



St. John Evangelical Lutheran Church

Third Sunday in Lent
March 24, 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: “Father Welcomes”

LSB 605

Refrain

Fa - ther wel - comes all His chil - dren To His fam - 'ly
 through His Son. Fa - ther giv - ing His sal - va - tion,
 Life for - ev - er has been won.

1 Lit - tle chil - dren, come to Me, For My king - dom
 2 In the wa - ter, in the Word, In His prom - ise,
 is of these. Life and love I have to give,
 be as - sured: Those who are bap - tized and be - lieve

Refrain

Mer - cy for your sin.
 Shall be born a - gain.

Today we welcome Ernest Leroy Hoover IV into God's Family
Son of Ernest III and Diana Hoover

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3 Let us dai - ly die to sin; Let us dai - ly
rise with Him, Walk in the love of Christ our Lord,
Live in the peace of God. *Refrain*

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RESPONSIVE READING

- P** Do not be anxious about what you will eat or drink or wear.
- C** **Life is more than food and the body more than clothing.**
- P** Look at the birds of the air. They don't sow or reap or gather.
- C** **And yet our heavenly Father feeds them.**
- P** Consider the lilies of the field. They neither toil nor spin.
- C** **Even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like them.**
- P** But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which today is alive and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you, O you of little faith?
- C** **Yes! Yes, he will!**
- P** Do not be anxious. Seek first the kingdom of God.
- C** **And all these things will be added unto us.**

CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION

- P** Jesus reminds us not to be anxious or worry. When we seek first his kingdom, everything will be added unto us. And yet we are anxious and we worry.
- C** **Most merciful God, we know that worry is sin. We know that when we are anxious, it is because we fail to put our full trust in you. Instead of seeking your kingdom, we seek to create our own kingdom filled with sin and selfishness. We think we know what’s best for us and fail to see that you always have our best interest in mind. Please forgive us for our lack of faith and trust. When we worry, help us turn to you for full provision and protection. Please forgive us for worshiping ourselves instead of trusting in you.**
- P** God is gracious and his kingdom is filled with love and forgiveness. Because Jesus put his full trust in his heavenly Father and carried the weight of the world on the cross, your worry is overcome by God’s great gifts. The greatest gift of all is the complete forgiveness of sins which I now proclaim to you in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C** **Amen.**

SPECIAL MUSIC

Gospel Lights Choir (2nd-4th Grades)– St John School
Go Forth

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Isaiah 41:8-13

But you, Israel, my servant, Jacob, whom I have chosen, the offspring of Abraham, my friend; you whom I took from the ends of the earth, and called from its farthest corners, saying to you, “You are my servant, I have chosen you and not cast you off”; fear not, for I am with you; be not dismayed, for I am your God; I will strengthen you, I will help you, I will uphold you with my righteous right hand. Behold, all who are incensed against you shall be put to shame and confounded; those who strive against you shall be as nothing and shall perish. You shall seek those who contend with you, but you shall not find them; those who war against you shall be as nothing at all. For I, the Lord your God, hold your right hand; it is I who say to you, “Fear not, I am the one who helps you.”

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

NEW TESTAMENT READING

Philippians 4:5-7

Let your reasonableness be known to everyone. The Lord is at hand; do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

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GOSPEL READING

Matthew 6:25-34

[Jesus said,] Therefore I tell you, do not be anxious about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, nor about your body, what you will put on. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing? Look at the birds of the air: they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? And which of you by being anxious can add a single hour to his span of life? And why are you anxious about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow: they neither toil nor spin, yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these. But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which today is alive and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you, O you of little faith? Therefore do not be anxious, saying, “What shall we eat?” or “What shall we drink?” or “What shall we wear?” For the Gentiles seek after all these things, and your heavenly Father knows that you need them all. But seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be added to you. Therefore do not be anxious about tomorrow, for tomorrow will be anxious for itself. Sufficient for the day is its own trouble.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord. **C** Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

HYMN: “I Am Trusting Thee, Lord Jesus”

LSB 729



1 I am trust-ing Thee, Lord Je - sus, Trust - ing on - ly Thee;
2 I am trust-ing Thee for par - don; At Thy feet I bow.
3 I am trust-ing Thee for cleans - ing In the crim - son flood;
4 I am trust-ing Thee to guide me; Thou a - lone shalt lead,



Trust - ing Thee for full sal - va - tion, Great and free.
For Thy grace and ten - der mer - cy Trust - ing now.
Trust - ing Thee to make me ho - ly By Thy blood.
Ev - 'ry day and hour sup - ply - ing All my need.

