



St. John's Lutheran Church

Rooted and Growing: In Christ. In Community.



THE
crucial
HOURS



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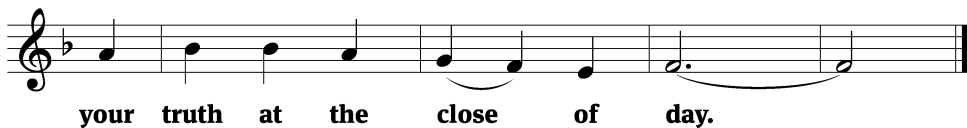
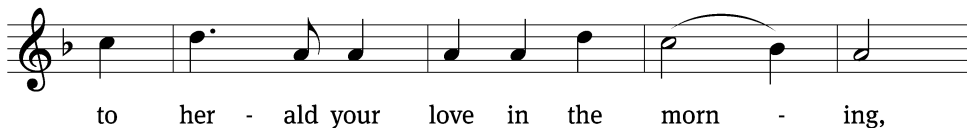
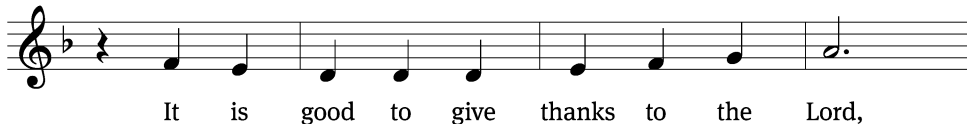
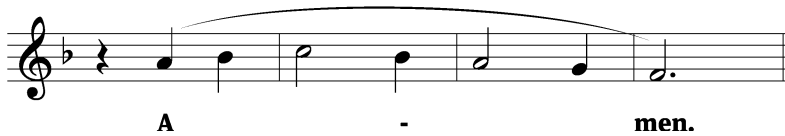
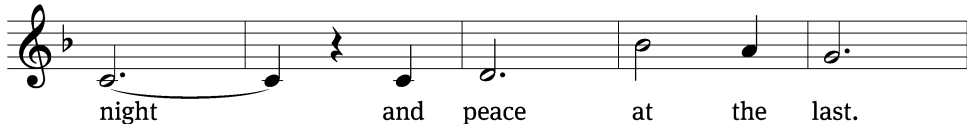
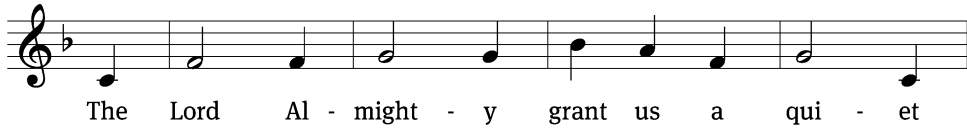


Welcome to our visitors!

- 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 5

March 30, 2022



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Opening Hymn

Please stand to sing the final stanza

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

Christian Worship 407

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.

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 2

Lord, keep us safe in the refuge of your anointed Son, so that when the nations rage against him, we are not terrified. You have begotten him from eternity and have seated him on your throne in heaven. Let us see him as he truly is, the One who lives and rules with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

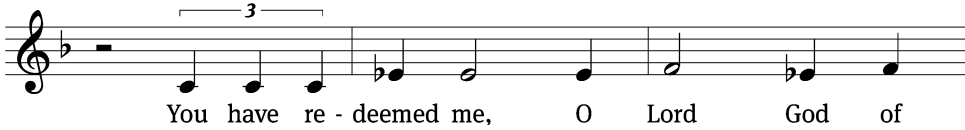
Reading

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 (6:45 p.m.)

Adult Choir

My Song Is Love Unknown

setting by Donald Busarow

My song is love unknown, my Savior's love to me,
love to the loveless shown, that they might lovely be.
Oh, who am I that for my sake the Lord should take frail flesh and die?

He came from his blest throne, salvation to bestow,
but men made strange, and none the longed-for Christ would know.
But oh, my friend, my friend, indeed, who at my need his life did spend!

Sometimes they strew his way and his sweet praises sing,
resounding all the day hosannas to their King.
Then "Crucify!" is all their breath, and for his death they thirst and cry.

Why? What has my Lord done? What makes this rage and spite?
He made the lame to run, he gave the blind their sight.
Sweet injuries! Yet they at these themselves displease and 'gainst him rise.

They rise and needs will have my dear Lord made away.
A murderer they save, the Prince of life they slay.
Yet cheerful he to suffering goes that he his foes from thence might free.

Here might I stay and sing; no story so divine,
never was love, dear King, never was grief like thine.
This is my friend, in whose sweet praise I all my days could gladly spend!

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Hymn of the Day

He Stood before the Court

Christian Worship 408

Sermon

Luke 22:66

The Semblance of Legality

At daybreak the council of the elders of the people, both the chief priests and the teachers of the law, met together, and Jesus was led before them.

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

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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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 the Day Is Over
Christian Worship 786

Postlude

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Psalm 2



1 Why are na - tions rag - ing and con - spir - ing
2 But the Lord has scorn on them, laugh - ing and en -
3 God's de - cree un - to the King tells us what the
4 There - fore, lead - ers of the earth, serve the LORD with



plots in vain? Rul - ers of the world rise up,
throned on high. God brings wrath up - on their work;
LORD did say: "You are my own ho - ly Son;
ho - ly fear; trem - bling come be - fore the throne



weav - ing webs of death and pain. Then a - gainst the
filled with an - ger God re - plies: "It is my own
I've be - got - ten you this day. Ask of me and
or God's an - ger will ap - pear. Kiss God's feet in



LORD they cry, and a - gainst God's ho - ly Son, "Let us
ho - ly will that the Christ shall ev - er reign, and on
I will make all the na - tions your own stay. These pos -
trem - bling awe or the LORD will use the rod, mak - ing



tear their bonds from us and with their con - trol be done."
Zi - on's ho - ly hill my A - noint - ed I'll main - tain."
ses - sions you shall rule, strong as i - ron smash - ing clay."
beg - gars of all kings. Blest are those who trust in God.

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Serving at Worship

Preacher

Pastor Tom Kneser

Presiding Minister

Pastor Kyle Bitter

Musician

Lynn Kozlowski, organ

Adult Choir Director

Adam Sipe

Lent Worship Opportunities

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

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

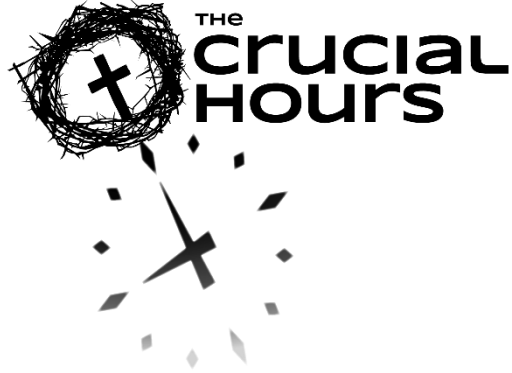
with Holy Communion

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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