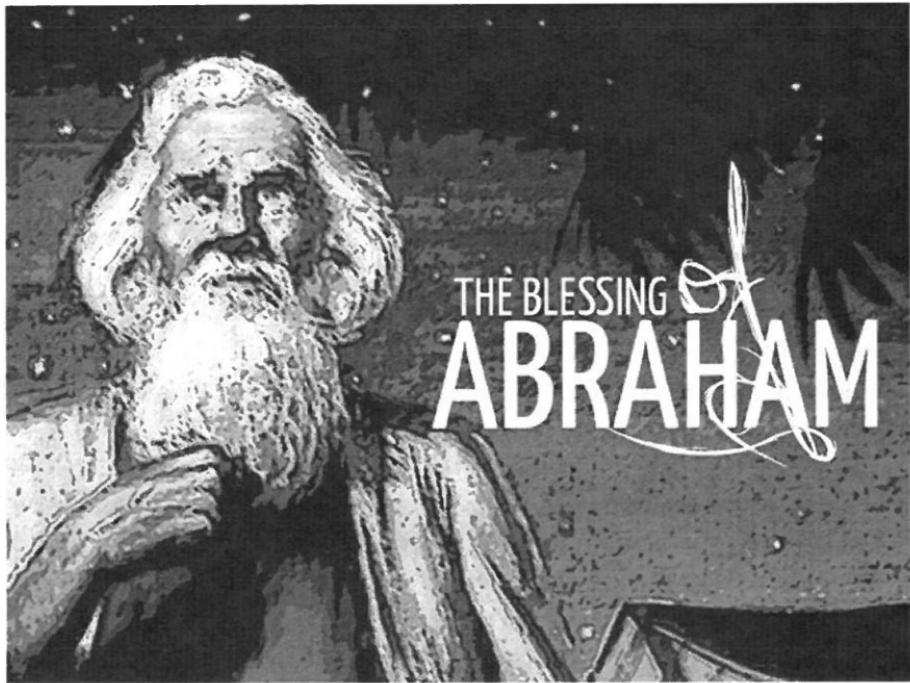


# St. Johns Lutheran Church

*In Jesus*



*Is Fulfilled*

## **ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE DAY**

Today is the Second Sunday in Lent, as we journey through this penitential season with its focus on repentance and renewal of our faith. In Genesis we hear how God promised that Abraham would not only father a son but also a great nation. In the Epistle we hear Paul describe the righteousness that comes through faith, not works. In the Gospel we hear of Jesus' visit with Nicodemus and His gift of new life in the Spirit through Baptism.

## AS WE GATHER

That which is born of flesh cannot inherit the kingdom of God, only that which is born of the Spirit, born from above and born anew. With Nicodemus we marvel at Jesus' words. It is hard for us to admit that we cannot save ourselves but must be redeemed from sin and its death. Even more difficult is to see in the baptismal water that power of the Spirit connecting us to Christ's death and resurrection—giving us this new birth. "How can this be?"

Nicodemus marvels at Jesus' words and promise, and so are we in awe of God's gracious favor: "For God so loved the world, that He gave His only Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life" (John 3:16).

## RINGING OF THE BELLS WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

### WELCOME GUESTS

We're glad you are here! Make it a point to introduce yourself to the pastor. Please take time to fill out an attendance card and drop it in the basket during the offering. Our service today includes the celebration of God's presence, as He comes in the true body and blood of Christ in the Sacrament of Holy Communion. **Any who are not yet instructed or who hold a confession differing from that of this congregation and The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod, are asked to refrain** from receiving the sacrament until they have spoken with the pastor.

### PREPARATION

**The God of Abr'ham praise,  
Who reigns enthroned above;  
Ancient of everlasting days  
And God of love.  
Jehovah, great I AM!  
By earth and heav'n confessed;  
I bow and bless the sacred name  
Forever blest.**

**The God of Abr'ham praise,  
At whose supreme command  
From earth I rise and seek the joys  
At His right hand.  
I all on earth forsake,  
Its wisdom, fame, and pow'r,  
And Him my only portion make,  
My shield and tow'r.**

**The God of Abr'ham praise,  
Whose all-sufficient grace  
Shall guide me all my pilgrim days  
In all my ways.  
He deigns to call me friend;  
He calls Himself my God.  
And He shall save me to the end  
Through Jesus' blood.**

**He by Himself has sworn;  
I on His oath depend.  
I shall, on eagle wings upborne,  
To heav'n ascend.  
I shall behold His face;  
I shall His pow'r adore  
And sing the wonders of His grace  
Forevermore.**

## INVOCATION

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

## CONFESSiON AND ABSOLUTiON

From where does my help come?

