

St. John's Lutheran Church & School



As We Gather

We hear today of eternal life that is given to us because of God's great love for us, shown to us in perhaps the most famous Bible verse, John 3:16. This verse speaks of God's genuine love for us and the world shown in Jesus' death on the cross for us. The love of God never ends. God's love is present here and now and extends into eternal life as eternal love. May we be so encouraged by God's love to share it with others. Thanks be to God for such love!

Stewardship Verse

1 Chronicles 22:18

"Is not the LORD your God with you? And has he not given you peace^{la} on every side? For he has delivered the inhabitants of the land into my hand, and the land is subdued before the LORD and his people."

Bell

Prelude

"Ich Ruf Zu Dir, Herr Jesu Christ"

J.S. Bach

Stand

918 Guide Me, O Thou Great Redeemer

1 Guide me, O Thou great Re-deem-er, Pil-grim through this
2 O-pen now the crys-tal foun-tain Whence the heal-ing
3 When I tread the verge of Jor-dan, Bid my anx-ious
bar-ren land. I am weak, but Thou art might-y;
stream doth flow; Let the fi-ery, cloud-y pil-lar
fears sub-side; Death of death and hell's de-struc-tion,
Hold me with Thy pow'r-ful hand. Bread of heav-en,
Lead me all my jour-ney through. Strong de-liv-'rer,
Land me safe on Ca-naan's side. Songs of prais-es,
bread of heav-en, Feed me till I want no
strong de-liv-'rer, Be Thou still my strength and
songs of prais-es I will ev-er give to
more; shield; Feed me till I want no more.
Thee; Be Thou still my strength and shield.
I will ev-er give to Thee.

Text: William Williams, 1717-91, alt.; (sts. 1-3): tr. Peter Williams, 1722-96, alt.; (sts. 2-3): tr. William Williams, 1717-91
Tune: John Hughes, 1873-1932
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The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

Invocation

- P In the name of the Father and of the T Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C **Amen.**

Exhortation

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- 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.**

Kneel/Sit

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

Confession of Sins

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- 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.**

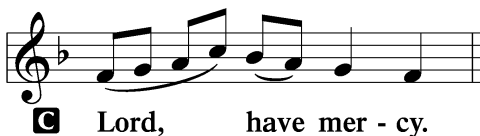
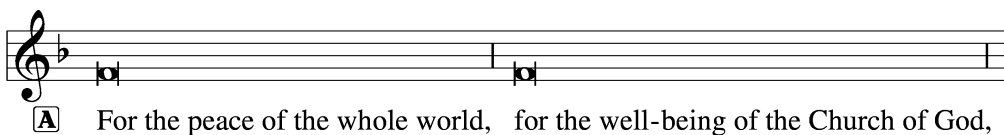
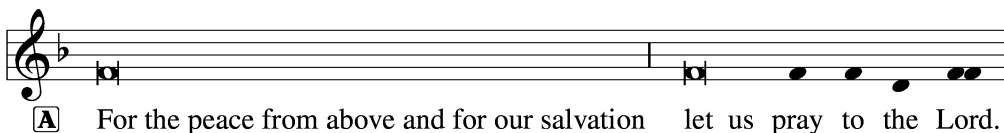
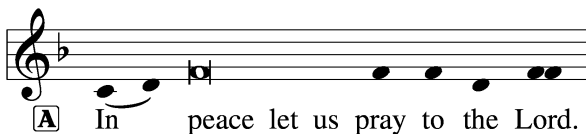
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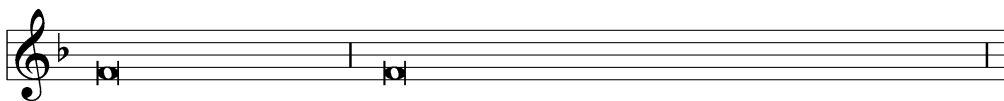
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- P Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the T Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C **Amen.**

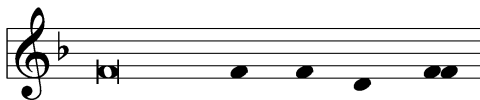
Stand
Kyrie

8:00





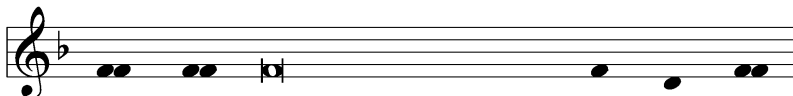
A For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise



let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



A Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious 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, our heavenly Father, Your mercies are new every morning; and though we deserve only punishment, You receive us as Your children and provide for all our needs of body and soul. Grant that we may heartily acknowledge Your merciful goodness, give thanks for all Your benefits, and serve You in willing obedience; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

Old Testament Reading

Numbers 21:4–9

A The Old Testament Reading is from Numbers, chapter 21.

