ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH **MARCH 23, 2025** 8:30 AM AND 10:30 AM THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT **LISTEN ON 92.3 FM**

And Jesus came and said to them. 'All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me.

therefore and

MAKE DISCIPLES of all nations.

BAPTIZING them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit

and TEACHING them to obey everything that I have commanded you.

And REMEMBER

I am with you always, to the end of the age." 28:18-20

ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH KIM KYLLO, SENIOR PASTOR NATHAN LYKE, ASSOCIATE PASTOR THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT

PRELUDE: "Jesus, Still Lead On" arr. Paul Manz

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever.

C: Amen.

P: Let us return to God, confessing our sin in the assurance of God's abiding love.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P: Compassionate One, C: you are slow to ange

C: you are slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love, but our lives do not always reflect you and your love for the world.

We do not show others the tender compassion you have shown to us.

We do not welcome others with the radical hospitality you grant to all people.

We oppress others, even though you have set us free again and again.

We squander the abundant gifts of the earth.

Transform our lives and guide us again in the way of the cross.

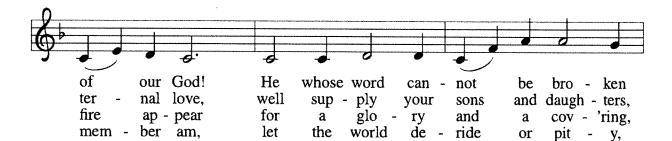
Amen.

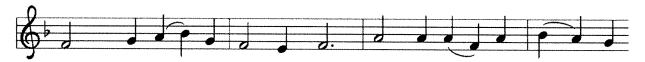
P: Beloved in Christ,
God's arms are always stretched open wide
to welcome the wandering ones home.
In + Christ your sins are forgiven.
You have a place in God's house forever.
C: Amen.

GATHERING SONG: "Glorious Things of You are Spoken" ELW 647



- 1 Glo rious things of you are spo ken, Zi on, cit y 2 See, the streams of liv - ing wa - ters, spring - ing from e
- 2 See, the streams of liv ing wa ters, spring ing from e 3 Round each hab i ta tion hov 'ring, see the cloud and
- 4 Say ior, since of Zi on's cit y I through grace a





formed you for his own a - bode. On the Rock of A ges and all fear of want re - move. Who can faint, while such a show - ing that the Lord is de - riv - ing near. Thus from their will glo - ry in your name. Fad - ing are world's vain the





va - tion's walls sur-round-ed, you may smile at all your foes. like the Lord, the giv - er, nev - er fails from age to age. feed up - on the man - na which God gives them on their way. joys and last - ing trea - sures none but Zi on's chil-dren know.

Text: John Newton, 1725-1807, alt.

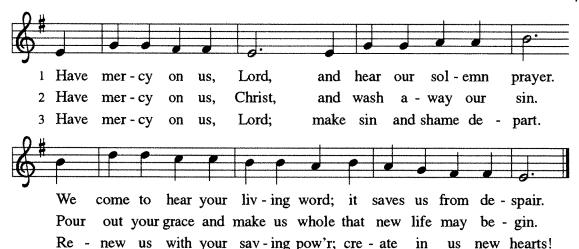
Music: BLAENWERN, William P. Rowlands, 1860-1937

GREETING:ELW p. 203

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: And also with you.

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PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: The Lord Be With You C: And also with you

P: Let Us Pray.

C: Eternal God, your kingdom has broken into our troubled world through the life, death, and resurrection of your Son. Help us to hear your word and obey it, and bring your saving love to fruition in our lives, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

FIRST READING: Isaiah 55:1-9

L: A Reading from Isaiah

¹Ho, everyone who thirsts, come to the waters; and you that have no money, come, buy and eat!
Come, buy wine and milk

without money and without price.

²Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread, and your labor for that which does not satisfy?

Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good,

and delight yourselves in rich food.

³ Incline your ear, and come to me; listen, so that you may live.

I will make with you an everlasting covenant, my steadfast, sure love for David.

⁴ See, I made him a witness to the peoples, a leader and commander for the peoples.

⁵ See, you shall call nations that you do not know, and nations that do not know you shall run to you, because of the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel,

for he has glorified you.

⁶ Seek the Lord while he may be found, call upon him while he is near;

⁷ let the wicked forsake their way, and the unrighteous their thoughts;

let them return to the Lord, that he may have mercy on them, and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon.

⁸ For my thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways my ways, says the Lord.

⁹ For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts.

