



**WELCOME TO  
ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH & SCHOOL**  
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**FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT**

**March 11, 2018 – 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 & 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)*

*If at any point you need to or prefer to sit, please feel free to do so*

(Please Rise)

**Processional Hymn: #435 “Come to Calvary’s Holy Mountain”**

### **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.**

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 T Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

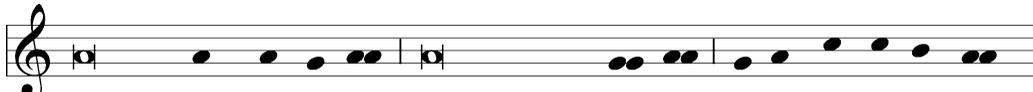
# Kyrie



**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.



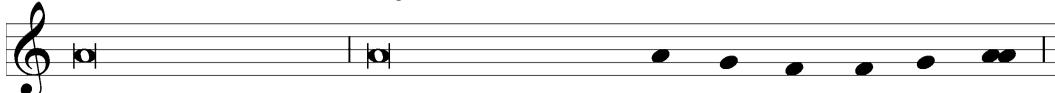
**A** For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



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 de - fend us, gra - cious Lord.



**C** A - men.

*(Please be seated)*

**First Lesson: Psalm 118: 1-24** *(responsively)*

Oh, give thanks to the LORD, for *He is good!*

For His mercy *endures* forever.

<sup>2</sup> **Let Israel now say,**

**“His mercy *endures* forever.”**

<sup>3</sup> Let the house of Aaron now say,

“His mercy *endures* forever.”

<sup>4</sup> **Let those who fear the LORD now say,**

**“His mercy *endures* forever.”**

<sup>5</sup> I called on the LORD in distress;

The LORD answered me *and set me* in a broad place.

<sup>6</sup> **The LORD *is* on my side;**

**I will not fear.**

**What can man do to me?**

<sup>7</sup> The LORD is for me among those who help me;

Therefore I shall see *my desire* on those who hate me.

<sup>8</sup> ***It is better to trust in the LORD***

**Than to put confidence in man.**

<sup>9</sup> *It is better to trust in the LORD*  
Than to put confidence in princes.

<sup>10</sup> **All nations surrounded me,**  
**But in the name of the LORD I will destroy them.**

<sup>11</sup> They surrounded me,  
Yes, they surrounded me;  
But in the name of the LORD I will destroy them.

<sup>12</sup> **They surrounded me like bees;**  
**They were quenched like a fire of thorns;**  
For in the name of the LORD I will destroy them.

<sup>13</sup> You pushed me violently, that I might fall,  
But the LORD helped me.

<sup>14</sup> **The LORD *is* my strength and song,**  
**And He has become my salvation.** <sup>[a]</sup>

<sup>15</sup> The voice of rejoicing and salvation  
*is* in the tents of the righteous;  
The right hand of the LORD does valiantly.

<sup>16</sup> **The right hand of the LORD is exalted;**  
**The right hand of the LORD does valiantly.**

<sup>17</sup> I shall not die, but live,  
And declare the works of the LORD.

<sup>18</sup> **The LORD has chastened me severely,**  
**But He has not given me over to death.**

<sup>19</sup> Open to me the gates of righteousness;  
I will go through them,  
*And* I will praise the LORD.

<sup>20</sup> **This is the gate of the LORD,**  
**Through which the righteous shall enter.**

<sup>21</sup> I will praise You,  
For You have answered me,  
And have become my salvation.

<sup>22</sup> **The stone *which* the builders rejected  
Has become the chief cornerstone.**

<sup>23</sup> This was the LORD's doing;  
It *is* marvelous in our eyes.

