

**WELCOME TO  
ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH & SCHOOL**

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**FEAST OF ST. MATTHEW**

**February 24, 2019 – 10:45 a.m.**  
*Worship with Holy Communion*

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

**Welcome**

We are delighted to have you with us as we celebrate God’s love for us in Jesus! If you have any questions or needs please feel free to ask an usher, Pastor Tom, or anyone here at St. John’s.

**As We Worship**

**Prepare** for worship in stillness and prayer.

**Enjoy** worship by lifting your voice and heart to God.

**Close** worship by enjoying the fellowship of one another.

**After** worship, the service begins! Go out and serve the Lord in all areas of life!

*“I urge you, in view of God’s mercy to you, present yourselves as living sacrifices to God, this is your spiritual act of worship.” — Romans 12:1*

*Please silence all devices. If at any point you need to or prefer to sit, please feel free to do so.*

**Sharing of the Peace**

We take a moment to greet one another, as brothers and sisters in Christ (often with the words “God’s peace be with you”). We enjoy this part of our worship; however, you are free to participate, or not, in any manner with which you are comfortable. *(Please Remain Standing)*

*(Please Rise)*

**Processional Hymn: #660 “Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus”**

**Invocation**

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

**C: Amen.**

**Call to Worship**

P: Better is one day in His courts, than a thousand elsewhere.

**C: I was glad when they said to me, Let us go into the house of the Lord.**

P: How lovely is Your dwelling place, O Lord almighty.

**C: Our soul yearns for the courts of the Lord, our heart cries out for the living God.**

P: Blessed are those who dwell in Your house, they are ever praising You.

**C: By Your great mercy, we come into Your house, in reverence, we bow down toward Your holy temple.**

P: Blessed are those He chooses to bring near, to live in His courts. They are filled with the good things of His house, of His holy temple.

**C: Lord, we love the house where You live, the place where Your glory dwells.**

P: Within Your temple, O God, we meditate on your unfailing love.

**C: One thing I ask from the Lord, this only do I seek, that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life, to gaze on the beauty of the Lord and to seek Him in His temple.**

P: Surely goodness and mercy will follow you all the days of your lives.

**C: And we will dwell in the house of the Lord, forever. Amen.**

### **Confession and Forgiveness**

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. *Silence...***

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.**

## Kyrie



☐ Lord, have mer - cy; Christ, have mer - cy; Lord, have mer - cy.

## Gloria in Excelsis



☐ 1 To God on high be glo - ry And peace to all the earth;  
2 To You, O sole - be - got - ten, The Fa - ther's Son, we pray;  
3 For You a - lone are ho - ly; You on - ly are the Lord.



Good-will from God in heav - en Pro - claimed at Je - sus' birth!  
O Lamb of God, our Sav - ior, You take our sins a - way.  
For - ev - er and for - ev - er, Be wor - shiped and a - dored;



We praise and bless You, Fa - ther; Your ho - ly name, we sing—  
Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus; Re - ceive our heart - felt cry,  
You with the Ho - ly Spir - it A - lone are Lord Most High,



Our thanks for Your great glo - ry, Lord God, our heav'n - ly King.  
Where You in pow'r are seat - ed At God's right hand on high—  
In God the Fa - ther's glo - ry. "A - men!" our glad re - ply.

*(Be Seated)*

## First Lesson: Ezekiel 2:8-3:11 (God's Call to Ezekiel)

<sup>8</sup>But you, son of man, hear what I say to you. Do not be rebellious like that rebellious house; open your mouth and eat what I give you."

<sup>9</sup>Now when I looked, there was a hand stretched out to me; and behold, a scroll of a book was in it. <sup>10</sup>Then He spread it before me; and *there* was writing on the inside and on the outside, and written on it *were* lamentations and mourning and woe.

**3** Moreover He said to me, “Son of man, eat what you find; eat this scroll, and go, speak to the house of Israel.” **2** So I opened my mouth, and He caused me to eat that scroll.

**3** And He said to me, “Son of man, feed your belly, and fill your stomach with this scroll that I give you.” So I ate, and it was in my mouth like honey in sweetness.

**4** Then He said to me: “Son of man, go to the house of Israel and speak with My words to them. **5** For you *are* not sent to a people of unfamiliar speech and of hard language, *but* to the house of Israel, **6** not to many people of unfamiliar speech and of hard language, whose words you cannot understand. Surely, had I sent you to them, they would have listened to you. **7** But the house of Israel will not listen to you, because they will not listen to Me; for all the house of Israel *are* **[a]**impudent and hard-hearted. **8** Behold, I have made your face strong against their faces, and your forehead strong against their foreheads. **9** Like adamant stone, harder than flint, I have made your forehead; do not be afraid of them, nor be dismayed at their looks, though they *are* a rebellious house.”

