



**WELCOME TO
ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH & SCHOOL**
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THE FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT
March 5, 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.***

We are sinful people surrounded by sinfulness and destined for destruction. The Reformation-era hymn writer Lazarus Spengler sums up the reality very directly: “All mankind fell in Adam’s fall; One common sin infects us all” (*LSB* 562:1). On our own, we cannot remedy the dreadful situation. But God can. And God has—in Christ Jesus. We are debtors to the exceeding grace of God.

† Prayer Before Worship †

Almighty and eternal God, Your kingdom is everlasting and Your house is forever. Grant us grace to live with unfailing confidence, knowing that You have delivered us from sin and the power of death and Satan, and have built for us an everlasting house, where we shall rejoice in Your eternal presence. This we ask for the sake of Jesus, the almighty Conqueror and our gracious Savior. Amen.

Prelude “I Cry to Thee”

J. S. Bach

Welcome & Sharing of the Peace

(Please Stand)

Processional Hymn #657 “A Mighty Fortress Is Our God”

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 91:9–13; antiphon: vv. 15–16*

P: When he calls to Me, I will answer him; I will be with him in trouble; I will rescue him and honor him.

C: **With long life I will satisfy him and show him My salvation.**

P: Because you have made the LORD your dwelling place—the Most High, who is my refuge—no evil shall be allowed to befall you, no plague come near your tent.

C: **For He will command His angels concerning you to guard you in all your ways. On their hands they will bear you up, lest you strike your foot against a stone.**

P: You will tread on the lion and the adder; the young lion and the serpent you will trample underfoot.

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: When he calls to Me, I will answer him; I will be with him in trouble; I will rescue him and honor him. With long life I will satisfy him and show him My salvation.

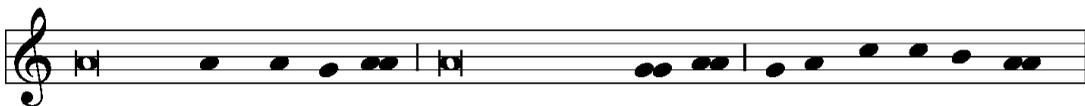
Kyrie



A In peace let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



A For the peace from a-bove and for our sal-va-tion let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



A For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



and for the uni - ty of all let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



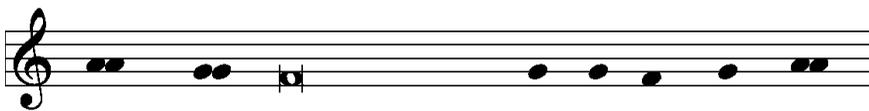
A For this holy house and for all who offer here their wor - ship and praise



let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



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



C A - men.

Salutation and Collect of the Day

P: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

P: Let us pray. Almighty God, Your Son was led into the wilderness by the Spirit to be tempted by Satan. Come quickly to help us who, because of our weaknesses, are assaulted by many temptations. Give each one of us strength and victory through Jesus Christ the Conqueror, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

(Be Seated)

Old Testament Lesson

2 Kings 6:24-25; 7:1-9

(Syria Besieges Samaria in Famine)

²⁴ And it happened after this that Ben-Hadad king of Syria gathered all his army, and went up and besieged Samaria. ²⁵ And there was a great famine in Samaria; and indeed they besieged it until a donkey's head was sold for eighty shekels of silver, and one-fourth of a kab of dove droppings for five shekels of silver.

7 Then Elisha said, "Hear the word of the LORD. Thus says the LORD: 'Tomorrow about this time a seah of fine flour shall be sold for a shekel, and two seahs of barley for a shekel, at the gate of Samaria.'"

² So an officer on whose hand the king leaned answered the man of God and said, "Look, if the LORD would make windows in heaven, could this thing be?"

And he said, "In fact, you shall see it with your eyes, but you shall not eat of it."

³ Now there were four leprous men at the entrance of the gate; and they said to one another, "Why are we sitting here until we die?" ⁴ If we say, 'We will enter the city,' the famine is in the city, and we shall die there. And if we sit here, we die also. Now therefore, come, let us surrender to the army of the Syrians. If they keep us alive, we shall live; and if they kill us, we shall only die.'" ⁵ And they rose at twilight to go to the camp of the Syrians; and when they had come to the outskirts of the Syrian camp, to

their surprise no one was there. ⁶ For the Lord had caused the army of the Syrians to hear the noise of chariots and the noise of horses—the noise of a great army; so they said to one another, “Look, the king of Israel has hired against us the kings of the Hittites and the kings of the Egyptians to attack us!” ⁷ Therefore they arose and fled at twilight, and left the camp intact—their tents, their horses, and their donkeys—and they fled for their lives. ⁸ And when these lepers came to the outskirts of the camp, they went into one tent and ate and drank, and carried from it silver and gold and clothing, and went and hid them; then they came back and entered another tent, and carried some from there also, and went and hid it.

⁹ Then they said to one another, “We are not doing right. This day is a day of good news, and we remain silent. If we wait until morning light, some punishment will come upon us. Now therefore, come, let us go and tell the king’s household.”

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

P: **Thanks be to God.**

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

All: Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the schemes of the devil. 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

Philippians 3:12-14

(Pressing Toward the Goal)

¹² Not that I have already attained, or am already perfected; but I press on, that I may lay hold of that for which Christ Jesus has also laid hold of me. ¹³ Brethren, I do not count myself to have apprehended; but one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind and reaching forward to those things which are ahead, ¹⁴ I press toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus.

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

Matthew 4:1-11

(Jesus is led into the wilderness by the Spirit.)

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the fourth chapter.



☐ Glo - ry to You, O Lord.

¹Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. ²And after fasting forty days and forty nights, he was hungry. ³And the tempter came and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread." ⁴But he answered, "It is written,

'Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.'"

⁵Then the devil took him to the holy city and set him on the pinnacle of the temple ⁶and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down, for it is written, 'He will command his angels concerning you,' and

'On their hands they will bear you up, lest you strike your foot against a stone.'"

⁷Jesus said to him, "Again it is written, 'You shall not put the Lord your God to the test.'" ⁸Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their glory. ⁹And he said to him, "All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me." ¹⁰Then Jesus said to him, "Be gone, Satan! For it is written,

'You shall worship the Lord your God and him only shall you serve.'"

¹¹Then the devil left him, and behold, angels came and were ministering to him.

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.



C Praise to You, O Christ.
(Be Seated)

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.**

Children's Message

Hymn of the Day #422 "On My Heart Imprint Thine Image"

Verse 1 is in the hymnal; verses 2 & 3 written by our fellow member, Ron Irsch

**Through my heart inspire my spirit, guiding all I say and do;
Trusting what I've done for others I have also done for You.
Teach me, lead me, help me stay on the straight and narrow way.
Move my lips to spread the story of God's love – His grace and glory!**

**In my heart implant Your Spirit, where His dwelling place shall be;
Now on earth, one day in heaven – there to dwell eternally.
While I here below abide, be my strength, my stay, my guide.
When at last my life is ended, I, to Christ, will be commended.**

Sermon “Keep Plowing Ahead”

Offering

Offertory Anthem “Steal Away to Jesus” Spiritual arr. by Joseph Jennings

(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.

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

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 #649 “Blest Be the Tie That Binds”

Dismissal

P: Go in peace and serve the Lord!

C: Thanks be to God!

Postlude “A Mighty Fortress is Our God”

Johann Pachelbel

The Altar Flowers today are given to the Glory of God by Lisa Little in memory of her brother Stephen, parents and grandparents.

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

Lector: Stephanie Guelzow

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://stjohnsww.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. 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

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