# St. John's Lutheran Church & School



#### As We Gather

We are met today with a profound reality: that Christ died for the ungodly, and that we were once rightly called the ungodly. It is hard to even fathom the depth of our sinfulness. Yet for all the depth of sin present in us and in the world, Christ's love for us and His forgiveness of us runs deeper still. And now, we have reconciliation and peace with God that passes all understanding.

"How Firm a Foundation" arr. Thompson

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#### Stewardship Verse

1 Peter 2:5

St. John's Handbells

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"You yourselves like living stones are being built up as a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifice"

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Prelude

#### Stand 433 Glory Be to Jesus Je 1 Glo be Who in bit - ter pains ry to sus, 2 Grace and life e ter nal In that blood find; 3 Blest through end - less Be the a ges pre-cious stream Plead - ed bel's blood for geance the skies; ven to Poured for the life blood From His veins! me sa - cred Blest His com pas sion, fi - nite - lv kind! In

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5 Oft as earth exulting Wafts its praise on high, Angel hosts rejoicing Make their glad reply.

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6 Lift we, then, our voices, Swell the mighty flood; Louder still and louder

Praise the precious blood!

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### **Opening Versicles**

LSB 260

- L This is the day which the Lord has made;
- C let us rejoice and be glad in it.
- L From the rising of the sun to its setting,
- C the name of the Lord is to be praised.
- L Return to the Lord, your God, for He is gracious and merciful,
- c slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love, and repents of evil.
- L Jesus said: If any man would come after Me,
- C let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow Me.
- L Christ was wounded for our transgressions.
- C He was bruised for our iniquities.
- L From the rising of the sun to its setting,
- C the name of the Lord is to be praised.
- C 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.

Kneel/Sit

#### **Confession and Absolution**

P Our hope in Christ is strong and living, yet we have often taken for granted the profound reality of Christ's death for us. We have ignored how weak and ungodly we have been. Still, our heavenly Father grants us access to His throne of grace, to ask for His forgiveness.

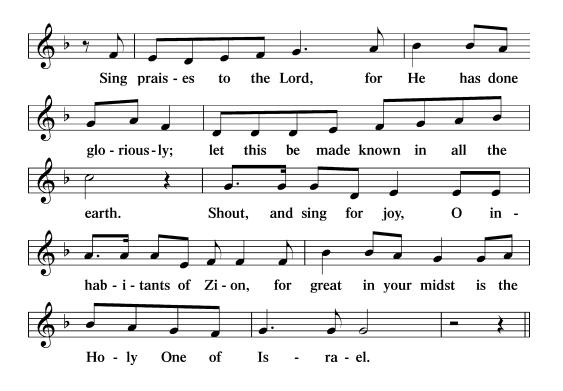
Silence for reflection.

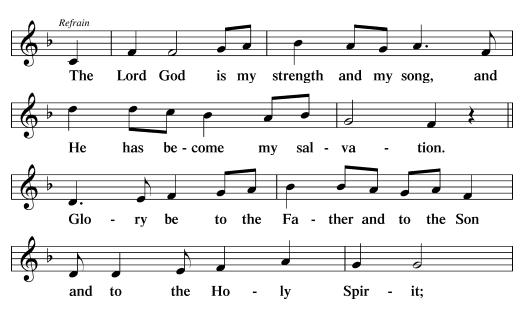
### P Heavenly Father,

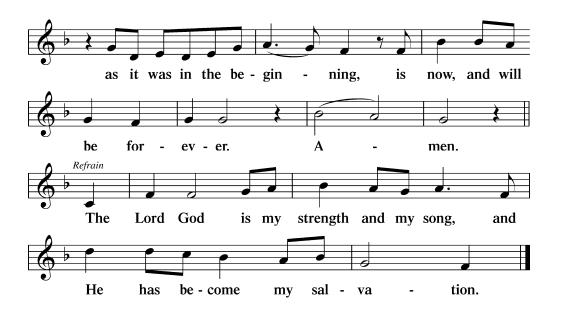
- we have not rejoiced in suffering but have given up easily. We have lacked integrity and acted shamefully. And we have even despaired of life itself. Have mercy upon us, and reconcile us back to You, so that we may rejoice once more, on account of Jesus. Amen.
- P At just the right time, while we were still weak and ungodly, Jesus Christ died for us and reconciled us to God. 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. We are forgiven and are at peace with God.

Stand









Sit

**Reading** *Genesis* 17:1–7, 15–16

A reading from Genesis, the seventeenth chapter.

<sup>1</sup>When Abram was ninety-nine years old the LORD appeared to Abram and said to him, "I am God Almighty; walk before me, and be blameless, <sup>2</sup>that I may make my covenant between me and you, and may multiply you greatly." <sup>3</sup>Then Abram fell on his face. And God said to him, <sup>4</sup>"Behold, my covenant is with you, and you shall be the father of a multitude of nations. <sup>5</sup>No longer shall your name be called Abram, but your name shall be Abraham, for I have made you the father of a multitude of nations. <sup>6</sup>I will make you exceedingly fruitful, and I will make you into nations, and kings shall come from you. <sup>7</sup>And I will establish my covenant between me and you and your offspring after you throughout their generations for an everlasting covenant, to be God to you and to your offspring after you. . . .

