



**MORNING SUNDAY SERVICE
10:30 AM
SUNDAY- MARCH 4, 2018
NON-COMMUNION SERVICE**



FIRST SAINT JOHN'S EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

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THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT

THE HEAVENS DECLARE THE GLORY OF GOD

MARCH 4, 2018

THE MISSION OF FIRST SAINT JOHNS

Lutheran Church is to proclaim His Gospel! To worship and serve our Lord Jesus Christ. Our major objective is to have a passion to lead all to Jesus and be an effective magnet involving lives for Jesus Christ.



AS WE GATHER

Perhaps it was as David gazed into the sky with a sense of wonder and awe that the Holy Spirit inspired him to write the words of today's Psalm, "The heavens declare the glory of God, and the sky above proclaims His handiwork" (Psalm 19:1). When we turn our eyes heavenward and see the brightness of the sun, the glow of the moon, or the multitude of stars, we can sense that there is more than meets the eye. Creation reveals that a Creator must be behind this wonderment! God's Word shows us that creation bears witness to the triune God—Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. David is right, "the heavens declare the glory of God."

WELCOME WORSHIPPERS

Welcome to everyone; especially first time worshipers to our service. We are honored you have chosen to worship with us as we celebrate friendships, especially that in God's love we are disciples of our Savior, Jesus. May God bless you as you worship with us. If you have questions or need assistance, our members, Greeters, and Pastor are here to assist you. If you have no church home, please ask about membership at First St. John's. **Please fill in the names of those here today. If any address or phone numbers have changed note the changes on the card, and place our WELCOME CARD in the offering plate when it is passed.** We look forward to seeing you again.

The Cross, from Delores Rehmeier, will stay up front through Lent, paper and tacks if you would like to "nail your confession" to it. Doesn't have to be signed and they won't be read unless you'd like the pastor to, and they will be prayed over for your comfort, strength and forgiveness

RINGING OF THE BELL

PRELUDE

"In the Cross of Christ"

J. Scriveyner

WELCOME

P = Pastor, **A** = Assistant, **L** = Lector, **C** = People, & **△** = Stand

✂ **LSB DIVINE SERVICE SETTING 3** ✂ *LSB 184*

INVOCATION

P In the name of the Father and of the **✝** Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

OPENING SENTENCES *LSB 418:1*

P O Lord, throughout these forty days

C **You prayed and kept the fast;**

P Inspire repentance for our sin,

C And free us from our past. Amen.

HYMN OF INVOCATION

“In the Cross of Christ I Glory”

LSB 427

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

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

I confess to God Almighty, before the whole company of heaven and to you, my brothers and sisters, that I have sinned in thought, word, and deed by my fault, by my own fault, by my own most grievous fault; wherefore I pray God Almighty to have mercy on me, forgive me all my sins, and bring me to everlasting life. Amen.

C The almighty and merciful Lord grant you pardon, forgiveness, and remission of all your sins. Amen.

C I confess to God Almighty, before the whole company of heaven and to you, my brothers and sisters, that I have sinned in thought, word, and deed by my fault, by my own fault, by my own most grievous fault; wherefore I pray God Almighty to have mercy on me, forgive me all my sins, and bring me to everlasting life. Amen.

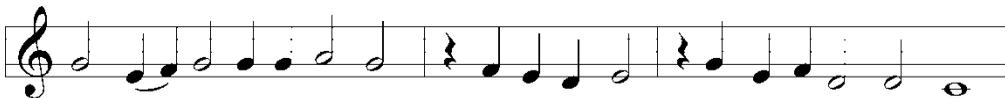
P The almighty and merciful Lord grant you pardon, forgiveness, and remission of all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit. **C** Amen.

SERVICE OF THE WORD

INTROIT *Psalm 69:14–16; antiphon: v. 9*

For zeal for Your house has consumed me,
and the reproaches of those who reproach You have fallen on me.
Deliver me from sinking in the mire;
let me be delivered from my enemies and from the deep waters.
Let not the flood sweep over me, or the deep swallow me up,
or the pit close its mouth over me.
Answer me, O LORD, for Your steadfast love is good;
according to Your abundant mercy, turn to me.

