

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 Third Sunday in Lent

March 3 & 4, 2018

Jesus Carries Our Cross: False piety

Opening Hymn

Please stand to sing the final stanza

God Himself Is Present

Christian Worship 224

M: The grace of our Lord ☩ Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

CONFESSION OF SINS

M: God invites us to come into his presence and worship him with humble and penitent hearts. Therefore, let us acknowledge our sinfulness and ask him to forgive us.

Please kneel

C: **Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful, and that I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. For this I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior Jesus Christ, I pray: Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner.**

M: God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given his only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. 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.

C: **Amen.**

Please stand

PRAYER AND PRAISE

M: For all that we need in life and for the wisdom to use all your gifts with gratitude and joy, hear our prayer, O Lord.



C: Lord, have mer - cy.

M: For the steadfast assurance that nothing can separate us from your love and for the courage to stand firm against the assaults of Satan and every evil, hear our prayer, O Christ.



C: Christ, have mer - cy.

M: For the well-being of your holy Church in all the world and for those who offer here their worship and praise, hear our prayer, O Lord.



C: Lord, have mer - cy.

M: Merciful God, maker and preserver of life, uphold us by your power and keep us in your tender care.



C: A - men.

Prayer of the Day

M: Let us pray.

Almighty God, look with favor on your humble servants and stretch out the right hand of your power to defend us against all our enemies; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



Be seated

THE WORD

First Lesson

Exodus 20:1-17

The Ten Commandments show us what it means to live according to God's law.

And God spoke all these words:

“I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of Egypt, out of the land of slavery.

“You shall have no other gods before me.

“You shall not make for yourself an idol in the form of anything in heaven above or on the earth beneath or in the waters below. You shall not bow down to them or worship them; for I, the LORD your God, am a jealous God, punishing the children for the sin of the fathers to the third and fourth generation of those who hate me, but showing love to a thousand generations of those who love me and keep my commandments.

“You shall not misuse the name of the LORD your God, for the LORD will not hold anyone guiltless who misuses his name.

“Remember the Sabbath day by keeping it holy. Six days you shall labor and do all your work, but the seventh day is a Sabbath to the LORD your God. On it you shall not do any work, neither you, nor your son or daughter, nor your manservant or maidservant, nor your animals, nor the alien within your gates. For in six days the LORD made the heavens and the earth, the sea, and all that is in them, but he rested on the seventh day. Therefore the LORD blessed the Sabbath day and made it holy.

“Honor your father and your mother, so that you may live long in the land the LORD your God is giving you.

“You shall not murder.

“You shall not commit adultery.

“You shall not steal.

“You shall not give false testimony against your neighbor.

“You shall not covet your neighbor's house. You shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or his manservant or maidservant, his ox or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor.”

Psalm of the Day (Saturday)

Psalm 19

Although sinful man struggles to live according to God's law, his law remains perfect.

Refrain

Lord, you have the words of
ev - er - last - ing life.

Psalm tone

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The heavens declare the glory of God;
the skies proclaim the work of his hands.

Their voice goes out into all the earth,
their words to the ends of the world. **Refrain**

The law of the LORD is perfect,
giving joy to the heart.

The commands of the LORD are radiant,
giving light to the eyes.

They are more precious than gold;
they are sweeter than honey.

By them is your servant taught;
in keeping them there is great reward. **Refrain**

May the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart
be pleasing in your sight, O LORD, my Redeemer.

**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**

Response to the Word (Sunday)

Adult Choir

Lamb of God

by John Reim

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world. Have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world. Have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world. Grant us peace.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world.
With your stripes we are healed.
The Lord has placed on you the iniquity of all.
The chastisement of our peace was upon you.
You were despised, a man of sorrow and acquainted with grief.
You were despised and we esteemed you not.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world. Have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world. Have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world. Grant us peace.

Second Lesson

Romans 8:1-10

God sent Jesus as a sin offering – to live perfectly according to his law.

Therefore, there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus, because through Christ Jesus the law of the Spirit of life set me free from the law of sin and death. For what the law was powerless to do in that it was weakened by the sinful nature, God did by sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful man to be a sin offering. And so he condemned sin in sinful man, in order that the righteous requirements of the law might be fully met in us, who do not live according to the sinful nature but according to the Spirit.

Those who live according to the sinful nature have their minds set on what that nature desires; but those who live in accordance with the Spirit have their minds set on what the Spirit desires. The mind of sinful man is death, but the mind controlled by the Spirit is life and peace; the sinful mind is hostile to God. It does not submit to God's law, nor can it do so. Those controlled by the sinful nature cannot please God.

