## Parents' Preview for March 31

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.

### “Lamb of God” Refrain (*Christian Worship Supplement 748*)

*Refrain*



O Lamb of God, sweet Lamb of God,  
I love the ho - ly Lamb of God!  
Oh, wash me in his pre - cious blood,  
My Je - sus Christ, the Lamb of God.