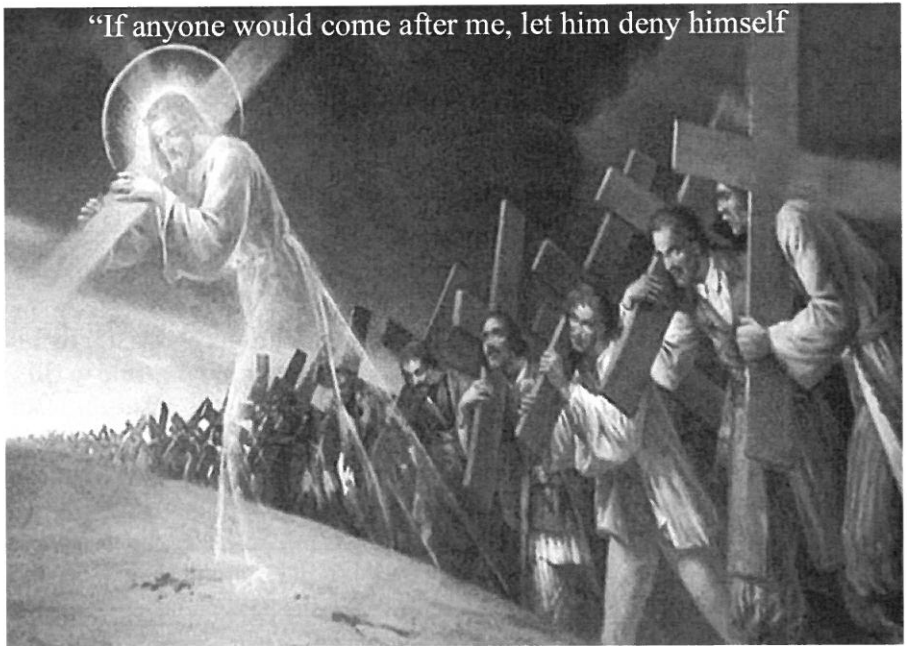


# St. Johns Lutheran Church

## The Son of Man Must Suffer



and take up his cross and follow  
me."

## AS WE GATHER

The old Latin name for this, the Second Sunday in Lent, is Reminiscere, because the Introit pleads, “Remember Your mercy, O Lord.”

Confidently, it continues by encouraging us to trust Him because “He has remembered us; He will bless us.” Indeed, God’s promises to Abram in today’s Old Testament Reading were kept as Jesus moved unswervingly toward the cross, as He does in today’s Gospel. As a result, we can be sure, Paul reminds us in the Epistle, that we have peace with God. Even in suffering, we know that hope will not disappoint us, for we remember that “while we were still sinners, Christ died for us” (Romans 5:8).

## 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 keep your distance though)* 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

HYMN                      Lift High the Cross    *LSB 837*

*Refrain:*

**Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim  
Till all the world adore His sacred name.**

**Come, Christians, follow where our Captain trod,  
Our king victorious, Christ, the Son of God. [Refrain]**

Led on their way by this triumphant sign,  
The hosts of God in conqu'ring ranks combine. *[Refrain]*

All newborn soldiers of the Crucified  
Bear on their brows the seal of Him who died. *[Refrain]*

O Lord, once lifted on the glorious tree,  
As Thou hast promised, draw us all to Thee. *[Refrain]*

Let ev'ry race and ev'ry language tell  
Of Him who saves our lives from death and hell. *[Refrain]*

So shall our song of triumph ever be;  
Praise to the Crucified for victory! *[Refrain]*

## INVOCATION

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

## CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

God established an everlasting covenant with Abraham,  
**but our faith has waxed and waned. O Lord, forgive our  
forgetfulness of Your unchanging grace.**

David wrote, "All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to  
the LORD,"

**but we have failed to remind one another of God's mercy and  
love. O Lord, forgive our hesitancy to share the news of Your  
gracious presence.**

Paul wrote that because Christ died for the ungodly, we are  
justified by His blood,