⁴From Mount Hor they set out by the way to the Red Sea, to go around the land of Edom. And the people became impatient on the way. ⁵And the people spoke against God and against Moses, “Why have you brought us up out of Egypt to die in the wilderness? For there is no food and no water, and we loathe this worthless food.” ⁶Then the LORD sent fiery serpents among the people, and they bit the people, so that many people of Israel died. ⁷And the people came to Moses and said, “We have sinned, for we have spoken against the LORD and against you. Pray to the LORD, that he take away the serpents from us.” So Moses prayed for the people. ⁸And the LORD said to Moses, “Make a fiery serpent and set it on a pole, and everyone who is bitten, when he sees it, shall live.” ⁹So Moses made a bronze serpent and set it on a pole. And if a serpent bit anyone, he would look at the bronze serpent and live.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Epistle

Ephesians 2:1–10

A The Epistle is from Ephesians, chapter 2.

¹And you were dead in the trespasses and sins ²in which you once walked, following the course of this world, following the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work in the sons of disobedience — ³among whom we all once lived in the passions of our flesh, carrying out the desires of the body and the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, like the rest of mankind. ⁴But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us, ⁵even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ — by grace you have been saved — ⁶and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, ⁷so that in the coming ages he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. ⁸For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, ⁹not a result of works, so that no one may boast. ¹⁰For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.

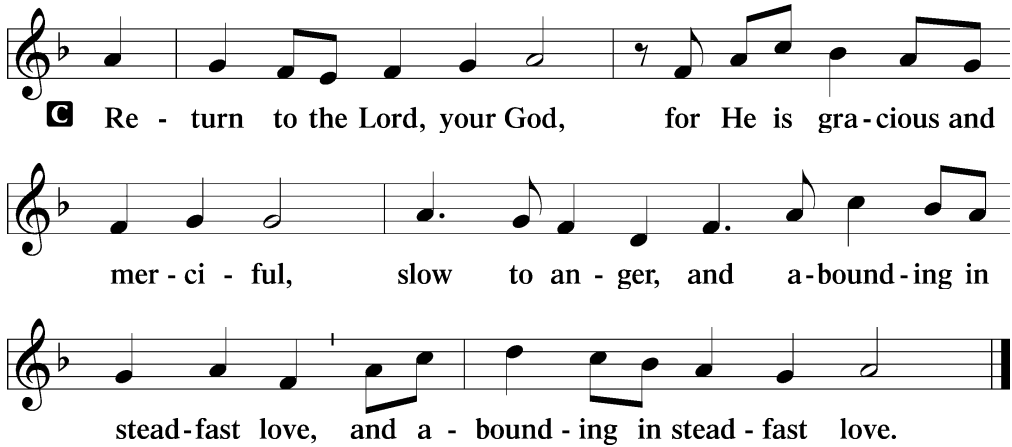
A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Stand

Gospel Acclamation

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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.

Holy Gospel

John 3:14–21

- P** The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the third chapter.
C **Glory to You, O Lord.**

¹⁴[Jesus said:] “As Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, ¹⁵that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

¹⁶“For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. ¹⁷For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him. ¹⁸Whoever believes in him is not condemned, but whoever does not believe is condemned already, because he has not believed in the name of the only Son of God. ¹⁹And this is the judgment: the light has come into the world, and people loved the darkness rather than the light because their deeds were evil. ²⁰For everyone who does wicked things hates the light and does not come to the light, lest his deeds should be exposed. ²¹But whoever does what is true comes to the light, so that it may be clearly seen that his deeds have been carried out in God.”

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

Sit

Children's Sermon

8:00

Baptism of Quinn Emilia Thapa

10:45

Hymn of the Day

8:00



1 God loved the world so that He gave His on - ly
 2 Christ Je - sus is the ground of faith, Who was made
 3 God would not have the sin - ner die; His Son with
 4 Be of good cheer, for God's own Son For - gives all



Son the lost to save, That all who would in
 flesh and suf - fered death; All then who trust in
 sav - ing grace is nigh; His Spir - it in the
 sins which you have done; And, jus - ti - fied by



Him be - lieve Should ev - er - last - ing life re - ceive.
 Him a - lone Are built on this chief cor - ner - stone.
 Word de - clares How we in Christ are heav - en's heirs.
 Je - sus' blood, Your Bap - tism grants the high - est good.

