



St. John Evangelical Lutheran Church & Christian Preschool
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March 5, 2023; Second Sunday in Lent



John 3:1-17

Prelude:

“Just as I Am”

Robert Thygerson

Welcome

The radio broadcast is sponsored by Monte & Kathy Waldorf in memory of Erv & Irm Becker.

Service of Holy Baptism

Gathering Hymn:

“Wash, O God, Our Sons and Daughters”

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1 Wash, O God, our sons and daughters, where your cleansing waters flow.
2 We who bring them long for nurture; by your milk may we be fed.
3 Oh, how deep your holy wisdom! Unimagined, all your ways!



Number them among your people; bless as Christ blessed long ago.
Let us join your feast, partaking cup of blessing, living bread.
To your name be glory, honor! With our lives we worship, praise!



Weave them garments bright and sparkling; compass them with love and light.
God, renew us, guide our footsteps; free from sin and all its snares,
We your people stand before you, water-washed and Spirit-born.



Fill, anoint them; send your Spirit, holy dove and heart's delight.
One with Christ in living, dying, by your Spirit, children, heirs.
By your grace, our lives we offer. Re-create us; God, transform!

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

O God, our leader and guide, in the waters of baptism you bring us to new birth to live as your children. Strengthen our faith in your promises, that by your Spirit we may lift up your life to all the world through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Music

“My Song for Life

Trinity Choir, Ben Hammond, Soloist

Reading

Genesis 12:1-4a

Read by Diane Sande

1Now 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. 2I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you, and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. 3I will bless those who bless you, and the one who curses you I will curse; and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed."

4So Abram went, as the Lord had told him; and Lot went with him. Abram was seventy-five years old when he departed from Haran.

"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**

Jesus loves me!
He will stay close beside me all the way;
When at last I come to die,
He will take me home on high. **Refrain**

Children's Sermon

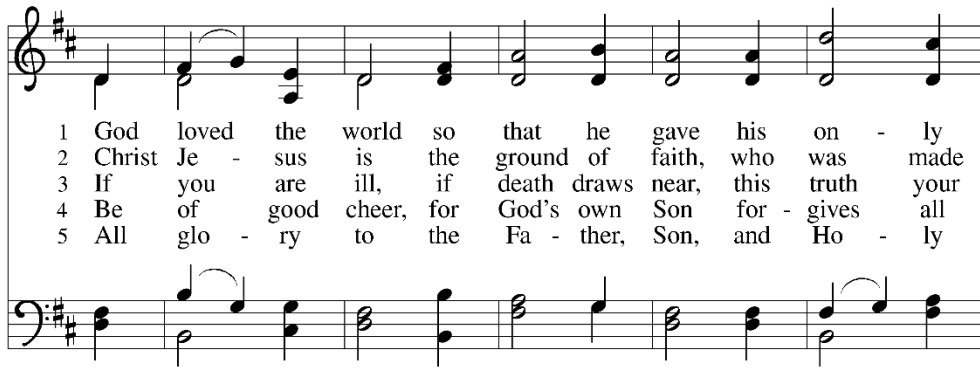
Lenten Acclamation:

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 John 3:1-17

Glo - ry to you, O Lord.

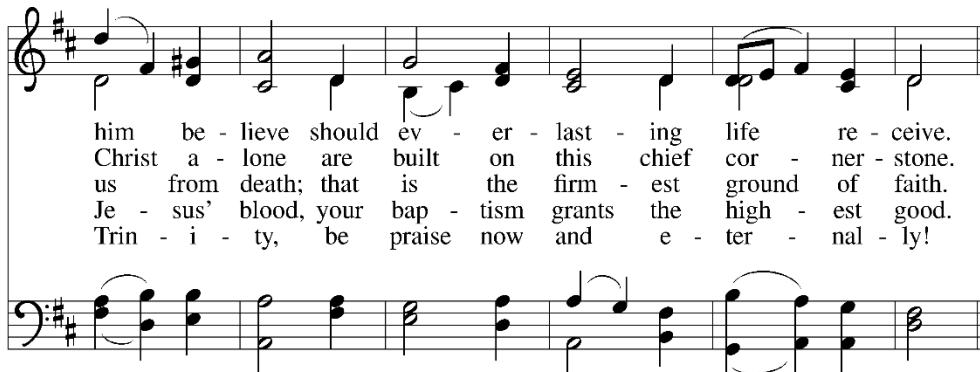
3Now there was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. 2He came to Jesus by night and said to him, "Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God." 3Jesus answered him, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above." 4Nicodemus said to him, "How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother's womb and be born?" 5Jesus answered, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. 6What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. 7Do not be astonished that I said to you, 'You must be born from above.' 8The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you



1 God loved the world so that he gave his on - ly
 2 Christ Je - sus is the ground of faith, who was made
 3 If you are ill, if death draws near, this truth your
 4 Be of good cheer, for God's own Son for - gives all
 5 All glo - ry to the Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly



Son the lost to save, that all who would in
 flesh and suf - fered death; all who con - fide in
 trou - bled heart can cheer: Christ Je - sus res - cues
 sins that you have done, and jus - ti - fied by
 Spir - it, Three in One! To you, O bless - ed



him be - lieve should ev - er - last - ing life re - ceive.
 Christ a - lone are built on this chief cor - ner - stone.
 us from death; that is the firm - est ground of faith.
 Je - sus' blood, your bap - tism grants the high - est good.
 Trin - i - ty, be praise now and e - ter - nal - ly!

*Response

"Feed Us Now"

Feed us now, Bread of life, In this holy meal;
 Let us know your love a-new; We hunger for you.
 Feed us now, Bread of life, Come and live with-in.
 Let your peace be ours today, Lord Jesus, we pray.

