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March 13, 2022; Second Sunday in Lent



Luke 13:31-35

Welcome

Service of Holy Baptism

Gathering Hymn:

"Lord Christ, When First You Came to Earth

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1 Lord Christ, when first you came to earth, up -
 2 O awe - some Love, which finds no room in
 3 New ad - vent of the love of Christ, will
 4 O wound - ed hands of Je - sus, build in



on a cross they bound you, and mocked your sav - ing
 life where sin de - nies you, and, doomed to death, shall
 we a - gain re - fuse you, till in the night of
 us your new cre - a - tion; our pride is dust, our



king - ship's worth by thorns with which they crowned you. And
 bring to doom the pow'r that cru - ci - fies you, till
 hate and war we per - ish as we lose you? From
 vaunt is stilled; we wait your rev - e - la - tion. O



still our wrongs may fash - ion now new thorns to pierce that
 not a stone is left on stone, and then the na - tions'
 an - cient doubts our minds re - lease to seek the king - dom
 Love that tri - umphs o - ver loss, we bring our hearts be -



stead - y brow, and robe of sor - row round you.
 pride, o'er - thrown, will nev - er - more de - fy you!
 of your peace, by which a - lone we choose you.
 fore your cross; come, fin - ish your sal - va - tion.

Apostolic Greeting:

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

Response: **And also with you.***Prayer of the Day***God of the covenant, in the mystery of the cross you promise everlasting life to the world.****Gather all peoples into your arms, and shelter us with your mercy, that we may rejoice in the life we share in your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

Reading:

Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18

Read by Linda Johnson

15After these things the word of the Lord came to Abram in a vision, "Do not be afraid, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great." 2But Abram said, "O Lord God, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?" 3And Abram said, "You have given me no offspring, and so a slave born in my house is to be my heir." 4But the word of the Lord came to him, "This man shall not be your heir; no one but your very own issue shall be your heir." 5He brought him outside and said, "Look toward heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them." Then he said to him, "So shall your descendants be." 6And he believed the Lord; and the Lord reckoned it to him as righteousness. 7Then he said to him, "I am the Lord who brought you from Ur of the Chaldeans, to give you this land to possess." 8But he said, "O Lord God, how am I to know that I shall possess it?" 9He said to him, "Bring me a heifer three years old, a female goat three years old, a ram three years old, a turtledove, and a young pigeon." 10He brought him all these and cut them in two, laying each half over against the other; but he did not cut the birds in two. 11And when birds of prey came down on the carcasses, Abram drove them away. 12As the sun was going down, a deep sleep fell upon Abram, and a deep and terrifying darkness descended upon him. 17When the sun had gone down and it was dark, a smoking fire pot and a flaming torch passed between these pieces. 18On that day the Lord made a covenant with Abram, saying, "To your descendants I give this land, from the river of Egypt to the great river, the river Euphrates,

Jesus Loves Me"

Jesus loves me this I know, for the Bible tells me so,
Little ones to Him belong, they are weak but He is strong.

Refrain:

Yes, Jesus loves me, yes, Jesus loves me,
Yes, Jesus loves me, the Bible tells me so.

Jesus loves me He who died heaven's gate to open wide
He will wash away my sin let his little child come in. **Refrain:**

Children's Sermon

Lenten Acclamation:



We are turn - ing, Lord, to hear you; you are mer - ci - ful and kind -



slow to an - ger, rich in bless - ing, and with love to us in - clined.

P: The Holy Gospel according to Luke 13:31-35



Glo - ry to you, O Lord.

31At that very hour some Pharisees came and said to him, “Get away from here, for Herod wants to kill you.” 32He said to them, “Go and tell that fox for me, ‘Listen, I am casting out demons and performing cures today and tomorrow, and on the third day I finish my work. 33Yet today, tomorrow, and the next day I must be on my way, because it is impossible for a prophet to be killed outside of Jerusalem.’ 34Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to it! How often have I desired to gather your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you were not willing! 35See, your house is left to you. And I tell you, you will not see me until the time comes when you say, ‘Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.’”

