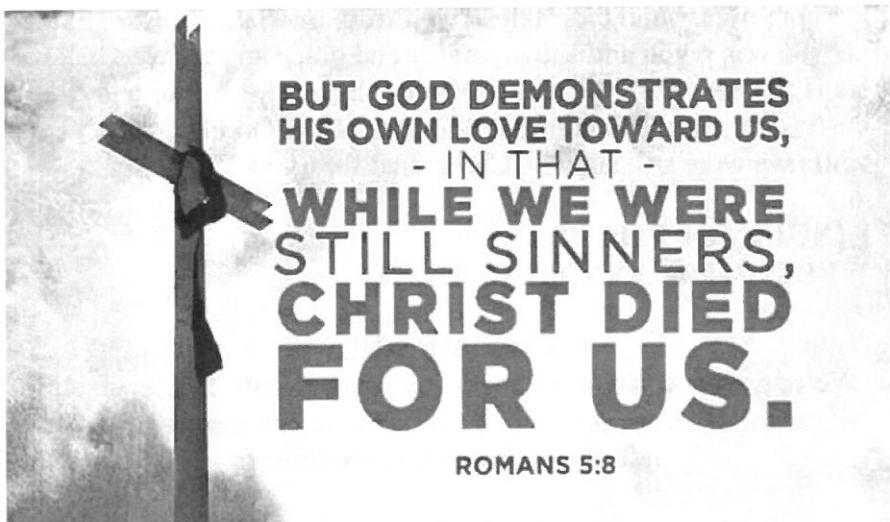


# St. Johns Lutheran Church



## ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE DAY

Halfway through our Lenten journey to the cross this Third Sunday in Lent, we are reminded of the sinful waywardness of humanity and that despite our unfaithfulness, God answers with His grace. From the wilderness wandering in Exodus and His providing water from a rock to a grumbling people, to the Epistle truth of Him saving us even while we were sinners, to the Gospel where upon meeting a marginalized Samaritan woman Jesus would give the gift of living water that brings eternal life, we are also reminded of our own waywardness and sin. Yet through it all, our own hunger and thirst for righteousness and forgiveness are always met by the gift of our Savior Jesus Christ.

## AS WE GATHER

God's mercy and grace are revealed to those who deserve anything but. The Israelites who wandered the wilderness complained of no water. They didn't deserve anything because of their sinfulness, yet God responds in mercy and grace, providing water from a rock. A marginalized Samaritan woman didn't receive compassion from her community and didn't deserve it from our Savior Jesus Christ, yet she was given and shown mercy and grace and came to believe He is the Savior of the world. We, too, have gone astray and deserve much less than mercy and grace from God Himself. Yet, while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

## **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.

## PREPARATION

## HYMN

## When I Behold Jesus Christ LSB 542

**When I behold Jesus Christ,  
True God who died for me,  
I wonder much at His love  
As He hung on the tree.**

*Refrain*

**What kind of love is this?  
What kind of love it this?  
You showed Your love, Jesus, there,  
To me on Calvary.  
What kind of love is this?  
What kind of love it this?  
You showed Your love, Jesus, there,  
To me on Calvary.**

**For me You gave all Your love,  
For me You suffered pain;  
I find no words, nothing can  
Your selflessness explain. *Refrain***

**You had no sin, holy Lord,  
But You were tortured, tried;  
On Golgotha there for all  
My sins you bled and died. *Refrain***

**What love is this? Greater love  
No one has ever known.  
My life with God-this I owe  
To You, and You alone. *Refrain***

## **INVOCATION**

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

## **CONFESSiON AND ABSOLUTION**

In His hand are the depths of the earth; the heights of the mountains are His also.  
The sea is His, for He made it, and His hands formed the dry land.  
**Almighty Lord, our Creator, we confess to You we forget Your power and might, fail to trust in Your ever-providing hands, and are found lacking in our managing of this world You formed.**

Oh come, let us worship and bow down; let us kneel before the LORD, our Maker!