<sup>24</sup> **This *is* the day the LORD has made;  
We will rejoice and be glad in it.**

L: This is the Word of the Lord  
**C: Thanks be to God**

### **Second Lesson: Acts 4:8-12**

<sup>8</sup> Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, "Rulers of the people and elders of Israel: <sup>9</sup> If we this day are judged for a good deed done to a helpless man, by what means he has been made well, <sup>10</sup> let it be known to you all, and to all the people of Israel, that by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead, by Him this man stands here before you whole. <sup>11</sup> This is the 'stone which was rejected by you builders, which has become the chief cornerstone.'<sup>[a]</sup> <sup>12</sup> Nor is there salvation in any other, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved."

L: This is the Word of the Lord.  
**C: Thanks be to God.**

*(Please Stand)*

### **Holy Gospel John 19:1-16 and Matthew 27:24-26**

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. John the 19<sup>th</sup> chapter and St. Matthew the 27<sup>th</sup> chapter.

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

So then Pilate took Jesus and scourged *Him*.<sup>2</sup> And the soldiers twisted a crown of thorns and put *it* on His head, and they put on Him a purple robe.<sup>3</sup> Then they said,<sup>[a]</sup> “Hail, King of the Jews!” And they struck Him with their hands.

<sup>4</sup> Pilate then went out again, and said to them, “Behold, I am bringing Him out to you, that you may know that I find no fault in Him.”

<sup>5</sup> Then Jesus came out, wearing the crown of thorns and the purple robe.

And *Pilate* said to them, “Behold the Man!”

<sup>6</sup> Therefore, when the chief priests and officers saw Him, they cried out, saying, “Crucify *Him*, crucify *Him!*”

Pilate said to them, “You take Him and crucify *Him*, for I find no fault in Him.”

<sup>7</sup> The Jews answered him, “We have a law, and according to our<sup>[b]</sup> law He ought to die, because He made Himself the Son of God.”

<sup>8</sup> Therefore, when Pilate heard that saying, he was the more afraid,<sup>9</sup> and went again into the Praetorium, and said to Jesus, “Where are You from?” But Jesus gave him no answer.

<sup>10</sup> Then Pilate said to Him, “Are You not speaking to me? Do You not know that I have power to crucify You, and power to release You?”

<sup>11</sup> Jesus answered, “You could have no power at all against Me unless it had been given you from above. Therefore the one who delivered Me to you has the greater sin.”

<sup>12</sup> From then on Pilate sought to release Him, but the Jews cried out, saying, “If you let this Man go, you are not Caesar’s friend. Whoever makes himself a king speaks against Caesar.”

<sup>13</sup> When Pilate therefore heard that saying, he brought Jesus out and sat down in the judgment seat in a place that is called *The Pavement*, but in Hebrew, Gabbatha.<sup>14</sup> Now it was the Preparation Day of the Passover, and about the sixth hour. And he said to the Jews, “Behold your King!”

<sup>15</sup> But they cried out, “Away with *Him*, away with *Him!* Crucify Him!”

Pilate said to them, “Shall I crucify your King?”

The chief priests answered, “We have no king but Caesar!”

<sup>16</sup> Then he delivered Him to them to be crucified. So they took Jesus and led *Him* away.<sup>[c]</sup>

<sup>24</sup> When Pilate saw that he could not prevail at all, but rather *that* a tumult was rising, he took water and washed *his* hands before the multitude, saying, “I am innocent of the blood of this just Person.<sup>[a]</sup> You see *to it*.”

<sup>25</sup> And all the people answered and said, “His blood *be* on us and on our children.”

<sup>26</sup> Then he released Barabbas to them; and when he had scourged Jesus, he delivered *Him* to be crucified.