**My help comes from the LORD, who made heaven and earth.**

*Silence for meditation and reflection*

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. Forgive me all my sins and grant me the power of Your Holy Spirit that I may amend my sinful life.**

In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ is given to die for us, and for His sake God forgives us all our sins. To those who believe in Jesus Christ He gives the power to become the children of God and bestows on them the Holy Spirit. May the Lord, who has begun this good work in us, bring it to completion in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.

**Amen.**

## WORD

**INTROIT** *Psalm 105:4–7; antiphon: v. 8*

**He remembers his covenant for \* ever,  
the word that he commanded, for a thousand gener \* ations.**

Seek the Lord \* and his strength;  
seek his presence con \* tinually!  
Remember the wondrous works that \* he has done,  
his miracles, and the judgments he \* uttered,  
O offspring of Abraham, his \* servant,  
children of Jacob, his \* chosen ones!  
He is the \* Lord our God;  
his judgments are in \* all the earth.  
Glory be to the Father and \* to the Son  
and to the Holy \* Spirit;  
as it was in the be \* ginning,  
is now, and will be forever. \* Amen.  
He remembers his covenant for \* ever,  
the word that he commanded, for a thousand gener \* ations.

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

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.**

## MEMORIZED WORD

**22** put off your old self, which belongs to your former manner of life and is corrupt through deceitful desires, **23** be renewed in the spirit of your minds, **24** and put on the new self, created after the likeness of God in true righteousness and holiness. Ephesians 4:22-24

## OLD TESTAMENT READING *Genesis 12:1-9*

<sup>1</sup>The Lord said to Abram, “Go from your country and your kindred and your father’s house to the land that I will show you. <sup>2</sup>And I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. <sup>3</sup>I will bless those who bless you, and him who dishonors you I will curse, and in you

all the families of the earth shall be blessed.”<sup>4</sup> So Abram went, as the Lord had told him, and Lot went with him. Abram was seventy-five years old when he departed from Haran.<sup>5</sup> And Abram took Sarai his wife, and Lot his brother’s son, and all their possessions that they had gathered, and the people that they had acquired in Haran, and they set out to go to the land of Canaan. When they came to the land of Canaan,<sup>6</sup> Abram passed through the land to the place at Shechem, to the oak of Moreh. At that time the Canaanites were in the land.<sup>7</sup> Then the Lord appeared to Abram and said, “To your offspring I will give this land.” So he built there an altar to the Lord, who had appeared to him.<sup>8</sup> From there he moved to the hill country on the east of Bethel and pitched his tent, with Bethel on the west and Ai on the east. And there he built an altar to the Lord and called upon the name of the Lord.<sup>9</sup> And Abram journeyed on, still going toward the Negeb.

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### **GRADUAL**

**[O come, let us fix our eyes on] \* Jesus,  
the founder and perfecter \* of our faith,  
who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross,  
despise \* ing the shame,  
and is seated at the right hand of the \* throne of God.**

### **EPISTLE      *Romans 4:1–8, 13–17***

<sup>1</sup>What then shall we say was gained by Abraham, our forefather according to the flesh? <sup>2</sup>For if Abraham was justified by works, he has something to boast about, but not before God. <sup>3</sup>For what does the Scripture say? “Abraham believed God, and it was counted to him as righteousness.” <sup>4</sup>Now to the one who works, his wages are not counted as a gift but as his due. <sup>5</sup>And to the one who does not work but trusts him who justifies the ungodly, his faith is counted as righteousness, <sup>6</sup>just as David also speaks of the blessing of the one to whom God counts righteousness apart from works:

<sup>7</sup>“Blessed are those whose lawless deeds are forgiven,

and whose sins are covered; <sup>8</sup>blessed is the man against whom the Lord will not count his sin.”