**but we have tried to hide our sinfulness. O Lord, forgive our  
blindness to the necessary sacrifice of our Savior.**

## **KYRIE**

**LSB 186**

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

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**

**GLORIA IN EXCELSIS...Glory to God in the Highest**      **LSB 187**

**Glory be to God on high:**

**and on earth, peace, goodwill toward men.**

**We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we worship Thee,  
we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory.**

**O Lord God, heav'nly King, God the Father Almighty.**

**O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ;**

**O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,**

**that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.**

**Thou that takest away the sin of the world, receive our prayer.**

**Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father,  
have mercy upon us.**

**For Thou only art holy; Thou only art the Lord.**

**Thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost,**

**art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

## **SALUTATION**

**The Lord be with you.**

**And with thy spirit.**

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

O God, who sent Your Son into the flesh so that He might pay for our sins and open eternal life to us,

**grant us strong faith so that we may purposefully take up our crosses and follow where He has led the way;**

through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

## MEMORIZED WORD

But, as it is written, “What no eye has seen, nor ear heard, nor the heart of man imagined, what God has prepared for those who love him” 1 Corinthians 2:9

## OLD TESTAMENT READING *Genesis 17:1–7, 15–16*

<sup>1</sup>When Abram was ninety-nine years old the Lord appeared to Abram and said to him, “I am God Almighty; walk before me, and be blameless, <sup>2</sup>that I may make my covenant between me and you, and may multiply you greatly.” <sup>3</sup>Then Abram fell on his face. And God said to him, <sup>4</sup>“Behold, my covenant is with you, and you shall be the father of a multitude of nations. <sup>5</sup>No longer shall your name be called Abram, but your name shall be Abraham, for I have made you the father of a multitude of nations. <sup>6</sup>I will make you exceedingly fruitful, and I will make you into nations, and kings shall come from you. <sup>7</sup>And I will establish my covenant between me and you and your offspring after you throughout their generations for an everlasting covenant, to be God to you and to your offspring after you. . . .<sup>15</sup>And God said to Abraham, “As for Sarai your wife, you shall not call her name Sarai, but Sarah shall be her name. <sup>16</sup>I will bless her, and moreover, I will give you a son by her. I will bless her, and she shall become nations; kings of peoples shall come from her.”

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 5:1–11*

<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. <sup>9</sup>Since, therefore, we have now been justified by his blood, much more shall we be saved by him from the wrath of God. <sup>10</sup>For if while we were enemies we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, much more, now that we are reconciled, shall we be saved by his life. <sup>11</sup>More than that, we also rejoice in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**VERSE**    *Mark 8:34b*

If anyone would come after Me,  
**let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow Me.**

**HOLY GOSPEL**    *Mark 8:27–38*

The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the eighth chapter.

**Glory be to Thee, O Lord.**

<sup>27</sup>And Jesus went on with his disciples to the villages of Caesarea Philippi. And on the way he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that I am?" <sup>28</sup>And they told him, "John the Baptist; and others say, Elijah; and others, one of the prophets." <sup>29</sup>And he asked them, "But who do you say that I am?" Peter answered him, "You are the Christ." <sup>30</sup>And he strictly charged them to tell no one about him. <sup>31</sup>And he began to teach them that the Son of Man must suffer many things and be rejected by the elders and the chief priests and the scribes and be killed, and after three days rise again. <sup>32</sup>And he said this plainly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. <sup>33</sup>But turning and seeing his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, "Get behind me, Satan! For you are not setting your mind on the things of God, but on the things of man." <sup>34</sup>And he called to him the crowd with his disciples and said to them, "If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me. <sup>35</sup>For whoever would save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake and the gospel's will save it. <sup>36</sup>For what does it profit a man to gain the whole world and forfeit his life? <sup>37</sup>For what can a man give in return for his life? <sup>38</sup>For whoever is ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of him will the Son of Man also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels."