L: The Word of the Lord

C: Thanks be to God

ANTHEM: (10:30) "A Prayer for Mercy"...... Allen Pote

JAM Choir

Descant: Savannah Halvorson, Hazel Kurtz, Grace Reynolds, and Aubrey Clemence Anthem text:

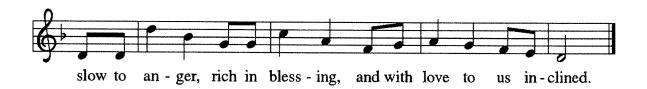
Kyrie Eleison, Christe Eleison Kyrie Eleison, Christe Eleison Lord have mercy on us.

When we make mistakes by doing things we should not do. O Lord forgive us, help us be true.
When we face decisions and knowingly choose the wrong. O Lord forgive us, help us be strong.

CHILDREN'S SERMON.....Amanda Boe

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION ELW p. 205





GOSPEL READING: Luke 13:1-9

P: A reading from the Gospel of Luke

C: Glory to You, O Lord

¹At that very time there were some present who told him about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices.² [Jesus] asked them, "Do you think that because these Galileans suffered in this way they were worse sinners than all other Galileans?³ No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish as they did. ⁴Or those eighteen who were killed when the tower of Siloam fell on them—do you think that they were worse offenders than all the others living in Jerusalem? ⁵ No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish just as they did."

⁶ Then he told this parable: "A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard; and he came looking for fruit on it and found none. ⁷ So he said to the gardener, 'See here! For three years I have come looking for fruit on this fig tree, and still I find none. Cut it down! Why should it be wasting the soil?' ⁸ He replied, 'Sir, let it alone for one more year, until I dig around it and put manure on it. ⁹ If it bears fruit next year, well and good; but if not, you can cut it down.'"

P: The Gospel of our Lord

C: Praise to you, O Christ

SERMON Pastor Kim Kyllo



Text: Michael Gungor, b. 1980, and Lisa Gungor, b. 1982 Music: Michael Gungor and Lisa Gungor

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BEAUTIFUL THINGS irregular

APOSTLES CREED (8:30)

I believe in God, the Father almighty. creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate. was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again: he ascended into heaven. he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church. the communion of saints. the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM (10:30)

Offering Music: "My Song is Love Unknown".....arr. Michael Burkhardt

GIVE WITH YOUR MOBILE DEVICE please scan this QR code or text "give" to 218-210-7853 and click the link

The pink envelopes in March support St. John's Care and Compassion Team Scholarships which will be awarded to our graduating seniors in June. Pick up a pink donation envelope from the pew rack while at church and place your check or cash inside and place in the offering plate during service. Or you can give on Tithe.ly too, just choose "pink envelopes" from the dropdown menu and write "College Scholarships" in the note box.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

PETITION RESPONSE:

P: God of Grace

C: Receive our Prayer

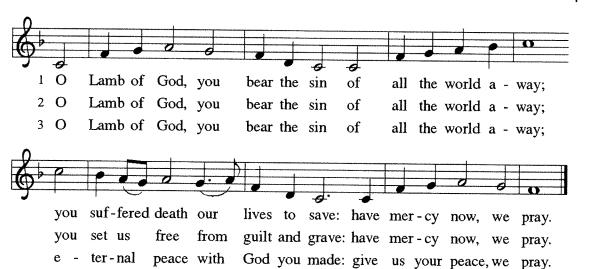
WORDS OF INSTITUTION (8:30)

LORD'S PRAYER

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.

DISTRIBUTION OF HOLY COMMUNION (8:30)

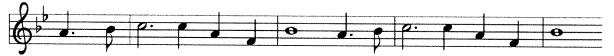
DISTRIBUTION HYMN: (8:30) "Lamb of God"..... ELW p. 208



DISTRIBUTION HYMN: (8:30) "Rock of Ages".....ELW 623



- 1 Rock of A ges, cleft for me, let me hide my-self in
- 2 Not the la bors of my hands thy law's de - mands; can ful - fill
- 3 Noth-ing in hand I bring; sim - ply my to thy cross I
- 4 While I draw this fleet-ing breath, when mine eye lids close in



the wa - ter and the blood, from thy riv - en side which flowed, let no res - pite know, could my tears for - ev - er could my zeal Na - ked, come to thee for dress; help-less, look to thee for grace; when I soar to worlds un - known, see thee on thy judg-ment throne,



be the dou - ble cure; cleanse me from its guilt and pow'r. sin all for sin could not a - tone; thou must save, and thou a - lone. foul, I to the foun-tain fly; wash me, Sav - ior, or I Rock of A - ges, cleft for me, let me hide my-self in thee.