You, however, are controlled not by the sinful nature but by the Spirit, if the Spirit of God lives in you. And if anyone does not have the Spirit of Christ, he does not belong to Christ. But if Christ is in you, your body is dead because of sin, yet your spirit is alive because of righteousness.

Verse of the Day

M: Just as Moses lifted up the snake in the desert, so the Son of Man must be lifted up, that everyone who believes in him may have eternal life.

Please stand

Gospel

John 2:13-22⁺

Although the Jews claimed to live according to God's law, their hearts were filled with false piety.

When it was almost time for the Jewish Passover, Jesus went up to Jerusalem. In the temple courts he found men selling cattle, sheep and doves, and others sitting at tables exchanging money. So he made a whip out of cords, and drove all from the temple area, both sheep and cattle; he scattered the coins of the money changers and overturned their tables. To those who sold doves he said, "Get these out of here! How dare you turn my Father's house into a market!"

His disciples remembered that it is written: "Zeal for your house will consume me."

Then the Jews demanded of him, "What miraculous sign can you show us to prove your authority to do all this?"

Jesus answered them, "Destroy this temple, and I will raise it again in three days."

The Jews replied, "It has taken forty-six years to build this temple, and you are going to raise it in three days?" But the temple he had spoken of was his body. After he was raised from the dead, his disciples recalled what he had said. Then they believed the Scripture and the words that Jesus had spoken.



Be seated

† John: The Gospel of John was written by the apostle John, the "disciple whom Jesus loved." He likely wrote to Christians who were already familiar with the events recounted in Matthew, Mark, and Luke. Therefore, John omits many of these events – in particular, a listing of the twelve apostles and the institution of Holy Communion. Readings from John's Gospel are interspersed throughout the three-year lectionary, particularly on the Sundays after Easter. For more information on John, see pg. 55 of *Understanding Lutheran Worship*, found in the hymnal rack.

Anthem (Sunday)

Adult Choir

I Want Jesus to Walk with Me

by David M. Cherwien

I want Jesus to walk with me; all along my pilgrim journey.
Lord, I want Jesus to walk with me.
In all my trials, Lord, I want Jesus to walk with me.
When my heart is almost breaking, Lord, I want Jesus to walk with me.
When I'm in trouble, Lord, walk with me!
When my head is bowed in sorrow, Lord, I want Jesus to walk with me.

Hymn of the Day

Forth in Your Name, O Lord, I Go

Christian Worship 456

Sermon

Romans 8:1-10

We Need a New Law

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.

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.**

THE SACRAMENT

M: The Lord be with you.



C: And al - so 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 right to give him thanks and praise.

M: Praise to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In love he has blessed us with every spiritual blessing. He made his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not only for ours but also for the sins of the whole world.

Now have come the salvation and the power and the kingdom of our God and the authority of his Christ. To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be praise and thanks and honor and glory forever and ever.



C: Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly is the Lord of hosts.



The whole earth is full of your glo - ry.



You are my God, and I will ex - alt you.



I will give you thanks, for you have be - come my sal -

va - tion. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly is the Lord of hosts.

The whole earth is full of your glo - ry.

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: A - men.

C: O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the

world; have mer - cy on us. O Christ, Lamb of God, you

take a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on us.

O Christ, 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. 15 of the service folder.*

Distribution Hymns

Adult Choir

Thee We Adore (8:00 AM)

by Carl Schalk

Thee we adore, O hidden Savior, Thee,
 Who in thy sacrament art pleased to be;
 Both flesh and spirit in thy presence fail,
 Yet here thy presence we devoutly hail.

Church of God, Elect and Glorious (see pg. 16)

Christian Worship Supplement 774

Your Works, Not Mine, O Christ

Christian Worship 401

Sent Forth by God's Blessing

Christian Worship 318

Please stand

THANKSGIVING



O Lord, we praise you, bless you, and a-dore you,



In thanks-giv-ing bow be-fore you. Here with your



bod-y and your blood you nour-ish Our weak souls that they may



flour-ish. O Lord, have mer-cy! May your



bod-y, Lord, born of Mar-y, That our sins and sor-rows



did car-ry, And your blood for us plead



In all tri-al, fear, and need: O Lord, have mer-cy!

M: Hear the prayer of your people, O Lord, that the lips which have praised you here may glorify you in the world, that the eyes which have seen the coming of your Son may long for his coming again, and that all who have received in his true body and blood the pledge of your forgiveness may be restored to live a new and holy life, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



C: A - men.

M: Brothers and sisters, go in peace. Live in harmony with one another. Serve the Lord with gladness.

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.



