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11:00 a.m. WORSHIP SERVICE

Restore to me the
joy of your
salvation and grant



me a willing spirit.

Psalm 51:12

St. John's Lutheran Church is part of the North American Lutheran Church. We welcome you and are glad you are participating in the Service of Word and Sacrament this morning as we celebrate **the Fifth Sunday in Lent**. Please register your attendance in the blue pad at the end of the pew. HOLY COMMUNION is celebrated the first and third Sundays of each month and on Festival Sundays. All who are baptized and believe that Christ is truly present in the Lord's Supper are invited to receive this Sacrament with us.

Prayer upon entering God's House:

Almighty God, who hates nothing that You have made, and forgives the sins of all those who are penitent; create and make in us new and contrite hearts, so that we may obtain from You perfect forgiveness. Amen.

PRELUDE *O the Deep Love of Jesus* *Westenkeuler*

***BRIEF ORDER FOR CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

P We worship this day in the name of the Father, and of the ☩ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen

P Let us confess our sin in the presence of God.

Silence for self-examination.

P Holy and gracious God,

C I confess that I have sinned against You this day. Some of my sin I know—the thoughts and words and deeds of which I am ashamed—but some is known only to You. In the name of Jesus Christ I ask forgiveness.

P The Almighty and Merciful Lord grants you pardon, forgiveness, and remission of all your sins. In the Name of the Father, and of the ☩ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen

***OPENING HYMN** *“Glory Be to Jesus”* *LBW 95*

***GREETING**

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

C And also with you.

***KYRIE**



A In peace, let us pray to the Lord. **B** Lord, have mer - cy.



A For the peace from a-bove, and for our sal-vation, let us pray to the Lord.



B Lord, have mer - cy.

*Those who are able, please stand

LBW—Green Hymnal WOV—Blue Hymnal



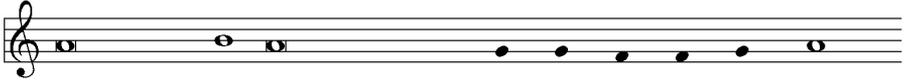
☩ For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



and for the u - ni - ty of all, let us pray to the Lord.



☩ Lord, have mer - cy.



☩ For this holy house, and for all who offer here their wor - ship and praise,

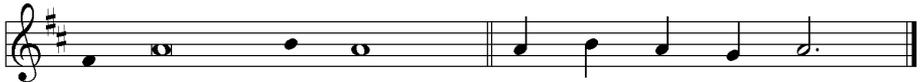


let us pray to the Lord. ☩ Lord, have mer - cy.



☩ Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gra-cious Lord. ☩ A - men

*PRAYER OF THE DAY



☩ The Lord be with you. ☩ And al - so with you.

P Let us pray.

Almighty God, our redeemer, in our weakness we have failed to be Your messengers of forgiveness and hope in the world. Renew us by Your Holy Spirit, that we may follow Your commands and proclaim Your reign of love; through Your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen

FIRST LESSON:

JEREMIAH 31:31-34

A The First Lesson is from the thirty-first chapter of Jeremiah.

³¹ "Behold, the days are coming, declares the LORD, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah, ³² not like the covenant that I made with their fathers on the day when I took

them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt, my covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, declares the LORD. ³³ For this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, declares the LORD: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts. And I will be their God, and they shall be my people. ³⁴ And no longer shall each one teach his neighbor and each his brother, saying, 'Know the LORD,' for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, declares the LORD. For I will forgive their iniquity, and I will remember their sin no more."

A Here ends the reading.

PSALM: PSALM 51:1-13

Have mercy on me, O God, according to your loving kindness; in your great compassion blot out my offenses.

²Wash me through and through from my wickedness and cleanse me from my sin.

³For I know my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me.

⁴Against you only have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight.

⁵And so you are justified when you speak and upright in your judgment.

⁶Indeed, I have been wicked from my birth, a sinner from my mother's womb.

⁷For behold, you look for truth deep within me, and will make me understand wisdom secretly.

⁸Purge me from my sin, and I shall be pure; wash me, and I shall be clean indeed.

⁹Make me hear of joy and gladness, that the body you have broken may rejoice.

¹⁰Hide your face from my sins, and blot out all my iniquities.

¹¹Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.

¹²Cast me not away from your presence and take not your Holy Spirit from me.

¹³Give me the joy of your saving help again and sustain me with your bountiful Spirit.

SECOND LESSON:**HEBREWS 5:5-10**

A The Second Lesson is from the fifth chapter of Hebrews.

⁵ So also Christ did not exalt himself to be made a high priest, but was appointed by him who said to him,

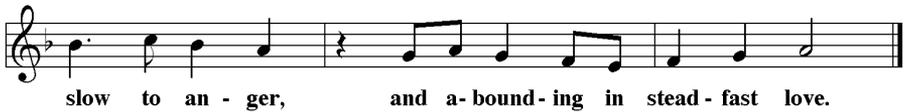
“You are my Son,
today I have begotten you”;

⁶ as he says also in another place,

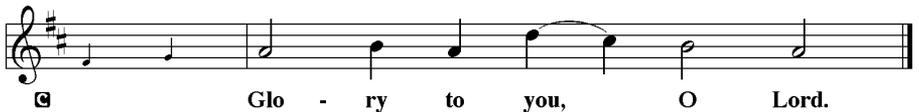
“You are a priest forever,
after the order of Melchizedek.”