**10** Moreover He said to me: “Son of man, receive into your heart all My words that I speak to you, and hear with your ears. **11** And go, get to the captives, to the children of your people, and speak to them and tell them, ‘Thus says the Lord GOD,’ whether they hear, or whether they refuse.”

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

## **Second Lesson: Ephesians 4:17-5:2 (Put off the old self)**

**17** This I say, therefore, and testify in the Lord, that you should no longer walk as **[a]**the rest of the Gentiles walk, in the futility of their mind, **18** having their understanding darkened, being alienated from the life of God, because of the ignorance that is in them, because of the blindness of their heart; **19** who, being past feeling, have given themselves over to lewdness, to work all uncleanness with greediness.

**20** But you have not so learned Christ, **21** if indeed you have heard Him and have been taught by Him, as the truth is in Jesus: **22** that you put off, concerning your former conduct, the old man which grows corrupt according to the deceitful lusts, **23** and be renewed in the spirit of your mind, **24** and that you put on the new man which was created according to God, in true righteousness and holiness.

**25** Therefore, putting away lying, “*Let* each one *of you* speak truth with his neighbor,” for we are members of one another. **26** “Be angry, and do not sin”: do not let the sun go down on your wrath, **27** nor give **[b]**place to the devil. **28** Let him who stole steal no longer, but rather let him labor, working with *his* hands what is good, that he

may have something to give him who has need. <sup>29</sup> Let no corrupt word proceed out of your mouth, but what is good for necessary <sup>[c]</sup>edification, that it may impart grace to the hearers. <sup>30</sup> And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, by whom you were sealed for the day of redemption. <sup>31</sup> Let all bitterness, wrath, anger, <sup>[c]</sup>clamor, and evil speaking be put away from you, with all malice. <sup>32</sup> And be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God in Christ forgave you.

**5** Therefore be imitators of God as dear children. <sup>2</sup> And walk in love, as Christ also has loved us and given Himself for us, an offering and a sacrifice to God for a sweet-smelling aroma.

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

*(Please Stand)*

### Alleluia and Verse

Organ Introduction

Cantor only sings Alleluia first time through, then congregation:



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

The musical notation is on a single staff with a treble clef and a 7/8 time signature. It consists of three measures. The first measure contains the notes A4, B4, C5, B4, A4. The second measure contains the notes G4, A4, B4, C5, B4, A4, G4. The third measure contains the notes F4, G4, A4, B4, C5, B4, A4. The lyrics are placed below the notes.

Cantor: Let him come now to me, that he may know that there is a prophet in Israel.



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### Holy Gospel: Matthew 9:9-13

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew the 9<sup>th</sup> chapter

**C: Glory to You, O Lord.**

<sup>9</sup> As Jesus passed on from there, He saw a man named Matthew sitting at the tax office. And He said to him, "Follow Me." So he arose and followed Him.

<sup>10</sup> Now it happened, as Jesus sat at the table in the house, *that* behold, many tax collectors and sinners came and sat down with Him and His disciples. <sup>11</sup> And when the Pharisees saw *it*, they said to His disciples, "Why does your Teacher eat with tax collectors and sinners?"

<sup>12</sup> When Jesus heard *that*, He said to them, "Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. <sup>13</sup> But go and learn what *this* means: 'I desire mercy and not sacrifice.' For I did not come to call the righteous, but sinners, [\[a\]](#)to repentance."

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C: Praise to You, O Christ.**

### **The Third Article: Sanctification**

**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.**

*What does this mean?*

**I believe that I cannot by my own reason or strength believe in Jesus Christ, my Lord, or come to Him; but the Holy Spirit has called me by the Gospel, enlightened me with His gifts, sanctified and kept me in the true faith.**

**In the same way He calls, gathers, enlightens, and sanctifies the whole Christian church on earth, and keeps it with Jesus Christ in the one true faith.**

**In this Christian church He daily and richly forgives all my sins and the sins of all believers.**

**On the Last Day He will raise me and all the dead, and give eternal life to me and all believers in Christ.**

**This is most certainly true.**

*(Be Seated)*

### **Children's Message**

**Hymn of the Day: #518 "By all Your Saints in Warfare" (vs. 1, 25, 3)**

## Sermon: "The Change"

**Offer Unto the Lord!** The Bible gives these guidelines on our financial giving:

- 1) *"First Fruits": i.e. Set aside a portion for God FIRST. He gets the best, not the leftovers.*
- 2) *"Portion/Percentage giving": Give to God a percentage of our gross income; the Old Testament "tithes" was 10%; certainly "this side" of the cross we should be just as motivated, or more so, than the Old Testament believers!*
- 3) *"God's Blessings": God promises if we are faithful in our giving, He will pour out blessing/abundance to us overflowing!*

## Offering

Please take this time to sign the Pew Pads in your row and pass them down. We thank God for our visitors and guests. Please share your e-mail with us so that you can receive a weekly note of activities/announcements. Thank you for worshiping with us!

