



# 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 Fifth Sunday in Lent

April 2 & 3, 2022

Human Rejection is Crushed by Divine Exaltation.

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## Opening Hymn

*Please stand to sing the final stanza*

Fight the Good Fight

*Christian Worship 876*

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**

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.

Almighty God, by your great goodness, mercifully look upon your people that we may be governed and preserved evermore in body and soul; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

*Be seated*

### **First Reading**

Isaiah 43:16–21

*The LORD delivered his people and promised to exalt them that they might proclaim his praise.*

This is what the LORD says—

he who made a way through the sea, a path through the mighty waters,  
who drew out the chariots and horses, the army and reinforcements together,  
and they lay there, never to rise again, extinguished, snuffed out like a wick:

“Forget the former things; do not dwell on the past.

See, I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up; do you not perceive it?  
 I am making a way in the wilderness and streams in the wasteland.  
 The wild animals honor me, the jackals and the owls,  
 because I provide water in the wilderness and streams in the wasteland,  
 to give drink to my people, my chosen,  
 the people I formed for myself that they may proclaim my praise.”

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

**Psalm of the Day**

Psalm 73



1 In sweet com - mun - ion, Lord, with you I  
 2 Your coun - sel through my earth - ly way shall  
 3 Whom have I, Lord, in heav'n but you, to  
 4 Though flesh and heart should faint and fail, the



con - stant - ly a - bide; my hand you hold with -  
 guide me and con - trol, and then to glo - ry  
 whom my thoughts as - pire? And, hav - ing you, what  
 Lord will ev - er be the strength and por - tion



in your own to keep me near your side.  
 af - ter - ward you will re - ceive my soul.  
 more on earth is there I can de - sire?  
 of my heart, my God e - ter - nal - ly.

**Second Reading**

Philippians 3:4b-14

*Paul looked to God for deliverance and exaltation rather than to his own accomplishments.*

If someone else thinks they have reasons to put confidence in the flesh, I have more: circumcised on the eighth day, of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew of Hebrews; in regard to the law, a Pharisee; as for zeal, persecuting the church; as for righteousness based on the law, faultless.

But whatever were gains to me I now consider loss for the sake of Christ. What is more, I consider everything a loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord, for whose sake I have lost all things. I consider them garbage, that I may gain Christ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but that which is through faith in Christ—the righteousness that comes from God on the basis of faith. I want to know Christ—yes, to know the power of his resurrection and participation in his sufferings, becoming like him in his death, and so, somehow, attaining to the resurrection from the dead.

Not that I have already obtained all this, or have already arrived at my goal, but I press on to take hold of that for which Christ Jesus took hold of me. Brothers and sisters, I do not consider myself yet to have taken hold of it. But one thing I do: Forgetting what is behind and straining toward what is ahead, I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus.

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

*Please stand*

### **Gospel Acclamation**

Psalm 118:22

Glory, praise, and honor to you, Lord Jesus Christ. The stone the builders rejected has become the cornerstone. Glory, praise, and honor to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

### **Gospel**

Luke 20:9–19

*The One rejected by men would be delivered and exalted as the cornerstone.*

He went on to tell the people this parable: “A man planted a vineyard, rented it to some farmers and went away for a long time. At harvest time he sent a servant to the tenants so they would give him some of the fruit of the vineyard. But the tenants beat him and sent him away empty-handed. He sent another servant, but that one also they beat and treated shamefully and sent away empty-handed. He sent still a third, and they wounded him and threw him out.

“Then the owner of the vineyard said, ‘What shall I do? I will send my son, whom I love; perhaps they will respect him.’

“But when the tenants saw him, they talked the matter over. ‘This is the heir,’ they said. ‘Let’s kill him, and the inheritance will be ours.’ So they threw him out of the vineyard and killed him.

“What then will the owner of the vineyard do to them? He will come and kill those tenants and give the vineyard to others.”

When the people heard this, they said, “God forbid!”

Jesus looked directly at them and asked, “Then what is the meaning of that which is written:

“The stone the builders rejected has become the cornerstone”?

Everyone who falls on that stone will be broken to pieces; anyone on whom it falls will be crushed.”

The teachers of the law and the chief priests looked for a way to arrest him immediately, because they knew he had spoken this parable against them. But they were afraid of the people.

