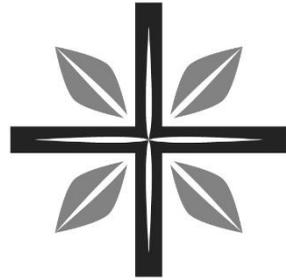


St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church



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.
- 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.
- 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

February 17 & 18, 2018

Jesus Carries Our Cross: Temptation

Prelude

Opening Hymn

Please stand to sing the final stanza

I Walk in Danger All the Way

Christian Worship 431

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

C: Amen.

CONFESSION OF SINS

M: Dear friends, let us approach God with a true heart and confess our sins, asking him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to forgive us.

Please kneel

C: Lord of life, I confess that I am by nature dead in sin. For faithless worrying and selfish pride, for sins of habit and sins of choice, for the evil I have done and the good I have failed to do, you should cast me away from your presence forever. O Lord, I am sorry for my sins. Forgive me, for Jesus' sake.

M: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again. In his great mercy, God made us alive in Christ even when we were dead in our sins. Hear the word of Christ through his called servant: I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son ☩ and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

Please stand

PRAYER AND PRAISE

M: In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

For the well-being of all people everywhere, that they may receive from you all they need to sustain body and life, hear our prayer, O Lord.

C: **Lord, have mercy.**

M: For the spread of your life-giving gospel throughout the world, that all who are lost in sin may be brought to faith in you, hear our prayer, O Christ.

C: **Christ, have mercy.**

M: For patience and perseverance in this life, that we may not lose the hope of heaven as we await your return, hear our prayer, O Lord.

C: **Lord, have mercy.**

M: Lord of life, live in us that we may live for you.

C: **Amen.**

Prayer of the Day

M: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

M: Let us pray.

Lord our strength, the battle of good and evil rages within and around us, and our ancient foe tempts us with his deceits and empty promises. Keep us steadfast in your Word, and when we fall raise us up again and restore us through your Son, Jesus Christ, 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

Genesis 22:1-18

Abraham conquered the temptation of loving his son more than God.

Some time later God tested Abraham. He said to him, "Abraham!"

"Here I am," he replied.

Then God said, "Take your son, your only son, Isaac, whom you love, and go to the region of Moriah. Sacrifice him there as a burnt offering on one of the mountains I will tell you about."

Early the next morning Abraham got up and saddled his donkey. He took with him two of his servants and his son Isaac. When he had cut enough wood for the burnt offering, he set out for the place God had told him about. On the third day Abraham looked up and saw the place in the distance. He said to his servants, "Stay here with the donkey while I and the boy go over there. We will worship and then we will come back to you."

Abraham took the wood for the burnt offering and placed it on his son Isaac, and he himself carried the fire and the knife. As the two of them went on together, Isaac spoke up and said to his father Abraham, "Father?"

"Yes, my son?" Abraham replied.

"The fire and wood are here," Isaac said, "but where is the lamb for the burnt offering?"

Abraham answered, "God himself will provide the lamb for the burnt offering, my son." And the two of them went on together.

When they reached the place God had told him about, Abraham built an altar there and arranged the wood on it. He bound his son Isaac and laid him on the altar, on top of the wood. Then he reached out his hand and took the knife to slay his son. But the angel of the LORD called out to him from heaven, "Abraham! Abraham!"

"Here I am," he replied.

"Do not lay a hand on the boy," he said. "Do not do anything to him. Now I know that you fear God, because you have not withheld from me your son, your only son."

Abraham looked up and there in a thicket he saw a ram caught by its horns. He went over and took the ram and sacrificed it as a burnt offering instead of his son. So Abraham called that place The LORD Will Provide. And to this day it is said, "On the mountain of the LORD it will be provided."

The angel of the LORD called to Abraham from heaven a second time and said, "I swear by myself, declares the LORD, that because you have done this and have not withheld your son, your only son, I will surely bless you and make your descendants as numerous as the stars in the sky and as the sand on the seashore. Your descendants will take possession of the cities of their enemies, and through your offspring all nations on earth will be blessed, because you have obeyed me."

The LORD hears our cries and helps us conquer temptation.

Refrain

Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sin of the world; have mer - cy on us.

Psalm tone

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

Be merciful to me, LORD, for I am faint;
O LORD, heal me, for my soul is in anguish.

Turn, O LORD, and deliver me;
save me because of your unfailing love. *Refrain*

I am worn out from groaning.
My eyes grow weak with sorrow.

Away from me, all you who do evil,
for the LORD has heard my weeping.

The LORD has heard my cry for mercy;
the LORD accepts my prayer.

**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***

Because Jesus conquered temptation, we too are more than conquerors.

