

Sunday Worship  
Bulletin  
**Fifth Sunday**  
in  
**LENT**

10:00 a.m.

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## Saint John's Lutheran Church

--- Missouri Synod ---

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### **WELCOME IN THE NAME OF JESUS, OUR LORD**

We pray that our worship this day will be an inspiration to every one of us.

If you are a visitor or the guest of someone, please sign our Guest Book at the round table in the Foyer. Requests for prayers in this morning's service may be made by writing them on the Prayer Request form in the entryway of the church.

A Nursery for infants and toddlers is available in Room 4 on this level.

***Jesus said: "A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another: just as I have loved you, you are also to love another. By this all people will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."***  
*John 13:34-35*



## The Order of Morning Worship – Setting Four

TO OUR VISITORS AND GUESTS: The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper at this congregation is administered in accordance with the Holy Scriptures and the Lutheran Confessions. It is celebrated in the confidence that we receive into our mouths, not just bread and wine, but as our Lord promises His true Body and Blood "through and in which we obtain the forgiveness of sins". If you are not a member of a congregation of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod, we kindly ask that you arrange for a time to speak with Pastor Riley if you are interested in receiving Holy Communion.

**AS WE GATHER:** As we draw closer to Holy Week, we may find ourselves dumbfounded by how dense the disciples seem to be! Again and again, they don't understand just exactly who Jesus is or why He has come. As they travel up to Jerusalem, Jesus can't be much more explicit about His mission than He is in today's Gospel. He says, "The Son of Man will be delivered over to the chief priests and the scribes, and they will condemn Him to death and deliver Him over to the Gentiles. And they will mock Him and spit on Him, and flog Him and kill Him. And after three days He will rise" (Mark 10:33b–34). Despite these specifics provided by Jesus, we see in the days to come that the disciples still don't get it! But before we are too hard on these followers of Jesus, we examine ourselves and see that we don't always take Jesus' words and promises to heart in our own lives. Thanks be to God that Jesus still came, died, and rose for dense disciples like us!

✠ ORGAN PRELUDE:

✠ OPENING HYMN No. **616**: *"Baptismal Waters Cover Me"*

### ***Confession and Absolution***

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### ***Service of the Word***

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Kyrie

✠ PRAYER of the DAY

P: Let us pray. Almighty God, by Your great goodness mercifully look upon Your people that we may be governed and preserved evermore in body and soul; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

***(Be Seated)***

✠ OLD TESTAMENT: Jeremiah 31:31–34

(“I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel.”)

“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, 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. 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. 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.”

R: This is the Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

✠ EPISTLE: Hebrews 5:1–10 (“The source of eternal salvation to all who obey Him”)

For every high priest chosen from among men is appointed to act on behalf of men in relation to God, to offer gifts and sacrifices for sins. He can deal gently with the ignorant and wayward, since he himself is beset with weakness. Because of this he is obligated to offer sacrifice for his own sins just as he does for those of the people. And no one takes this honor for himself, but only when called by God, just as Aaron was.

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”; as he says also in another place, “You are a priest forever, after the order of Melchizedek.”

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. Although he was a son, he learned obedience through what he suffered. And being made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation to all who obey him, being designated by God a high priest after the order of Melchizedek.

R: This is the Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

*(Please Stand)*

✠ HOLY GOSPEL: Mark 10: 35–45

“The Son of Man came not to be served but to serve.”

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the tenth chapter.

**C (Sung): Glory be to Thee, O Lord.**

And James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came up to him and said to him, “Teacher, we want you to do for us whatever we ask of you.” And he said to them, “What do you want me to do for you?” And they said to him, “Grant us to sit, one at your right hand and one at your left, in your glory.” Jesus said to them, “You do not know what you are asking. Are you able to drink the cup that I drink, or to be baptized with the baptism with which I am baptized?” And they said to him, “We are able.” And Jesus said to them, “The cup that I drink you will drink, and with the baptism with which I am baptized, you will be baptized, but to sit at my right hand or at my left is not mine to grant, but it is for those for whom it has been prepared.” And when the ten heard it, they began to be indignant at James and John. And Jesus called them to him and said to them, “You know that those who are considered rulers

of the Gentiles lord it over them, and their great ones exercise authority over them. But it shall not be so among you. But whoever would be great among you must be your servant, and whoever would be first among you must be slave of all. For even the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.”

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C (Sung): Praise be to Thee, O Christ.**

✠ STATEMENT of FAITH: 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.**

**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.**

*(Be Seated)*

✠ HYMN of the DAY No. **857**: *“Lord, Help Us Walk your Servant Way”*

✠ SERMON: *“The Request”* Mark 10:35-45

## ***Offering***

We respond to God's love with our OFFERINGS

Choir Anthem: ‘

✠ PRAYER of the CHURCH

P: In peace let us pray to the Lord:

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

P: For the peace from above and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord:

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

P: For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord:

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

P: For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord:

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

P: For those who are ailing and those who grieve, that they may be strengthened in body and spirit, confident of the love of Christ, let us pray to the Lord:

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

P: For those who work to bring peace, justice, health, and protection in this and every place, let us pray to the Lord:

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

P: For those who bring offerings, those who do good works in this congregation, those who toil, those who sing, and all the people here present who await from the Lord great and abundant mercy, let us pray to the Lord:

