



## WORSHIP LEADERS

Preacher: Pastor Matthew Barry

Liturgist: Pastor Greg Snow

Organist: Kristin Johnson

March 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2024

Third 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

**"To Your Temple, Lord, I Come"**

**LSB 981 v 1,5-7**

To Your temple, Lord, I come,  
For it is my worship home.  
This earth has no better place,  
Here I see my Savior's face.

While Your ministers proclaim  
Peace and pardon in Your name,  
Through their voice, by faith, may I  
Hear You speaking from the sky.

While I listen to Your Law,  
Fill my soul with humble awe  
Till Your Gospel bring to me  
Life and immortality.

From Your house when I return,  
May my heart within me burn,  
And at evening let me say,  
"I have walked with God today."

## CONFESSION

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.**

## **ABSOLUTION**

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.**

**HYMN OF PRAISE** omitted during Lent

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

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

O gracious God, You gave us Your commandments to order our lives and protect us, to convict our hearts of sin, and to prepare us for the Gospel. As Jesus once cleansed the temple, we pray You to cleanse our hearts by Your Holy Spirit, that there may be room only for faith in Jesus Christ and that we may boast in Him only; 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**

### **Exodus 20:1-17**

And God spoke all these words, saying, "I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery. "You shall have no other gods before me. "You shall not make for yourself a carved image, or any likeness of anything that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth. You shall not bow down to them or serve them, for I the LORD your God am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers on the children to the third and the fourth generation of those who hate me, but showing steadfast love to thousands of those who love me and keep my commandments. "You shall not take the name of the LORD your God in vain, for the LORD will not hold him guiltless who takes his name in vain.

"Remember the Sabbath day, to keep 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, you, or your son, or your daughter, your male servant, or your female servant, or your livestock, or the sojourner who is within your gates. For in six days the LORD made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, and rested the seventh day. Therefore the LORD blessed the Sabbath day and made it holy. "Honor your father and your mother, that your days may be long in the land that the LORD your God is giving you.

"You shall not murder. "You shall not commit adultery. "You shall not steal." "You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor. "You shall not covet your neighbor's house;

you shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or his male servant, or his female servant, or his ox, or his donkey, or anything that is your neighbor's."

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## **EPISTLE LESSON**

## **1 Corinthians 1:18-31**

The word of the cross is folly to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. For it is written, "I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart."

Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, it pleased God through the folly of what we preach to save those who believe. For Jews demand signs and Greeks seek wisdom, but we preach Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and folly to Gentiles, but to those who are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. For the foolishness of God is wiser than men, and the weakness of God is stronger than men.

For consider your calling, brothers: not many of you were wise according to worldly standards, not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth. But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong; God chose what is low and despised in the world, even things that are not, to bring to nothing things that are, so that no human being might boast in the presence of God. He is the source of your life in Christ Jesus, whom God made our wisdom and our righteousness and sanctification and redemption. Therefore, as it is written, "Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord."

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## LENTEN VERSE



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

**John 2:13-25**

This is the Holy Gospel according to St. John, the second chapter.

**Glory to you O Lord.**

The Passover of the Jews was at hand, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. In the temple he found those who were selling oxen and sheep and pigeons, and the money-changers sitting there. And making a whip of cords, he drove them all out of the temple, with the sheep and oxen. And he poured out the coins of the money-changers and overturned their tables. And he told those who sold the pigeons, "Take these things away; do not make my Father's house a house of trade." His disciples remembered that it was written, "Zeal for your house will consume me."

So the Jews said to him, "What sign do you show us for doing these things?" Jesus answered them, "Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up." The Jews then said, "It has taken forty-six years to build this temple, and will you raise it up in three days?" But he was speaking about the temple of his body. When therefore he was raised from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this, and they believed the Scripture and the word that Jesus had spoken.