What, then, shall we say in response to this? If God is for us, who can be against us? He who did not spare his own Son, but gave him up for us all – how will he not also, along with him, graciously give us all things? Who will bring any charge against those whom God has chosen? It is God who justifies. Who is he that condemns? Christ Jesus, who died – more than that, who was raised to life – is at the right hand of God and is also interceding for us. Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall trouble or hardship or persecution or famine or nakedness or danger or sword? As it is written:

“For your sake we face death all day long; we are considered as sheep to be slaughtered.”

No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Verse of the Day

M: It is written, “Worship the Lord your God, and serve him only.”

Please stand

Gospel**Mark 1:12-15**

Jesus conquered Satan’s temptation.

At once the Spirit sent him out into the desert, and he was in the desert forty days, being tempted by Satan. He was with the wild animals, and angels attended him.

After John was put in prison, Jesus went into Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God. “The time has come,” he said. “The kingdom of God is near. Repent and believe the good news!”

M: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: **Praise be to you, O Christ.**

Be seated

Hymn of the Day

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God
Christian Worship 200

God Is For Us

Please stand

Nicene Creed

**C: 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 fully 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.**

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. If you are a visitor today, you are welcome but not obligated to give an offering.

Please stand

Prayer of the Church

The minister says the Prayer of the Church.

THE SACRAMENT

M: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

M: Lift up your hearts.

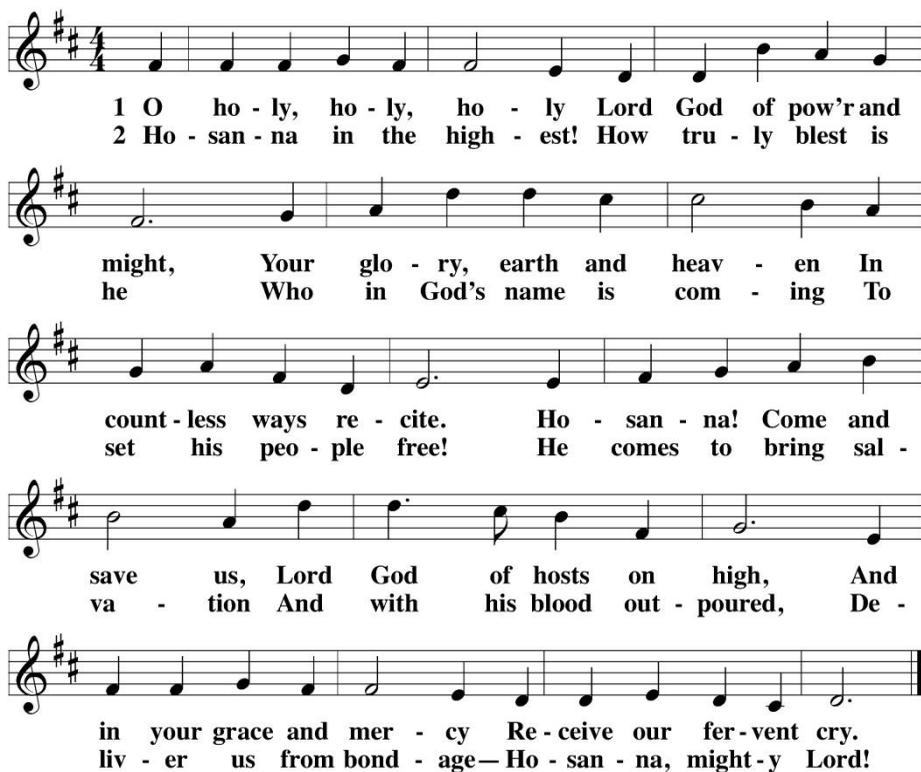
C: **We lift them up to the Lord.**

M: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: **It is good and right so to do.**

M: 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 willingly died under the curse of this world's sin so that we may live forever in the light of God's blessing. Therefore with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:

† Offering: The creed, offering, and Prayer of the Church can be viewed as the “fellowship” portion of the worship service where we celebrate our united participation in the church's mission. In these service elements, we confess our common faith, we band together and share our gifts to support the promotion of that faith, and we then pray for others who share that faith. For more information on the offering, see pg. 20 of *Understanding Lutheran Worship*, found in the hymnal rack.



1 O ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of pow'r and
2 Ho - san - na in the high - est! How tru - ly blest is

might, Your glo - ry, earth and heav - en In
he Who in God's name is com - ing To

count - less ways re - cite. Ho - san - na! Come and
set his peo - ple free! He comes to bring sal -

save us, Lord God of hosts on high, And
va - tion And with his blood out - poured, De -

in your grace and mer - cy Re - ceive our fer - vent cry.
liv - er us from bond - age— Ho - san - na, might - y Lord!