<sup>15</sup>And God said to Abraham, "As for Sarai your wife, you shall not call her name Sarai, but Sarah shall be her name. <sup>16</sup>I will bless her, and moreover, I will give you a son by her. I will bless her, and she shall become nations; kings of peoples shall come from her."

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



- A <sup>23</sup>You who fear the LORD, praise him! All you offspring of Jacob, glo- | rify him,\* and stand in awe of him, all you offspring of | Israel!
- C <sup>24</sup>For he has not despised or abhorred the affliction of the afflicted, and he has not hidden his | face from him,\* but has heard, when he | cried to him.
- A <sup>25</sup>From you comes my praise in the great congre- | gation;\* my vows I will perform before those who | fear him.
- C <sup>26</sup>The afflicted shall eat and be satisfied; those who seek him shall | praise the LORD!\* May your hearts live for- | ever!
- A <sup>27</sup>All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn | to the LORD,\* and all the families of the nations shall worship be- | fore you.
- C <sup>28</sup>For kingship belongs | to the LORD,\* and he rules over the | nations.
- A <sup>29</sup>All the prosperous of the earth eat and | worship;\* before him shall bow all who go down to the dust, even the one who could not keep him- | self alive.
- C 30Posterity shall | serve him;\*
  it shall be told of the Lord to the coming gener- | ation;
- A 31they shall come and proclaim his righteousness to a people | yet unborn,\* that he has | done it.

Reading Romans 5:1–11

A The Epistle is from Romans, chapter 5.

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

<sup>6</sup>For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. <sup>7</sup>For one will scarcely die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person one would dare even to die— <sup>8</sup>but God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. <sup>9</sup>Since, therefore, we have now been justified by his blood, much more shall we be saved by him from the wrath of God. <sup>10</sup>For if while we were enemies we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, much more, now that we are reconciled, shall we be saved by his life. <sup>11</sup>More than that, we also rejoice in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

- A This is the Word of the Lord.
- C Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

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.

Reading Mark 8:27–38

- P The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the eighth chapter.
- C Glory to You, O Lord.

<sup>27</sup>And Jesus went on with his disciples to the villages of Caesarea Philippi. And on the way he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that I am?" <sup>28</sup>And they told him, "John the Baptist; and others say, Elijah; and others, one of the prophets." <sup>29</sup>And he asked them, "But who do you say that I am?" Peter answered him, "You are the Christ." <sup>30</sup>And he strictly charged them to tell no one about him.

<sup>31</sup>And he began to teach them that the Son of Man must suffer many things and be rejected by the elders and the chief priests and the scribes and be killed, and after three days rise again. <sup>32</sup>And he said this plainly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. <sup>33</sup>But turning and seeing his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, "Get behind me, Satan! For you are not setting your mind on the things of God, but on the things of man."

<sup>34</sup>And he called to him the crowd with his disciples and said to them, "If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me. <sup>35</sup>For whoever would save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake and the gospel's will save it. <sup>36</sup>For what does it profit a man to gain the whole world and forfeit his life? <sup>37</sup>For what can a man give in return for his life? <sup>38</sup>For whoever is ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of him will the Son of Man also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels."

- P This is the Gospel of the Lord.
- C Praise to You, O Christ.

### Responsory

LSB 263

- L We have an advocate with the Father; Jesus Christ, the Righteous One.
- C He was delivered up to death; He was delivered for the sins of the people.
- L Blessed is the one whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered.
- C He was delivered up to death; He was delivered for the sins of the people.
- L We have an advocate with the Father; Jesus Christ, the Righteous One.
- C He was delivered up to death; He was delivered for the sins of the people.

#### **Ten Commandments**

C You shall have no other gods.

You shall not misuse the name of the Lord your God.

Remember the Sabbath day by keeping it holy.

Honor your father and your mother.

You shall not murder.

You shall not commit adultery.

You shall not steal.

You shall not give false testimony against your neighbor.

You shall not covet your neighbor's house.

You shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or his manservant or maidservant, his ox or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor.

### Apostles' Creed

C 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 T everlasting. Amen.

## Lord's Prayer

C 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.

Sit

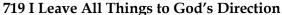
Anthem (8:00) Echoes of Praise

"O Come and Mourn"

Hal Hopson

#### Children's Sermon







Sermon

"Will You Trust Me?"

