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# ***Welcome***

to St. John Lutheran Church and our Traditional Worship Service. We are so glad you have chosen to join us today and we pray your time with us will fill you with the love our Lord has for you.

May God bless your worship with us today,  
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***Compelled by the Love of Christ to Live,  
Learn, Share, and Serve'***

*Our Vision is to inspire the vibrant experience of  
Christian faith in our community, to all  
generations, wherever they may be'*

**Second Sunday in Lent**

***Divine Service Three (pp 184ff)***

**A Time of Preparation**

**Prelude**

**Sharing of the Peace and Welcome**

**Opening Song**

***"Chief of Sinners Though I Be" LSB 611***

Chief of sinners though I be,  
Jesus shed His blood for me,  
Died that I might live on high,  
Lives that I might never die.  
As the branch is to the vine,  
I am His, and He is mine.

Oh, the height of Jesus' love,  
Higher than the heav'ns above,  
Deeper than the depths of sea,  
Lasting as eternity!

Love that found me—wondrous thought!  
Found me when I sought Him not.

Only Jesus can impart  
Balm to heal the wounded heart,  
Peace that flows from sin forgiv'n,  
Joy that lifts the soul to heav'n,  
Faith and hope to walk with God  
In the way that Enoch trod.

Chief of sinners though I be,  
Christ is all in all to me;  
All my wants to Him are known,  
All my sorrows are His own.

He sustains the hidden life  
Safe with Him from earthly strife.

O my Savior, help afford  
By Your Spirit and Your Word!  
When my wayward heart would stray,  
Keep me in the narrow way;  
Grace in time of need supply  
While I live and when I die.

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## Invocation

LSB 184

**P** In the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

*The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.*

## Confession and Forgiveness

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

**P** 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,

**C** **and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.**

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

**P** Almighty God, our maker and redeemer, we poor sinners confess unto You that we are by nature sinful and unclean and that we have sinned against You by thought, word, and deed. Wherefore we flee for refuge to Your infinite mercy, seeking and imploring Your grace for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ.

**C** **O most merciful God, who has given Your only-begotten Son to die for us, have mercy upon us and for His sake grant us remission of all our sins; and by Your Holy Spirit increase in us true knowledge of You and of Your will and true obedience to Your Word, to the end that by Your grace we may come to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

**P** Almighty God, our heavenly Father, has had mercy upon us and has given His only Son to die for us and for His sake forgives us all our sins. To those who believe on His name He gives power to become the children of God and has promised them His Holy Spirit. He that believes and is baptized shall be saved. Grant this, Lord, unto us all.

**C** Amen.

### Service of the Word

**P** Remember your mercy, O Lord, and your steadfast love,

**C** for they have been from of old.

**P** You who fear the Lord, trust in the Lord!

**C** He is their help and their shield.

**P** The Lord has remembered us; he will bless us;

**C** he will bless the house of Israel; he will bless the house of Aaron;

**P** he will bless those who fear the Lord,

**C** both the small and the great.

**P** We will bless the Lord

**C** from this time forth and forevermore. Praise the Lord!

### Glory be to the Father *(Sung)*

*LSB 186*

**C** Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

### Lord, Have Mercy *(Sung)*

*LSB 186*

**C** Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us.

### Prayer of the Day

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And with thy spirit.

**P** Let us pray together...

**C** O God, You see that of ourselves we have no strength. By Your mighty power defend us from all adversities that may happen to the body and from all evil thoughts that may assault and hurt the soul; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