For He is our God, and we are the people of His pasture, and the sheep of His hand.

**Almighty Lord, our Maker and Shepherd, we confess we like sheep have gone astray, listening to other voices of this world. We have not loved You with our whole heart and have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.**

Today, if you hear His voice, do not harden your hearts, as at Meribah, as on the day at Massah in the wilderness, when your fathers put Me to the test and put Me to the proof, though they had seen My work. For forty years I loathed that generation and said, “They are a people who go astray in their heart, and they have not known My ways.” Therefore I swore in My wrath, “They shall not enter My rest.”

**Almighty Lord, like those You sent wandering in the wilderness, we justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.**

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 84:1–4; antiphon: v. 5*

**Blessèd are those whose strength is \* in you,  
in whose heart are the highways to \* Zion.**

How lovely is your \* dwelling place,  
O \* Lord of hosts!  
My soul longs, yes, faints for the courts \* of the Lord;  
my heart and flesh sing for joy to the \* living God.  
Even the sparrow finds a home, and the swallow a nest for  
herself, where she may \* lay her young,  
at your altars, O Lord of hosts, my King \* and my God.  
Blessèd are those who dwell \* in your house,  
ever sing \* ing your praise!  
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.  
Blessèd are those whose strength is \* in you,  
in whose heart are the highways to \* Zion.

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

O God, whose glory it is always to have mercy, be gracious to all who have gone astray from Your ways and bring them again with penitent hearts and steadfast faith to embrace and hold fast the unchangeable truth of Your Word; 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

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

Ephesians 4:22-24

## OLD TESTAMENT READING *Exodus 17:1-7*

<sup>1</sup>All the congregation of the people of Israel moved on from the wilderness of Sin by stages, according to the commandment of the Lord, and camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the

people to drink. <sup>2</sup>Therefore the people quarreled with Moses and said, “Give us water to drink.” And Moses said to them, “Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you test the Lord?” <sup>3</sup>But the people thirsted there for water, and the people grumbled against Moses and said, “Why did you bring us up out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and our livestock with thirst?” <sup>4</sup>So Moses cried to the Lord, “What shall I do with this people? They are almost ready to stone me.” <sup>5</sup>And the Lord said to Moses, “Pass on before the people, taking with you some of the elders of Israel, and take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile, and go. <sup>6</sup>Behold, I will stand before you there on the rock at Horeb, and you shall strike the rock, and water shall come out of it, and the people will drink.” And Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel. <sup>7</sup>And he called the name of the place Massah and Meribah, because of the quarreling of the people of Israel, and because they tested the Lord by saying, “Is the Lord among us or not?”

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**GRADUAL** *Hebrews 12:2*

**[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 5:1–8*

<sup>1</sup>Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>2</sup>Through him we have also obtained access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and we rejoice in hope of the glory of God. <sup>3</sup>More than that, we rejoice in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, <sup>4</sup>and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, <sup>5</sup>and hope does not put us to shame, because God’s love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us. <sup>6</sup>For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died

for the ungodly. <sup>7</sup>For one will scarcely die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person one would dare even to die— <sup>8</sup>but God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**VERSE**      *John 4:23a*