Text: Augustus M. Toplady, 1740-1778

Music: TOPLADY, Thomas Hastings, 1784-1872

BENEDICTION.....ELW p. 115

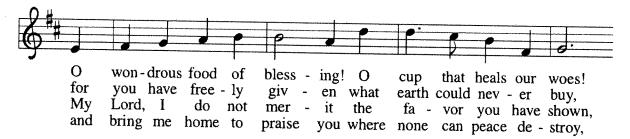
CLOSING HYMN: "O Living Bread from Heaven"ELW 542

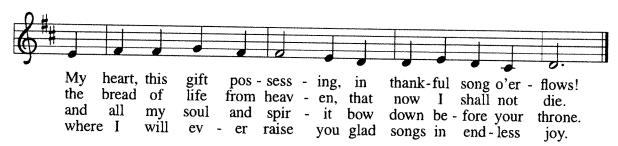


- liv ing Bread from heav en, how well you feed your guest!
- 2 My Sav-ior, you have led me with - in your ho - liest place, have led me with - in your ho - liest place, I want - ed; this food can death de - stroy.
- 3 You gave me all
- 4 Oh, grant me then, well-strength-ened with heav'n-ly food, while here



The gifts that you have giv - en have filled my heart with and here your-self have fed me with trea - sures of your grace; And you have free - ly grant - ed the cup of end - less iov. course on earth is serve you, free from fear; length - ened, to





Text: Johann Rist, 1607-1667; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827-1878, alt. Music: AURELIA, Samuel S. Wesley, 1810-1876

DISMISSAL

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always

C: And also with you

P: We now encourage you to share the Peace of God with others as you leave.

POSTLUDE: "Jesus, Still Lead On" arr. Franklin Ashdown



Baptized at the 10:30 service today is:

Quinn Goodman

Son of Benjamin Goodman and Jessica Quinn

Quinn's sponsors are

John Goodman and Lori Goodman

Welcome, Quinn to the family of God

Wednesday Lenten Schedule of Events

- 5:15-6:15-Lenten Supper
- 5:30 6:30-Youth choirs-JAM (K-4th), FLY (5th-MS)
- 6:00 6:30 Highlights
- 6:30 7:15 Lenten Worship Service
- 7:15 8:00 First Communion Classes,
 Affirm 6th/7th Lenten mentors,
 Affirm 8th/9th Discussions
- 7:15 8:30 Chancel Choir HS-Adult
- 8:00 8:30 Youth Group

Wednesday Lenten Series: "Inside Out Faith"

March 12 - April 9

Join us for Wednesday Lenten Worship at 6:30 pm, as we explore the vibrant landscape of the spiritual and emotional life in "Inside Out Faith." God intentionally designs and creates us in the image of God: with a body, mind, and soul, and equips us with core emotions to help us navigate this life: joy, sadness, fear, anger, and disgust. How are these five core emotions tools that provide information about the world around us and the ways we move through it? Join us as we explore one of these five emotions and how they function in our spiritual lives each week.

March 12—Inside Out Faith—Joy March 19—Inside Out Faith—Sadness March 26—Inside Out Faith—Fear April 2—Inside Out Faith—Anger April 9—Inside Out Faith—Disgust

To diversify our spiritual engagement of this theme, we invite you into two optional practices alongside Wednesday Lenten Worship:

- 1. Adding to our cross mosaic after our Scripture and Message during Wednesday Lenten Worship, you will have the opportunity to engage with the core emotion for that evening by coming forward to add to the cross mosaic, using the corresponding color for that core emotion in fabric and tying it to the cross. By the end of Lent, we will together create a cross covered by a visual representation of our spiritual and emotional lives!
- 2. **Lenten Journaling** During worship each Wednesday, we'll provide a faithful framework around the function of each emotion, using Scripture. Guided journals with prompts for each of the five Lenten Wednesdays will be available for everyone, to take home for ongoing reflection on each night's core emotion. These are yours to keep and use as it is meaningful and spiritually enriching for you! You will not be asked to share your journals or turn them back into us. We pray this will deepen your spiritual life this Lenten season.

Save the date for this summers Vacation Bible School (VBS). An adventure with Jesus! June 16-19, 2025 from 9am-12pm at St. John's. The theme this year is True North! Registration is open now!





