



# St. John's Lutheran Church

Rooted and Growing: In Christ. In Community.

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# 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.
- During the offering, all worshipers are asked to fill out a Connection Card (included with the service folder or at [www.sjtosa.org/Connect](http://www.sjtosa.org/Connect)). Completed cards may be placed in the baskets by the exit.
- 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 First Sunday in Lent

March 5 & 6, 2022

Our Temptation is Crushed by Christ's Obedience.

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## Prelude

### Opening Hymn

*Please stand to sing the final stanza*

If God Had Not Been on Our Side

*Christian Worship 866*

In the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

## Confession

If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us.

**If we confess our sins, God is faithful and just  
and will forgive us our sins  
and purify us from all unrighteousness.**

*Please kneel*

**Holy God, gracious Father,**

**I am sinful by nature**

**and have sinned against you in my thoughts, words, and actions.**

**I have not loved you with my whole heart;**

**I have not loved others as I should.**

**I deserve your punishment both now and forever.**

**But Jesus, my Savior, paid for my sins**

**with his innocent suffering and death.**

**Trusting in him, I pray: God, have mercy on me, a sinner.**

*Silence for meditation and reflection*

Our gracious Father in heaven has been merciful to us. He sent his only Son, Jesus Christ, who gave his life as the atoning sacrifice for the sins of the whole world. 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 and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

*Please stand*

**Lord, Have Mercy**

Kyrie

In peace let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For the peace from above and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

**Amen.**

## The Word

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

**Prayer of the Day**

Let us pray.

Mighty God and Father, our Lord Jesus walked into the wilderness to face the devil's temptations, but he did not succumb to Satan's lies or falter in his resolve to save the world from the prison of hell. Bolster our faith by his mighty victory that we may battle against the forces of evil with courage and confidence; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

## First Reading

1 Samuel 17:4–11,32–40,45–49

*David crushes Goliath not by his own power but with strength given by the LORD.*

A champion named Goliath, who was from Gath, came out of the Philistine camp. His height was six cubits and a span. He had a bronze helmet on his head and wore a coat of scale armor of bronze weighing five thousand shekels; on his legs he wore bronze greaves, and a bronze javelin was slung on his back. His spear shaft was like a weaver's rod, and its iron point weighed six hundred shekels. His shield bearer went ahead of him.

Goliath stood and shouted to the ranks of Israel, "Why do you come out and line up for battle? Am I not a Philistine, and are you not the servants of Saul? Choose a man and have him come down to me. If he is able to fight and kill me, we will become your subjects; but if I overcome him and kill him, you will become our subjects and serve us." Then the Philistine said, "This day I defy the armies of Israel! Give me a man and let us fight each other." On hearing the Philistine's words, Saul and all the Israelites were dismayed and terrified.

David said to Saul, "Let no one lose heart on account of this Philistine; your servant will go and fight him."

Saul replied, "You are not able to go out against this Philistine and fight him; you are only a young man, and he has been a warrior from his youth."

But David said to Saul, "Your servant has been keeping his father's sheep. When a lion or a bear came and carried off a sheep from the flock, I went after it, struck it and rescued the sheep from its mouth. When it turned on me, I seized it by its hair, struck it and killed it. Your servant has killed both the lion and the bear; this uncircumcised Philistine will be like one of them, because he has defied the armies of the living God. The LORD who rescued me from the paw of the lion and the paw of the bear will rescue me from the hand of this Philistine."

Saul said to David, "Go, and the LORD be with you."

Then Saul dressed David in his own tunic. He put a coat of armor on him and a bronze helmet on his head. David fastened on his sword over the tunic and tried walking around, because he was not used to them.

"I cannot go in these," he said to Saul, "because I am not used to them." So he took them off. Then he took his staff in his hand, chose five smooth stones from the stream, put them in the pouch of his shepherd's bag and, with his sling in his hand, approached the Philistine.

David said to the Philistine, "You come against me with sword and spear and javelin, but I come against you in the name of the LORD Almighty, the God of the armies of Israel, whom you have defied. This day the LORD will deliver you into my hands, and I'll strike you down and cut off your head. This very day I will give the carcasses of the Philistine army to the birds and the wild animals, and the whole world will know that there is a God in Israel. All those gathered

here will know that it is not by sword or spear that the LORD saves; for the battle is the LORD's, and he will give all of you into our hands."