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise be to Thee, 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**

**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.**

## **OFFERING**

### **OFFERTORY            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**

Let us pray:

For the Church around the world, all people who join Peter in professing that Jesus is the Christ, that they trust God's purpose for their lives, take up their crosses, and follow, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For all who spend their lives serving the physical, mental, social, and emotional needs of the people around them, that God bless and guide them according to His gracious purpose, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For professional counselors and private confidants who alleviate suffering, enable endurance, support character, and encourage hope, that they serve as conduits for God's purposes in the lives of their patients, family, and friends, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For those who lead the governments of the world, that they find purpose in their positions, using every means to increase harvests, combat global

health crises, minimize conflict between nations, and ensure equal justice for all their citizens, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For those near and dear to us, [*especially . . .*], that God bring about the healing, comfort, freedom, and dignity for which they send requests to our gracious Lord, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

These and any other things You would have us ask of You, heavenly Father, grant to us for the sake of the bitter sufferings and death of Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, in whose name we pray.

**Amen.**

## SACRAMENT

### **PREFACE (*sung*)**

The Lord be with you.

**And with thy spirit.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them unto the Lord**

Let us give thanks unto the Lord, our God.

**It is meet and right so to do.**

### **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 195*

**Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Sabaoth;  
heav'n and earth are full of Thy glory.**

**Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is He, blessed is He, blessed is He  
that cometh in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.**

## **PRAYER FOR THOSE WHO CAN'T BE WITH US**

Many Lord, desire to be here at your altar today, but since they cannot at this time receive You sacramentally, Grant them Your Holy Spirit and come into their hearts through your Holy Word and promises so that they are assured of your personal embrace and receive the blessings of forgiveness, life, and salvation. Never permit them to doubt being separated from You. We give You thanks for the redemption You have prepared for us through Jesus Christ on the cross.

**Amen.**

## **THE LORD'S PRAYER**    *(sung)*

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**

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."

## **PAX DOMINI** *(sung)*

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**Amen.**

## **AGNUS DEI**

*LSB 198*

**O Christ, Thou Lamb of God,  
that takest away the sin of the world,  
have mercy upon us.**

**O Christ, Thou Lamb of God,  
that takest away the sin of the world,  
have mercy upon us.**

**O Christ, Thou Lamb of God,  
that takest away the sin of the world,  
grant us Thy peace.**

**Amen.**

## **DISTRIBUTION HYMNS**

**Alas! And Did My Savior Bleed  
Chief of Sinners Though I Be**

*LSB 437*

*LSB 611*

## **NUNC DIMITTIS...SONG OF SIMEON**

*LSB 182*

**Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant depart in peace  
According to Thy word,**

**For mine eyes have seen Thy salvation,  
Which Thou hast prepared before the face of all people,  
a light to lighten the Gentiles  
and the glory of Thy people Israel.**

**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.**

## **THANKSGIVING (*sung*)**

**O give thanks to the Lord, for He is good;  
and His mercy endures forever.**

**Let us pray.**

**We give thanks to You, almighty God, that Your Son let nothing  
keep Him from the cross and that through this Sacrament You have  
given purpose to our lives. Continue to strengthen us that we may  
grow 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.

**Amen.**

**SALUTATION AND BENEDICAMUS (*sung*)**

The Lord be with you.

**And with thy spirit.**

Bless we the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**BENEDICTION (*Sung*)**

The Lord bless you and keep you.

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

The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and ☩ give you peace.

**Amen, amen, amen.**

**HYMN**    “‘Come, Follow Me,’ the Savior Spake”

*LSB 688*

**"Come, follow Me," the Savior spake,**

**"All in My way abiding;**

**Deny yourselves, the world forsake,**

**Obey My call and guiding.**

**O bear the cross, whate'er betide,**

**Take my example for your guide.**

**"I am the Light, I light the way,**

**A godly life displaying;**

**I bid you walk as in the day;**

**I keep your feet from straying.**

**I am the way, and well I show**

**How you must sojourn here below.**

**"My heart abounds in lowliness,**

**My soul with love is glowing;**

**And gracious words My lips express,**

**With meekness overflowing.**

**My heart, My mind, My strength, My all,**

**To God I yield, on Him I call.**

**"I teach you how to shun and flee  
What harms your soul's salvation,  
Your heart from ev'ry guile to free,  
From sin and its temptation.  
I am the refuge of the soul  
And lead you to your heav'nly goal."**