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

P: For favorable weather, for an abundance of the fruits of the earth, and for peaceful times, let us pray to the Lord:

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

P: For our deliverance from all affliction, wrath, danger, and need, let us pray to the Lord:

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

P: We pray this through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

### ***Service of the Sacrament (p. 208)***

*At the time of DISTRIBUTION, all those wishing to receive Holy Communion will come forward as the ushers direct. The bread/Body of the Lord will be served in your hand. If you wish to receive the Lord's blood from an individual glass rather than from the common cup, indicate so when Pastor comes to you and he will hand you a glass from which you then drink and place back in the tray carried by the acolyte. If you are not a member of this congregation or a sister congregation within the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod, it is suggested that you speak to the Pastor before partaking of Holy Communion.*

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS No. **624**: *"The Infant Priest Was Holy Born"*

***At the end of the Distribution we stand and continue with  
the NUNC DIMITTIS on p. 211***

† CLOSING HYMN No. **438**: "A Lamb Goes Uncomplaining Forth"

† SILENT PRAYER

† POSTLUDE:

**SERVING US AS WE WORSHIP TODAY:**

Assisting Elders – Paul Brose & Bill  
Schneeloch

Acolyte – Alex Provost

Lay Reader – Tom McClure

Music Director – Jeff Windoloski

Altar Care – Jane McClure

THE FLOWERS in the chancel this morning  
are given to the glory of God and in

**THE FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT (March 18, 2018)**

Jeremiah 31:31–34, Hebrews 5:1–10, Mark 10:35–45

***In the Holy Sacraments, We Share the Glory of the Cross of Christ***

Jesus catechizes His disciples in the way of the cross, revealing that He will be condemned and put to death “and after three days He will rise” (Mark 10:33–34). But the Twelve do not understand. Instead, they argue among themselves about who will be the greatest, with James and John requesting the places of honor on either side of Jesus in His glory. However, Jesus has come to make Himself the “slave of all” and “to give His life as a ransom for many” (Mark 10:43–45). He shares the true glory of His cross with all who are baptized with His Baptism and with those who drink His cup of salvation, the New Testament in His blood (Mark 10:39). By these Holy Sacraments, the Lord makes Himself known to all His people, forgiving their sins “from the least of them to the greatest” (Jeremiah 31:33–34). Though He is the very Son of God, “He learned obedience through what He suffered” and so became our great High Priest, that we may enter His glory by the way of His sacrifice (Hebrews 5:8–10).

**EASTER FLOWERS:**

Due to a new supplier, orders for Easter flowers need to be handed in as soon as possible. This year we are offering:

Lilies: Single - \$8.00

Double - \$14.00

Triple - \$20.00

Tulips: 6 inch pot - \$7.00

Daffodils: 6 inch - \$7.00

Hyacinth: 6 inch pot - \$7.00

8” Hydrangea

If you would like to order flowers that will adorn the altar on Easter, in honor or in loving memory of a loved one, please fill out a flower form located on the round table in the church foyer or call Jane McClure (562-0492) to order or for any questions.

**JOIN US FOR A HYMN SING & POTLUCK MARCH 18:** It is with great joy and excitement that we announce a Hymn Sing & Potluck on Sunday, March 18 starting at 3:00 p.m. Come prepared with some of the titles of your favorite hymns from the Lutheran Service Book (LSB) as we sing through a few verses of each. Following the hymn sing in the sanctuary, we invite everyone to bring an appetizer, hot dish or dessert to share for a time of fellowship downstairs in the fellowship hall!

**INTERESTED IN SINGING WITH THE CHOIR FOR HOLY WEEK AND EASTER?:** Starting on this month, St. John's Choir will begin to rehearse music for Palm Sunday, Good Friday and Easter Sunday. No music reading ability required to join ... we are always looking for new singers! If you are interested, speak with Jeff Windoloski following the service or join us this coming Thursday at 7:00 p.m. for our next rehearsal.

**2018 ALTAR CARE:** A sign-up sheet is located in the foyer for those who are willing to volunteer to clean our church altar. If you are unable to do a full month, two weeks would be fine. All are encouraged to help with the task. Training will be provided if needed.

**COFFEE HOUR HOSTS** are needed each Sunday. Please sign up on the sheet located in the foyer to host a coffee hour after church. This activity is wonderful way to share in fellowship with our brothers and sisters in Christ. Please see Linda Slozak or Erika Slozak if you have any questions.

**2018 ALTAR FLOWERS:** The flower book pages for the New Year are now in the book. The cost for each bouquet is \$21.00. We can do up to three bouquets per Sunday. If anyone would like to have flowers for a particular Sunday, please sign up in the flower book located in the church foyer or see Jane McClure (562- 0492). Please make checks payable to St. John's Altar Guild.

**RADIO MINISTRY:** There are many Sundays coming up that are available for sponsorship. Please help in the continuing outreach mission project of our Radio Broadcast of Sunday morning Worship. Broadcasts can be heard each Sunday at 7:30 a.m. on WHYN (560 AM). The cost for the program is now \$125 per week. If you are interested in sponsoring a broadcast (or a part of a broadcast) in memory of or in honor of anyone please call the church or sign up on the sheet outside the office door.

