



# St. John Evangelical Lutheran Church

Second Sunday in Lent  
March 17, 2019

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## Welcome to Worship

### PRELUDE

### WELCOME & GREETING

*Please take a moment to fill out the Connection Card*

### OPENING PRAYER & INVOCATION

**P** We gather in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

### HYMN: “Jesus, I Will Ponder Now”

LSB 440

2 Make me see Your great dis-tress, An - guish, and af - flic - tion,  
Bonds and stripes and wretch-ed - ness And Your cru - ci - fix - ion;  
Make me see how scourge and rod, Spear and nails did wound You,  
How for them You died, O God, Who with thorns had crowned You.

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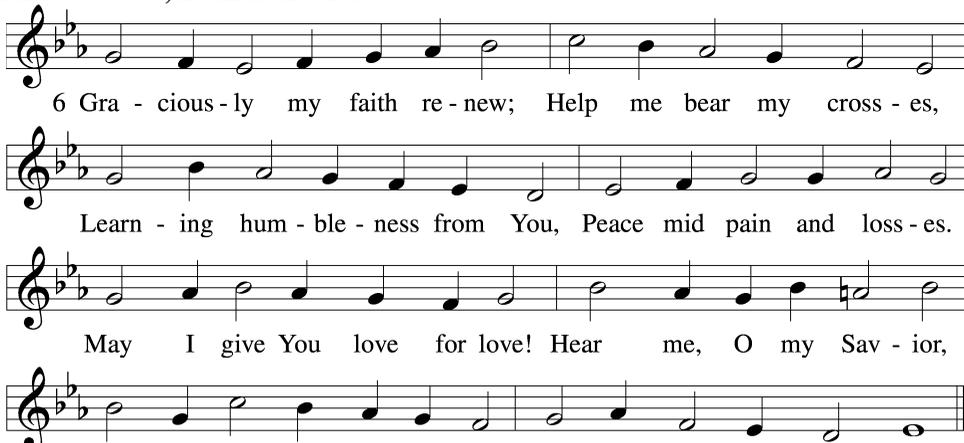


## RESPONSIVE READING

- P** God the Father has his ear turned toward you.
- C** **Lord, teach us to pray.**
- P** God the Son pleads for you before the kingdom throne.
- C** **Lord, teach us to pray.**
- P** God the Holy Spirit gives you the words when you don't know what to say.
- C** **Lord, teach us to pray.**
- P** God is always attentive, always listening, always ready, willing and able to help in time of need. He loves to be your guide and your shield.
- C** **Lord, teach us to pray.**
- P** When you pray, go into your room and shut the door and pray to your Father who is in secret. And your Father who sees in secret will reward you.
- C** **Lord, teach us to pray.**

## HYMN: "Jesus, I will Ponder Now"

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6 Gra - cious - ly my faith re - new; Help me bear my cross - es,  
Learn - ing hum - ble - ness from You, Peace mid pain and loss - es.  
May I give You love for love! Hear me, O my Sav - ior,  
That I may in heav'n a - bove Sing Your praise for - ev - er.

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## CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

- P** Our Lord teaches us to pray and even gives us the words to say. And yet our prayers are often shallow, showy or non-existent.
- C** **Most merciful God, forgive us for the many times we fail to pray. Though you have given us the words to say, we neglect to use them. When we do pray, we often do so for show, for selfish reasons or with a complete lack of trust. Our faulty prayer life is a reflection of weak faith and sinful lives. We are harried and worried because we fail to take our concerns to you in prayer. Forgive us, renew us and restore us so that as your dear children we pray well, pray often and pray without ceasing.**
- P** Our God in his mercy sent his Son, Jesus Christ, who prayed perfectly for you. In his darkest hour he even prayed for you from the cross. Because of his perfect love and mercy demonstrated by his death and resurrection, your sins are forgiven and your life is renewed. As a result, I declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C** **Amen.**

## HYMN: “On My Heart Imprint Your Image”

LSB 422



On my heart im - print Your im - age, Bless - ed Je - sus, King of grace,



That life's rich-es, cares, and plea-sures Nev - er may Your work e-raise;



Let the clear in - scrip-tion be: Je - sus, cru - ci - fied for me,



Is my life, my hope's foun - da - tion, And my glo - ry and sal - va - tion!