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

*(Be Seated)*

## **Children's Message**

**Hymn of the Day: #439 "O Dearest Jesus, What Law Hast Thou Broken"**  
**(Vs. 1-5)**

**Sermon: "Pilate: The Trial of the Centuries"**

**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 "tithe" 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 "Breath of the Living God"**

David von Kampen

*(Please Stand)*

**Offertory Hymn #805 "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"**

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise Him, all creatures here below;  
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host:  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen

## **Nicene Creed**

**C 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 T of the world to come. Amen.**

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

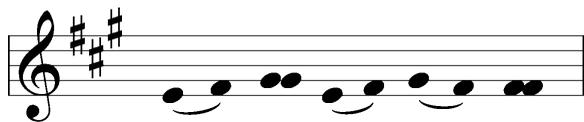
St. Paul wrote, "Let a man examine himself, and so let him eat of the bread and drink of the cup". Ask yourself: Am I sorry for my sins? Do I believe that Jesus died for my sins? Am I resolved, by the work of the Holy Spirit, to use the power of Christ which is offered in this Sacrament, to amend my 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 al-so 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.

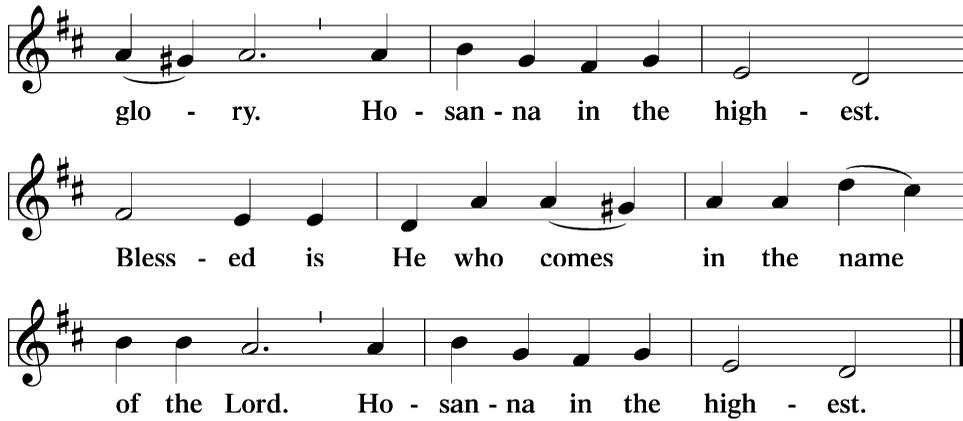
## Sanctus



**C** Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of



pow'r and might: Heav'n and earth are full of Your



glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.  
 Bless - ed is He who comes in the name  
 of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

### 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



**C** 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, grant us peace.

*(Be Seated)*

**Distribution Hymns: #420 “Christ the Life of All the Living”  
 #440 “Jesus I will Ponder Now”**

*(Please Stand)*

**Benedicamus and 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: #427 “In the Cross of Christ I Glory”**

**Postlude “Partite”**

Bernardo Pasquini

**The Altar Flowers** are given to the glory of God by Bruce & Kathleen Sawicki in memory of Cheri, Bruce's deceased sister.

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

**Worship Assistant:** Early Service – Mark Edmiston, Bob Burke; Late Service – Mark Meier, Steve Anderson

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

**Altar Guild for March:** Jackie Downey, Tina Kottowski, Mary Rochester

**Lock-ups for March:** Steve Anderson, John Williams

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

**Crisis Control Item for March:** Boxed Instant Potatoes & Flakes

**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.

### **Holy Week Services**

**March 25 - Palm Sunday** – 8:30am – "The Well" with Holy Communion

9:45am – Bible Study/Sunday School

10:45am – Traditional Service with Holy Communion

**March 29 – Maundy Thursday** – 7:00pm with Holy Communion

**March 30 – Good Friday** – 7:00pm no communion

**April 1 – Easter Sunday** – 8:30am – "The Well" with Holy Communion

9:30am – Easter Breakfast

10:45am – Traditional Service with Holy Communion

(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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**Tom Baldwin, Director of Admissions and Community Relations**

**Sonia Davidson, Director of Preschool**

**Michael Zeoli, Director of Music for Contemporary Worship**

**Frances Burmeister, Director of Music for Traditional Worship**

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