



# St. John Evangelical Lutheran Church

Fourth Sunday in Lent  
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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  $\text{✠}$  Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C** Amen.

### HYMN: “Jesus, I Will Ponder Now”

LSB 440



4 Grant that I Your pas - sion view With re - pen - tant griev - ing.  
Let me not bring shame to You By un - ho - ly liv - ing.  
How could I re - fuse to shun Ev - 'ry sin - ful plea - sure  
Since for me God's on - ly Son Suf - fered with - out mea - sure?

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### RESPONSIVE READING

- P** Judge not, that you be not judged.
- C** **Speak the truth in love.**
- P** Take the log out of your own eye, then take the speck out of your friend's.
- C** **Speak the truth in love.**
- P** With the judgment you pronounce you will be judged.
- C** **Speak the truth in love.**
- P** Look at others through the lens of forgiveness.
- C** **Speak the truth in love.**



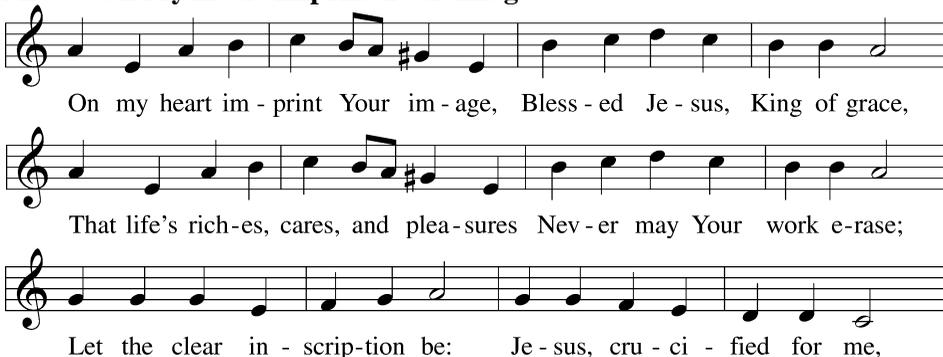
6 Gra - cious - ly my faith re - new; Help me bear my cross - es,  
Learn - ing hum - ble - ness from You, Peace mid pain and loss - es.  
May I give You love for love! Hear me, O my Sav - ior,  
That I may in heav'n a - bove Sing Your praise for - ev - er.

### CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION

- P** Because of our sinful and holier-than-thou judgment of others, we ourselves deserve to be judged by our Heavenly Father.
- C** **Most merciful God, our eyes are wide open to the sins and shortcomings of others. We see the smallest details of the faults of our neighbors but fail to see the large-scale sin in our own life. On the other hand, our eyes are too often closed to your commands. We see only our self-righteousness and think we have no need for any kind of help or forgiveness. Though we deserve your present and eternal punishment, we plead for your mercy and beg for your grace.**
- P** In his mercy and grace, God’s eyes are blinded to our sin by the death of Jesus on the cross. Though we deserve his complete and total judgment, our punishment was placed on his Son. Though we are unjust in our judgment of others, God’s judgment is righteous and perfect. In his mercy he forgives totally and completely. It is my joy to declare to you the 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 - rase;  
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

*Isaiah 11:2-4*

And the Spirit of the Lord shall rest upon him, the Spirit of wisdom and understanding, the Spirit of counsel and might, the Spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord. And his de-light shall be in the fear of the Lord. He shall not judge by what his eyes see, or decide disputes by what his ears hear, but with righteousness he shall judge the poor, and decide with equity for the meek of the earth; and he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked.

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

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

## NEW TESTAMENT READING

*Romans 2:1-11*

Therefore you have no excuse, O man, every one of you who judges. For in passing judgment on another you condemn yourself, because you, the judge, practice the very same things. We know that the judgment of God rightly falls on those who practice such things. Do you sup-pose, O man—you who judge those who practice such things and yet do them yourself—that you will escape the judgment of God? Or do you presume on the riches of his kindness and forbearance and patience, not knowing that God's kindness is meant to lead you to repentance? But because of your hard and impenitent heart you are storing up wrath for yourself on the day of wrath when God's righteous judgment will be revealed. He will render to each one according to his works: to those who by patience in well-doing seek for glory and honor and immortality, he will give eternal life; but for those who are self-seeking and do not obey the truth, but obey unrighteousness, there will be wrath and fury. There will be tribulation and distress for every human being who does evil, the Jew first and also the Greek, but glory and honor and peace for everyone who does good, the Jew first and also the Greek. For God shows no partiality.

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

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

## GOSPEL READING

*Matthew 7:1-5*

Judge not, that you be not judged. For with the judgment you pronounce you will be judged, and with the measure you use it will be measured to you. Why do you see the speck that is in your brother's eye, but do not notice the log that is in your own eye? Or how can you say to your brother, "Let me take the speck out of your eye," when there is the log in your own eye? You hypocrite, first take the log out of your own eye, and then you will see clearly to take the speck out of your brother's eye.

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

**C** **Praise to You, O Christ.**

**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: “I Lay My Sins On Jesus”**

*LSB 606*



1 I lay my sins on Je - sus, The spot - less Lamb of God;  
 2 I lay my wants on Je - sus; All full - ness dwells in Him;  
 3 I rest my soul on Je - sus, This wea - ry soul of mine;



He bears them all and frees us From the ac - curs - ed load.  
 He heals all my dis - eas - es; My soul He does re - deem.  
 His right hand me em - brac - es; I on His breast re - cline.