The Communion

The Words of Institution

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 thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

“Come to the Table”

Come to the ta - ble of mer - cy, pre - pared with the wine and the bread.

All who are hun - gry and thirst - y, come, and your souls will be fed.

Come at the Lord's in - vi - ta - tion; re - ceive from his nail - scarred hand.

Eat of the bread of sal - va - tion; drink of the blood of the Lamb.

“Mothering God, You Gave Me Birth”

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.

“Lord, Take My Hand and Lead Me”

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1 Lord, take my hand and lead me up - on life's way;
 2 Lord, when the tem - pest ra - ges, I need not fear;
 3 Lord, when the shad - ows length - en and night has come,

di - rect, pro - tect, and feed me from day to day.
 for you, the Rock of A - ges, are al - ways near.
 I know that you will strength - en my steps toward home,

With - out your grace and fa - vor I go a - stray;
 Close by your side a - bid - ing, I fear no foe,
 then noth - ing can im - pede me, O bless - ed Friend!

so take my hand, O Sav - ior, and lead the way.
 for when your hand is guid - ing, in peace I go.
 So, take my hand and lead me un - to the end.

Communion Blessing & Benediction

Refrain

Lift high the cross, the love of Christ pro - claim till

all the world a - dore his sa - cred name.

1 Come, Chris - tians, fol - low where our cap - tain trod,
 2 All new - born ser - vants of the Cru - ci - fied tree,
 3 O Lord, once lift - ed on the glo - rious tree,
 4 So shall our song of tri - umph ev - er be:

Refrain

our king vic - to - rious, Christ, the Son of God.
 bear on their brows the seal of him who died.
 as thou hast prom - ised, draw us all to thee.
 praise to the Cru - ci - fied for vic - to - ry!

P: Go in peace and share the Good News!
Thanks be to God!

Postlude:

“A Song of Redemption”

David Paxton

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March 5 - March 12

Sunday	8:00 a.m.	Parish Ed
	8:00 a.m.	Youth board
	9:00 a.m.	Worship/Comm
	10:05 a.m.	Education Hour
	10:00 a.m.	Deacons
Tuesday	6:00 p.m.	Building & Grounds
	6:30 p.m.	Grief Share
Wednesday	4:30 p.m.	Supper
	5:30 p.m.	Lenten Worship
	6:00 p.m.	Trinity Choir
Sunday		Daylight Savings Time begins
	9:00 a.m.	Worship
	10:05 a.m.	Education Hour



Daylight Savings Time Begins March 12!

Grief Share Tuesdays at 6:30 p.m. In the Chapel

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, there is a sign up on the treat table!

Wednesday Night suppers during Lent will be from **4:30 – 5:30 p.m.**

Menu for March 8th: Meatloaf, baked potato, California blend veggies, pudding

Cost: \$5.00 for adults, children through 12th grade free thanks to Kans for Kids

Mid-Week Lenten Services 2023

“The Last Words of Christ”

We will focus on Jesus’ last words on the cross, woven together with encounters Jesus had with others in His ministry. Each week we’ll read scripture, sing, watch a short video drama, and hear a devotion on that week’s theme. **Worship service is at 5:30 p.m.**

*March 8 – “First Word from the Cross: The Paralytic”
 Matthew 9:1-8; Luke 23:34*

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**.

Adult Bible study meets at 10:00 a.m. in the Chapel!

The Annual Ladies Luncheon will be Sunday, March 26th at 11:30 a.m. in the Parish Hall

The theme this year is *Under His Wing!*

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 are \$5.00 for adults, \$3.00 for ages 6-18, & under 6 free.

Offering from the week of

February 26, 2023

General Receipts:	\$26,606.70
Designated:	\$555.00

Total \$27,161.70

General Receipts of \$9,580.03 are needed weekly to meet the approved budget.

Sunday Attendance 176

Good Friday 174

We have a great opportunity to put “God’s Love in Action”!

Todd & Ann Prichard are sponsoring a family from the Ukraine. The family of 5 will be staying with the Prichards once they arrive in the United States. The family lost their home and possessions and are coming with very little. The husband/father is an attorney and will be working at Todd’s office. Today and next Sunday, we will have the opportunity to work together to provide clothing and shoes to support the family. In the Narthex there are tags available to pickup to purchase needed items. There is also a donation basket, and the committee will purchase needed items. If you have any questions, contact Shirley Holm at 641-330-8336 or Kim Watkins at 641-330-5441.



WIYLDE registration forms are available in Laurie's office for any 8th-12th grade St. John student wishing to attend. WIYLDE will be held this year at EWALU from June 19-22. **Registrations are due to St. John by May 25th** so we have time to get them mailed in by the 30th.

St. John Lutheran Church Secretary Opening

St. John Lutheran Church and Christian Preschool in Charles City, IA is seeking a qualified person to assume the position of Church Secretary.

Position:

- Part time: 20 hours a week
- Responsibilities: provide receptionist services for the church office, provide secretarial services for the church, produce weekly bulletins and monthly newsletters, and manage the church’s website and other electronic media
- Compensation: Hourly compensation will depend on experience and qualifications and will be in the range of \$18-\$22 per hour
- Application Deadline: March 15, 2023
- Start Date: April 11, 2023

To see a complete job description, use the QR code provided or go to www.stjohncharlescity.org

If interested, please email your resume to rleeper@stjohncharlescity.com or bring it to the St John Lutheran Church office. Office hours are 9 AM to 1 PM, Monday – Friday. We’re located at: 200 South Main, Charles City, Iowa 50616. Phone: (641) 228-3397