Now when he was in Jerusalem at the Passover Feast, many believed in his name when they saw the signs that he was doing. But Jesus on his part did not entrust himself to them, because he knew all people and needed no one to bear witness about man, for he himself knew what was in man.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to You O Christ.**

**CHILDREN'S MESSAGE (8:00/10:45)**

## **HYMN OF THE DAY “Jesus Sinners Doth Receive”**

**LSB 609 v 1-2**

Jesus sinners doth receive; Oh, may all this saying ponder  
Who in sin’s delusions live, And from God and heaven wander!  
Here is hope for all who grieve: Jesus sinners doth receive.

We deserve but grief and shame, Yet His words, rich grace revealing,  
Pardon, peace, and life proclaim; Here our ills have perfect healing.  
Firmly in these words believe: Jesus sinners doth receive.

## **SERMON**

**“Back in Focus”**

**Pastor Barry**

## **RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS (10:45)**

Tom and Kelly Becker (Casey and Caden), Matt and Kylie Fick (Emersyn and Miles), Sean and Stephanie Henderson (Valerie and Caleb), Gary Herber, Kristina Knudson, Becky Lutz, Chris Mundahl (Christopher and William), Eddie and Angie Olson (Emilia, Lulu and Oskar), Alex and Taylor Robb (Karson and Logan), Tom and Nicole Thuente (Jake and Logan), Ryan and Stacy Waldner (Charlie and Wells).

## **NICENE CREED**

**I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth  
and of all things visible and invisible.**

**And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God,  
begotten of His Father before all worlds,  
God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God,  
begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father,  
by whom all things were made;  
who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven  
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary  
and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.  
He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the  
Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father.  
And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead,  
whose kingdom will have no end.**

**And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified,  
who spoke by the prophets.**

**And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,  
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,  
and I look for the resurrection of the dead  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

## **PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH**

**Pastor:** Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs. That we may acknowledge and confess our sin and that we may boast only in Christ's righteousness and His abundant mercy; let us pray to the Lord.

**People: Lord, have mercy.**

**Pastor:** That we may see in the Law not only the mirror of our sinfulness but the path of faith for those whom Christ has redeemed and who seek by faith to walk in the way of holiness and righteousness; let us pray to the Lord.

**People Lord, have mercy.**

**Pastor:** That the Lord may show forth His mercy to the sick and those who suffer, to the dying in their last hours and to those who grieve the loss of loved ones...that we may cling to the promise of His grace when all of our supports in life are gone, remembering that in Christ we are not alone; let us pray to the Lord.

**People Lord, have mercy.**

**Pastor:** That the Lord of the church may bless the work of Pastor Snow and Pastor Barry to proclaim the full counsel of God and that God's people may hear with ears of faith and respond faithfully to all that God has done for us in Christ Jesus, our Savior; let us pray to the Lord.

**People Lord, have mercy.**

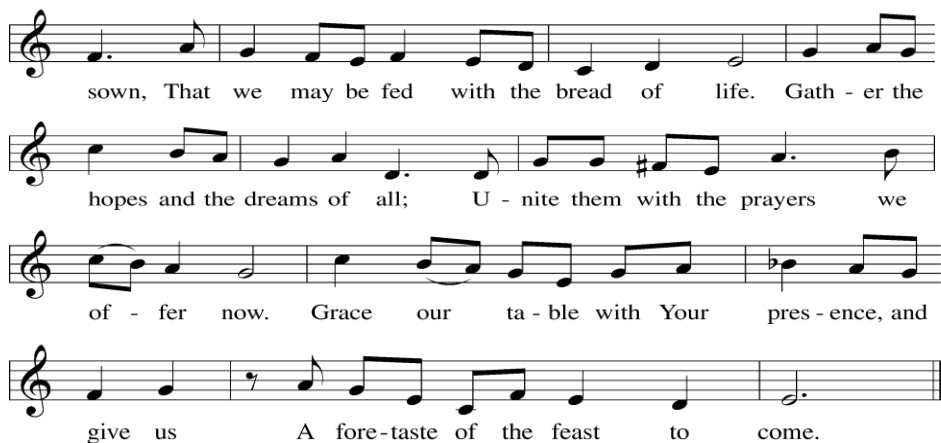
**Pastor:** Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend ourselves and all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy, through Jesus Christ;