**5 I am trusting Thee for power;
Thine can never fail.
Words which Thou Thyself shalt give me
Must prevail.**

**6 I am trusting Thee, Lord Jesus;
Never let me fall.
I am trusting Thee forever
And for all.**

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OFFERING

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

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

- P** God of creation, you clothe the flowers, you take care of the birds of the air, and you grant us everything we need. You have made us your beloved children. Forgive us for our worry and enable us to put our full trust in you.
- C Lord, I believe. Help my unbelief.**
- P** God of creation, you provide government and order. When there is chaos and war, it is the direct result of human sin. Send your love to us and through us that peace would prevail in our world. Where there is need, use us to share out of the bounty you have first given us.
- C Lord, I believe. Help my unbelief.**
- P** God of creation, thank you for the gift of your church. Bind us together in unity. Make us a shining light on a hill. Draw all the nations to your church by your grace.
- C Lord, I believe. Help my unbelief.**
- P** God of creation, you have the power to bring health and healing. Where there is disease and sickness, bring the gift of a cure. Bring us all, at last, to the perfect health of your eternal kingdom.
- C Lord, I believe. Help my unbelief.**
- P** Into your hands, God of creation, we place all of our needs, knowing that you are the one who has all authority, power, grace and mercy to do your will and turn unbelief into trust and belief.
- C Amen.**

BENEDICTION

- P** The God of all grace, who gives you his kingdom and takes away all worry, grant you true trust and complete faith. Rejoice and be glad! In the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.**



HYMN: "Jesus, Savior, Pilot Me"

LSB 715



1 Je - sus, Sav - ior, pi - lot me O - ver life's
 2 As a moth - er stills her child, Thou canst hush
 3 When at last I near the shore And the fear -



tem - pes - tuous sea; Un - known waves be - fore me roll,
 the o - cean wild; Bois - t'rous waves o - bey Thy will
 ful break - ers roar Twixt me and the peace - ful rest,



Hid - ing rock and treach - 'rous shoal. Chart and com -
 When Thou say'st to them, "Be still!" Won - drous Sov -
 Then, while lean - ing on Thy breast, May I hear



pass come from Thee. Je - sus, Sav - ior, pi - lot me.
 'reign of the sea, Je - sus, Sav - ior, pi - lot me.
 Thee say to me, "Fear not, I will pi - lot thee."

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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:	Morgan Shively	Next Sunday: Dante Calvaneso
Reader:	Jim Oliver	Next Sunday: Roger Carr
Counting Team:	Cathy & Dan Schultz, Vern Bartlett, Kathy Wendt	
Next Week:	Peggy Meyer, Mike Scive, Mike Scive II, Matt Scive, Sharon Muir	
Altar Guild for March:	Donna Carr, Ann Kelly	



Message Notes

Main Points:

Bible Passages:

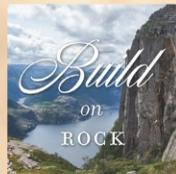
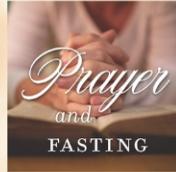
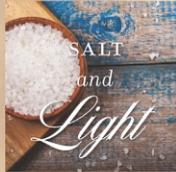
What can I apply to my life?

Jesus tells us in the Sermon on the Mount, “Do not worry.” We recognize that so much of our lives are spent worrying about what might happen or what has happened. Christ teaches us to stop being anxious and to trust that he knows what is best and will take care of us to the very end. But we can’t do this on our own, we need His help and strength to stop worrying.

- What do you worry about? What causes you to be anxious?
- It is very easy to forget or lose sight of God’s goodness and protection in our lives and we get anxious. Hearing God’s Word can help us see and know God’s working in our lives.
 - Write down a favorite Bible passage on a sticky note or notecard and put it someplace you will see it often.
- Do you know of someone who is worried or anxious? Look for an opportunity to share God’s love and comfort with them this week.

SERMON *on the* MOUNT

Lent at St John's 2019



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, 8:00 & 10:30 AM