P: The Gospel of the Lord...



Praise to you, O Christ.

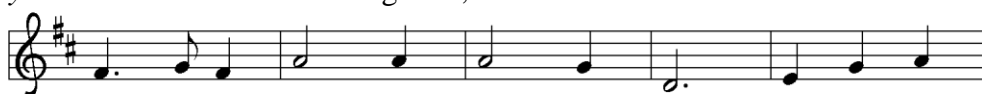
Sermon

Pastor Russ Leeper

Hymn of the Day

“Mothering God, You Gave Me Birth”

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1 Moth - er - ing God, you gave me birth in the bright
 2 Moth - er - ing Christ, you took my form, of - fer - ing
 3 Moth - er - ing Spir - it, nur - t'ring one, in arms of



morn - ing of this world. Cre - a - tor, source of ev - 'ry
 me your food of light, grain . . . of life, and grape of
 pa - tience hold me close, so that in faith I root and



breath, you are my rain, my wind, my sun.
 love, your ver - y bod - y for my peace.
 grow un - til I flow'r, un - til I know.

The Creed

The Apostles' Creed

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

The Prayers (P): Lord in your mercy,
Response: **hear our prayer.**

Please pray for all serving in the Armed Forces & their families: Mackenzy Bilharz, Alex Buenger, Kim Hall, Daniel Jacobs, Cameron Kakac, Robson Shankland

Please Keep the following in prayer:

Sue Ayers Cliff Kelly Brandie McDonald
James Grob Dale Lamprecht Marilu Wohlers
Bill Hollar Sandra Link Bill Wohlers, Jr.

The Prayer List: Names will be kept on the list for 3 weeks. Family members can request a name be left on longer. The office number is 228-3397.

Jessie Carolan & family on the death of her grandfather
Gene Heitz & family on the death of his brother, Dick Heitz

The Offering
The Offering Hymn

“There is a Balm in Gilead”

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Refrain

There is a balm in Gil-e-ad to make the wound-ed whole;

there is a balm in Gil-e-ad to heal the sin-sick soul.

1 Some - times I feel dis - cour - aged and think my work's in vain,
2 If you can - not preach like Pe - ter, if you can - not pray like Paul,
3 Don't ev - er be dis - cour - aged, for Je - sus is your friend;

Refrain

but then the Ho - ly Spir - it re - vives my soul a - gain.
you can tell the love of Je - sus and say, "He died for all."
and if you lack for knowl - edge, he'll ne'er re - fuse to lend.

*Response

“Take Our Lives”

Take our lives and let them be consecrated, Lord, to thee;
Take our moments and our days, let them flow in ceaseless praise.
Take our love, oh Lord, we pour at your feet its treasure store;
Take our lives and we will be ever yours eternally.

The 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 this is the kingdom, and the power,
and the glory forever and ever. Amen**

The Benediction

Sending Hymn:

“Let Justice Flow Like Streams”

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1 Let jus - tice flow like streams of spar - kling wa - ter, pure,
2 Let righ - teous - ness roll on as oth - ers' cares we heed,
3 So may God's plumb line, straight, de - fine our mea - sure true,

en - a - bling growth, re - fresh - ing life, a - bun - dant, cleans - ing, sure.
an ev - er - flow - ing stream of faith trans - lat - ed in - to deed.
and jus - tice, right, and peace per - vade this world our whole life through.

The musical score consists of two systems of music. Each system has a vocal line in the treble clef and a bass line in the bass clef. The key signature has one flat (B-flat). The first system contains three verses of lyrics. The second system contains the concluding lines of the hymn.

P: Go in peace and share the Good News!

