

St. John's Lutheran Church and School

March 24, 2019

The Third Sunday of Lent

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Prelude “Lord of Our Life” settings by Roger Petrich & Charles Callahan
 “In the Cross of Christ I Glory” setting by Lynn L. Peterson

Announcements

Opening Hymn: “In the Cross of Christ I Glory”

LSB 427

Please stand for last verse

Invocation

P In the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

Confession and Absolution

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

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.

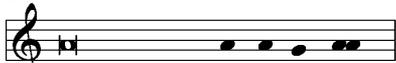
C Amen.

Opening Versicles

- 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.

Kyrie

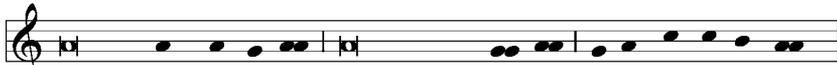
LSB 168



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.



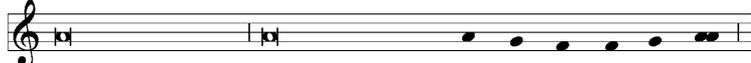
A For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



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.

Sit

Readings from Holy Scripture

Old Testament Reading

Exodus 8:16–24

¹⁶Then the LORD said to Moses, "Say to Aaron, 'Stretch out your staff and strike the dust of the earth, so that it may become gnats in all the land of Egypt.'" ¹⁷And they did so. Aaron stretched out his hand with his staff and struck the dust of the earth, and there were gnats on man and beast. All the dust of the earth became gnats in all the land of Egypt. ¹⁸The magicians tried

by their secret arts to produce gnats, but they could not. So there were gnats on man and beast. ¹⁹Then the magicians said to Pharaoh, “This is the finger of God.” But Pharaoh’s heart was hardened, and he would not listen to them, as the LORD had said.

²⁰Then the LORD said to Moses, “Rise up early in the morning and present yourself to Pharaoh, as he goes out to the water, and say to him, ‘Thus says the LORD, “Let my people go, that they may serve me. ²¹Or else, if you will not let my people go, behold, I will send swarms of flies on you and your servants and your people, and into your houses. And the houses of the Egyptians shall be filled with swarms of flies, and also the ground on which they stand. ²²But on that day I will set apart the land of Goshen, where my people dwell, so that no swarms of flies shall be there, that you may know that I am the LORD in the midst of the earth. ²³Thus I will put a division between my people and your people. Tomorrow this sign shall happen.’”” ²⁴And the LORD did so. There came great swarms of flies into the house of Pharaoh and into his servants’ houses. Throughout all the land of Egypt the land was ruined by the swarms of flies.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Gradual

C *O come, let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God.*

Epistle

Ephesians 5:1–9

¹Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children. ²And walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.

³But sexual immorality and all impurity or covetousness must not even be named among you, as is proper among saints. ⁴Let there be no filthiness nor foolish talk nor crude joking, which are out of place, but instead let there be thanksgiving. ⁵For you may be sure of this, that everyone who is sexually immoral or impure, or who is covetous (that is, an idolater), has no

inheritance in the kingdom of Christ and God. ⁶Let no one deceive you with empty words, for because of these things the wrath of God comes upon the sons of disobedience. ⁷Therefore do not associate with them; ⁸for at one time you were darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Walk as children of light ⁹(for the fruit of light is found in all that is good and right and true).

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Choral Anthem “O Lord, Increase My Faith” by Orlando Gibbons

Stand

Verse for Lent

LSB 173

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

Luke 11:14–28

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the eleventh chapter.

C **Glory be to Thee, O Lord.**

¹⁴Now [Jesus] was casting out a demon that was mute. When the demon had gone out, the mute man spoke, and the people marveled.

¹⁵But some of them said, “He casts out demons by Beelzebul, the prince of demons,” ¹⁶while others, to test him, kept seeking from him a sign from heaven. ¹⁷But he, knowing their thoughts, said to them, “Every kingdom divided against itself is laid waste, and a divided household falls. ¹⁸And if Satan also is divided against himself, how will his kingdom stand? For you say

that I cast out demons by Beelzebul. ¹⁹And if I cast out demons by Beelzebul, by whom do your sons cast them out? Therefore they will be your judges.

²⁰But if it is by the finger of God that I cast out demons, then the kingdom of God has come upon you. ²¹When a strong man, fully armed, guards his own palace, his goods are safe; ²²but when one stronger than he attacks him and overcomes him, he takes away his armor in which he trusted and divides his spoil. ²³Whoever is not with me is against me, and whoever does not gather with me scatters.

²⁴“When the unclean spirit has gone out of a person, it passes through waterless places seeking rest, and finding none it says, ‘I will return to my house from which I came.’ ²⁵And when it comes, it finds the house swept and put in order. ²⁶Then it goes and brings seven other spirits more evil than itself, and they enter and dwell there. And the last state of that person is worse than the first.”

²⁷As he said these things, a woman in the crowd raised her voice and said to him, “Blessed is the womb that bore you, and the breasts at which you nursed!” ²⁸But he said, “Blessed rather are those who hear the word of God and keep it!”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

Responsory

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.

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 everlasting. Amen.

Catechism – *The Sacrament of Holy Baptism*

P How can water do such great things?

C Certainly not just water, but the word of God in and with the water does these things, along with the faith which trusts this word of God in the water. For without God’s word the water is plain water and no Baptism. But with the word of God it is a Baptism, that is, a life-giving water, rich in grace, and a washing of the new birth in the Holy Spirit, as St. Paul says in Titus, chapter three: “He saved us through the washing of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit, whom He poured out on us generously through Jesus Christ our Savior, so that, having been justified by His grace, we might become heirs having the hope of eternal life. This is a trustworthy saying.”