**The hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth.**

**HOLY GOSPEL**      *John 4:5–26*

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

**Glory to You, O Lord.**

<sup>5</sup>[Jesus] came to a town of Samaria called Sychar, near the field that Jacob had given to his son Joseph. <sup>6</sup>Jacob's well was there; so Jesus, wearied as he was from his journey, was sitting beside the well. It was about the sixth hour. <sup>7</sup>There came a woman of Samaria to draw water. Jesus said to her, “Give me a drink.” <sup>8</sup>(For his disciples had gone away into the city to buy food.) <sup>9</sup>The Samaritan woman said to him, “How is it that you, a Jew, ask for a drink from me, a woman of Samaria?” (For Jews have no dealings with Samaritans.) <sup>10</sup>Jesus answered her, “If you knew the gift of God, and who it is that is saying to you, ‘Give me a drink,’ you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water.” <sup>11</sup>The woman said to him, “Sir, you have nothing to draw water with, and the well is deep. Where do you get that living water? <sup>12</sup>Are you greater than our father Jacob? He gave us the well and drank from it himself, as did his sons and his livestock.” <sup>13</sup>Jesus said to her, “Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, <sup>14</sup>but whoever drinks of the water that I will give him will never be thirsty forever. The water that I will give him will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life.” <sup>15</sup>The woman said to him, “Sir, give me this water, so that I will not be thirsty or have to come here to draw water.”

<sup>16</sup>Jesus said to her, “Go, call your husband, and come here.” <sup>17</sup>The woman answered him, “I have no husband.” Jesus said to her, “You are right in saying, ‘I have no husband’; <sup>18</sup>for you have had five husbands, and the one you now have is not your husband. What you have said is true.” <sup>19</sup>The woman said to him, “Sir, I perceive that you are a prophet. <sup>20</sup>Our fathers worshiped on this mountain, but you say that in Jerusalem is the place where people ought to worship.” <sup>21</sup>Jesus said to her, “Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem will you worship the Father. <sup>22</sup>You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews. <sup>23</sup>But the hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father is seeking such people to worship him. <sup>24</sup>God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth.” <sup>25</sup>The woman said to him, “I know that Messiah is coming (he who is called Christ). When he comes, he will tell us all things.” <sup>26</sup>Jesus said to her, “I who speak to you am he.”

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to You, O Christ.**

## **CHILDREN’S MESSAGE**

**HYMN OF THE DAY** May God Bestow on Us His Grace *LSB 824*

**May God bestow on us His grace,  
With blessings rich provide us;  
And may the brightness of His face  
To life eternal guide us,  
That we His saving health may know,  
His gracious will and pleasure,  
And also to the nations show  
Christ's riches without measure  
And unto God convert them.**

Thine over all shall be the praise  
And thanks of ev'ry nation;  
And all the world with joy shall raise  
The voice of exultation.  
For Thou shalt judge the earth, O Lord,  
Nor suffer sin to flourish;  
Thy people's pasture is Thy Word  
Their souls to feed and nourish,  
In righteous paths to keep them.

O let the people praise Thy worth,  
In all good works increasing;  
The land shall plenteous fruit bring forth,  
Thy Word is rich in blessing.  
May God the Father, God the Son,  
And God the Spirit bless us!  
Let all the world praise Him alone,  
Let solemn awe possess us.  
Now let our hearts say, "Amen!"

**SERMON** While we were yet Sinners...

**APOSTLE'S CREED** *View in back of Hymnbook or on the Screen*

## **OFFERING**

### **PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

Let us pray

Lord God, though we are undeserving of not only Your mercy and grace but also of Your tending to our daily needs, we give You thanks that You provide all we need for this body and life.

Lord, in Your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

Grant Your healing to those we name before You, [*especially . . .*]. Bind up the hearts of those who are troubled, heal the wounds of

those who suffer disease or injury, and comfort those who are burdened. Lord, in Your mercy,

**hear our prayer.**

Grant that the witness and teaching of those whom You have called and placed as overseers and leaders in Your places of worship here speak Your Word in confidence so that Your truth prevails. Lord, in Your mercy,

**hear our prayer.**

We pray for all who work in our communities for safety, order, and protection, be with them in their service; Lord, in Your mercy,

**hear our prayer.**

In this season of Lent, continue to open our eyes, to repent of sin, and to be drawn to the cross of Christ. Lord, in Your mercy,

**hear our prayer.**

Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord.

