



**WORSHIP LEADERS**  
Preacher: Pastor Snow  
Organist: Linda DeRocher

**February 25, 2024 8:00/9:30/10:45am**

**Second Sunday in Lent**

**THANK YOU FOR WORSHIPING WITH ST. JOHN'S TODAY!**

If this is your first time at St. John's, we encourage you to fill out a CONNECTCard located in the pews in front of you or on the Welcome Desk. We want an opportunity to get to know you.

**WELCOME AND INVOCATION**

**OPENING HYMN**

**"Lord, Open Now My Heart to Hear"**

**LSB 908**

Lord, open now my heart to hear,  
And through Your Word to me draw near;  
Let me Your Word e'er pure retain;  
Let me Your child and heir remain.

To God the Father, God the Son,  
And God the Spirit, Three in One,  
Shall glory, praise, and honor be  
Now and throughout eternity.

Your Word inspires my heart within;  
Your Word grants healing from my sin;  
Your Word has pow'r to guide and bless;  
Your Word brings peace and happiness.

**BAPTISM** of Logan James Robb, son of Alex and Taylor Robb (8:00)  
Sponsors are Ryan and Kellie Cathcart

**CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION**

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

**But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

**Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.**

Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a Called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

## KYRIE

In peace let us pray to the Lord.



**C** Lord, have mer - cy.

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



**C** Lord, have mer - cy.

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.



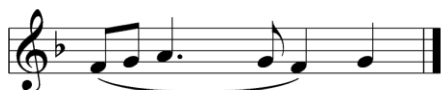
**C** Lord, have mer - cy.

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



**C** Lord, have mer - cy.

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



**C** A - men.

**HYMN OF PRAISE** Hymn of praise omitted during Lent

## **SALUTATION and PRAYER OF THE DAY**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

We stand before You, O Lord, the weak and broken children of Your promise. Come with Your grace to rescue us from ourselves, to protect us from all our enemies, and to guard us against all evil and despair. Help us boldly to confess Jesus Christ and not to waver from this confession; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

## **OLD TESTAMENT LESSON**

**Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16**

When Abram was ninety-nine years old the LORD appeared to Abram and said to him, "I am God Almighty; walk before me, and be blameless, that I may make my covenant between me and you, and may multiply you greatly." Then Abram fell on his face. And God said to him, "Behold, my covenant is with you, and you shall be the father of a multitude of nations. No longer shall your name be called Abram, but your name shall be Abraham, for I have made you the father of a multitude of nations. I will make you exceedingly fruitful, and I will make you into nations, and kings shall come from you. And I will establish my covenant between me and you and your offspring after you throughout their generations for an everlasting covenant, to be God to you and to your offspring after you. . . .

And God said to Abraham, "As for Sarai your wife, you shall not call her name Sarai, but Sarah shall be her name. I will bless her, and moreover, I will give you a son by her. I will bless her, and she shall become nations; kings of peoples shall come from her."

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## **EPISTLE LESSON**

**Romans 5:1-11**

Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. Through him we have also obtained access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and we rejoice in hope of the glory of God. More than that, we rejoice in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us.

For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. For one will scarcely die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person one would dare

even to die— but God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. Since, therefore, we have now been justified by his blood, much more shall we be saved by him from the wrath of God. For if while we were enemies we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, much more, now that we are reconciled, shall we be saved by his life. More than that, we also rejoice in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### LENTEN RESPONSE



Re - turn to the Lord, your God, for He is gra-cious and  
mer - ci - ful, slow to an - ger, and a-bound-ing in  
stead-fast love, and a - bound - ing in stead - fast love.

### HOLY GOSPEL

**Mark 8:27-38**

The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the 8<sup>th</sup> chapter.

**Glory to You, O Lord.**

And Jesus went on with his disciples to the villages of Caesarea Philippi. And on the way he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that I am?" And they told him, "John the Baptist; and others say, Elijah; and others, one of the prophets." And he asked them, "But who do you say that I am?" Peter answered him, "You are the Christ." And he strictly charged them to tell no one about him.

And he began to teach them that the Son of Man must suffer many things and be rejected by the elders and the chief priests and the scribes and be killed, and after three days rise again. And he said this plainly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. But turning and seeing his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, "Get behind me, Satan! For you are not setting your mind on the things of God, but on the things of man."

And he called to him the crowd with his disciples and said to them, "If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me. For whoever

would save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake and the gospel's will save it. For what does it profit a man to gain the whole world and forfeit his life? For what can a man give in return for his life? For whoever is ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of him will the Son of Man also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels."