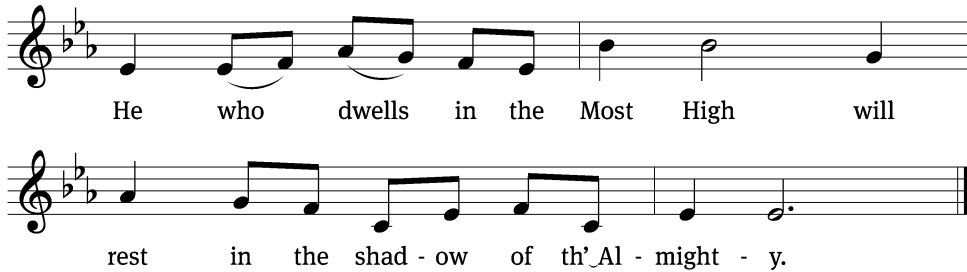
As the Philistine moved closer to attack him, David ran quickly toward the battle line to meet him. Reaching into his bag and taking out a stone, he slung it and struck the Philistine on the forehead. The stone sank into his forehead, and he fell facedown on the ground.

The Word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

## Psalm of the Day

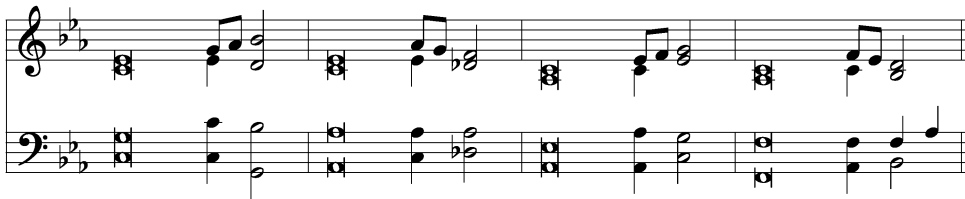
Psalm 91

### Refrain



He who dwells in the Most High will  
rest in the shadow of th'Al-might-y.

### Tone



Surely he will save you from the / fowler's snare  
and from the deadly / pestilence.

He will cover you with his / feathers,  
and under his wings you will find / refuge.

You will not fear the ter- / ror of night,  
nor the arrow that / flies by day,  
nor the pestilence that stalks in the / darkness,  
nor the plague that destroys at / midday. *Refrain*

If you say, “The LORD is my / refuge,”  
and you make the Most High your / dwelling,  
no harm will over- / take you,  
no disaster will come / near your tent.

For he will command his angels con- / cerning you  
to guard you in / all your ways;  
they will lift you up / in their hands,  
so that you will not strike your foot a- / gainst a stone.

**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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## **Second Reading**

Hebrews 4:14–16<sup>+</sup>

*Jesus faced—and crushed—every temptation that we too face.*

Therefore, since we have a great high priest who has ascended into heaven, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold firmly to the faith we profess. For we do not have a high priest who is unable to empathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who has been tempted in every way, just as we are—yet he did not sin. Let us then approach God’s throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

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<sup>+</sup> **Hebrews:** This letter was addressed primarily to Jewish Christians, possibly living in Rome, who were familiar with the Old Testament. Because the recipients of the letter to the Hebrews were being tempted to revert to Judaism, the author provides a detailed discussion of the person and work of Jesus Christ as Prophet, Priest, and King. Over 20 titles are used to describe Jesus’ attributes and accomplishments. Hebrews also focuses on the absolute supremacy and sufficiency of Christ. Jesus offered himself as the one final sacrifice for sin, a sacrifice far superior to the animal sacrifices required by Old Testament law. Through Jesus our great High Priest, we have a new covenant with God. Hebrews could be called “the book of better things” since the Greek words for “better” and “superior” appear 15 times in the letter.

*Please stand*

## **Gospel Acclamation**

1 John 3:8

Glory, praise, and honor to you, Lord Jesus Christ.  
The reason the Son of God appeared  
was to destroy the devil's work.  
Glory, praise, and honor to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

## **Gospel**

Luke 4:1–13

*Jesus crushed Satan's temptations and won the victory for us.*

Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, left the Jordan and was led by the Spirit into the wilderness, where for forty days he was tempted by the devil. He ate nothing during those days, and at the end of them he was hungry.