GLORIA PATRI



C Glo-ry be to the Fa-ther and to the Son and to the Ho-ly Ghost;



as it was in the be-gin-ning, is now, and ev-er shall be, world with-out end. A-men.

KYRIE



C Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -



on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you

C And with thy spirit

P Let us pray O God, the Law no longer condemns, for Christ came to fulfill the Law and the Prophets.

C Grant that by faith we would live as Your people with Your Law as our guide;

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

C Amen.

(Sit)

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

PSALM *Psalm 19; antiphon: v. 8*

P The precepts of the LORD are right, rejoicing the heart;
the commandment of the LORD is pure, enlightening the eyes.

Men: *The heavens declare the glory of God,
and the sky above proclaims His handiwork.*

Women: *Day to day pours out speech,
and night to night reveals knowledge.*

Men: *There is no speech, nor are there words,
whose voice is not heard.*

Women: *Their measuring line goes out through all the earth,
and their words to the end of the world.*

Men: *In them He has set a tent for the sun,
which comes out like a bridegroom leaving his chamber,
and, like a strong man, runs its course with joy.*

Women: *Its rising is from the end of the heavens, and its circuit to the end of them,
and there is nothing hidden from its heat.*

Men: *The law of the LORD is perfect, reviving the soul;
the testimony of the LORD is sure, making wise the simple;*

Women: *the precepts of the LORD are right, rejoicing the heart;
the commandment of the LORD is pure, enlightening the eyes;*

Men: *the fear of the LORD is clean, enduring forever;
the just decrees of the LORD are true, and righteous altogether.*

Women: *More to be desired are they than gold, even much fine gold;
sweeter also than honey and drippings of the honeycomb.*

Men: *Moreover, by them is Your servant warned;
in keeping them there is great reward.*

Women: *Who can discern his errors?
Declare me innocent from hidden faults.*

Men: *Keep back Your servant also from presumptuous sins; let them not have dominion over me!
Then I shall be blameless, and innocent of great transgression.*

Women: *Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in Your sight,
O LORD, my rock and my redeemer.*

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OLD TESTAMENT READING (The Ten Commandments)

Exodus 20:1–17

- 1 And God spoke all these words, saying,
- 2 "I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery.
- 3 "You shall have no other gods before me.
- 4 "You shall not make for yourself a carved image, or any likeness of anything that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth.
- 5 You shall not bow down to them or serve them, for I the LORD your God am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers on the children to the third and the fourth generation of those who hate me,
- 6 but showing steadfast love to thousands of those who love me and keep my commandments.
- 7 "You shall not take the name of the LORD your God in vain, for the LORD will not hold him guiltless who takes his name in vain.
- 8 "Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy.
- 9 Six days you shall labor, and do all your work,
- 10 but the seventh day is a Sabbath to the LORD your God. On it you shall not do any work, you, or your son, or your daughter, your male servant, or your female servant, or your livestock, or the sojourner who is within your gates.
- 11 For in six days the LORD made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, and rested on the seventh day. Therefore the LORD blessed the Sabbath day and made it holy.
- 12 "Honor your father and your mother, that your days may be long in the land that the LORD your God is giving you.

- 13 "You shall not murder.
 14 "You shall not commit adultery.
 15 "You shall not steal.
 16 "You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.
 17 "You shall not covet your neighbor's house; you shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or his male servant, or his female servant, or his ox, or his donkey, or anything that is your neighbor's."

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

EPISTLE ("We preach Christ crucified.")

1 Corinthians 1:18–31

- 18 For the word of the cross is folly to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.
 19 For it is written, "I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart."
 20 Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world?
 21 For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, it pleased God through the folly of what we preach to save those who believe.
 22 For Jews demand signs and Greeks seek wisdom,
 23 but we preach Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and folly to Gentiles,
 24 but to those who are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God.
 25 For the foolishness of God is wiser than men, and the weakness of God is stronger than men.
 26 For consider your calling, brothers: not many of you were wise according to worldly standards, not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth.
 27 But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong;
 28 God chose what is low and despised in the world, even things that are not, to bring to nothing things that are,
 29 so that no human being might boast in the presence of God.
 30 And because of him you are in Christ Jesus, who became to us wisdom from God, righteousness and sanctification and redemption,
 31 so that, as it is written, "Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord."