5 If you are sick, if death is near,
 This truth your troubled heart can cheer:
 Christ Jesus saves your soul from death;
 That is the firmest ground of faith.

D 6 Glory to God the Father, Son,
 And Holy Spirit, Three in One!
 To You, O blessed Trinity,
 Be praise now and eternally!

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 Tune: George J. Elvey, 1816-93
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Sermon

"There Are No Substitutes for Faith in the Truth" Pastor Weidler 8:00

St John's School Spring Musical

10:45

"Table for Five... Thousand! The Miracle of the Loaves and Fishes"

Tom S. Long and Allen Pote

Stand

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.**

Prayer of the Church

Response: Hear our prayer

Following the prayers, the people may greet one another in the name of the Lord, saying, "Peace be with you," as a sign of reconciliation and of the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace (Matt. 5:22–24; Eph. 4:1–3).

Exchange of Peace

Sit

Music During Offering

8:00

"Out of My Soul's Depths"

Sasha Johnson Manning

955 Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful

Let the vine - yards be fruit - ful, Lord, And fill to the brim our
cup of bless - ing. Gath - er a har - vest from the seeds that were
sown, That we may be fed with the bread of life. Gath - er the
hopes and the dreams of all; U - nite them with the prayers we
of - fer now. Grace our ta - ble with Your pres - ence, and
give us A fore - taste of the feast to come.

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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.

Collect

A Let us pray.

Almighty and gracious God, You want all to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. Magnify the power of the Gospel in the hearts of Your faithful people that Your Church may spread the good news of salvation. Protect, encourage, and bless all missionaries who proclaim the saving cross that Christ, being lifted up, may draw all people to Himself, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

Benediction

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P The Lord bless you and keep you.

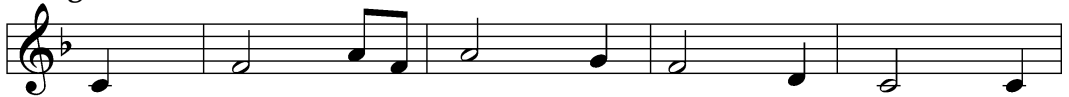
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and T give you peace.

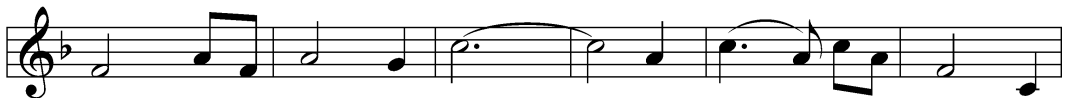
C **Amen.**

744 Amazing Grace

sts. 1–5



1 A - maz - ing grace— how sweet the sound— That
2 The Lord has prom - ised good to me, His
3 Through man - y dan - gers, toils, and snares I
4 Yes, when this flesh and heart shall fail And
5 When we've been there ten thou - sand years, Bright



saved a wretch like me! I once was lost but
Word my hope se - cures; He will my shield and
have al - read - y come; His grace has brought me
mor - tal life shall cease, A - maz - ing grace shall
shin - ing as the sun, We've no less days to



now am found, Was blind but now I see!
por - tion be As long as life en - dures.
safe thus far, His grace will lead me home.
then pre - vail In heav - en's joy and peace.
sing God's praise Than when we'd first be - gun.

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Announcements

Postlude

"Prelude in C"

J.L. Krebs

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Serving in Worship

Rev. Ronald Weidler, Homilist

Rev. Mark Stapleton, Liturgist

Mrs. AnnLaura Tapia, St. John's Children's Choir Director

Mr. Gregory Ceurvorst, Director of Music

The altar flowers are given by Charley to the Glory of God and in memory of his wife Claudia

A special word of thanks to Ms. Strasser, Mrs. Lunde, Mr. Loveless, and Mrs. Hackelberg for their support, and for Barb and Jim Paulsen for providing costumes.

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

WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY

CHOIR PRACTICE

CONFIRMATION CLASS

PICKLEBALL

TRIP ORDER

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

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

Sundays, 9:25AM, Heritage Rm

Sundays, 6PM, Offsite

Mondays, 7PM, Zoom

Tuesdays, 8:45AM, Heritage Rm

Wednesdays, 9AM, Heritage Rm

Wednesdays, 6:30PM, Heritage Rm

Thursdays, 6:30PM, Gym

March 18

Wednesdays, immediately following Midweek, 2nd Floor, Music/Choir Rm



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