

# St. John's Lutheran Church & School



The Second Sunday in Lent

25 February 2024

## 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.

## Stewardship Verse

1 Peter 2:5

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

## Bell

## Prelude

*"How Firm a Foundation" arr. Thompson St. John's Handbells*

*Stand*

## 433 Glory Be to Jesus



1 Glo - ry be to Je - sus, Who in bit - ter pains  
2 Grace and life e - ter - nal In that blood I find;  
3 Blest through end - less a - ges Be the pre - cious stream  
4 A - bel's blood for ven - geance Plead - ed to the skies;



Poured for me the life - blood From His sa - cred veins!  
Blest be His com - pas - sion, In - fi - nite - ly kind!  
Which from end - less tor - ment Did the world re - deem!  
But the blood of Je - sus For our par - don cries.

- 5 Oft as earth exulting  
Wafts its praise on high,  
Angel hosts rejoicing  
Make their glad reply.
- 6 Lift we, then, our voices,  
Swell the mighty flood;  
Louder still and louder  
Praise the precious blood!

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## Opening Versicles

### Lent

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- 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,  
C **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.**

## Old Testament Canticle

*Refrain*

☐ The Lord God is my strength and my song, and

He has be - come my sal - va - tion.

With joy will you draw wa - ter from the

wells of sal - va - tion. And you will say in that

day: "Give thanks to the Lord, call up - on His name,

make known His deeds a - mong the peo - ples, pro -

claim that His name is ex - alt - ed."

*Refrain*

The Lord God is my strength and my song, and

He has be - come my sal - va - tion.

Sing prais - es to the Lord, for He has done  
glo - rious-ly; let this be made known in all the  
earth. Shout, and sing for joy, O in -  
hab - i - tants of Zi - on, for great in your midst is the  
Ho - ly One of Is - ra - el.

*Refrain*

The Lord God is my strength and my song, and  
He has be - come my sal - va - tion.  
Glo - ry be to the Fa - ther and to the Son  
and to the Ho - ly Spir - it;



Sit

## Reading

Genesis 17:1–7, 15–16

L 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.**

**Psalms 22:23–31**

*Spoken at 8:00, Chanted at 10:45*



- 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 <sup>30</sup>Posterity shall | serve him;\*  
it shall be told of the Lord to the coming gener- | ation;
- A <sup>31</sup>they 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.**

*Stand*

## Gospel Acclamation

**C** 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

### Lent

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

- Ⓒ 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

- Ⓒ 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  $\mathbb{T}$  everlasting. Amen.

## 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.

*Sit*

**Anthem (8:00)**

*"O Come and Mourn"*

**Echoes of Praise**

*Hal Hopson*

**Children's Sermon**



## 719 I Leave All Things to God's Direction



1 I leave all things to God's di - rec - tion; He loves me  
 2 God knows what must be done to save me; His love for  
 3 My God de - sires the soul's sal - va - tion; My soul He,  
 4 My God has all things in His keep - ing; He is the



both in joy and woe. His will is good, sure His af -  
 me will nev - er cease. Up - on His hands He did en -  
 too, de - sires to save. There - fore with Chris - tian res - ig -  
 ev - er faith - ful friend. He gives me laugh - ter af - ter



fec - tion; His ten - der love is true, I know. My for - tress  
 grave me With pur - est gold of lov - ing grace. His will su -  
 na - tion All earth - ly trou - bles I will brave. His will be  
 weep - ing, And all His ways in bless - ings end. His love en -



and my rock is He: What pleas - es God, that pleas - es me.  
 preme must ev - er be: What pleas - es God, that pleas - es me.  
 done e - ter - nal - ly: What pleas - es God, that pleas - es me.  
 dures e - ter - nal - ly: What pleas - es God, that pleas - es me.

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**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*

**C** Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -  
 new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a -  
 way from Thy pres-ence, and take not Thy Ho - ly Spir - it  
 from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of Thy sal - va -  
 tion, and up - hold me with Thy free spir-it. A - men.

## 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.**  
 L 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.**
- L 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

- L 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

- L 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

- C **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.**

# 837 Lift High the Cross

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*Refrain*

Lift high the cross, the love of Christ pro-claim Till  
all the world a - dore His sa - cred name.

1 Come, Chris - tians, fol - low where our Cap - tain trod,  
2 Led on their way by this tri - um - phant sign,  
3 All new - born sol - diers of the Cru - ci - fied  
4 O Lord, once lift - ed on the glo - rious tree,

*Refrain*

Our king vic - to - rious, Christ, the Son of God.  
The hosts of God in con - qu'ring ranks com - bine.  
Bear on their brows the seal of Him who died.  
As Thou hast prom - ised, draw us all to Thee.

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

LSB 267

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

## Benediction

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

## Announcements

### "Concerto after Vivaldi"

J.G. Walther

## Postlude

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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

**Sundays, 9:25, Music Rm (Second Floor)**

### TRUTH TRAVELERS (JR HIGH)

**Sundays, 9:25AM, Youth Rm (Basement)**

### ADULT BIBLE STUDY

**Sundays, 9:25AM, Heritage Rm**

### BIBLE STUDY/SMALL GROUP

**Sundays, 6PM, Offsite**

### BIBLE STUDY/SMALL GROUP

**Mondays, 7PM, Zoom**

### WOMENS' SMALL GROUP

**Tuesdays, 8:45AM, Heritage Rm**

### GRIEFSHARE

**Tuesdays beginning September 26, 1:00 – 2:30PM, Heritage Rm**

### WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY

**Wednesdays, 9AM, Heritage Rm**

### CHOIR PRACTICE

**Wednesdays, immediately following Midweek, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, Music/Choir Rm**

### CONFIRMATION CLASS

**Wednesdays, 6:30PM, Heritage Rm**

### PICKLEBALL

**Thursdays, 6:30PM, Gym**

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