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to You O Christ.**

### **APOSTLES' CREED (9:30/10:45)**

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.**

**And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

### **CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

#### **HYMN OF THE DAY "Come, Follow Me" Said Christ the Lord**

"Come, follow me," said Christ, the Lord,	Then let us follow Christ, our Lord,
"All in my way abiding;	And take the cross appointed
Your selfishness throw overboard,	And, firmly clinging to his Word,
Obeys my call and guiding.	In suffering be undaunted.
Oh, bear your crosses, and confide	For who bears not the battle's strain
In my example as your guide.	The crown of life shall not obtain.

"I am the Light, I light the way,  
A godly life displaying;  
I help you walk as in the day,  
I keep your feet from straying.  
I am the way, and well I show  
How you should journey here below."

**SERMON**

**"Pathway to Hope"**

**Pastor Snow**

**SERMON HYMN****"Would I Have Answered When You Called"**

Would I have answered when You called,  
"Come follow, follow Me!"?  
Would I at once have left behind  
Both work and family?

Would I have followed where You led  
through ancient Galilee,  
On roads unknown, by ways untried,  
Beyond security?

Would I have matched my step with Yours  
When crowds cried, "Crucify!",  
When on a rocky hill I saw  
A cross against the sky?

O Christ, I cannot search my heart  
Through all its tangled ways,  
Nor can I with a certain mind  
My steadfastness appraise.

I only pray that when You call,  
"Come, follow, follow Me!",  
You'll give me strength beyond my own  
To follow faithfully.

**OFFERING****OFFERTORY****"What Shall I Render to the Lord"**

What shall I ren-der to the Lord for all His ben-e-fits to  
me? I will of - fer the sac-ri-fice of thanks-giv - ing and will  
call on the name of the Lord. I will take the cup of sal-  
va - tion and will call on the name of the Lord. I will pay my  
vows to the Lord now in the pres-ence of all His peo-ple, in the



courts of the Lord's house, in the midst of you, O Je - ru - sa - lem.

## PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Lord, in Your mercy,  
hear our prayer.

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father Who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy Name, Thy kingdom come Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; And forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

## BENEDICTION

### CLOSING HYMN

#### Refrain:

Lift high the cross,  
the love of Christ proclaim  
Till all the world adore His sacred name.

Come, Christians, follow  
where our Captain trod,  
Our king victorious,  
Christ, the Son of God. **Refrain**

Led on their way  
by this triumphant sign,  
The hosts of God  
in conqu'ring ranks combine. **Refrain**

### "Lift High the Cross"

LSB 837 v 1,2,4,6

O Lord, once lifted  
on the glorious tree,  
As Thou hast promised,  
draw us all to Thee. **Refrain**

So shall our song of  
triumph ever be:  
Praise to the Crucified for victory! **Refrain**

## SENDING

**WORSHIP ASSISTANTS**

Acolytes:

8:00am

Elizabeth Matzke,  
Bella Buesgens

9:30am

Mark Young

10:45am

Roslyn Wiegert,  
Henry Feltmann  
Brad Willmsen  
Josh Peterson

Usher Team:

Mark Asmus

Elders:

Lucas Leao

Tim Goltz

UPCOMING WEEK	
Monday, February 26	Monday Night Meal 5:15pm Worship 6:30pm
Wednesday, February 28	Moms in the Word 9:30am
	Lenten Midweek Worship 4:15/6:30pm
	Midweek Meal 5:00-6:15
Thursday, February 29	Women's Lifelight Bible Study 9:30am
Friday, March 1	AA 6:30pm
Sunday, March 3	Worship 8/9:30/10:45am

**Celebrating Birthdays**

2/25 Greg Marshall

2/27 Malinda Meuwissen

2/28 Matthew Fick

2/25 Natalie Griep

2/27 Paige Dolan

2/29 Delores Beussman

2/26 Jay Wikstrom

2/27 Zachary Lewis

2/29 Laura Thom

2/26 Kimberly Wetzel

2/28 Jon Mierow

2/27 Elizabeth Fechter

2/28 Mary Mierow

**Expectant Moms**

Ashley Lenz, Christina Krueger, Clara Crawley-Reid, Melissa Dubbe, Kenzie Kloos

**Prayers for Healing and Strength**

Lowell Lenz

Noah Affeldt

Emily Pagelkopf

Angie Rannow

Jo Biebighauser

Wyatt Messenger

Maddy Leao

Vicki Leao

Jana Beckendorf

Jim Affeldt