I bring my guilt to Je - sus To wash my crim - son stains  
 I lay my griefs on Je - sus, My bur - dens and my cares;  
 I love the name of Je - sus, Im - man - uel, Christ, the Lord;



Clean in His blood most pre - cious Till not a spot re - mains.  
 He from them all re - leas - es; He all my sor - rows shares.  
 Like fra - grance on the breez - es His name a - broad is poured.

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## 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, who are filled with Your Spirit and guided by Your Word of truth, lift Your name on high and sing Your praises this day. You have redeemed us from hell, death, and the devil through the sacrifice of Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord. As Your forgiven children, we come to Your throne of grace to receive the gift You provide for us, the true body and blood of our Savior. Nurture our faith in Christ as we stand united as one holy people, lifting our voice and singing:

## HOLY, HOLY, HOLY - Sanctus

Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 21:9 LSB 161

**C** 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

**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.

### DISTRIBUTION HYMNS:

- “In the Cross of Christ I Glory”  
“I Come, O Savior, to Thy Table”

*LSB 427*

*LSB 618*

### 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 judges us to be holy and righteous because of the blood of Jesus grant you his peace. Rejoice and be glad! In the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit.  
**C** Amen.

# HYMN: "Jesus, Thy Blood and Righteousness"

LSB 563



1 Je - sus, Thy blood and righ - teous - ness My beau - ty  
2 Bold shall I stand in that great day, Cleansed and re -  
3 Lord, I be - lieve Thy pre - cious blood, Which at the  
4 Lord, I be - lieve, were sin - ners more Than sands up -



are, my glo - rious dress; Midst flam - ing worlds, in  
deemed, no debt to pay; Ful - ly ab - solved through  
mer - cy seat of God Pleads for the cap - tives'  
on the o - cean shore, Thou hast for all a



these ar - rayed, With joy shall I lift up my head.  
these I am From sin and fear, from guilt and shame.  
lib - er - ty, Was al - so shed in love for me.  
ran - som paid, For all a full a - tone - ment made.

**5 When from the dust of death I rise  
To claim my mansion in the skies,  
This then shall be my only plea:  
Jesus hath lived and died for me.**

**6 Jesus, be endless praise to Thee,  
Whose boundless mercy hath for me,  
For me, and all Thy hands have made,  
An everlasting ransom paid.**

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS & POSTLUDE

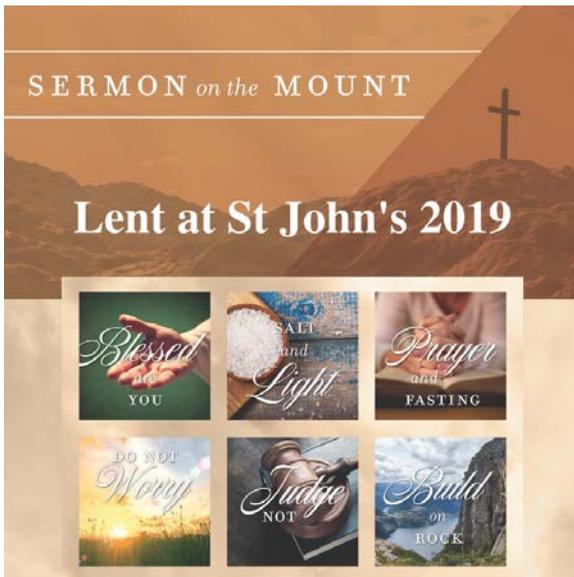
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### SERVING TODAY/NEXT WEEK

<b>Liturgist/Preacher:</b>	Rev. Michael Borgstede	<b>Organist:</b> Doreen Sutherland
<b>Elders for April:</b>	John Licht, Andrew Johnston	
<b>Acolyte:</b>	Dante Calvaneso	<b>Next Sunday:</b> Gavin Griffin
<b>Reader:</b>	Roger Carr	<b>Next Sunday:</b> Matt Scive
<b>Counting Team:</b>	Peggy Meyer, Mike Scive, Mike Scive II, Matt Scive, Sharon Muir	
<b>Next Week:</b>	Chad Cornell, Donna & Frank Cornell, Brent & Lynn Kroening	
<b>Altar Guild for April:</b>	Anita Garito, Mary Salefske, Bev Harder	



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



When Jesus says, “Judge not, that you be not judged,” He is not suggesting that we set aside our ability to look at things critically or to discern the difference between what is good and what is evil. He isn’t suggesting that we should never try to help a friend by a gentle word of correction. Jesus’ command not to judge others is rather a warning against a prideful critical spirit which is quick to make conclusions about the character or behavior of others. It is a reminder that we are sinners just like everyone else and when enter in the business of “correcting errors” we need to approach it humbly, with grace and mercy and recognize that ultimate judgement is up to God. When we leave all judgment up to God, we free ourselves to look at one another through fresh and forgiving eyes.

- We all have had times when we have been corrected for sinful behavior. Think about what worked and didn’t work when you were confronted with your mistake or mis-behavior?
- How can you apply a loving spirit in a situation of conflict you may be facing with another person?