**Then let us follow Christ, our Lord,  
And take the cross appointed  
And, firmly clinging to His Word,  
In suff'ring be undaunted.  
For those who bear the battle's strain  
The crown of heav'nly life obtain.**

Preacher	Pastor Michael Tanney
Liturgist	Allen Dass
Lector	Dan Reh
Elders	Al Bohannon & Earl Welch
Organist	Suzanne Manelli
Ushers	Don Osiek, Ben Thomas, and Roger Schmidt
Children's Message	Pastor Michael Tanney
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# Announcements

## Saved to Share Called to Care

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

Attendance Sunday: 35

Offering (2 weeks): \$2,834

Lent Midweek Attendance: 27

**ATTENTION: PLEASE TAKE A HYMNAL** from the rack nearest to you and leave it on the pew where you are sitting prior to leaving the sanctuary today. This will enable us to be more efficient when we sanitize the pews this week. Thank you.

**NT CLASS** is at 6:30pm on Thursday nights. This week will be about Acts. All are invited to learn the overview of each Gospel and letter of the New Testament with its major themes.

**ST. JOHNS SINGS:** From the service of Evening Prayer, we offer this paraphrase of Psalm 141 - Let My Prayer Rise Before You as Incense. It begins on the bottom of page 245 in the hymnal and continues on following pages. As you follow and pray this Psalm, may your evening be refreshed by the Holy Spirit. A special thanks to Jolene Reh for enhancing our singing with her flute playing!

**LENT MIDWEEK 2** Join us for the **Places of the Passion** special service for Week 2 of Lent (this Wednesday) @ 6pm, as we follow in the footsteps of our Savior, contemplating the places where Jesus stood on his path to salvation. In this service, we go to the Mount of Olives, where Jesus went with His disciples to pray. We are called to find places to pray this Lent and seek the will of the Lord in our lives.

**EXECUTIVE COUNCIL** There will be an EC meeting on March 14<sup>th</sup> @11:30am after Bible Study.

**FRIDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY** We have finally finished the book of Acts. Now on Friday Mornings @ 8am, we will begin to study the Passion Narrative, which will focus on the suffering and death of Jesus. Beginning with His arrest and concluding with His burial.

## Prayers

**Special Prayer Petitions** – **Carmen** Hobson with back pain and possible surgery and for her grandchild; **Bobbie** as she struggles with Parkinson's; **Irene** as she recovers from a stroke; **Ray** as he goes through treatment and struggles with severe arthritis in hip; **Joan** as she struggles with eye problems; **Nepali Community** as they deal with a suicide; **For** those infected by the corona virus for quick healing and recovery. **Field-workers** and **Vicars** for their class work; **St. Johns** for blessings on our virtual learning center; **Nepali & African Congregation** blessings; **Food Pantry** for blessings on what they do.

**Shut Ins** – Jeanette Creamer, Carmen Hobson, Bobbie Kepford, Dennis Solomon, Jerry Schmaltz, Carol Carr

### ***Opportunities to Love and Serve Christ this Week***

#### ***February 28-March 7***

Sunday	9:00am Worship w/ Communion 10:30am Bible Study 12:30pm African Worship
Monday	8am-2pm Office Open 3:00pm-5:30pm Virtual Learning Center 7pm Elders
Tuesday	(No Secretary) 3:00pm-5:30pm Virtual Learning Center 6:00pm Seminary Class
Wednesday	8am-2pm Office Open 7:30am-5:30pm Virtual Learning Center 3:30pm Passion Places: Passport Devotion 6:00pm Lenten Service
Thursday	7:30am-5:30pm Virtual Learning Center 11:30am-5pm Office Open 6pm NT Class 6:30 pm ESL
Friday	(No Secretary) 8am Bible Study 7:30am-5:30pm Virtual Learning Center
Saturday	8:30am Food Pantry 10:30am Social Ministry 1:00pm Vicar Class
Next Sunday	9:00am Worship 10:30am Bible Study 12:30pm African Worship