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

(Stand)

HOLY GOSPEL (Jesus drives the money-changers from the temple.) **John 2:13–22, (23–25)**

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



C Glo - ry be to Thee, O Lord.

(The Gospel is read.)

- 13 **The Passover of the Jews was at hand**, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem.
 14 In the temple he found those who were selling oxen and sheep and pigeons, and the money-changers sitting there.

- 15 And making a whip of cords, he drove them all out of the temple, with the sheep and oxen. And he poured out the coins of the money-changers and overturned their tables.
- 16 And he told those who sold the pigeons, "Take these things away; do not make my Father's house a house of trade."
- 17 His disciples remembered that it was written, "Zeal for your house will consume me."
- 18 So the Jews said to him, "What sign do you show us for doing these things?"
- 19 Jesus answered them, "Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up."
- 20 The Jews then said, "It has taken forty-six years to build this temple, and will you raise it up in three days?"
- 21 But he was speaking about the temple of his body.
- 22 When therefore he was raised from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this, and they believed the Scripture and the word that Jesus had spoken.
- 23 **Now when he was in Jerusalem at the Passover Feast**, many believed in his name when they saw the signs that he was doing.
- 24 But Jesus on his part did not entrust himself to them, because he knew all people
- 25 and needed no one to bear witness about man, for he himself knew what was in man.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



C Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

God called to us inviting us to be a part of his family. Through Holy Baptism He made us His children. As a family we live together in trust and hope confessing our faith:

APOSTLES CREED *LSB 207*

C I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.
 And in Jesus Christ, His 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 into hell.
 The third day He rose again from the dead.
 He ascended into heaven
 and sits at the right hand of God the Father almighty.
 From thence 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.

(Sit)

HYMN OF THE DAY

"Built on the Rock"

LSB 645

(Sit)

OFFERING {Please fill out the BLUE CARD and place it in the offering plate.}

VOLUNTARY

“A Lenten Meditation”

J. Rasley

OFFERTORY



C Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -



new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a -



way from Thy pres - ence, and take not Thy Ho - ly Spir - it



from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of Thy sal - va -



tion, and up - hold me with Thy free spir - it. A - men.

(Stand)

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH / LITANY

[The Litany may be spoken, or it may be sung according to the following musical form. When sung, the congregation’s response may begin just as the leader’s petition ends so that the word “Lord” is sung simultaneously by both leader and congregation].

- 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 [*names of synodical and district presidents*], for all pastors in Christ, for all servants of the Church, and for all the people, let us pray to the Lord: **C Lord, have mercy.**

P For [*name of president or monarch*], for all public servants, for the government and those who protect us, [**specifically...Charlie, Jose, Blake, Clay, Austin, Sean, Brent, Jake, Justin, Ashlee, Samuel, Kevin, Lindsay, Jonathan, Dakota, Matthew, Chuck, Megan, Krista, Jonathan, Dylan**], that they may be upheld and strengthened in every good deed, let us pray to the Lord: **C Lord, have mercy.**

P For those who are ailing [**especially...Joyce, Bonnie, Wil, Ruth, Betty, Bill, Gloria, Dawn, Ruthetta, Becky, Angie, Don, Beth, Doug, Pat, Bob, Keith, Helen, Susan, Eddie, Leslie, Larry, Chris, Marianne, Graham, Betty, York City Police Officer Kyle Pitts, Patti, Family of Miriam Halter, Those persecuted for Jesus' sake, prayer warriors, The ministry of First St Johns, our radio ministry of WYCO, Our Community and families, Music Ministry, "for all those who do not know Jesus as Lord", for recovery in Puerto Rico**], and those who grieve [*names*], 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 For guests in worship today, that Christ bless their hearing of the Word with faith, understanding, and joy. Let us pray to the Lord, **C Lord, have mercy.**

P For . . . [*additional bids for prayer may be inserted here*] . . . 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.**

P Now as our Savior has taught us, we are bold to pray:

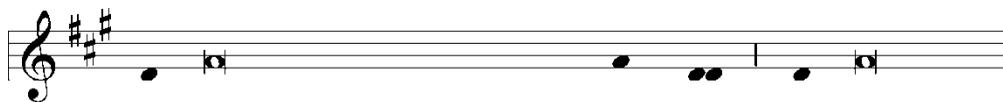
LORD'S PRAYER

C Our Father who art in heaven,
hallowed be Thy name,
Thy kingdom come,

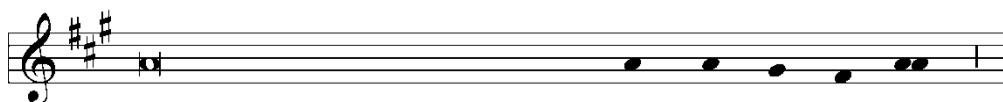
Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven;
give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass
against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.

For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever.
Amen.

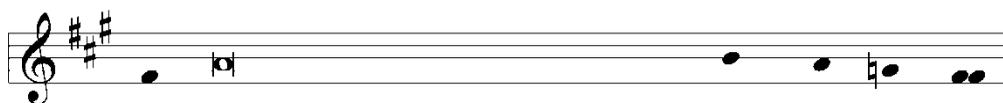
BENEDICTION



P The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make



His face shine upon you and be gra - cious un - to you.



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



C A-men, a-men, a - men.

RECESSIONAL HYMN "Oh, That the Lord Would Guide My Ways" **LSB 707**

DISMISSAL

P Go in peace and serve the Lord!

C **Till all have heard! Thanks be to God!**

Dios los bendigas, Gott Segne Dich

POSTLUDE "Oh, That the Lord Would Guide My Ways" Diemer, Gabrielsen, and Weitzel

SERVING IN GOD’S HOUSE TODAY

THE PASTOR:	Rev. James A. Driskell
MINISTER OF MUSIC:	Ken Sanders
THE LAY READER:	Kimberly Thompson
THE USHERS:	Dave Stambaugh, Scott Rainville
THE ALTAR GUILD:	Barb Klahold
REFRESHMENTS:	Geoff and Jane Abendschoen
THE ADULT CHOIR:	Sharon Hennig, Karen Hildebrand, Lois Hollinger, Lois Stambaugh, Dave Stambaugh, Wally Smith
THE GREETERS:	Delores Rehmeier, Barb Klahold
THE PRIESTS:	The People of 1st St Johns

ATTENTION (NURSERY FACILITIES ARE AVAILABLE IN THE PARISH HALL.).

THE ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the GLORY OF GOD.

THE SPECIAL OFFERING for the month of **MARCH is Lutheran Hour Ministries.**

THE 2ND SUNDAY CHURCH SERVICE OF THE MONTH will include a healing service. The next healing service is **March 11th. Please contact the pastor if you would like healing attention at a different time.**

STEWARDSHIP

John 2:16 – “And he told those who sold the pigeons, ‘Take these things away; do not make my Father’s house a house of trade.’ ” The Lord’s House is not a place to sell, but a place to receive and a place to give. It’s not a place for our schemes and plans. Instead the Church is a place for the Lord’s gracious giving and our faithful sacrifices in response.

WEEKLY WORSHIP AND CONFESSION

THURSDAY

9:00 AM-*Matins*

5:00-6:00 PM-*Private Confession*

SUNDAY

8:30 AM

Matins

9:00 AM

Adult Bible Study / Confirmation Class

9:15 AM

Sunday school

10:30 AM

Worship Service

5:30-6:00 PM (Bible Study) 6:00-6:30 PM (Dinner)

6:30-8:00 PM (Spanish Worship Service)

READINGS FOR THE MARCH 11TH SERVICE

OLD TESTAMENT READING (Moses and the bronze serpent)

Numbers 21:4–9

EPISTLE (God raised us up with Christ.)

Ephesians 2:1–10

HOLY GOSPEL (The Son of Man must be lifted up.)

John 3:14–21

UPCOMING SERVICES

March 11th: COMMUNION (4th Sunday in Lent) (10:30 am service).

March 18th: Matins, Non-COMMUNION (5th Sunday in Lent) (10:30 am service).

March 25th: COMMUNION (Palm Sunday) (10:30 am service).

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