



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 6
April 6, 2022

Prelude



The Lord Al - might - y grant us a qui - et



night and peace at the last.



A - men.



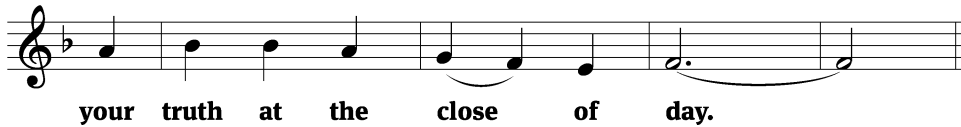
It is good to give thanks to the Lord,



to sing praise to your name, O Most High,



to her - ald your love in the morn - ing,



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Opening Hymn

Please stand to sing the final stanza

Sweet the Moments, Rich in Blessing

Christian Worship 400

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.

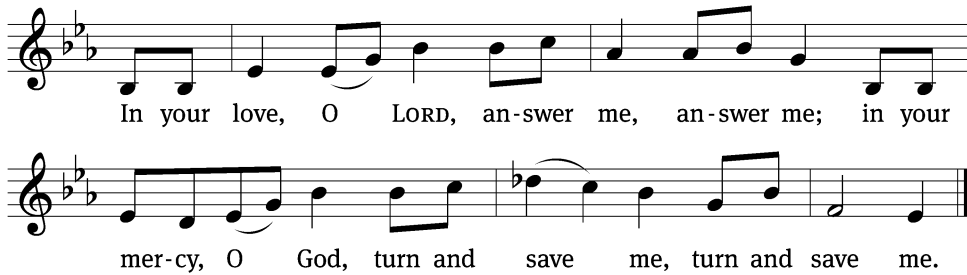
Almighty God, our heavenly Father,
we have sinned against you
in our thoughts,
in our words,
in our deeds,
and in all that we have not done.
Forgive us in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.
Deliver and restore us,
that we may rest in peace.

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

Refrain


In your love, O LORD, an-swer me, an-swer me; in your
mer-cy, O God, turn and save me, turn and save me.

Tone


Save me, O God, for the waters have come up / to my neck;
 many are my enemies without cause, those who seek to de- / stroy me.
 Lord, the LORD Almighty, may those who / hope in you
 not be disgraced be- / cause of me;
 for zeal for your house con- / sumes me,
 and the insults of those who insult you / fall on me. *Refrain*

I will praise God's / name in song
 and glorify him with thanks- / giving.
 The LORD hears the / needy
 and does not despise his captive / people.
 Let heaven and earth / praise him,
 the seas and all that / move in them,
 for God will save / Zion
 and rebuild the cities of / Judah.
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*

Save me, Lord God, when I am deep in distress. I depend on your great love to rescue me from my misery and affliction. Forgive my sins and heal me; for the sake of Jesus Christ my Savior. Amen.

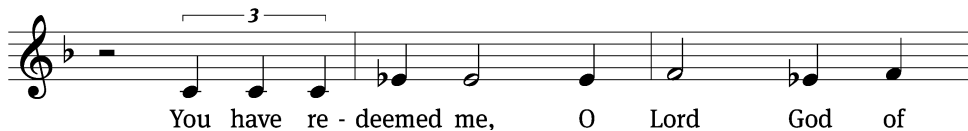
Reading

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.



and to the Ho - ly Spir - it. In - to your
hands I com - mend my spir - it.

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Hymn of the Day

Christ, the Life of All the Living (sts. 1, 4, 5, 7)

Christian Worship 396

Sermon

Luke 23:13-16

A Part for the Whole

Pilate called together the chief priests, the rulers and the people, and said to them, “You brought me this man as one who was inciting the people to rebellion. I have examined him in your presence and have found no basis for your charges against him. Neither has Herod, for he sent him back to us; as you can see, he has done nothing to deserve death. Therefore, I will punish him and then release him.”

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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Look down, O Lord, from your heavenly throne, and illuminate this night with your celestial brightness, that by night as by day your people may glorify your holy name; 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.

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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

Lamb of God, Pure and Holy (st. 1)

Christian Worship 947

Postlude

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Serving at Worship

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Presiding Minister

Pastor Kyle Bitter

Musician

Lynn Kozlowski, organ

Holy Week Worship Opportunities

April 10: Palm Sunday

8:00 & 10:30 a.m. worship

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



holy week

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

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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