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

**P** Let us pray.

**C** **O Lord, I have again come to worship in Your presence and receive the gift of forgiveness of all my sins. Help me hear, through Your Word, the assurance of Your love in Jesus Christ for me and all people. May Your Word pass from my ear to my heart, from my heart to my lips, and from my lips to the ears of others, so that it may achieve the purpose for which You send it; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

## OLD TESTAMENT READING

*1 Samuel 2:1-10*

And Hannah prayed and said, “My heart exults in the Lord; my horn is exalted in the Lord. My mouth derides my enemies, because I rejoice in your salvation. There is none holy like the Lord: for there is none besides you; there is no rock like our God. Talk no more so very proudly, let not arrogance come from your mouth; for the Lord is a God of knowledge, and by him actions are weighed. The bows of the mighty are broken, but the feeble bind on strength. Those who were full have hired themselves out for bread, but those who were hungry have ceased to hunger. The barren has borne seven, but she who has many children is forlorn. The Lord kills and brings to life; he brings down to Sheol and raises up. The Lord makes poor and makes rich; he brings low and he exalts. He raises up the poor from the dust; he lifts the needy from the ash heap to make them sit with princes and inherit a seat of honor. For the pillars of the earth are the Lord's, and on them he has set the world. He will guard the feet of his faithful ones, but the wicked shall be cut off in darkness, for not by might shall a man prevail. The adversaries of the Lord shall be broken to pieces; against them he will thunder in heaven. The Lord will judge the ends of the earth; he will give strength to his king and exalt the horn of his anointed.”

**L** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

## NEW TESTAMENT READING

*1 Thessalonians 5:12-24*

We ask you, brothers, to respect those who labor among you and are over you in the Lord and admonish you, and to esteem them very highly in love because of their work. Be at peace among

yourselves. And we urge you, brothers, admonish the idle, encourage the fainthearted, help the weak, be patient with them all. See that no one repays anyone evil for evil, but always seek to do good to one another and to everyone. Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you. Do not quench the Spirit. Do not despise prophecies, but test everything; hold fast what is good. Abstain from every form of evil. Now may the God of peace himself sanctify you completely and may your whole spirit and soul and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. He who calls you is faithful; he will surely do it.

**L** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

## GOSPEL READING

*Matthew 6:5-18*

And when you pray, you must not be like the hypocrites. For they love to stand and pray in the synagogues and at the street corners, that they may be seen by others. Truly, I say to you, they have received their reward. But when you pray, go into your room and shut the door and pray to your Father who is in secret. And your Father who sees in secret will reward you. And when you pray, do not heap up empty phrases as the Gentiles do, for they think that they will be heard for their many words. Do not be like them, for your Father knows what you need before you ask him. Pray then like this: "Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For if you forgive others their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you, but if you do not forgive others their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses. And when you fast, do not look gloomy like the hypocrites, for they disfigure their faces that their fasting may be seen by others. Truly, I say to you, they have received their reward. But when you fast, anoint your head and wash your face, that your fasting may not be seen by others but by your Father who is in secret. And your Father who sees in secret will reward you.

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C** Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

## NICENE CREED

*A Statement of Our Shared Faith*

**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  $\dagger$  of the world to come. Amen.**

## HYMN: "What a Friend We Have in Jesus"

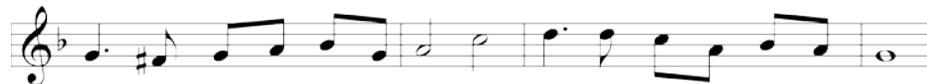
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1 What a friend we have in Je - sus, All our sins and griefs to bear!  
2 Have we tri - als and temp-ta-tions? Is there trou-ble an - y-where?  
3 Are we weak and heav - y lad - en, Cum - bered with a load of care?



What a priv - i - lege to car - ry Ev - 'ry-thing to God in prayer!  
We should nev - er be dis - cour-aged— Take it to the Lord in prayer.  
Pre - cious Sav - ior, still our ref - uge— Take it to the Lord in prayer.



Oh, what peace we of - ten for - feit; Oh, what need-less pain we bear—  
Can we find a friend so faith - ful Who will all our sor - rows share?  
Do thy friends de - spite, for - sake thee? Take it to the Lord in prayer.



All be - cause we do not car - ry Ev - 'ry-thing to God in prayer!  
Je - sus knows our ev - 'ry weak-ness— Take it to the Lord in prayer.  
In His arms He'll take and shield thee; Thou wilt find a sol - ace there.

## TEACHING FROM GOD'S WORD

*Prayer & Fasting*

## OFFERING

*Using our God-given resources to connect people to Jesus.*

## PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

## THE LORD'S SUPPER

**To our visitors:** The **Lord's Supper** is celebrated at St. John in the confession that not only bread and wine, but Jesus Christ's very body and blood are given to us to eat and to drink for the forgiveness of our sins and to strengthen our faith in Him and our union with one another. Our Lord invites to His table all those who believe His words, repent of all sin, and set aside all refusal to forgive and love as He forgives and loves us, that they may show forth His death until He comes. *If this is your first time at St John or have not been instructed about the Lord's Supper we ask that you speak to the Pastor before communing with us.*

- **For those who wish to take communion in their pew, please notify an usher or elder, and be seated on the center aisle at the end of any pew.**
- **We offer either individual or common cup for the wine.**

## PREPARATION FOR THE LORD'S SUPPER

*2 Timothy 4:22; Colossians 3:1 Psalm 136*

- P** The Lord be with you.
- C** **And also 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.**
- P** Glorious Father in heaven, we, Your children, . . . , lifting our voice and singing:

## HOLY, HOLY, HOLY - Sanctus

*Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 21:9 LSB 161*

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might:  
Heav-en and earth are full of Your glo - ry. Ho - san-na. Ho -  
san-na. 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

*Matthew 6:9-13*

**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.

## THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

*1 Corinthians 11:23-25*

## PEACE OF THE LORD - Pax Domini

*John 20:19*

**P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.  
**C** Thanks be to God!

## LAMB OF GOD - Agnus Dei

*John 1:29 LSB 163*

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.