**Amen.**

## **OFFERING**

### **OFFERTORY "Let the Vineyards be Fruitful"**





## PREFACE

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

## Proper Preface

It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, for in wisdom, mercy, and love You sent Your Son into human flesh to die and rise on our behalf. Now Your great salvation may be proclaimed to all people in the preaching of Christ crucified, through whom with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

## SANCTUS – HOLY, HOLY, HOLY





comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high - est.

## PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Holy Lord, mighty God, from Your goodness has come all things and by Your power they are still preserved. Though we deserved nothing of Your kindness, You sent forth Your Son, born of the virgin by the Holy Spirit, to fulfill all righteousness, to atone for our sin and for the sin of the world, once for all, by His all-sufficient sacrifice upon the cross, and to rise from the dead to deliver to us also everlasting life. Gathered in His name, we pray You to bestow upon us the fruits of His redeeming work as He promises in His own testament. Hear us as we pray in Jesus' name and as He taught us:

## 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.**

## WORDS OF OUR LORD

## PAX DOMINI – PEACE OF THE LORD

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**Amen.**

## AGNUS DEI – LAMB OF GOD



**☐** 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 peace.



## COMMUNION AT ST. JOHN'S

The Lord's Supper is celebrated at this congregation in the confession and glad confidence that, as He says, our Lord gives into our mouths not only bread and wine, but His very body and blood. This we eat and drink for the forgiveness of sins and to strengthen our union with Him and with one another. Our Lord invites to His table those who trust His words, repent of all sin, and set aside any refusal to forgive and love as He forgives and loves us, that they may show forth His death until He comes.

Because those who eat and drink our Lord's body and blood unworthily do so to their great harm, and because Holy Communion is a confession of the faith which is confessed at this altar, any who are not yet instructed, in doubt, or who hold to a confession differing from that of this congregation and The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod, and yet desire to receive the sacrament, are asked to first speak with the pastor or an elder. For further readings in Scripture, we suggest Matthew 5:23f.; 10:32f.; 18:15-35; 26:26-29; 1 Cor. 11:17-34.

- **Communicants will go around front rail to receive elements in a continuous fashion.**
- **Individual cups may be deposited in the wooden box on the wall.**
- **If you would like the pastor to bring communion to you, please inform an usher anytime during the service.**
- **Children of all ages may join their parents and receive a special blessing.**
- **For those who desire it, non-alcoholic wine is available in the center ring of the tray of individual cups.**

## DISTRIBUTION

### HYMN "Jesus Sinner Doth Receive"

**LSB 609 vs 4-6**

I, a sinner, come to Thee  
With a penitent confession.  
Savior, mercy show to me;  
Grant for all my sins remission.  
Let these words my soul relieve:  
Jesus sinners doth receive.

Now my conscience is at peace;  
From the Law I stand acquitted.  
Christ hath purchased my release  
And my ev'ry sin remitted.  
Naught remains my soul to grieve:  
Jesus sinners doth receive.

Oh, how blest it is to know:  
Were as scarlet my transgression,  
It shall be as white as snow  
By Thy blood and bitter passion;  
For these words I now believe:  
Jesus sinners doth receive.

### HYMN "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross"

**LSB 425**

When I survey the wondrous cross  
On which the Prince of Glory died,  
My richest gain I count but loss  
And pour contempt on all my pride.

See, from His head, His hands, His feet  
Sorrow and love flow mingled down!  
Did e'er such love and sorrow meet  
Or thorns compose so rich a crown?

Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast  
Save in the death of Christ, my God;  
All the vain things that charm me most,  
I sacrifice them to His blood.