Vacation Bible School Pen Pals

This year for vacation bible school, I am hoping to have a letter/picture exchange between our campers and seniors or other adults in our St. John's community and our assisted living friends in the Lakeville community.

The idea for this project would be, you would write a letter (some tips and topics are included below) that will be given to a VBS camper. They will then read and respond to your letter, either with a letter of their own or a special picture, the week of June 16th. You should receive your letter/special picture, or several of them, the week of June 23rd.

Some tips for writing your letter to our campers:

- Since you won't know who you are writing to, you can address the letter "Dear VBS camper" or "Dear Child of God"
- Write a little bit about yourself: your name, where you live (in general, like "Lakeville" or "Highview Hills", etc.) and some things you like to do (play games, garden, read, watch sports, etc.)
- Tell the campers about a favorite bible story or a favorite Bible verse and why it's your favorite or a story from when you were in Sunday School (or VBS) or how much God means to you.
- To close, wish them well on their week at VBS, hope they have a nice summer or tell them how much you are looking forward to receiving their letters.

If this project sounds like something you would like to do, please submit a half page (approximately) **hand-printed or typed** letter by **May 31**st by email to <u>elisa@silcl.org</u> or by regular mail at:

St. John's Lutheran Church C/O Elisa Brown/VBS letters 20165 Heath Ave. Lakeville, MN 55044

Thank you so much, in advance, for participating in this very special project! Elisa Brown, St. John's VBS director

Senior Scholarship Important information

The Care and Compassion Team will be awarding at least three \$500 Scholarships to active St. John's Youth who will be pursuing a post-secondary education. If you are interested in this scholarship opportunity, please submit the following by **Wednesday**, **May 14th**:

- A one-page, 500-word, essay entitled "My Faith Journey". In your essay, describe the following:
 - A. Your early experiences with your faith at church and in your family (Sunday School, VBS, holiday traditions, etc.)
 - B. Your later, middle school and high school experiences with your faith. Include youth group experiences, mission trips, bible camp, clubs at church, activities outside of church etc.
 - C. Think about any special moments of faith you may have had, any "AHa" moments or stories of how you felt God in your life and include these also. Your ideas about how you will continue your faith journey as you move on to this next life chapter

The essay should be submitted as a Word or Google document to elisa@silcl.org

- A copy of an original file of your graduation photo. If you didn't have graduation photos taken, please submit a clear copy of a recent photo of yourself. Please submit either type of photo as a .jpg
- 3. Your contact information including: your email address; phone number; parent's email and phone number; your college's name and the mailing address for the college.
- *The Compassion Team will review all submitted essays and select the scholarship recipients. The winners will be notified by email at the end of May.
- **Students' essays and senior pictures will be shared with the congregation in the June newsletter.**
- **Scholarship money for the winning essays will be distributed in Summer/early Fall 2025.**

Announcements:

1. Altar flowers today are given by John and Diane MacGibbon in memory of Kelsey.

2. Thursday Morning Small Groups:

Paper Crafters Small Group - 1st Thursdays, 9 am - 2 pm Quilters Small Group - 2nd & 3rd Thursdays, 9 am - 2 pm Stitchers Small Group - 4th Thursdays, 9-11 am

3. Mary Breakfast Bunch Small Group

Facilitator: Jackie Knauff

Meets: 1st Tuesday of every month at 8:30 am; Meets next April 1st.

Where: Cracker Barrel, Lakeville

4. Hannah Women's Study Small Group

Facilitator: Ruth Weber

Meets on the first Wednesday of each month at 9:30am from September through

June. Contact Ruth for details.

Where: St. John's

Topic: A study of other religions and other faiths, with fellowship and treats. The study

group is open to women of all ages and backgrounds.

5. **Dementia Caregivers Support Group**

If you are a family member or caregiver to someone experiencing Alzheimer's disease, join us for this small group, where you'll find an open environment for sharing feelings, thoughts, and experiences to better cope with and manage the shared problems of dementia.

Facilitators: Pastor Kim Kyllo & Lola Amendt (of Highview Hills)

Meets: Once/month, 10:00-11:00am on the 2nd Thursday of the month we meet next

on April 10th.

Where: Highview Hills

6. **More Than Just Lunch** will be viewing the new art exhibit at the Thrivent building in downtown Minneapolis on **April 15th.** The new exhibit is The Expression of Awe through Art. This exhibit features objects from the Thrivent Collection of Religious Art as well as a variety of works from the Collection of Contemporary art. The artworks on display span eight centuries, from the 14th century to present day. Thrivent has had a variety of art works over the past 43 years. After the tour we will have lunch at the East Town Cafe which is in the Thrivent building. We will **meet at church at 9:30.**

7. Men's Monday Breakfast Small Group

Facilitator: Peter Gudel (contact: pigudel@gmail.com)

Meets Next: April 21.