## Offertory Anthem: "The Gift of Love"

arranged by Hal Hopson

*(Please Stand)*

## Offertory Hymn "Take Up Your Cross"

(Sung to the tune "Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow")

1. "Take up your cross," the Savior said,  
"If you would my disciple be;  
Forsake the past, and come this  
day,  
And humbly follow after me."
2. Take up your cross, nor heed the  
shame,  
Nor let your foolish heart rebel;  
For you the Lord endured the cross  
To save your soul from death and  
hell.

### TODAY WE CELEBRATE THE LORD'S SUPPER.

St. Paul wrote, "Let a man examine himself, and so let him eat of the bread and drink of the cup". Ask yourself: Am I sorry for my sins? Do I believe that Jesus died for my sins? Am I resolved, by the work of the Holy Spirit, to use the power of Christ which is offered in this Sacrament, to amend my sinful life? St. Paul also wrote, "He who eats and drinks, eats and drinks judgment to himself, if he does not judge the body rightly". Do you believe that you receive the TRUE/REAL BODY AND BLOOD of Christ in, under and with the bread and wine for the full pardon of sins? (Please use pages 329-330 in the front of your hymn book to examine yourself.)

Children are invited forward to receive a blessing.

Please take a moment to sign the attendance pad in your pew.

## Service of the Sacrament

### Preface

P: The Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

P: Lift up your hearts.

**C: We lift them to the Lord.**

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

P: It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, for the countless blessings You so freely bestow on us and all creation. Above all, we give thanks for Your boundless love shown to us when You sent Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, into our flesh and laid on Him our sin, giving Him into death that we might not die eternally. Because He is now risen from the dead and lives and reigns to all eternity, all who believe in Him will overcome sin and death and will rise again to new life. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

### Sanctus



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth a - dored;



Heav'n and earth with full ac-claim shout the glo-ry of Your name.



Sing ho - san-na in the high-est, sing ho-san - na to the Lord;



Tru - ly blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord!

## 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.

## The Words of Our Lord

### Agnus Dei



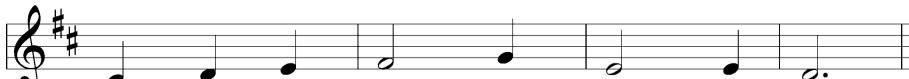
1 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,  
2 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,



You take the sin of the world a - way;  
You take the sin of the world a - way;



O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,  
Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus Christ,



Have mer - cy on us, Lord, we pray.  
And grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.

*(Be Seated)*

**Distribution Hymns: #857 "Lord, Help Us Walk Your Servant Way"**  
**#685 "Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus"**  
**#856 "O Christ, Who Called the Twelve"**

*(Please Stand)*

## Nunc Dimittis

**C** 1 O Lord, now let Your ser - vant De -  
2 All glo - ry to the Fa - ther, All  
part in heav'n - ly peace, For I have seen the  
glo - ry to the  
glo - ry Of Your re - deem - ing grace:  
Spir - it, For - ev - er Three - in - One;  
A light to lead the Gen - tiles Un -  
For as in the be - gin - ning, Is  
to Your ho - ly hill, The glo - ry of Your  
now, shall ev - er be, God's tri - une name re -  
peo - ple, Your cho - sen Is - ra - el.  
sound - ing Through all e - ter - ni - ty.

## Benediction

P: Let us bless the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

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.

**C: Amen.**

**Recessional Hymn: #661 “The Son of God Goes Forth to War”**

**Postlude: “Dialogue sur les Grands Jeux”**

de Grigny

**The Altar Flowers** are given to the glory of God by Rose Crafton in memory of Morris Crafton

**Today's Ushers:** Larry Bowman, Holly Wilson, Stephanie Kiel, Bruce Sawicki

**Worship Assistant:** Early Service – Mark Edmiston, Bill Thorpe; Late Service – Mark Meier, Steve Anderson

**Lector:** Early Service – Jenelle Lanham, Late Service – Stephanie Guelzow

**Altar Guild for February:** Claudia Essbach, Sarah Strahm, Renee Henderson

**Lock-ups for February:** Don Henderson, Wes Walker

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

**Crisis Control Item for March:** Toilet Tissue

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

**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](mailto:wb9szl@triad.rr.com) and include "St John's Prayer and Care Notes Subscription" in the subject line of your email.
  - You may also send your prayer requests to Dale at this address.

(Restrooms: Exit the left-side door on the pulpit side. Go straight thru the Fellowship Hall and the two doors leading to our school building. Restrooms are on your right in the school lobby)



***Our Sunday Worship*** - Services are at 8:30 a.m. and 10:45 a.m.  
*Sunday School and Adult Bible Class both begin at 9:30 a.m.*

***A Great Place to Grow in Christ***

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

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Church Office Hours Monday through Thursday, 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.