

St. John Lutheran Church, ELCA

March 1, 2020

9 AM

1st Sunday of Lent

*Welcome to worship at St. John! Hymns are found in the second half of the red Evangelical Lutheran Worship (ELW) hymnal and are listed with a number sign, for example #504. Please join in the assembly portions of the spoken word, indicated by **bold** print in this worship order. An asterisk (*) indicates when to stand as you are able.*

Worship the
Lord your God,
and serve only
Him.



Matthew 4:10

Gathering Music

Please use this time for a moment of quiet reflection before the service begins. If you so choose, a before worship prayer is located on page 72 of the hymnal.

Welcome and Announcements

Confession and Forgiveness

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, who is present, who gives life, who calls into existence the things that do not exist. If you were to keep watch over sins, O Lord, who could stand? Yet with you is forgiveness, and so we confess.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Gracious God, have mercy on us. We confess that we have turned away from you, knowingly and unknowingly. We have wandered from your resurrection life. We have strayed from your love for all people. Turn us back to you, O God. Give us new hearts and right spirits, that we may find what is pleasing to you and dwell in your house forever. Amen.

Receive good news: God turns to you in love. "I will put my spirit in you, and you shall live," says our God. All your sin is forgiven in the name of † Jesus Christ, who is the free and abounding gift of God's grace for you.

Amen.

*Gathering Hymn

#602 Your Heart, O God, Is Grieved

*Kyrie

s156

*Canticle of Praise

s159

*Prayer of the Day

Lord God, our strength, the struggle between good and evil rages within and around us, and the devil and all the forces that defy you tempt us with empty promises. Keep us steadfast in your word, and

when we fall, raise us again and restore us 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.

Word

First Reading

Genesis 2:15-17; 3:1-7

¹⁵The LORD God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to till it and keep it. ¹⁶And the LORD God commanded the man, “You may freely eat of every tree of the garden; ¹⁷but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall die.”

^{3:1}Now the serpent was more crafty than any other wild animal that the LORD God had made. He said to the woman, “Did God say, ‘You shall not eat from any tree in the garden?’” ²The woman said to the serpent, “We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden; ³but God said, ‘You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the middle of the garden, nor shall you touch it, or you shall die.’” ⁴But the serpent said to the woman, “You will not die; ⁵for God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil.” ⁶So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate; and she also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate. ⁷Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together and made loincloths for themselves.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 32

Please join in the refrain where indicated.

Psalm 32

John Helgen

Hap - py are they whose trans - gres - sions are for - giv - en
and whose sin is put a - way!

Psalm 32:1

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³While I held my tongue, my bones withered away,
because of my groaning all day long.

⁵Then I acknowledged my sin to you, and did not conceal my guilt. **R**
I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the LORD." Then you
forgave me the guilt of my sin.

⁷You are my hiding-place; you preserve me from trouble;
you surround me with shouts of deliverance. **R**

¹¹Be glad, you righteous, and rejoice in the LORD;
shout for joy, all who are true of heart. **R**

Second Reading

Romans 5:12-19

¹²Just as sin came into the world through one man, and death came through sin, and so death spread to all because all have sinned—¹³sin was indeed in the world before the law, but sin is not reckoned when there is no law. ¹⁴Yet death exercised dominion from Adam to Moses, even over those whose sins were not like the transgression of Adam, who is a type of the one who was to come.

¹⁵But the free gift is not like the trespass. For if the many died

through the one man's trespass, much more surely have the grace of God and the free gift in the grace of the one man, Jesus Christ, abounded for the many. ¹⁶And the free gift is not like the effect of the one man's sin. For the judgment following one trespass brought condemnation, but the free gift following many trespasses brings justification. ¹⁷If, because of the one man's trespass, death exercised dominion through that one, much more surely will those who receive the abundance of grace and the free gift of righteousness exercise dominion in life through the one man, Jesus Christ.

¹⁸Therefore just as one man's trespass led to condemnation for all, so one man's act of righteousness leads to justification and life for all. ¹⁹For just as by the one man's disobedience the many were made sinners, so by the one man's obedience the many will be made righteous.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

***Gospel Acclamation**

s160b

***Gospel**

Matthew 4:1-11

The holy gospel according to Matthew, the 4th chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. ²He fasted forty days and forty nights, and afterwards he was famished. ³The tempter came and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread." ⁴But he answered, "It is written,

'One does not live by bread alone,

but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.'"

⁵Then the devil took him to the holy city and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, ⁶saying to him, "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down; for it is written,

‘He will command his angels concerning you,’
and ‘On their hands they will bear you up,
so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.’”

⁷Jesus said to him, “Again it is written, ‘Do not put the Lord your God to the test.’”

⁸Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendor; ⁹and he said to him, “All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me.” ¹⁰Jesus said to him, “Away with you, Satan! for it is written,

‘Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him.’”

¹¹Then the devil left him, and suddenly angels came and waited on him.

The gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.

Children’s Message

Sermon

***Nicene Creed**

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***Prayers of Intercession**

The Assembly responds, “**Hear our prayer.**”

***Sharing of the Peace**

Meal

Offering

O Christ, Be My Light (Gaelic Air arr. Thomas Keesecker)
Chorister Choir

***Offertory Response**

#686 We Give Thee but Thine Own (v. 1)

***Offertory Prayer**

Holy and generous host, you set a table where we feast as friends. Prepare us to witness to your goodness with every gift you have given us to share, that all people may know your peace through Jesus Christ, now and forever. Amen.

***The Great Thanksgiving and Preface**

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy... and join their unending hymn:

***Holy, Holy, Holy**

s162

***Words of Institution**

***Lord's Prayer**

s163, right column

Lamb of God

s164

Music during Communion

#325 I Want Jesus to Walk with Me

#802 Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus

#808 Lord Jesus, You Shall Be My Song

Prayer after Communion

We thank you, living God, for the body and blood of your Son, which sustains us in the wilderness and the garden alike. As Christ has loved us in this feast, so send us to love Christ in our neighbors. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

Sending

***Blessing**

***Sending Song**

#618 Guide Me Ever, Great Redeemer

***Dismissal**

Go in peace. Share the good news.

Thanks be to God.

***Sending Music**

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