



WELCOME TO
ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH & SCHOOL
2415 Silas Creek Parkway
Winston-Salem, NC 27103
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THE THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT
March 19, 2017 – 10:45 a.m.
Divine Service Setting Two

***St. John's Mission: To help one more person get to Heaven
by pointing them to Jesus Christ.***

“O refresh us, Trav’ling through this wilderness” (LSB 924:3). The well-known hymn stanza reminds us that we live amid challenges and dangers each day. As we gather for worship, we come to a place where our gracious God does refresh us. We are sustained by Word and Sacrament. We are encouraged by the fellowship of the faithful. Our cups run over with living water. We are renewed and satisfied and made ready to journey further in the name of the Lord.

† Prayer Before Worship †

Almighty God, source of all power and renewer of health and life, draw us ever closer to You, and supply us with the living water that will quench our great thirst for time and for eternity. This we ask in the name of Jesus, who offered Himself as our Savior and our Redeemer. Amen.

Prelude **“O Man, Bewail Thy Grievous Sin”**

J.S. Bach

Welcome & Sharing of the Peace

(Please Stand)

Processional Hymn #423 **“Jesus, Refuge of the Weary”**

Confession and Absolution

I

P: In the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen.**

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

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

P: Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

C: **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.**

P: 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.

C: Amen.

Introit *Psalm 84:1-4; antiphon: v. 5*

P: Blessed are those whose strength is in You, in whose heart are the highways to Zion.

C: How lovely is Your dwelling place, O LORD of hosts!

P: My soul longs, faints for the courts of the LORD; my heart and flesh sing for joy to the living God.

C: Even the sparrow finds a home, and the swallow a nest for herself, where she may lay her young, at Your altars, O LORD of hosts, my King and my God.

P: Blessed are those who dwell in Your house, ever singing Your praise!

All: 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.

P: Blessed are those whose strength is in You, in whose heart are the highways to Zion.

(Be Seated)

Celebrating the Holy Baptism of Isabella Grace Montoya

Apostles' Creed

**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.**

Old Testament Lesson

Exodus 17:1-7

(God provides water from a rock at Rephidim.)

¹All the congregation of the people of Israel moved on from the wilderness of Sin by stages, according to the commandment of the LORD, and camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. ²Therefore the people quarreled with Moses and said, "Give us water to drink." And Moses said to them, "Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you test the LORD?" ³But the people thirsted there for water, and the people grumbled against Moses and said, "Why did you bring us up out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and our livestock with thirst?" ⁴So Moses cried to the LORD, "What shall I do with this people? They are almost ready to stone me." ⁵And the LORD said to Moses, "Pass on before the people, taking with you some of the elders of Israel, and take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile, and go. ⁶Behold, I will stand before you there on the rock at Horeb, and you shall strike the rock, and water shall come out of it, and the people will drink." And Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel. ⁷And he called the name of the place Massah and Meribah, because of the quarreling of the people of Israel, and because they tested the LORD by saying, "Is the LORD among us or not?"

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

P: **Thanks be to God.**

Gradual *Ephesians 6:11; Hebrews 12:2*

All: The hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth. O come, let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God.

Epistle Lesson

Romans 5:1-8

(Christ died for us while we were still sinners.)

¹Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. ²Through 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. ³More than that, we rejoice in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, ⁴and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, ⁵and 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.

⁶For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. ⁷For one will scarcely die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person one would dare even to die— ⁸but God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

(Please Stand)

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

Luke 23:32-35

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the twenty-third chapter.

Glo - ry to You, O Lord.

³²Two others, who were criminals, were led away to be put to death with him. ³³And when they came to the place that is called The Skull, there they crucified him, and the criminals, one on his right and one on his left. ³⁴And Jesus said, "Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do." And they cast lots to divide his garments. ³⁵And the

people stood by, watching, but the rulers scoffed at him, saying, “He saved others; let him save himself, if he is the Christ of God, his Chosen One!”

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.



(Be Seated)

Children’s Message

Hymn of the Day #447 “Jesus, in Your Dying Woes”, verses 1-3

Sermon

Offering

Offertory Anthem “Like as the Hart Desireth the Waters” Felix Mendelssohn

(Please Stand)

Offertory Hymn #781 “We Give Thee But Thine Own,” v. 1

Prayer of the Church

P: Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

Benediction

P: The LORD bless you and keep you.

The LORD make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The LORD look upon you with favor and give you peace.



Closing Hymn #924 “Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing”

Dismissal

P: Go in peace and serve the Lord!

C: Thanks be to God!

Postlude “In Peace and Joy I Now Depart”

J.S. Bach

Baptized today is Isabella Grace Montoya, born March 21, 2016, daughter of Jose' & Kristal Brown Montoya. The sponsors are Nancy Montoya and Shane McDuffee.

Today's Ushers: Larry Bowman, Lisa Little, Bob Sparks, John Williams

Elder: Don Henderson

Lector: Allen Hall

Altar Guild for March: Jackie Downey, Renee Henderson

Lock-ups for March: Steve Anderson, John Williams

Pew Pads: Please remember to sign the pew pads. Thank you.

Nursery is available in Preschool Room 106 during the 10:45 Worship Service for children ages 3 and under.

The Sermons are available on-line at <http://stjohnsws.com/weekly-sermons-2/>

Crisis Control Item for March: Boxed instant potatoes and flakes

St. John's Prayer and Care Notes are distributed each Saturday. If you would like to receive this document and be listed on the email distribution, please send a request to:

- Dale Mierisch at wb9szl@triad.rr.com and include “St John's Prayer and Care Notes Subscription” in the subject line of your email.



St. John's LUTHERAN

Church & School

Our Sunday Worship - Services are at 8:30 a.m. and 10:45 a.m.
*Holy Communion is celebrated at 8:30 a.m. on the first and third Sundays,
at 10:45 a.m. on the second and fourth Sundays, and at both services
if there is a fifth Sunday in the month.*

Sunday School and Adult Bible Class both begin at 9:45 a.m.

Wednesday Lenten Worship 7:00 p.m.; suppers at 5:30

Maundy Thursday 7:00 p.m. with Holy Communion

Good Friday 7:00 p.m.

Easter Sunday 8:00 a.m. & 10:45 a.m., both with Holy Communion

A Great Place to Grow in Christ

*As a part of our outreach ministry, we have a
Preschool/Pre-K program and Kindergarten through 8th grade.
All programs/grades have full-time care available.*

Pastor Thomas Clocker, 301-732-9203

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Tom Baldwin, Director of Admissions and Community Relations

Sonia Davidson, Director of Preschool

Michael Zeoli, Director of Music for Contemporary Worship

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