Postlude:

“Wonderful Words of Life” & “Thy Word”

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ST. JOHN EVANGELICAL
LUTHERAN CHURCH

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March 13 - March 20

Sunday	2nd Sunday in Lent
	Daylight Savings time begins
	9:00 a.m. Worship
	10:15 a.m. Adult Bible Study
Tuesday	6:30 p.m. Stephen Ministry
Wednesday	5:00 p.m. Supper
	5:30 p.m. Lenten Worship
	6:30 p.m. Trinity Choir
Sunday	3rd Sunday in Lent
	9:00 a.m. Worship
	10:15 a.m. Adult Bible Study

Adult Bible Study
Sundays at 10:15 in the Chapel
 Each week we will be taking a closer look at the Bible readings for that Sunday. It's a chance to go deeper in the scriptures for that week and have conversation about them.

Wednesday Night Supper
March 16:
 Meatloaf, baked potato, corn, applesauce, butterscotch dessert

Modern Parables: A Lenten Film Festival

Join us at 5:30 p.m. for in-person and livestream Wednesday Lenten services as we look at the parables of Jesus. At each week's service, we'll view a short film which places one of Jesus' parables in a modern-day context. The films accurately follow the original text. The goal of the films is to recreate the emotional, intellectual, and spiritual impact of Jesus' original parables.

March 16: "Samaritan", Luke 15:11-32

March 23: "The Shrewd Manager", Luke 16:1-9

March 30: "The Widow & the Judge", Luke 18:1-8

April 6: "The Prodigal Son", Luke 15:11-32

Our Lenten Film Festival services will be a mixture of singing, scriptures, cinema, reflection, and prayer.



"ALL A BOARD"
Meeting night is Tuesday, March 22nd at 7:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall.
 All boards will gather to meet as individual boards and as a large group!

After Worship Social Time
 Coffee & a treat are served in the Parish Hall each Sunday! If you would like to volunteer to bring the treats, **you can sign up on the chart next to the Altar flower/radio broadcast sheet just inside the door of the Narthex**, or call Kathy in the office. What you choose to bring for a treat is entirely up to you! Coffee & napkins are provided by St. John.

REMINDER: Those students attending a Lutheran college who would like to receive an EPIC grant must notify the church by **May 1st**.

St. John scholarship applications for non-Lutheran colleges can be emailed to you and should be emailed to the office by **May 1st**.

The Herbert Hinz family would like to thank all those who donated towards a memorial in Herb's name. Monies donated were given to St. John to use as needed.

The Annual Ladies Luncheon

will be
Sunday, March 27th at 11:00 a.m.
in the Parish Hall

The theme this year is *Water Your Garden!*

The Family Board invites all the ladies & their friends to join in this fun event. There will be lunch, dessert, a short program and a pretty "Photo Booth" to snap a few cute pictures of your group!

Tickets can be purchased in the office until March 25th. \$5.00 for adults, \$3.00 for girls ages 6-18, & under 6 free.



Ladies Luncheon Request!

There is a sign-up sheet in the office to bring a salad &/or a dessert to the luncheon! Salad or desserts can be of any type and can be dropped off Saturday morning or brought in by 10:00 a.m. on Sunday!

Easter Lilies

If you would like to donate towards the Easter lilies for Easter Sunday let the office know at 641-228-3397.



Offering from the week of March 6, 2022

General Receipts	\$ 4,559.70
Designated offering	190.00

General receipts of \$9,812.94 are needed weekly to meet the approved budget.

Attendance: 3/6: 167 Wed. 3/9: 92

Altar Flowers & Radio Broadcast

Sign up to sponsor Altar flowers/Radio Broadcast on the glass case in the Narthex!

Helping Hands has about 20 people ready, willing, and able to help run errands, do minor household help, and provide transportation. If you need any of these services, please call Kathy at the church office during regular business hours. Someone will contact you within 48 hours of receiving the message to make arrangements to help.

"We extend our gratitude and appreciation to Kip & Judy Hauser for the recent memorials they gave to St. John in memory of Jim Jensen. Thank you!"

"We extend our gratitude and appreciation to Leona Howe & Peg Poppen for the recent memorials they gave to St. John in memory of Bob Dight. Thank you!"