⁷ In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to him who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverence. ⁸ Although he was a son, he learned obedience through what he suffered. ⁹ And being made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation to all who obey him, ¹⁰ being designated by God a high priest after the order of Melchizedek.

A Here ends the reading.

VERSE****GOSPEL:*JOHN 12:20-33**

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the twelfth chapter.



²⁰ Now among those who went up to worship at the feast were some Greeks. ²¹ So these came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and asked him, “Sir, we wish to see Jesus.” ²² Philip went and told Andrew; Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus. ²³ And Jesus answered them, “The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. ²⁴ Truly, truly, I say to you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains alone; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. ²⁵ Whoever loves his life loses it, and whoever hates his life in this world will keep it

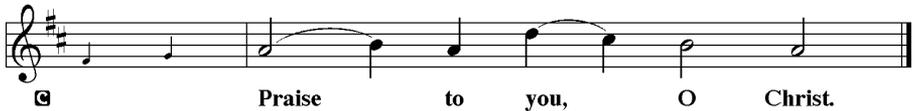
for eternal life. ²⁶ If anyone serves me, he must follow me; and where I am, there will my servant be also. If anyone serves me, the Father will honor him.

²⁷ “Now is my soul troubled. And what shall I say? ‘Father, save me from this hour’? But for this purpose I have come to this hour. ²⁸ Father, glorify your name.” Then a voice came from heaven: “I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again.” ²⁹ The crowd that stood there and heard it said that it had thundered. Others said, “An angel has spoken to him.”

³⁰ Jesus answered, “This voice has come for your sake, not mine.

³¹ Now is the judgment of this world; now will the ruler of this world be cast out. ³² And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself.” ³³ He said this to show by what kind of death he was going to die.

P The Gospel of the Lord.



CHILDREN'S SERMON

***HYMN** *“When I Survey the Wondrous Cross”* *LBW 482*

SERMON

***APOSTLES' CREED**

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

**I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord.
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the virgin Mary.**

**He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.**

**He descended into hell.
On the third day He rose again.**

**He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again 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**

*OFFERTORY PRAYER

A Let us pray.

A Merciful Father,

C We offer with joy and thanksgiving what You have first given us—our selves, our time, and our possessions, signs of Your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of Him who offered Himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING



P The Lord be with you. **C** And al - so with you.



P Lift up your hearts. **C** We lift them to the Lord.



P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



C It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

PREFACE

P It is indeed right and salutary that we should at all times and in all places offer thanks and praise to You, O Lord, holy Father, through Christ our Lord. You bid Your people cleanse their hearts and prepare with joy for the paschal feast. Renew our zeal in faith and life, and bring us to the fullness of grace that belongs to the children of God. And so, with the Church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise Your name and join their unending hymn:



EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

P In the night in which He was betrayed, our LORD Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to His disciples, saying:

Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.

Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, He took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying:

This cup is the new covenant in my blood,

shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.

Do this for the remembrance of me.

***THE LORD'S PRAYER**

C: 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



C Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world;



grant us peace, grant us peace.

COMMUNION HYMNS

LBW 214, 203, 124, 198 WOV 711

***COMMUNION**

*All who are baptized and believe that Christ is truly present
In the Lord's Supper are invited to receive this Sacrament with us.*

P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in His grace. **C Amen**

*CANTICLE



Lord, now you let your ser- vant go in peace; your word has been ful -



filled. My own eyes have seen the sal - va - tion which you have pre -



pared in the sight of ev - 'ry peo - ple: A light to re - veal you to the



na - tions and the glo - ry of your peo - ple Is - ra - el.



Glo - ry to the Fa - ther, and to the Son, and to the Ho - ly Spir - it,



as it was in the be - gin - ning, is now,



and will be for - ev - er. A - men

*POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

A Let us pray....Almighty God, You gave Your Son both as a sacrifice for sin and a model of the godly life. Enable us to receive Him always with thanksgiving, and to conform our lives to His; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord.

C Amen

*BENEDICTION

P 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. In the name of the Father, and of the ✠ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.



A - men

***CLOSING HYMN**

"O Savior, Precious Savior"

LBW 514

***DISMISSAL**

A Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

Toccata on "Leoni"

Young

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Thank You Margherita!

TODAY after church, Margherita's "Thanks for your Service at St John's party". Join us in the social area (outside the fellowship hall) for finger foods and a celebration of her talents here. Let's give her a hug, support her new career and tell her how much she means to us. Come lift prayers for her new endeavors as she ministers to others in a nursing career.

If you would like to donate towards her gift, please mark an envelope "Margherita's gift" and place in the offering.

Sunday -March 25, 2018, 6:00pm

A Lumberjack Evening

St John's Brothers Fellowship Dinner. Come in your flannel shirt and jeans to relax and enjoy a manly themed evening.