<sup>13</sup>For the promise to Abraham and his offspring that he would be heir of the world did not come through the law but through the righteousness of faith. <sup>14</sup>For if it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. <sup>15</sup>For the law brings wrath, but where there is no law there is no transgression.

<sup>16</sup>That is why it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his offspring—not only to the adherent of the law but also to the one who shares the faith of Abraham, who is the father of us all, <sup>17</sup>as it is written, “I have made you the father of many nations”—in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist.

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**VERSE**      *John 3:16*

**For God so loved the world, that He gave His only Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life.**

**HOLY GOSPEL**      *John 3:1-17*

The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the third chapter.

**Glory to You, O Lord.**

<sup>1</sup>Now there was a man of the Pharisees named Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews. <sup>2</sup>This man came to Jesus by night and said to him, “Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher come from God, for no one can do these signs that you do unless God is with him.” <sup>3</sup>Jesus answered him, “Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born again he cannot see the kingdom of God.” <sup>4</sup>Nicodemus said to him, “How can a man be born when he is old? Can he enter a second time into his mother’s womb and be born?” <sup>5</sup>Jesus answered, “Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God. <sup>6</sup>That which is born of

the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. <sup>7</sup>Do not marvel that I said to you, ‘You must be born again.’ <sup>8</sup>The wind blows where it wishes, and you hear its sound, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit.” <sup>9</sup>Nicodemus said to him, “How can these things be?” <sup>10</sup>Jesus answered him, “Are you the teacher of Israel and yet you do not understand these things? <sup>11</sup>Truly, truly, I say to you, we speak of what we know, and bear witness to what we have seen, but you do not receive our testimony. <sup>12</sup>If I have told you earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you heavenly things? <sup>13</sup>No one has ascended into heaven except he who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. <sup>14</sup>And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, <sup>15</sup>that whoever believes in him may have eternal life. <sup>16</sup>“For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. <sup>17</sup>For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.”

This is the Gospel of the Lord.  
**Praise to You, O Christ.**

### **CHILDREN’S MESSAGE**

**HYMN** “Lord, Thee I Love with All My Heart” *LSB 708*

**Lord, Thee I love with all my heart;  
I pray Thee, ne'er from me depart,  
With tender mercy cheer me.  
Earth has no pleasure I would share,  
Yea, heav'n itself were void and bare  
If Thou, Lord, wert not near me.  
And should my heart for sorrow break,  
My trust in Thee can nothing shake.  
Thou art the portion I have sought;  
Thy precious blood my soul has bought.**

**Lord Jesus Christ, My God and Lord, my God and Lord,  
Forsake me not! I trust Thy Word.**

**Yea, Lord, 'twas Thy rich bounty gave  
My body, soul, and all I have  
In this poor life of labor.**

**Lord, grant that I in ev'ry place  
May glorify Thy lavish grace  
And help and serve my neighbor.  
Let no false doctrine me beguile;  
And Satan not my soul defile.**

**Give strength and patience unto me  
To bear my cross and follow Thee.**

**Lord Jesus Christ, My God and Lord, my God and Lord,  
In death Thy comfort still afford.**

**Lord, let at last Thine angels come,  
To Abram's bosom bear me home,  
That I may die unfearing;  
And in its narrow chamber keep  
My body safe in peaceful sleep  
Until Thy reappearing.**

**And then from death awaken me,  
That these mine eyes with joy may see,  
O Son of God, Thy glorious face,  
My Savior and my fount of grace.**

**Lord Jesus Christ, my prayer attend, my prayer attend,  
And I will praise Thee without end.**

## **SERMON**

**NICENE CREED** *View in back of Hymnbook or on the Screen*

## **OFFERING**

## **PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

Let us pray

For grace that we with Abraham hear and follow the call to faith and that God count such faith as righteousness,  
let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For grace that, having received the new birth of water and the Spirit, we daily manifest this new life and show forth the fruits of this new birth in word and in deed, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For grace, that God relieve the suffering and heal the sick according to His will, that He give peace to the dying and comfort the grieving with the hope of the resurrection, [*especially. . .*], let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For grace that the forces of evil be hindered and for freedom that the Gospel be preached in every place and to every people, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For grace that we give thanks to God for all His gifts and blessings, for His mercies new every morning, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For grace, that we who approach the Lord's Table be prepared to receive there the holy body and precious blood of Christ let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend ourselves and all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy, through Jesus Christ.

