### ST. JOHN LUTHERAN CHURCH & SCHOOL

Wheatfield, New York

First Sunday in Lent February 18, 2024



We are a Christian community called to **worship** and sent to **serve**, welcoming all to **walk** with Christ and **grow** in faith.

### AS WE GATHER

Week 1: "Cross Out" - In this service we remember that all our sins have been crossed out through the forgiveness that comes only through the atoning sacrifice of the crucified Christ.

"As far as east is from the west, so far does he remove our transgressions from us." Psalm 103:12

INVOCATION Matthew 28:19b; 18:20

- **P** In the name of the Father and of the 

  → Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.

RESPONSIVE READING

Psalm 103

- P The Lord works righteousness and justice for all who are oppressed.
- **G** He made known his ways to Moses, his acts to the people of Israel.
- P The Lord is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. He will not always chide, nor will he keep his anger forever.
- He does not deal with us according to our sins, nor repay us according to our iniquities.
- P For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him; as far as the east is from the west, so far does he remove our transgressions from us.
- As a father shows compassion to his children, so the Lord shows compassion to those who fear him. For he knows our frame: he remembers that we are dust.

#### **CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION**

- Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, imploring Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

  Our help is in the name of the Lord,
- **C** who made heaven and earth.
- **P** I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,
- and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

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

- P O almighty God, merciful Father,
- I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.
- P Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the 

  → Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.





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### PRAYER OF THE DAY

- **P** The Lord be with you.
- **C** And also with you.
- **P** Let us pray together:
- Merciful Father, Your Son, Jesus Christ, was lifted high upon the cross that He might bear the sins of the world and draw all people to Himself. Grant that our eyes may ever behold our Savior and His cross, that we may not fear the power of any adversaries but rather rejoice in His victory for us; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

## OLD TESTAMENT READING

Isaiah 1:16-18

<sup>16</sup>Wash yourselves; make yourselves clean; remove the evil of your deeds from before my eyes;

cease to do evil,

<sup>17</sup>learn to do good;

seek justice,

correct oppression;

bring justice to the fatherless, plead the widow's cause.

<sup>18</sup>"Come now, let us reason together, says the LORD:

though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they are red like crimson, they shall become like wool.

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

<sup>31</sup>Let all bitterness and wrath and anger and clamor and slander be put away from you, along with all malice. <sup>32</sup>Be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ forgave you.

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

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

HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 6:9–15

<sup>9</sup>Pray then like this:

"Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name. <sup>10</sup>Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. <sup>11</sup>Give us this day our daily bread, <sup>12</sup>and forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors. <sup>13</sup>And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

<sup>14</sup>For if you forgive others their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you, <sup>15</sup>but if you do not forgive others their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses.

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

### NICENE CREED

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 + of the world to come. Amen.

## CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

# HYMN: "HOW SWEET THE NAME OF JESUS SOUNDS"

- 7 The Father's purpose on the cross Our Savior has fulfilled; The love revealed, the promise kept In everything God willed.
- 10 As far as heav'n above the earth, So great our Father's love. As far as east is from the west He has our sin removed.

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11 Our Savior freely gave himself
To pay sin's awful price;
Now may our lives reflect his life
Of love and sacrifice.

Tune: LSB 524; sts. 7, 10-11

#### **SERMON**

Main Points:	
One thing NEW I learned:	What can I apply to my life?

### **OFFERING**



Psalm 51:10-12 LSB 192

#### PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

- P Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world, you suffered and died to pay the penalty for our sins. As far as east is from the west,
- **C** So far have you removed our transgressions from us.
- Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world, teach us by your Spirit to forgive others as you have forgiven us. As far as east is from the west,
- So far have you removed our transgressions from us.
- P Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world, help us to walk in love as you loved us and gave yourself for us. As far as east is from the west,
- **C** So far have you removed our transgressions from us.
- **P** We lift to You Lord all those in need of prayer . . . Lord, in Your mercy,
- C hear our prayer.
- Into Your hands we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.
- C Amen.

### SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

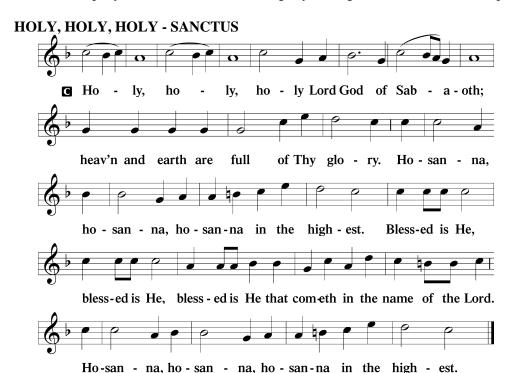
**PREFACE** 2 Timothy 4:22; [Colossians 3:1]; [Psalm 136] LSB 194

- **P** The Lord be with you.
- **C** And with thy spirit.
- **P** Lift up your hearts.
- **C** We lift them up unto the Lord.
- **P** Let us give thanks unto the Lord, our God.
- C It is meet and right so to do.

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 (communion) 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 if you have not been instructed about the Lord's Supper, we ask that you speak to the Pastor before participating in the Lord's Supper

For those who wish to take communion in their seat, please notify an usher or elder, and be seated near the center aisle. We offer either individual or common cup for the wine.

It is truly meet, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who overcame the assaults of the devil and gave His life as a ransom for many that with cleansed hearts we might be prepared joyfully to celebrate the paschal feast in sincerity and truth. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:



Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 21:9 195

LORD'S PRAYER

Matthew 6:9-13

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 11:23–25 197

Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My + body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me." In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My + blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

### PEACE OF THE LORD - PAX DOMINI

John 20:19 197

John 1:29 LSB 198

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

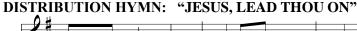




O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak-est a-way the sin of the

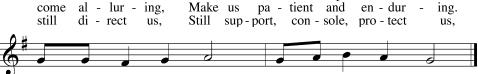


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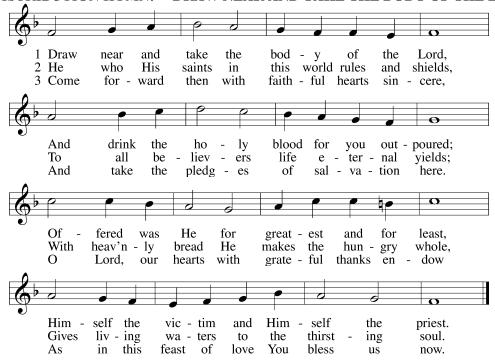
Thy Guide us by hand To fa - ther - land. our For through man - y a To our home we woe go. Show us that bright shore Where we weep no more. Till we safe - ly stand In our fa - ther - land.

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## DISTRIBUTION HYMN: "DRAW NEAR AND TAKE THE BODY OF THE LORD"

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# **SONG OF SIMEON - NUNC DIMITTIS**

Luke 2:29-32 LSB 199



#### **POST-COMMUNION PRAYER**

- We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C Amen.

### **BENEDICTION**

For this purpose Christ came and for this purpose he died: to bring salvation to all. May the Lord who brought salvation to all through the cross bless you and keep you. The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious unto you. The Lord look upon you with favor and give you his peace.

LSB 567

C Amen.

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**



- Thy grace alone, O God,To me can pardon speak;Thy pow'r alone, O Son of God,Can this sore bondage break.
- 6 I bless the Christ of God,
  I rest on love divine,
  And with unfalt'ring lip and heart
  I call this Savior mine.

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