## DISTRIBUTION HYMNS:

“Christ, the Life of All the Living”

LSB 420

“Jesus, Refuge of the Weary”

LSB 423

## THANKSGIVING PRAYER

**P** Let us pray:

**C** We give thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us with this holy supper. We pray that through it you will strengthen our faith in you and increase our love for one another. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen

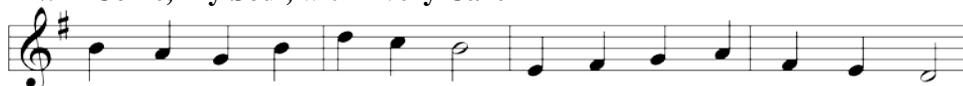
## BENEDICTION

**P** The God of all grace who hears the pleas of Jesus on your behalf, bless you with prayers that are answered according to his will and for your good. Rejoice and be glad! In the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

## HYMN: “Come, My Soul, with Every Care”

LSB 779



1 Come, my soul, with ev - 'ry care, Je - sus loves to an - swer prayer;  
2 Thou art com - ing to a King, Large pe - ti - tions with thee bring;  
3 With my bur - den I be - gin: Lord, re - move this load of sin;  
6 Show me what is mine to do; Ev - 'ry hour my strength re - new.



He Him - self has bid thee pray, There - fore will not turn a - way.  
For His grace and pow'r are such None can ev - er ask too much.  
Let Thy blood, for sin - ners spilt, Set my con - science free from guilt.  
Let me live a life of faith; Let me die Thy peo - ple's death.

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS & POSTLUDE

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## SERVING TODAY/NEXT WEEK

**Liturgist/Preacher:**

Rev. Michael Borgstede

**Organist:** Doreen Sutherland

**Elders for March:**

Bruce Sutherland, Jim Oliver

**Acolyte:**

Maya Reynolds

**Next Sunday:** Morgan Shively

**Reader:**

Herb Meissner

**Next Sunday:** Andrew Johnston

**Counting Team:**

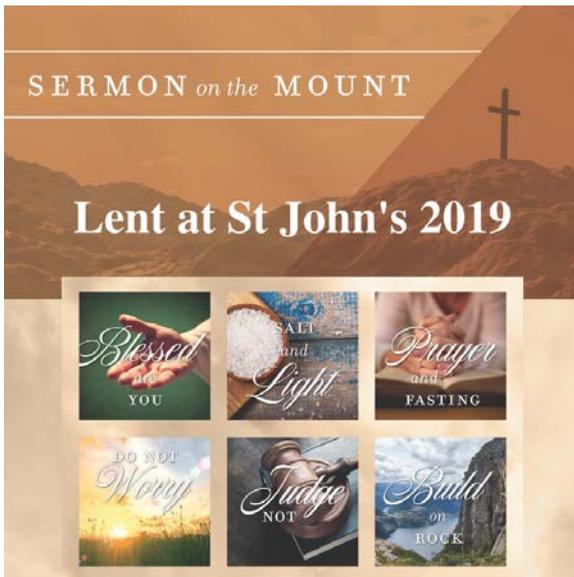
Winston Moeller, Lori Argo, Don Schroeder, Lynn Willis

**Next Week:**

Cathy & Dan Schultz, Vern Bartlett, Kathy Wendt

**Altar Guild for March:**

Donna Carr, Ann Kelly



This series for Lent takes us through some of the most familiar teachings of Jesus from his Sermon on the Mount in Matthew 5-7 and relates them to the events surrounding Christ's life, death and resurrection. Each service will reveal to us that the cross itself is the ultimate sermon on the mount for our journey of faith in this sacred season.

### **Worship**

Sundays at 9:00 AM  
Wednesdays at 7:00 PM

### **Holy Week**

Palm Sunday – April 14, 9:00 AM  
Maundy Thursday - April 18, 7:00 PM  
Good Friday – April 19, 7:00 PM  
Easter Sunday – April 21, 8 & 10:30 AM



Today we remember that Lent is a season of prayer and fasting (*Matthew 6:5-18*) We grow in our relationship with Christ by communicating with him in prayer, and we learn more about him and ourselves by giving up (fasting) those things that can distract us from our connection to him.

- Have you ever given anything up for Lent? How did it go?
- Often we think of giving something up for Lent as a “suffering” since Jesus suffered or denying ourselves something that we know may not be good for us (which we probably should give up more than just in Lent). But fasting or giving up something for Lent is more a way for us to dedicate more time to prayer, Bible Study and worship.
  - How can you “free up” time or remove distractions to spend more time with Jesus this Lent?