**Lord, have mercy and grant us Your grace always. Amen.**

## SACRAMENT

### PREFACE

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

## PROPER PREFACE

It is truly good, 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 singing:

### SANCTUS *LSB 208*

**Holy, holy, holy Lord God of Sabaoth adored;  
Heaven and earth with full acclaim  
shout the glory of Your Name.  
Sing Hosanna in the highest,  
Sing hosanna to the Lord;  
Truly blest is He who comes  
In the name of the Lord!**

## THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

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  $\mathbb{X}$  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  $\mathbb{X}$  blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me.”

## THE LORD'S PRAYER *View in back of Hymnbook or on the Screen*

### **AGNUS DEI LSB 210**

**O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God,  
You take the sin of the world away;  
O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God,  
Have mercy on us, Lord, we pray.**

**O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God,  
You take the sin of the world away;  
Have mercy on us, Jesus Christ,  
And grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.**

### **DISTRIBUTION HYMNS**

**God Loved the World So That He Gave LSB 571  
Savior, When in Dust to Thee LSB 419**

### **NUNC DIMITTIS LSB 211**

**O Lord, now let Your servant  
Depart in heav'nly peace,  
For I have seen the glory  
Of Your redeeming grace;  
A light to lead the Gentiles  
Unto Your holy hill,  
The glory of Your people,  
Your chosen Israel.**

**All glory to the Father,  
All glory to the Son,  
All glory to the Spirit,  
Forever Three in One;  
For as in the beginning,  
Is now, shall ever be,  
God's triune name resounding  
Through all eternity.**

### **POST-COMMUNION COLLECT**

**Let us pray.  
Lord God, You have called Your servants to ventures of which we**

cannot see the ending, by paths as yet untrodden, through perils unknown. Give us faith to go out with good courage, not knowing where we go but only that Your hand is leading us and Your love supporting us; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**Amen.**

### **BENEDICTION**

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.

**Amen.**

**HYMN**      The God of Abraham Praise *LSB 798 (Verses 5-9)*

**Though nature's strength decay,  
And earth and hell withstand,  
To Canaan's bounds I urge my way  
At His command.  
The wat'ry deep I pass,  
With Jesus in my view,  
And through the howling wilderness  
My way pursue.**

**The goodly land I see,  
With peace and plenty blest:  
A land of sacred liberty  
And endless rest.  
There milk and honey flow,  
And oil and wine abound,  
And trees of life forever grow  
With mercy crowned.**

**There dwells the Lord our king,  
The Lord our righteousness,  
Triumphant o'er the world and sin,  
The Prince of Peace.  
On Zion's sacred height**

**His kingdom He maintains  
And glorious with His saints in light  
Forever reigns.**

**The God who reigns on high  
The great archangels sing,  
And, "Holy, holy, holy!" cry,  
"Almighty King!  
Who was and is the same  
And evermore shall be;  
Jehovah, Father, Great I AM!  
We worship Thee!"**

**The whole triumphant host  
Give thanks to God on high.  
"Hail, Father, Son, and Holy Ghost!"  
They ever cry.  
Hail, Abr'ham's God and mine!  
I join the heav'nly lays:  
All might and majesty are Thine  
And endless praise!**

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|-------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| Preacher                | Pastor Michael Tanney               |
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| Lector                  | Dan Reh                             |
| Elders                  | Al Bohannon, Ban Le                 |
| Organist                | Suzanne Manelli                     |
| Ushers                  | Ruth Evers, Joan Potvin, Ben Thomas |
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| Acolytes/Worship Screen | Charleigh Williams                  |
| Greeter                 | Joan Potvin                         |

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# Prayers

**Special Prayer Petitions** – Dennis Solomon healing from gum disease; Gerry Engert who is in hospice; Don Osiek who is at Delmar Gardens; Me Nguyen as she has a painful back; Carmen Hobson who is having back surgery; Man Magar who is recovering from therapy; Mabel Wilke thanks as she celebrated her 97<sup>th</sup> birthday on the 17<sup>th</sup>; Nepali and Vietnamese Communities worshipping here; EAGLE and Compass as they look for more staff. For those infected by the corona virus.