Shepherd's Pie, Lumberjack Biscuit Stew, Salad and Ice Cream.

For tickets see Tammy, the church office or return flier in the offering plate by envelope marked Men's Banquet \$8.00/each Ages 12 and under free.



Name: _____

Phone: _____

Number over 12 attending: _____

Total enclosed \$ _____



**HOLY WEEK
WORSHIP
SCHEDULE**

March 25 Palm Sunday

*Procession with Palms
The Passion According to St. Mark*

March 27 Healing Service

Special Communion Service 7:00 PM

March 29: Maundy Thursday

Special Communion Service 7:00 PM

March 30: Good Friday

Youth Group Easter Egg Decorating 9:30 AM
Donations of candy appreciated

Community Good Friday Service

St. John's Noon to 1:00 PM

Tennebrae Service 7:00 PM

A service of light and darkness

March 31: Holy Saturday

Men's Breakfast 8:00 AM

Easter Egg Hunt for the Children 12:00 PM

*Retelling the Easter Story
Nursery to 5th Grade*

April 1: Resurrection of Our Lord

Easter Celebration

Easter Breakfast 9:30 AM

*Festival Communion Service with Brass Ensemble
11:00 AM*

THIS WEEK AT ST. JOHNS

Today	9:00 a.m.	New Bells
	9:20 a.m.	Children's Chimes
	9:30 a.m.	Junior Choir
	9:45 a.m.	Sunday School
	10:00 a.m.	Senior Choir
	11:00 a.m.	Worship: Communion
	1:00 p.m.	Youth Group Movie Outing
Monday 3/19	7:00 p.m.	Bible Study – Book of Luke
	7:00 p.m.	Narcotics Anonymous
Tuesday 3/20	6:00 p.m.	Faith Girlz
	7:00 p.m.	KMA Worship @ Cornerstone Pastor Johnson will be speaker
Wednesday 3/21	9:30 a.m.	Children's Hour
	12:00 p.m.	KMA Lenten Luncheon
	6:30 p.m.	Handbells
	8:00 p.m.	Senior Choir
Thursday 3/22	9:30 a.m.	Children's Hour
	1:00 p.m.	Newsletter
	2:45/7 p.m.	Catechism
	6:00 p.m.	TOPS
Friday 3/23	Noon	Probation Job Skills Class
	7:00 p.m.	Narcotics Anonymous
Saturday 3/24	8:00 a.m.	Men's Breakfast
Sunday 3/25	9:00 a.m.	New Bells
	9:20 a.m.	Children's Chimes
	9:30 a.m.	Junior Choir
	9:45 a.m.	Sunday School
	10:00 a.m.	Senior Choir
	11:00 a.m.	Worship: Communion
	6:00 p.m.	Men's Banquet

Easter Egg Hunt Candy Needed

If you would like to donate candy for the Easter egg hunt, please bring bags of small, individually wrapped candy to the church office. The Youth Group will be stuffing the plastic Easter eggs Good Friday morning, from 9:30 a.m. until Noon.



Good Friday Service

The Kittanning Ministerial Good Friday Service will be on Friday, March 30th at 12:00 pm here at Saint John's Lutheran Church,

Family Frolic Follies Friday

Friday April 13, 2018

7:00 to 9:00 pm

Families, groups and "singles" needed! We are holding our first annual Family Frolic and Follies Friday. Looking for anyone with a skit, song in their hearts, barbershop quarter, "can-can cuties", tumbling, dance skills, our own version of Von Trapp family singers maybe? Can a Sunday School class entertain us with their song played on crystal stemware?

Please don't run the other way when Tammy Fleeger sees you to sign up. To "willingly surrender" your talents, call her at 724-297-5889.



FAITH GIRLZ *SERVE*

OUR MAKE-UP DATE WILL BE

TUESDAY MARCH 20TH

6-7PM

CAN'T WAIT TO USE OUR TIME TOGETHER FOR
A SPECIAL PROJECT!

SERVICE PARTICIPANTS

Assisting Minister	Julie Smith
Lector	Jeff Boarts
Acolyte	Robert John
Comm. Assistants	Jeff and Carol Boarts
Greeters	Jack & Debbie Griffin
Nursery	Alice Stitt
Ushers	Mark, Bob, Sean and Braden Hankey
Camera Operator	Elizabeth John

STAFF MEMBERS

Director of Children's & Youth Ministry	Julie Smith
Secretary	Tricia Howard
Sexton	Terry Cousins
Organist/Choir Director/Director of Music	Rebecca Veith
Sr. Choir Accompanist	Elizabeth Cramer



The flowers on the altar this morning are given to the Glory of God and in honor of husband and father Dennis Lager by his family.

OUR MISSION

St. John's Lutheran Church is a group of people who believe that we are saved by God's grace and who respond to God's love by joyfully serving God, each other, our community and our world. We will humbly and lovingly serve by proclaiming the Gospel, teaching the Word, offering Sacraments, leading others to fellowship, supporting those in need, giving generously of our talents as well as our resources and by thanking and praising God.