## First Reading

Genesis 22:1-14

<sup>1</sup> After these things God tested Abraham and said to him, "Abraham!" And he said, "Here I am." <sup>2</sup> He said, "Take your son, your only son Isaac, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah, and offer him there as a burnt offering on one of the mountains of which I shall tell you." <sup>3</sup> So Abraham rose early in the morning, saddled his donkey, and took two of his young men with him, and his son Isaac. And he cut the wood for the burnt offering and arose and went to the place of which God had told him. <sup>4</sup> On the third day Abraham lifted up his eyes and saw the place from afar. <sup>5</sup> Then Abraham said to his young men, "Stay here with the donkey; I and the boy will go over there and worship and come again to you." <sup>6</sup> And Abraham took the wood of the burnt offering and laid it on Isaac his son. And he took in his hand the fire and the knife. So they went both of them together. <sup>7</sup> And Isaac said to his father Abraham, "My father!" And he said, "Here I am, my son." He said, "Behold, the fire and the wood, but where is the lamb for a burnt offering?" <sup>8</sup> Abraham said, "God will provide for himself the lamb for a burnt offering, my son." So they went both of them together. <sup>9</sup> When they came to the place of which God had told him, Abraham built the altar there and laid the wood in order and bound Isaac his son and laid him on the altar, on top of the wood. <sup>10</sup> Then Abraham reached out his hand and took the knife to slaughter his son. <sup>11</sup> But the angel of the LORD called to him from heaven and said, "Abraham, Abraham!" And he said, "Here I am." <sup>12</sup> He said, "Do not lay your hand on the boy or do anything to him, for now I know that you fear God, seeing you have not withheld your son, your only son, from me." <sup>13</sup> And Abraham lifted up his eyes and looked, and behold, behind him was a ram, caught in a thicket by his horns. And Abraham went and took the ram and offered it up as a burnt offering instead of his son. <sup>14</sup> So Abraham called the name of that place, "The LORD will provide"; as it is said to this day, "On the mount of the LORD it shall be provided."

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

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

## Installation of Vicar Jonah Schutte

**Solo by Faith Schutte**

"Holy Water"

## Gospel Reading

Mark 1:9-15

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the first chapter.



**C** Glo - ry be to Thee, O Lord.

<sup>9</sup>In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. <sup>10</sup>And when he came up out of the water, immediately he saw the heavens being torn open and the Spirit descending on him like a dove. <sup>11</sup>And a voice came from heaven, "You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased." <sup>12</sup>The Spirit immediately drove him out into the wilderness. <sup>13</sup>And he was in the wilderness forty days, being tempted by Satan. And he was with the wild animals, and the angels were ministering to him. <sup>14</sup>Now after John was arrested, Jesus came into Galilee, proclaiming the gospel of God, <sup>15</sup>and saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand; repent and believe in the gospel."

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



**C** Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

## Apostles' Creed

**C** I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His 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 into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life  $\times$  everlasting. Amen.

## Children's Message

## Message Song

## “The Lamb” LSB 547

The Lamb, the Lamb, O Father, where’s the sacrifice?

Faith sees, believes

God will provide the Lamb of price! **Refrain**

**ref** Worthy is the Lamb whose death makes me His own!

The Lamb is reigning on His throne!

The Lamb, the Lamb, One perfect final offering.

The Lamb, the Lamb,

Let earth join heav’n His praise to sing. **Refrain**

The Lamb, the Lamb, As wayward sheep their shepherd kill

So still, His will

On our behalf the Law to fill. **Refrain**

He sighs, He dies, He takes my sin and wretchedness.

He lives, forgives,

He gives me His own righteousness. **Refrain**

He rose, He rose, My heart with thanks now overflows.

His song prolong

Till ev’ry heart to Him belong. **Refrain**

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## Message

## “Flying Colors”

### Offering

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### Offering Song - Sung

LSB 192

- ☒ Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from Thy presence, and take not Thy Holy Spirit from me. Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation, and uphold me with Thy free spirit. Amen.**

## Prayer of the Church

## Lord's Prayer

LSB 196

**P** Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

**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.**

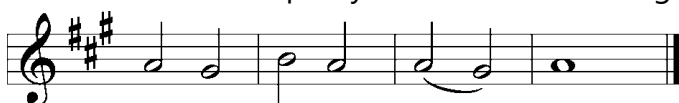
## Blessing

LSB 202

**P** The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.



**C** A-men, a-men, a - men.

## Closing Song

## “Glory Be to Jesus” LSB 433

Glory be to Jesus, Who in bitter pains  
Poured for me the lifeblood From His sacred veins!

Grace and life eternal In that blood I find;  
Blest be His compassion, Infinitely kind!

Blest through endless ages Be the precious stream  
Which from endless torment Did the world redeem!

Abel’s blood for vengeance Pleaded to the skies;  
But the blood of Jesus For our pardon cries.

Oft as earth exulting Wafts its praise on high,  
Angel hosts rejoicing Make their glad reply.

Lift we, then, our voices, Swell the mighty flood;  
Louder still and louder Praise the precious blood!

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