**Shut Ins** – Jeanette Creamer, Gerry Engert, Carmen Hobson, Bobbie Kepford, Me Nguyen, Dennis Solomon, Jerry Schmaltz, Mabel Wilke, Carol Carr, Trinh Nguyen

## *Opportunities to Love and Serve Christ this Week* *March 8-March 15*

|             |  |
|-------------|--|
| Sunday      | 9:00am Worship w/ Communion<br>10:30am Bible Study<br>10:30am Nepalese Worship                 |
| Monday      | 3:30 pm Compass<br>7:00pm WOW  |
| Tuesday     | 3:30 pm Compass Chapel<br>7:00pm Confirmation w/ Parents                                       |
| Wednesday   | 5:30pm ESL<br>6:30pm Lent Midweek Service  |
| Thursday    | 2:00pm Ridgewood Bible Study<br>3:30pm Compass   |
| Friday      | 8:00am Bible Study   |
| Saturday    | 8:30am Food Pantry   |
| Next Sunday | 8:00am Vietnamese Worship<br>9:00am Worship<br>10:30am Bible Study<br>10:30am Nepalese Worship |

# Announcements

Saved to Share Called to Care

## Our Response to God's Love Last Week

Attendance Sunday: 41

Nepalese Attendance: 32

Midweek Service: 30

Offering : \$2,045.25

**LUSO CHOIR CONCERT** The choirs of Lutheran High School South invite you to enjoy their “Sacred Concert” on Sunday evening, March 8, at 7:00 pm. The concert is hosted by St. John’s Lutheran Church on Jeffco Blvd in Arnold. Come enjoy sacred song presented by the Lancer Singers, the Junior Singers, and the Concert Choir. The offering will support the upcoming choir tour to Nebraska.

**SLEEPY EYES** In this weeks Lenten Service, we see in Gethsemane that Jesus’ inner circle—Peter, James, and John—cannot keep their eyes open to watch and pray with Him for even an hour. How awake have we been, lest we fall prey to temptation? Why does Jesus agree that His Father’s will be done?

**FRIENDSHIP SUNDAY** is scheduled for Sunday March 29<sup>th</sup>. We will have our Friendship Celebration in our regular 9am service and it will be followed by a continental breakfast in the Fellowship Hall. Invitations are available for you today and each Sunday thereafter. The theme this year is “A sweet friendship refreshes the soul” Proverbs 2:19.

**SAVE THE DATE** Join us on our trip to the Creation Museum and Noah’s Ark May 29-30. Tickets cost \$80 per person, lodging will be \$100 per room, transportation will be \$40 per person, and you will be on your own for food. The deadline is March 29<sup>th</sup> with a \$25 deposit. If you have any questions, contact Al Bohannon @ 314-401-0628.

# St Johns Creation Museum Trip

May 29 -30, 2020

Leave Date: May 29th

Time: 7:00 am

Return Date May 30th

Time: 7:00 pm

This is a 2 day event with one overnight stay at the Riverside Hotel.

1st Day May 29th: Tour of the Creation Museum

2nd Day May 30th: Tour of Ark Encounter

## Creation Museum/Ark Encounter Rates:

Adult (18-59) \$79.95

Senior (60 and older) \$69.95

Youth (11-17) \$44.95

Children (10 and under) Free

\*\*Prices does not include \$0.50 Williamstown

Safety Assessment Fee or 6% Kentucky Sales Tax

## Riverside Inn Rates

2 Double Bed Room (sleeps 4) = \$95.20 per room

Regular Suite (sleeps 6) = \$128.80 per room

Apt. Suite (sleeps 7) = \$168.00 per room

Need 25.00 down per person to reserve rooms

## Van Ride Cost (15 people)

Round Trip: 30.00 per person

Please contact Al Bohannon if you plan on attending  
and for any questions (314-401-0628)