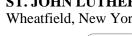
ST. JOHN LUTHERAN CHURCH & SCHOOL

Wheatfield, New York



Fifth Sunday in Lent March 17, 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

Cross Reference

"Long ago, at many times and in many ways, God spoke to our fathers by the prophets, but in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son." Hebrews 1:1-2

In this service for Week 5 in Lent we remember that the cross of Christ was referenced long ago by the prophets and refers us now to the future glory we will experience in heaven with him.

INVOCATION Matthew 28:19b; 18:20

- In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- \mathbf{C} Amen.

RESPONSIVE READING Psalm 77

- I will remember the deeds of the Lord; yes, I will remember your wonders of old.
- I will ponder all your work, and meditate on your mighty deeds.
- Your way, O God, is holy. What god is like our God?
- You are the God who works wonders; you have made known your might among the peoples.

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,
- \mathbf{C} who made heaven and earth.
- 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.

- 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.
- 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.
- \mathbf{C} Amen.

HYMN: "SPEAK, O LORD, YOUR SERVANT LISTENS"

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PRAYER OF THE DAY

- The Lord be with you.
- And also with you. C
- 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 53:6-10

⁶All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned every one to his own way; and the LORD has laid on him the iniquity of us all.

⁷He was oppressed, and he was afflicted, yet he opened not his mouth;

like a lamb that is led to the slaughter, and like a sheep that before its shearers is silent, so he opened not his mouth.

⁸By oppression and judgment he was taken away; and as for his generation, who considered that he was cut off out of the land of the living,

This is the Word of the Lord.

 \mathbf{C} Thanks be to God. ⁹And they made his grave with the wicked and with a rich man in his death, although he had done no violence, and there was no deceit in his mouth. ¹⁰Yet it was the will of the LORD to crush him; he has put him to grief; when his soul makes an offering for sin, he shall see his offspring; he shall prolong his

stricken for the transgression of my people?

the will of the LORD shall prosper in his hand.

NEW TESTAMENT READING

Hebrews 1:1-4

¹Long ago, at many times and in many ways, God spoke to our fathers by the prophets, ²but in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son, whom he appointed the heir of all things, through whom also he created the world. ³He is the radiance of the glory of God and the exact imprint of his nature, and he

This is the Word of the Lord.

 \mathbf{C} Thanks be to God. upholds the universe by the word of his power. After making purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high, 4having become as much superior to angels as the name he has inherited is more excellent than theirs.

HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 24:44-48

⁴⁴Then he said to them, "These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you, that everything written about me in the Law of Moses and the Prophets and the Psalms must be fulfilled." ⁴⁵Then he opened their minds to understand the Scriptures, ⁴⁶ and

said to them, "Thus it is written, that the Christ should suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, ⁴⁷and that repentance and forgiveness of sins should be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. ⁴⁸You are witnesses of these things.

- 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"

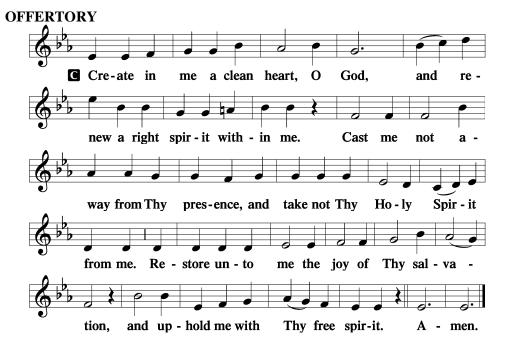
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- 7 The Father's purpose on the cross Our Savior has fulfilled; The love revealed, the promise kept In everything God willed.
- 18 God through the prophets spoke his Word, But when the time had come, The Word made flesh he sent to earth, And spoke through his own Son.
- 19 Christ all the prophets' words fulfilled, And we the news proclaim: By faith in Christ you will receive Forgiveness in his name.