Prayer of Thanksgiving

M: Blessed are you, O Lord, because you have brought us from death to life. With humble and repentant hearts, we praise and thank you for your Son, Jesus Christ, who became our substitute under your holy law, who destroyed the works of the devil by his perfect obedience to your will, who willingly carried a cross to pay the debt of the world's sin, and who lives and reigns to give us life.

Through his body and blood, once given and poured out for us, forgive our sins and strengthen us for our journey heavenward. Unite us to our crucified and risen Lord, that we may believe in him, confess him, call on his name, and finally be delivered from this world to the feast of the Lamb, whose kingdom has no end.

C: 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.**

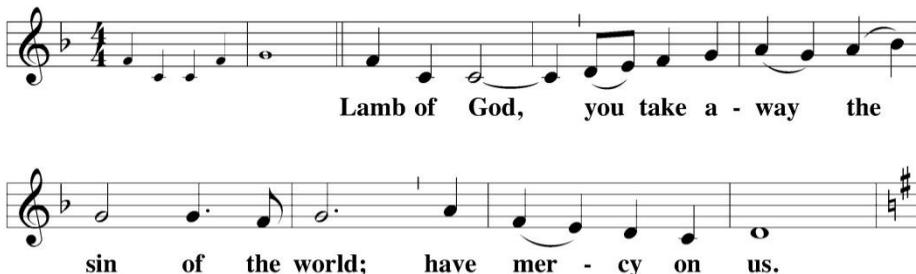
Words of Institution

M: 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.

C: **Amen.**



The image shows two lines of musical notation in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The first line contains the notes for "Lamb of God, you take a - way the" and the second line contains the notes for "sin of the world; have mer - cy on us." The lyrics are printed below the notes.

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 your peace. A - men.

Be seated

*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. 14 of the service folder.*

Distribution Hymns

Through Jesus' Blood and Merit
Christian Worship 445

Christ, the Lord of Hosts, Unshaken (see pg. 16)
Christian Worship Supplement 726

O Jesus, Blessed Lord, to Thee
Christian Worship 316

Please stand

O Lord, now let your serv - ant De - part in peace, as -
 sured: For I have seen your prom - ised In -
 car - nate, sav - ing Word— A Light that will en -
 light - en All gloom where Gen - tiles dwell; The bril - liant,
 crown - ing glo - ry Of those in Is - ra - el!

M: We give you thanks, O Lord, for the foretaste of the heavenly banquet that you have given us to eat and to drink in this sacrament. Through this gift you have fed our faith, nourished our hope, and strengthened our love. By your Spirit help us to live as your holy people until that day when you will receive us as your guests at the wedding supper of the Lamb, 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

Announcements

Postlude

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

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

Faithful God, in baptism you have adopted me as your child and made me a member of the body of Christ. I thank you for the forgiveness of sins present in this Sacrament. As I leave the table, empower me by your Spirit to witness and serve in your name. Amen.

Readings for the Week of Lent 1

M	James 4:1-10.....	Job 1:6-22
T	James 1:13-18.....	Deuteronomy 8:2-5, 11-18a
W	Hebrews 4:14-16.....	Exodus 24:12-18
TH	Hebrews 12:1-7.....	John 2:13-22
F	Matthew 16:21-28.....	Hebrews 2:9-18
S	Matthew 12:38-42.....	Revelation 20:1-6

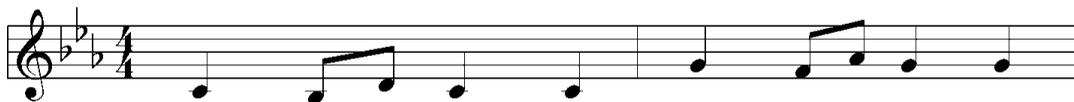
Serving at Worship

Preacher	Pastor Kyle Bitter
Presiding Minister	Pastor Eric Schroeder
Musician	Dr. William Braun, organ
Communion Assistants	Bill Dittman, Dan Ebeling, Cary Haaakenson (8:00 AM) Dave Allerheiligen, Andrew Duncan, Adam Goede (10:30 AM)
Greeters	Barbara Weihing, Deb Fitzsimmons, Mark & Jackie Bye (8:00 AM) Carol Willick, Paula Rauth, Mark & Cynthia Rouse (10:30 AM)
Head Ushers	Michael Schneider (Saturday) Mark Naumann (8:00 AM) Matt Bahr (10:30 AM)

In Our Prayers

- Ms Megan Leverage as she deliberates her call to serve as 5th grade teacher for St. John's School; Pastor Kyle Bitter as he deliberates his call to serve St. John Lutheran church in Bay City, Michigan; Mrs Terry Buske as she deliberates her call to serve as a primary grade teacher for St Marcus Lutheran School In Milwaukee.