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

*Be seated*

**Hymn of the Day**

Your Works, Not Mine, O Christ

*Christian Worship 560*

**Sermon**

Isaiah 43:16-21

*Ode to the Greatness of God*

*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

The minister says the Prayer of the Church.

Be seated

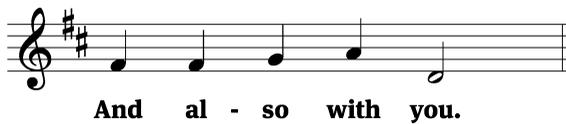
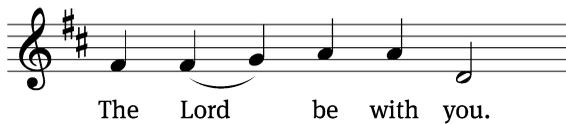
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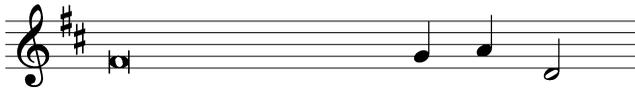
Members of St. John's give offerings to support the Lord's work in our community and around the world. Visitors are welcome but not obligated to give an offering. To submit your offering electronically or to fill out an online Connection Card, scan the QR code or visit [www.sjtosa.org/offering](http://www.sjtosa.org/offering).



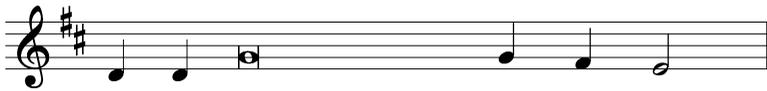
Please stand

## The Sacrament





Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



**It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

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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, O Lord of heaven and earth. We praise and thank you for sending your Son, Jesus Christ, and we remember the great acts of love through which he has ransomed us from sin, death, and the devil's power.

- By his incarnation, he became one with us.
- By his perfect life, he fulfilled your holy will.
- By his innocent death, he overcame hell.
- By his rising from the grave, he opened heaven.

Invited by your grace and instructed by your Word, we approach your table with repentant and joyful hearts. Strengthen us through Christ's body and blood, and preserve us in the true faith until we feast with him and all his ransomed people in glory everlasting.

**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. 13 of the service folder.*

### **Distribution Hymns**

In Christ Alone  
Christian Worship 510

Jesus, Your Blood and Righteousness  
Christian Worship 573

Sent Forth by God's Blessing  
Christian Worship 932

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**

Forth in Your Name, O Lord, I Go

*Christian Worship 739*

## **Announcements**

## **Postlude**

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## **Personal Prayer for Before Communion**

Help me, O God, to be rightly prepared to receive the sacrament. Take away any unbelief and overcome any doubts that I may have. Lord Jesus, give me a believing heart that the gifts and forgiveness offered here truly are for me. Amen.

## **Personal Prayer for After Communion**

Loving Father, I thank you for feeding me at the supper of your Son. Sustain me with your Spirit, that I may serve you here on earth until my joy is complete in heaven and I share with all the saints in the wedding supper of the Lamb. Amen.

## Serving at Worship

**Preacher**

Pastor Joel Leyrer

**Presiding Minister**

Pastor Eric Schroeder

**Musicians**

Eric Sipe, organ (Saturday)  
Pastor Kyle Bitter, organ (Sunday)

**Communion Assistants**

Dan Ebeling & Jon Johnson (8:00 a.m.)  
Jeff Scheibe & Brian Treichel (10:30 a.m.)

## Worship Notes

- The flowers are placed by Mark and Mary Meissner in celebration of their 51<sup>st</sup> wedding anniversary.

## In Our Prayers

- Suzanne Swenson, scheduled to begin a chemotherapy regimen this week due to recurrence of her cancer.
- JoAnn Schoeneck, temporarily convalescing from a minor stroke at the San Camilla Care Facility and scheduled to return home soon.
- Nick Maurer, moved out of the Columbia-St. Mary's ICU to an intermediate care unit and remaining under daily evaluation for next steps.

# 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



## Readings for the Week of Lent 5

M	Exodus 2:1-22	Mark 14:32-52
T	Exodus 2:23-3:22	Mark 14:53-72
W	Exodus 4:1-18	Mark 15:1-15
R	Exodus 4:19-31	Mark 15:16-32
F	Exodus 5:1-6:1	Mark 15:33-47
S	Exodus 7:1-25	Mark 16:1-20

# 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

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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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