SERMON

OFFERING



Psalm 51:10-12, LSB 192

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

- P Heavenly Father, in Holy Scripture we read your promises about the Messiah, the Anointed One, who would come to save your people, who would come to save us all. Almighty God and Father, you spoke through the prophets;
- And now you have spoken to us through your Son.
- P Heavenly Father, Jesus the Messiah came to defeat sin, death and the devil for us. He is the promised Lamb of God and Son of David. Almighty God and Father, you spoke through the prophets;
- **C** And now you have spoken to us through your Son.
- Heavenly Father, empower us by your Spirit to share the good news of Jesus' life, death and resurrection. Guide us as we bring to a world lost in darkness the message of repentance and life in Jesus' name. Almighty God and Father, you spoke through the prophets;
- And now you have spoken to us through your Son.
- **P** We lift to You Lord all those in need of prayer . . . Lord, in Your mercy,
- **C** hear our prayer.
- P 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



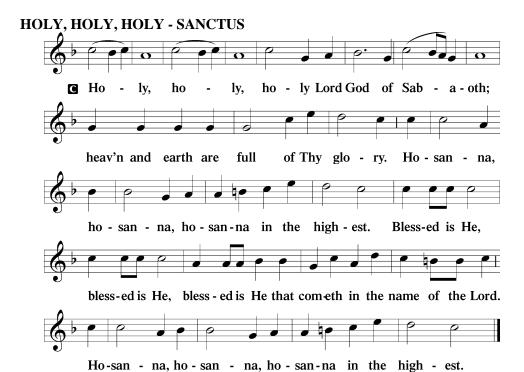




To our visitors: The Lord's Supper is celebrated at St. John in the confession that not only bread and wine, but Jesus Christ's very body and blood are given to us to eat and to drink for the forgiveness of our sins and to strengthen our faith in Him and our union (communion) with one another. Our Lord 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, LSB 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

Matthew 26:26–28; Mark 14:22–24; Luke 22:19–20; 1 Corinthians 11:23–25

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

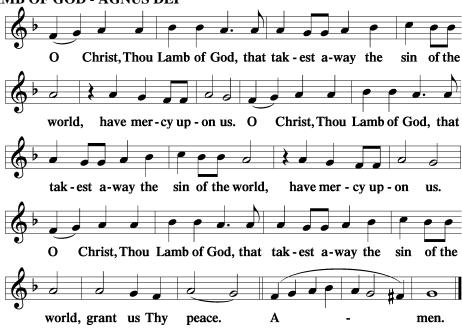
John 20:19, LSB 197

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.



LAMB OF GOD - AGNUS DEI

John 1:29, LSB 198





DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

"MY SONG IS LOVE UNKNOWN"

LSB 430



5 They rise and needs will have
My dear Lord made away;
A murderer they save,
The Prince of Life they slay.
Yet cheerful He
To suff'ring goes
That He His foes

From thence might free.

In life no house, no home
 My Lord on earth might have;
 In death no friendly tomb
 But what a stranger gave.
 What may I say?
 Heav'n was His home
 But mine the tomb
 Wherein He lay.

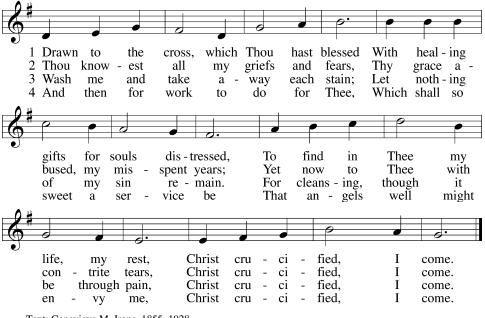
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Here might I stay and sing,
 No story so divine!
 Never was love, dear King,
 Never was grief like Thine.
 This is my friend,
 In whose sweet praise
 I all my days
 Could gladly spend!

"DRAWN TO THE CROSS, WHICH THOU HAST BLESSED"



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is now, and ev-er shall

Luke 2:29-32, LSB 199



A-men.

be, world with - out end.

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.

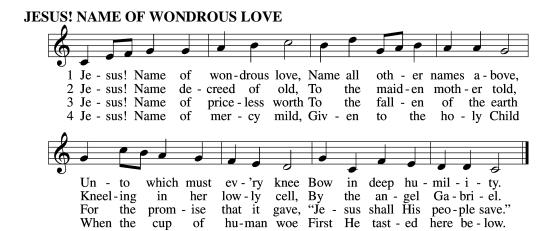
BENEDICTION

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 900

C Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS



- Jesus! Only name that's giv'n
 Under all the mighty heav'n
 Whereby those to sin enslaved
 Burst their fetters and are saved.
- 6 Jesus! Name of wondrous love, Human name of God above; Pleading only this, we flee Helpless, O our God, to Thee.

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