**Amen.**

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

### **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**      Guide Me, O Thou Great Redeemer   *LSB 918*

**Guide me, O Thou great Redeemer,  
Pilgrim through this barren land.  
I am weak, but Thou art mighty;  
Hold me with Thy pow'rful hand.  
Bread of heaven, bread of heaven  
Feed me till I want no more;  
Feed me till I want no more.**

**Open now the crystal fountain  
Whence the healing stream doth flow;  
Let the fiery, cloudy pillar  
Lead me all my journey through.  
Strong deliv'rer, strong deliv'rer,  
Be Thou still my strength and shield;  
Be Thou still my strength and shield.**

**When I tread the verge of Jordan,  
Bid my anxious fears subside;  
Death of death and hell's destruction,  
Land me safe on Canaan's side.  
Songs of praises, songs of praises  
I will ever give to Thee;  
I will ever give to Thee.**

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Elders	Al Bohannon, Ban Le
Organist	Suzanne Manelli
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# Prayers

**Special Prayer Petitions** – Dennis Solomon healing from gum disease; Don Osiek thanks for a successful recovery; Me Nguyen as she has a painful back; Carmen Hobson who is having back surgery; Man Magar who is recovering from therapy; Comfort for the family of Gerry Engert; Cyan who is having surgery March 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, 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 15-March 22**

Sunday	8:00am Vietnamese Worship 9:00am Worship 10:30am Bible Study 10:30am Nepalese Worship
Monday	3:30 pm Compass 6:30pm Evangelism
Tuesday	3:30 pm Compass
Wednesday	5:30pm ESL 6:30pm Lent Midweek Service
Thursday	2:00pm NO Ridgewood Bible Study 3:30pm Compass
Friday	NO Bible Study
Saturday	8:30am Food Pantry
Next Sunday	8:00am Vietnamese Worship 9:00am Joint Worship w/ Communion 10:30am Bible Study

# Announcements

## Saved to Share Called to Care

### Our Response to God's Love Last Week

Attendance Sunday: 48

Communion: 40

Midweek Service: 35

Nepalese Attendance: 37

Offering : \$1,595.00

**MESSENGER** I have no articles for the next Messenger. I would like those soon so that I can start working on it. Thank you.

**PASTOR IS AWAY** all week and will be back on Sunday. The office will still be open. In case of emergency, contact Al Bohannon @ 314-401-0628.

**DENYING EYES** In this weeks Lenten Service, Peter and the other disciples cannot see how they could ever fall away from Jesus. Then, when Peter is spotted by a servant girl and realizes that his own neck is on the line, he sees fit to deny Jesus, which leads to his weeping in remorse. What does it take for us to move beyond our own remorse to the discipleship we and our Lord desire

**MUSIC IN A SACRED SPACE** On Sunday, March 22<sup>th</sup>, Hope Ev. Lutheran Church will host Laudamus touring choir from Concordia Seminary in their home tour performance at 4pm. The guest organist for this service will be Matthew Gerhardt.. Visit [hopelutheranstl.org](http://hopelutheranstl.org) for more information

**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.

**FISH FRY** St. Lukes Ev. Lutheran Church will host a Fish Fry from 4pm-7pm Every Friday until April 3<sup>rd</sup>. Adults are \$7.50, Children are \$4.50.

**RUMMAGE SALE** Timothy Lutheran Church will host a rummage sale on March 21<sup>st</sup> from 8am-1pm. Donated items can be brought to the Timothy Lutheran Church gym March 16-19 from 10-2.

**TRIVIA NIGHT** St. Lucas Lutheran Church will be hosting their trivia night on Saturday March 28<sup>th</sup>. Doors open at 6pm, play begins at 7pm. Cost is \$15 a person with tables of 8 available. Contact Mary for more information @ [billandmary@msn.com](mailto:billandmary@msn.com)

### **St Johns Creation Museum Trip**

May 29 -30, 2020

Leave Date: May 29<sup>th</sup> / 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 by March 29th**

### **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) or the Church Office