(Titus 3:5–8)

Sit

Children’s Message

Hymn of the Day “Lord of Our Life” Choir only on St. 3

LSB 659

Sermon

There’s No Neutral Zone...

Offering

Voluntary “The Final Word Is Christ” by Doug Plank & Jonathan Jackson
Stand

Doxology: “Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow” *LSB 805*

Prayer of the Church

Lord’s Prayer

P Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

C **Our Father who art in heaven...**

Collect of the Day

P Let us pray.

O God, whose glory it is always to have mercy, be gracious to all who have gone astray from Your ways and bring them again with penitent hearts and steadfast faith to embrace and hold fast the unchangeable truth of Your Word; 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

P 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. Amen.**

New Testament Canticle – Agnus Dei

LSB 180



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.

Blessing

P Let us bless the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Benediction

P The Lord bless you and keep you.

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

The Lord lift His countenance upon you and ✠ give you peace.

C Amen.

Closing Hymn “What Is the World to Me”

LSB 730

Postlude “Prelude in C Major”

by J. S. Bach, BWV 943

Lenten Meals

March 27: St. John's School Athletics – Grilled Hotdogs & Hamburgers

April 3: FIRE – Taco Bar

April 10: Elders – Sloppy Joe Sandwiches

3/24

3/31

Preacher	Rev. Adam Jacobsen	Rev. Adam Jacobsen
Organist	Miguel Ruiz	Miguel Ruiz
Head Elder	Brock Montgomery	Brock Montgomery
Assisting Elder	Collin Richey	Collin Richey
Ushers	8:00 am: Jacob Shepard & Laverne Schaal 10:30 am: Todd Smith & Robert Koelling	8:00 am: Jacob Shepard & Laverne Schaal 10:30 am: Todd Smith & Robert Koelling
Acolytes	8:00 am: Josh Sipes & Chloe Fuller 10:30 am: Zach Wetzel & Andrew Wetzel	8:00 am: Corbin Richey & Miles Harlin 10:30 am: Lexi Saunders & Sammy Cordes
Altar Guild	Cindy Phipps & Sara Doehring	Cindy Phipps & Sara Doehring
Driver	Karen Stoll 258-6377	Karen Stoll 258-6377

Prayers of Sympathy for the family of Tom Roth at the death of his mother, Emily Roth.

Those In Need of Comfort, Health, & Recovery (Recently Added):

- Paul Welton
- Tara Stortzum
- Joan Zauner
- Howard Nelms
- Imogene Tilford
- Margy Leihy – Friend of the DuFrain's
- Jules Martin – Brother of Michael Martin
- Janice Wienke – Cousin of Bareither & Schamann families

GATHERED IN WORSHIP LAST WEEK: Sunday: 288 Wednesday: 318 (includes school)

****Numbers shown below are for Plate and Envelope offerings only****

OFFERING	Previous Bal	Last Week	Current Bal
Budgeted	\$100,694	\$9,154	\$109,848
Collected	\$94,704	\$7,319	\$102,023

Schedule for March 24 – March 31

Sun	8:00 & 10:30 am Worship 9:15 am Education Hour 12:00 pm Wetzel – Gym 1:30 pm Woelber – Gym 2:00 pm Martin - FH 4:00 pm Rankin – Gym 6:00 pm 2 nd Confirmation Questioning		5:00 pm VanHoveln – Gym 5:00 pm Lenten Meal 6:30 pm Lenten Service 7:20 pm Choir Practice
Mon	8:00 am LOL 5:00 pm VanHoveln – Gym 5:30 pm Board of Christian Ed		Thu 8:30 am Exercise Class 9:15 am Thursday AM Bible Study 6:00 pm Farmer – Gym 6:30 pm Men’s Bible Study @ Shepard House
Tue	6:30 am Men’s Bible Study @ Denny’s 8:30 am Exercise Class 10:00 am Cards 4:00 pm Scholastic Bowl 4:00 pm Track Meet @ MHS 5:30 pm Stortzum – Gym		Sat 6:00 pm School Auction Sun 8:00 & 10:30 am Worship w/Holy Communion 9:15 am Education Hour 12:00 pm Wetzel – Gym 1:00 pm Brandenburg – Fam Rm 1:30 pm Woelber – Gym 2:00 pm Martin - FH 4:00 pm Rankin – Gym
Wed	8:30 am Lenten Service		

Church & School News, Events, & Announcements:

We are in search of an additional 2nd grade teacher for the 2019-2020 school year. Applicants must have an elementary teaching license. Please contact Mr. Trent Duckett at 234-4911 if you are interested.

Thank You: On behalf of the St. John's School and the Archery Team, we want give a big thank you to all who gave of your time and contributions to our tournament held last weekend. It was a big success because of you.

No Scrip Order the week of April 15. Orders will resume the following week.

Easter Lily Orders: The lily order forms are out. Please fill out and place in the giving plate or put in the clear plastic hangers outside the church office. Orders are due by Thursday, April 11.

Easter Egg Hunt: Join us for St. John’s Annual Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, April 6, 2019! There will be Donuts, Coffee, and Juice at 10:00 am with the egg hunt starting at 10:30 am! Don’t miss it!

Thank you for your ongoing support of the backpack program. The tote at the north entrance is now inside the interior doors under the TV. You may put mac and cheese cups and fruit cups in the tote. Or you may put a money donation in the mailbox above the tote and Ladies Aid will purchase the items for you. There is a second tote at the west entrance near the church office. ~Ladies Aid

Auction: The auction is next Saturday! Get your tickets now! Tickets are \$30 per person, \$50 per couple, and \$200 per table of 8. Thank you!

Thank you for the cards, prayers, and support following Kent’s passing. We rejoice that he is with his Lord, his sister, and his dad. ~Joyce Schmidt