Be seated

Closing Hymn

On My Heart Imprint Your Image

Christian Worship 319

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

Lord, I am not worthy to be a guest at your holy table. But you are the friend of sinners, and you will not cast me out. This bread is your body, which bore my sins upon the tree. This wine is your blood, which purifies me from all guilt. At your invitation, I come rejoicing. Receive me, my Savior. Amen.

Personal Prayer for After Communion

Thank you, Lord Jesus Christ, for nourishing me in this sacrament with your body and blood. You have given me forgiveness, life, and salvation. Let me always remain in you as a branch remains in the vine. Send me out in the power of your Spirit to live and work to your praise and glory. Amen.

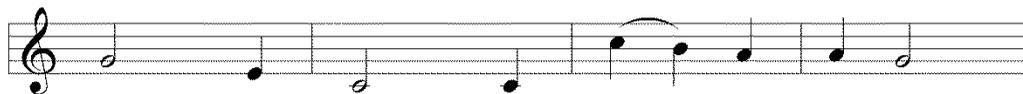
Church of God, Elect and Glorious



1 Church of God, e - lect and glo - rious,
 2 God has called you out of dark - ness
 3 Once you were an al - ien peo - ple,
 4 Church of God, e - lect and ho - ly,



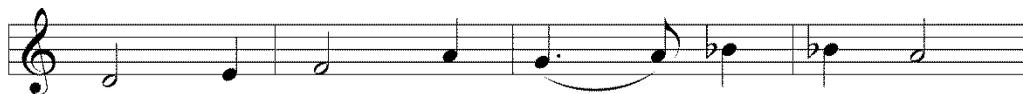
Ho - ly na - tion, cho - sen race;
 In - to his most mar - v'ulous light,
 Stran - gers to God's heart of love;
 Be the peo - ple he in - tends;



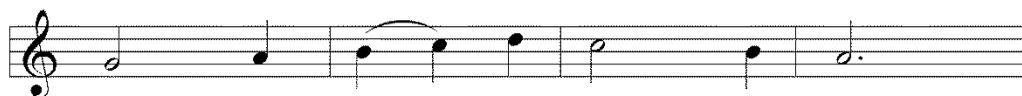
Called as God's own spe - cial peo - ple,
 Brought his truth to life with - in you,
 But he brought you home in mer - cy,
 Strong in faith and swift to an - swer



Roy - al priests and heirs of grace:
 Turned your blind - ness in - to sight.
 Cit - i - zens of heav'n a - bove.
 Each com - mand your mas - ter sends:



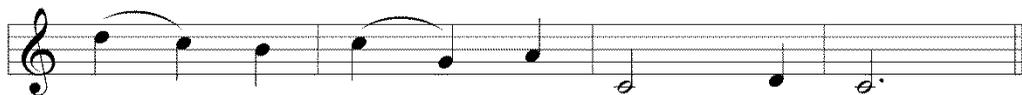
Know the pur - pose of your call - ing.
 Let your light so shine a - round you
 Let his love flow out to oth - ers;
 Roy - al priests, ful - fill your call - ing



Show to all his might - y deeds;
That God's name is glo - ri - fied
Let them feel a Fa - ther's care;
Through your sac - ri - fice and prayer;



Tell of love that knows no lim - its,
And all find fresh hope and pur - pose
That they too may know his wel - come
Give your lives in joy - ful ser - vice—



Grace that meets all hu - man needs.
In Christ Je - sus cru - ci - fied.
And his count - less bless - ings share.
Sing his praise, his love de - clare.

This hymn emphasizes how Christians naturally fulfill what God has created and called them to be in Christ Jesus.

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Serving at Worship

Preacher	Pastor Eric Schroeder
Presiding Minister	Pastor Joel Leyrer
Musicians	Dr. William Braun, organ (Saturday) Lynn Kozlowski, organ (Sunday)
Adult Choir Director	Dr. William Braun
Communion Assistants	Greg Martin, Jon Johnson, Dave Leyrer (8:00 AM) Keith Hackbarth, Dan Pollesch, Jeff Scheibe (10:30 AM)
Head Ushers	Kerry Kuehn (Saturday); Jon Johnson (8:00 AM); Michael Schneider (10:30 AM)
Greeters	Sue Freedlund, Paul Katzer, Adam & Jenny Greggs (8:00 AM) Steve & Cindy Zemplinski, Amy Wilson (10:30 AM)

In Our Prayers

- Family and friends of Joe Pappalardo, Whose Christian Victory Service was held at St. John's this past Thursday.
- Megan Leverage, Terry Buske, and Pastor Bitter as they continue deliberating their divine calls.
- Carol Willick, recovering from melanoma surgery last Monday.