The devil said to him, "If you are the Son of God, tell this stone to become bread."

Jesus answered, "It is written: 'Man shall not live on bread alone.'"

The devil led him up to a high place and showed him in an instant all the kingdoms of the world. And he said to him, "I will give you all their authority and splendor; it has been given to me, and I can give it to anyone I want to. If you worship me, it will all be yours."

Jesus answered, "It is written: 'Worship the Lord your God and serve him only.'"

The devil led him to Jerusalem and had him stand on the highest point of the temple. "If you are the Son of God," he said, "throw yourself down from here. For it is written:

" 'He will command his angels concerning you  
to guard you carefully;  
they will lift you up in their hands,  
so that you will not strike your foot against a stone.'"

Jesus answered, "It is said: 'Do not put the Lord your God to the test.'"

When the devil had finished all this tempting, he left him until an opportune time.

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise be to you, O Christ!**

*Be seated*

## **Hymn of the Day**

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God  
Christian Worship 863



*Please stand*

**Nicene Creed**

**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 truly 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.**

## **Prayer of the Church**

Gracious Father, after his baptism your Son faced the stern attacks of Satan who tried to derail his journey to the cross. On this day we rejoice in Jesus' victory in the wilderness and praise him for his ultimate triumph over the works of the devil.

**Send us your Spirit that we may believe this truth and apply it in our lives.**

Satan and his followers seek to overturn our faith and love every day. Their goal is to separate us from your presence and destroy our relationship with your Son. Give us wisdom to be alert for their attacks and recognize the danger they bring.

**Protect us as we endure temptation. Keep us from becoming Satan's victims. Forgive us and restore us when we give in to him.**

Make our faith stronger than it is now so that we might know more and more that Jesus matters most to us in life and death. Give us wisdom and power to follow him and do his will.

**Keep us from thinking that sins are harmless and cannot lead us away from him.**

According to your will, Lord, curb the influence of Satan in our world and society. Help people to grasp the appalling effects of his power and to refrain from doing wicked and harmful deeds.

**Come to the aid of those who are the objects of devilish power.**

Give us courage to warn those we love about the dangers of the devil's temptations. Lead us to speak the truth in love so that family members and friends may discern evil and step back from error and sin.

**Move us to share the horror of Satan's power honestly and to offer your forgiveness in love.**

*Special prayers and intercessions may follow*

Protect us, gracious God, from the power of Satan, the allure of the world, and the seduction of our sinful nature.

**Cause us to believe that we are more than conquerors through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Amen.**

*Be seated*

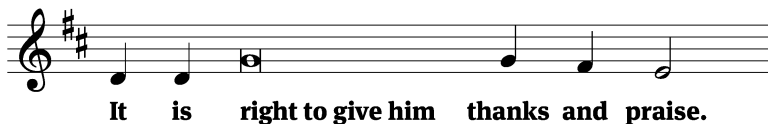
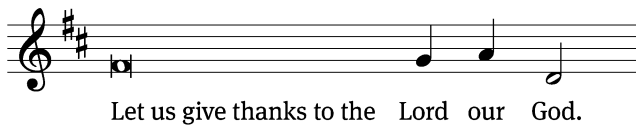
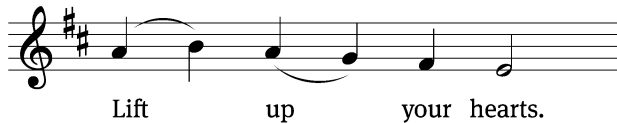
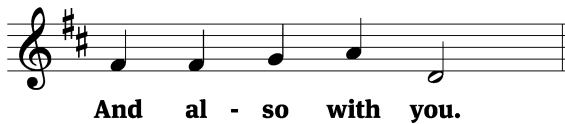
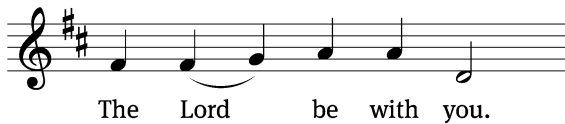
## Offering

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



Please stand

## The Sacrament



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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 brought the gift of salvation to all people by his death on the tree of the cross so that the devil, who overcame us by a tree, would in turn by a tree be overcome. Therefore, with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:

## Holy, Holy, Holy

## Sanctus



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of hosts,  
heav - en and earth are full, full of your glo - ry.  
Ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.  
Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.  
Ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

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## **Prayer of Thanksgiving**

Blessed are you, Lord God, eternal King and gracious Father. In love you made us the crown of your creation. In mercy you planned our salvation. In grace you sent your Son to redeem us from sin.