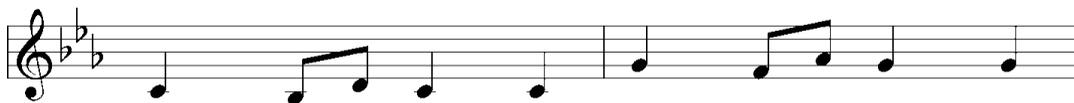
Christ, the Lord of Hosts, Unshaken



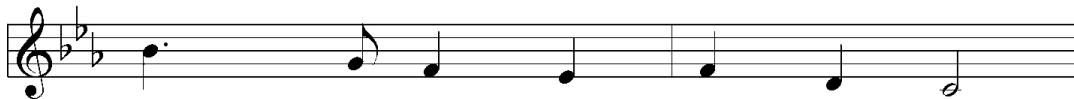
1 Christ, the Lord of hosts, un - shak - en
 2 Mi - chael fought the heav'n - ly bat - tle,
 3 Long on earth the bat - tle rag - es,
 4 Je - sus came, this word ful - fill - ing,
 5 Swift as light - ning falls the ty - rant
 6 Je - sus, send your an - gel le - gions



By the dev - il's seeth - ing rage,
 God - ly an - gels by his side;
 Since the ser - pent's first de - ceit
 Tram - pled Sa - tan, death de - fied;
 From his heav'n - ly perch on high,
 When the foe would us en - slave.



Thwarts the plan of Sa - tan's min - ions;
 Warred a - gainst the an - cient ser - pent,
 Twist - ed God's com - mand to Ad - am,
 Bore the brunt of our temp - ta - tion,
 As the word of Je - sus' vic - t'ry
 Hold us fast when sin as - saults us;



Wins the strife from age to age;
 Foiled the beast, so full of pride,
 Made for - bid - den fruit look sweet.
 On the wretch - ed tree he died.
 Floods the earth and fills the sky.
 Come then, Lord, your peo - ple save.



Con - quers sin and death for - ev - er;
Cast him earth - bound with his an - gels;
Then the curse of God was spok - en:
Yet to life was raised vic - to - rious;
Wound - ed by a wound e - ter - nal
O - ver - throw at last the drag - on;



Slams them in their steel - y cage.
Now he prowls, un - sat - is - fied.
"You'll lie crushed be - neath his feet!"
By his life our life sup - plied.
Now his judg - ment has drawn nigh!
Send him to his fier - y grave.

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Parents' Preview for February 25

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.

"Day By Day" Stanza 1 (*Christian Worship Supplement 765*)



1 Day by day, your mer - cies, Lord, at - tend me,
Bring - ing com - fort to my anx - ious soul.
Day by day, the bless - ings, Lord, you send me
Draw me near - er to my heav'n - ly goal.
Love di - vine, be - yond all mor - tal meas - ure,
Brings to naught the bur - dens of my quest;
Sav - ior, lead me to the home I treas - ure,
Where, at last, I'll find e - ter - nal rest.

Lenten Worship Opportunities

St. John's midweek Lenten services are held on **Wednesdays at 3:30 PM and 6:45 PM.**
Lenten fellowship meals will be served between services beginning at 4:30 PM.

February 21 – Midweek Lent 2

Theme: Jesus Is Our Compassionate High Priest
Preacher: Pastor Aaron Robinson
Menu: Chili dogs

February 28 – Midweek Lent 3

Theme: Jesus Our Great High Priest Makes Us Priests
Preacher: Pastor Tom Knickelbein
Menu: Italian night

March 7 – Midweek Lent 4

Theme: Jesus Is Our Perfect High Priest
Preacher: Pastor Keith Amborn
Menu: Casserole night

March 14 – Midweek Lent 5

Theme: Jesus Is Our Self-Sacrificing High Priest
Preacher: Pastor Joel Leyrer
Menu: Pulled pork

March 21 – Midweek Lent 6

Theme: Jesus Our Great High Priest Serves at a Great Altar
Preacher: Pastor James Wilcox
Menu: Sloppy joes

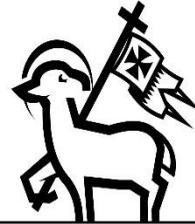
March 29 – Maundy Thursday (3:30 PM and 6:45 PM Communion Services)

March 30 – Good Friday (1:00 PM Communion Service)

March 30 – Good Friday (6:45 PM Tenebrae Service)

April 1 – Easter Sunday (6:00 AM Sunrise Service)

April 1 – Easter Sunday (8:30 AM and 10:30 AM Festival Services)



JESUS CHRIST
IS OUR GREAT HIGH PRIEST