Where: Perkins in Lakeville

Would you like to spend time chatting with old friends or get to know other men from

St. John's? Gather with us at Perkins for fellowship and food.

8. Everyday Bible Conversations (EBC's). Every week, we look for God in our

Everyday Lives with a video and devotions based on the week's Gospel, wherever we happen to be.

These weekly messages include a 3–5-minute video (available on St. John's YouTube channel, and through the website and app), as well as a one-page devotional that summarizes the reading, asks a few questions, and encourages an action step for the week to come. If you would like to access EBC, but need help, please ask Candy in the church office. And let's go find God!!

- 9. The book group will be reading "All the Light We Cannot See" by Anthony Doerr. Plan to come to the group discussion on April 9 at 1:00pm. (note the new date). Marie-Laure lives with her father in Paris near the Museum of Natural History where he works as the master of its thousands of locks. When she is six, Marie-Laure goes blind and her father builds a perfect miniature of their neighborhood so she can memorize it by touch and navigate her way home. When she is twelve, the Nazis occupy Paris, and father and daughter flee to the walled citadel of Saint-Malo, where Marie-Laure's reclusive great uncle lives in a tall house by the sea. With them they carry what might be the museum's most valuable and dangerous jewel.
- 10. **New Member Lunch: TODAY March 23rd 11:30 am.** Ready to learn more about St. John's or make this your new church home? Join us for New Member Lunch to get even more oriented to the ministry and mission of St. John's! RSVP for this event using the QR code.



11. Worship helpers needed

We are so thankful to have many volunteers to serve in worship and in other areas at St. John's. Some of the more pressing needs are for readers, worship coordinators, clickers and running the sound and livestream during worship.

Readers:

Worship Coordinators







Clickers:

12. The **Minnesota FoodShare March Campaign** is the largest grassroots fundraiser in the state, and here at St. John's, we are kicking off a month-long series of Food Share events based on the meals we share every day that we maybe don't even think about. For each week in the month of March, you are invited to bring a food item for the corresponding meal of the week. Our goal is to reach **1000 lbs.** of donated items for our neighbors! (FYI, The Souper Bowl of Caring campaign produced 674 lbs. of food!)

Here's the schedule of events:

Week of March 2 - Breakfast Items

Week of March 9 - Lunch Items

Week of March 16 - Dinner Items

Week of March 23 - Personal Care/Child Care Items

As always monetary donations are gratefully accepted

2025 Easter Flower Order form				
	Price Per Plant	Quantity	Name:	
6" Easter Lily	\$12.00			
10" Pansy Bowl	\$17.00			
6" Orange Asiatic Lily	\$13.00			
6" Pink Asiatic Lily	\$13.00		Method of Payment:	
6" Pink Azalea	\$26.00			
6" Pink/White bi-color Azalea	\$26.00		Phone Number:	
6" Blue Hydrangea	\$30.00			
6" Tulip - Yellow	\$11.00			
6" Tulip - Pink	\$11.00		Email:	
6" Mum - Purple	\$13.00			
6" Mum - White	\$13.00		In Honor of/In Memory of:	
TOTAL DUE:				
Note: Sizes listed are the size of the pots				
Final day to place an order is Sunday, March 30				
All orders must be paid at the time of ordering.				
Payment to St. John's via check or Tithe.ly				

Those Serving Today:

Organist	Priscilla Thoreen
	Perry Fuerniss (8:30), Linda Nielsen (10:30)
	Grant Johannessen (8:30), Kay Halvorson (10:30)
Usher Team Leader	Perry Fuerniss (8:30), Joe Stoddard (10:30)
	(10:30)
	Brody Fitzke (10:30)
Communion Set Up and Clean Up	Laurie Barth
Communion Servers	Perry Fuerniss, John Hartwig, Tricia Murphy (8:30),
	N/A Baptism (10:30)
Sound Tech	Brandon Wright (8:30), Dave Coldren (10:30)
Clicker Team	
	Francine Capasso (8:30), (10:30)
	(8:30), Pam & Peter Haukoos (10:30)
Coffee Servers	Judy Borchardt and Judy Nyssen
Those	Serving Next Week:
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Organist	_
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