We remember and give you thanks that your eternal Son, Jesus Christ, became flesh and made his dwelling among us, that he willingly placed himself under law to redeem those under law, that he humbled himself by becoming obedient to death on a cross, that he has destroyed death and has brought life and immortality to light through the gospel.

Bless us as we receive your Son's body and blood in this Sacrament. Forgive our sins, increase our faith, strengthen our fellowship, and deepen our longing for the day when Christ will welcome us to his eternal feast. Praise and thanks and honor and glory be to you, O God our Father, and to your Son and to the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

## **Lord's Prayer**

**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**

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."

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**Amen.**

# Lamb of God

# Agnus Dei



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, grant us peace.

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## Be seated

*The Scriptures teach us that receiving the Lord's Supper is a public declaration of shared belief. Therefore, we ask our guests who are not members of a WELS or ELS congregation to refrain from receiving the Lord's Supper until they have had the opportunity to talk with one of our pastors about our beliefs and practice.*

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. 16 of the service folder.

## **Distribution Hymns**

Christ, the Lord of Hosts, Unshaken  
*Christian Worship 499*

In the Cross of Christ I Glory  
*Christian Worship 529*

Here, O My Lord, I See You Face to Face  
*Christian Worship 660*

The true body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you to life everlasting.  
Go † in peace.

*Please stand*

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;  
**his mercy endures forever.**

Whenever we eat this bread and drink this cup,  
**we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.**

O God the Father, source of all goodness, in your loving-kindness you sent your Son to share our humanity. We thank you that through him you have given us pardon and peace in this Sacrament. We also pray that you will not forsake us but will rule our hearts and minds by your Holy Spirit so that we willingly serve you day after day; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

## **Blessing**

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.

**Amen.**

*Be seated*

## **Closing Hymn**

Lord Jesus Christ, with Us Abide sts. 1, 6–7  
*Christian Worship 641*

## **Announcements**

## **Postlude**

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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.



## Serving at Worship

**Preacher**

Pastor Kyle Bitter

**Presiding Minister**

Seminary Student Ethan Carter (Saturday)

Pastor Eric Schroeder (Sunday)

**Musicians**

Carmen Rupprecht, piano (Saturday)

Lisa Eggebrecht, organ (Sunday)

## Worship Notes

- The flowers are placed by the Gregory family in memory of Melissa's grandmother, Dorothy Ruh.

## In Our Prayers

- Family and friends of Sue Pappalardo, who went to be with her Lord on Sunday, February 27, and whose Christian Victory service was held on Thursday, March 3.
- Nick Maurer, currently hospitalized in the Neurological ICU at Columbia-St. Mary's.
- Michelle Rhyner, recovering at home from surgery this past Monday.

# Lent Worship Opportunities

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

**March 9: Midweek Lent 2**

“Satan Has Asked to Sift All of You”

Pastor Kyle Bitter

**March 16: Midweek Lent 3**

“They Bound Him”

Pastor Joel Leyrer

**March 23: Midweek Lent 4**

What to Remember When You Are Seized  
with Remorse

Pastor Ben Wessel

**March 30: Midweek Lent 5**

The Semblence of Legality

Pastor Tom Kneser

**April 6: Midweek Lent 6**

A Part for the Whole

Pastor Mark Aufdemberg

**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





**Readings for the Week of Lent 1**

|   |                     |              |
|---|---------------------|--------------|
| M | Genesis 6:1-7:5     | Mark 3:1-19  |
| T | Genesis 7:11-8:12   | Mark 3:20-35 |
| W | Genesis 8;13-9:17   | Mark 4:1-20  |
| R | Genesis 11:27-12:20 | Mark 4:21-41 |
| F | Genesis 13:1-18     | Mark 5:1-20  |
| S | Genesis 15:1-21     | Mark 5:21-43 |

# 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

## 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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