Pastor Weidler

**Exchange of Peace** 

All may share a sign of God's peace

**Music During Offering** 

St. John's Junior Choir (8:00)

"Search Me, O God"

arr. Ken Berg

"Hide Not Thou Thy Face"

Senior Choir (10:45)

Richard Farrant

Stand



### **Prayer**

- L In peace let us pray to the Lord:
- **C** Lord, have mercy.
- L For the gift of divine peace and of pardon, with all our heart and with all our mind, let us pray to the Lord:
- C Lord, have mercy.
- For the holy Christian Church, here and scattered throughout the world, and for the proclamation of the Gospel and the calling of all to faith, let us pray to the Lord:
- C Lord, have mercy.
- L For this nation, for our cities and communities, and for the common welfare of us all, let us pray to the Lord:
- C Lord, have mercy.
- L For seasonable weather and for the fruitfulness of the earth, let us pray to the Lord:
- C Lord, have mercy.

- L For those who labor, for those whose work is difficult or dangerous, and for all who travel, let us pray to the Lord:
- C Lord, have mercy.
- L For all those in need, for the hungry and homeless, for the widowed and orphaned, and for all those in prison, let us pray to the Lord:
- C Lord, have mercy.
- L For the sick and dying and for all those who care for them, let us pray to the Lord:
- C Lord, have mercy.
- For . . . [additional bids for prayer may be inserted here] . . . let us pray to the Lord:
- C Lord, have mercy.
- L Finally, for these and for all our needs of body and soul, let us pray to the Lord:
- C Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

### Collect of the Day

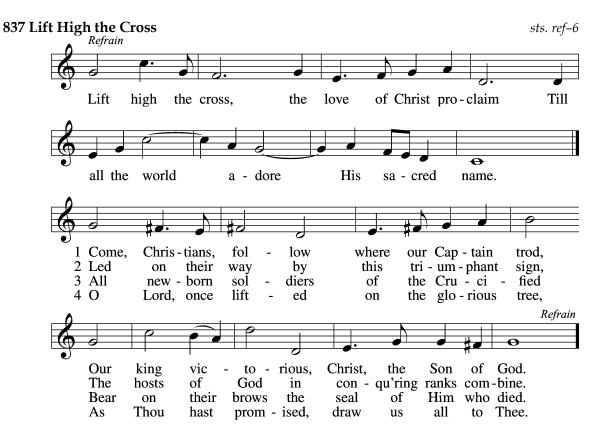
- O God, You see that of ourselves we have no strength. By Your mighty power defend us from all adversities that may happen to the body and from all evil thoughts that may assault and hurt the soul; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C Amen.

#### Collect for the Word

- Blessed Lord, You have caused all Holy Scriptures to be written for our learning. Grant that we may so hear them, read, mark, learn, and take them to heart that, by the patience and comfort of Your holy Word, we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C Amen.

### **Morning Prayer**

I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have kept me this night from all harm and danger; and I pray that You would keep me this day also from sin and every evil, that all my doings and life may please You. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the evil foe may have no power over me.



- 5 Let ev'ry race and ev'ry language tell Of Him who saves our lives from death and hell. Refrain
- 6 So shall our song of triumph ever be: Praise to the Crucified for victory! Refrain

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#### Blessing Benedicamus

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- Let us bless the Lord.
- C Thanks be to God.

Benediction LSB 267

- L The almighty and merciful Lord, the Father, the T Son, and the Holy Spirit, bless and preserve us.
- C Amen.

#### Announcements

# Postlude "Concerto after Vivaldi"

I.G. Walther

Feb 12 & 26

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Serving in Worship

Rev. Ronald Weidler, Homilist Rev. Mark Stapleton, Liturgist

Mr. Gregory Ceurvorst, Director of Music Mrs. Kristen Stapleton, Director, Jr. Choir and Echoes of Praise

Lenten Midweek Service Schedule

Wednesdays from February 21- March 20

Light Supper 6:00PM Worship Service 7:00PM

**Holy Week Services** 

Maundy Thursday, March 28, 7:00PM Good Friday, March 29, 12:00PM; 7:00PM Easter Sunday, March 31, 8:00AM; 10:45 AM

#### **Mission Notes**

SUNDAY SCHOOL
TRUTH TRAVELERS (JR HIGH)
ADULT BIBLE STUDY
BIBLE STUDY/SMALL GROUP
BIBLE STUDY/SMALL GROUP
WOMENS' SMALL GROUP
GRIEFSHARE
WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY
CHOIR PRACTICE
Wed

CONFIRMATION CLASS

**PICKLEBALL** 

Sundays, 9:25, Music Rm (Second Floor)
H) Sundays, 9:25AM, Youth Rm (Basement)
Sundays, 9:25AM, Heritage Rm
P Sundays, 6PM, Offsite
P Mondays, 7PM, Zoom
Tuesdays, 8:45AM, Heritage Rm
Tuesdays beginning September 26, 1:00 – 2:30PM, Heritage Rm
Wednesdays, 9AM, Heritage Rm
Wednesdays, immediately following Midweek, 2nd Floor, Music/Choir Rm
Wednesdays, 6:30PM, Heritage Rm
Thursdays, 6:30PM, Gym

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