Were the whole realm of nature mine,  
That were a tribute far too small;  
Love so amazing, so divine,  
Demands my soul, my life, my all!

## HYMN “Oh, that the Lord Would Guide My Ways”

LSB 707

Oh, that the Lord would guide my ways  
To keep His statutes still!  
Oh, that my God would grant me grace  
To know and do His will!

Assist my soul, too apt to stray,  
A stricter watch to keep;  
And should I e’er forget Thy way,  
Restore Thy wand’ring sheep.

Order my footsteps by Thy Word  
And make my heart sincere;  
Let sin have no dominion, Lord,  
But keep my conscience clear.

Make me to walk in Thy commands—  
'Tis a delightful road—  
Nor let my head or heart or hands  
Offend against my God.

## DISMISSAL

### POST-COMMUNION COLLECT

We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

## BENEDICTION

### CLOSING HYMN

### “There is a Redeemer”

LSB 971

There is a Redeemer—  
Jesus, God’s own Son;  
Precious Lamb of God, Messiah,  
Holy One.

Jesus, my Redeemer,  
Name above all names;  
Precious Lamb of God, Messiah,  
Hope for sinners slain. **Refrain**

**Refrain:** Thank You, O my Father,  
For giving us Your Son,  
And leaving Your Spirit  
Till the work on earth is done.

When I stand in glory,  
I will see His face;  
There I’ll serve my King forever  
In that holy place. **Refrain**

## SENDING

**WORSHIP  
ASSISTANTS**

8:00am

9:30am

10:45am

Acolytes: Colston Reinke,  
Addie Sutherland

NA

Henry Feltmann  
Markus Rennerfeldt

Usher Team: Jeff Rasmussen

Brian Dahlke

Craig Pauling

Elders: Lucas Leao

Tim Peterson,  
Pete Stephan

Josh Peterson

Communion Assistants: Paul DeRocher,  
Zac Lewis

Bruce Wolf

Nathan Messer

Welcome Team:

Bryon Frye  
Barbara Frye

UPCOMING WEEK	
Monday, March 4	Monday Night Meal 5:00pm Worship 6:30pm
Tuesday, March 5	Trustees Mtg 6:30pm
	PTL Meeting 6:30pm
Wednesday, March 6	Moms in the Word 9:30am
	Worship 4:15/6:30pm
	Lenten Meal 5:00-6:15pm
	Confirmation 6:00pm
	Women's Choir 7:00pm
Thursday, March 7	Women's Lifelight Bible Study 9:30am
	Chapel 9:30am
	Ladies Aid 1:00pm
	Board of Education Mtg 6:30pm
Sunday, March 10	Worship 8am/9:30am/10:45am
	Education Hour
	Blood Pressure Screening 9:00am

### **Celebrating Birthdays**

3/3 Kerrigan Groboski	3/5 Cheri Schneider	3/9 Stephanie Wiegert
3/3 Emma Harr	3/6 Lara Groboski	3/10 Nathaniel Behlen
3/4 Tim Laubach	3/6 Penelope Jones	3/10 Marguerite Craighead
3/4 Chance Panning	3/6 Josie Watry	3/10 Preston Keskey
3/4 David Peters	3/7 Tamara Dial	3/10 Timothy Shanahan
3/5 Ashley Lenz	3/7 Laura Simpson	3/10 Sandra Wittenberg
3/5 Aaron Loomis	3/8 Hayden Kloos	
3/5 Carl Maschke	3/8 Kaia Sinke	

### **Celebrating Anniversaries**

Gretchen and Julian Smith March 9th

### **Expectant Moms**

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

### **Prayers for Healing and Strength**

Jim Affeldt  
Julie Pallas  
Noah Affeldt  
Emily Pagelkopf  
Jo Biebighauser  
Jana Beckendorf  
Maddy Leason  
Vicki Leason  
Wyatt Messenger

### **In Sympathy**

Jon and Laura Thom in the passing of Laura's father, Bob Blankers.