

March 22, 2020
A Service of the Word
in time of Pestilence

St. John Evangelical Lutheran Church

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St. John Evangelical Lutheran Church exists by the grace of God to be the body of Christ in Holbrook. Therefore, we proclaim God's word to the world, teach the faithful, administer the sacraments, and show the love of Christ in care for our community. Welcome! Every person who comes to worship is a special gift from God. Thank you for being with us!

Serving in God's house

Presiding Minister: Rev. Dr. George Kirkup
 Organist: Marie Diane Melfi
 Elders: 9am R – Scott Krause R – Lennox Debra
 11am R – Don Karnik
 Altar Guild: Linda Sladky

The flowers are for the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ.

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Week of March 23rd

All meetings, classes currently cancelled.

Sunday	Divine Service			9am (BC)		
Date	Worship	Sunday School	Offering	Weekly Need	Difference	
2/23	102	19	\$1940	\$3021	(\$1081)	
3/01	96	24	\$2121	\$3021	(\$900)	
3/08	65	20	\$1797	\$3021	(\$1224)	

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All non-essential activities of the church are currently suspended in an effort to slow the spread of the coronavirus and other diseases. Insofar

- 1 Today Your mercy calls us to wash away our sin.
However great our trespass, whatever we have been,
However long from mercy our hearts have turned away,
Your precious blood can wash us and make us clean today.
- 2 Today Your gate is open, and all who enter in
Shall find a Father's welcome and pardon for their sin.
The past shall be forgotten, a present joy be giv'n,
A future grace be promised, a glorious crown in heav'n.
- 4 O all-embracing Mercy, O ever-open Door,
What should we do without You when heart and eye run o'er?
When all things seem against us, to drive us to despair,
We know one gate is open, one ear will hear our prayer.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

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P In the name of the Father and of the T Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

P Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

P Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C **who made heaven and earth.**

P I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,

C **and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.**

P O almighty God, merciful Father,

C **I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.**

P Upon this your confession,... I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the T Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

SERVICE OF THE WORD

INTROIT

Psalm 84

Remember, O LORD, your covenant
and say to your smiting angel,
“Stay your hand, that the land may not become desolate,”
lest you destroy every living soul.

**Give ear, O Shepherd of Israel,
you who lead Joseph like a flock!**

O LORD, God of hosts,
how long will you be angry with your people’s prayers?

**Let your hand be on the man of your right hand,
the son of man whom you have made strong for yourself!**

Restore us, O LORD God of hosts!
let your face shine, that we may be saved!



Remember, O LORD, your covenant
and say to your smiting angel,
“Stay your hand, that the land may not become desolate,”
lest you destroy every living soul.

KYRIE

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**C Lord, have mercy upon us.
Christ, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon us.**

During Lent, the GLORIA IN EXCELSIS is omitted.

SALUTATION & COLLECT OF THE DAY

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**P The Lord be with you.
C And with thy spirit.
P Let us pray...
C Amen.**

A The Old Testament Reading in time of pestilence is from Second Samuel, chapter twenty-four.

So the LORD sent a pestilence on Israel from the morning until the appointed time. And there died of the people from Dan to Beersheba 70,000 men. And when the angel stretched out his hand toward Jerusalem to destroy it, the LORD relented from the calamity and said to the angel who was working destruction among the people, "It is enough; now stay your hand." And the angel of the LORD was by the threshing floor of Araunah the Jebusite. Then David spoke to the LORD when he saw the angel who was striking the people, and said, "Behold, I have sinned, and I have done wickedly. But these sheep, what have they done? Please let your hand be against me and against my father's house."

And Gad came that day to David and said to him, "Go up, raise an altar to the LORD on the threshing floor of Araunah the Jebusite." So David went up at Gad's word, as the LORD commanded. And when Araunah looked down, he saw the king and his servants coming on toward him. And Araunah went out and paid homage to the king with his face to the ground. And Araunah said, "Why has my lord the king come to his servant?" David said, "To buy the threshing floor from you, in order to build an altar to the LORD, that the plague may be averted from the people." Then Araunah said to David, "Let my lord the king take and offer up what seems good to him. Here are the oxen for the burnt offering and the threshing sledges and the yokes of the oxen for the wood. All this, O king, Araunah gives to the king." And Araunah said to the king, "May the LORD your God accept you." But the king said to Araunah, "No, but I will buy it from you for a price. I will not offer burnt offerings to the LORD my God that cost me nothing." So David bought the threshing floor and the oxen for fifty shekels of silver. And David built there an altar to the LORD and offered burnt offerings and peace offerings. So the LORD responded to the plea for the land, and the plague was averted from Israel.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM

Psalm 107:17–22

Some were fools through their sinful ways,
and because of their iniquities suffered affliction;

**they loathed any kind of food,
and they drew near to the gates of death.**

Then they cried to the LORD in their trouble,
and he delivered them from their distress.

**He sent out his word and healed them,
and delivered them from their destruction.**

Let them thank the LORD for his steadfast love,
for his wondrous works to the children of man!

And let them offer sacrifices of thanksgiving,

and tell of his deeds in songs of joy!

EPISTLE

Romans 5:15–21

A The Epistle is from Romans, chapter five.

But the free gift is not like the trespass. For if many died through one man's trespass, much more have the grace of God and the free gift by the grace of that one man Jesus Christ abounded for many. And the free gift is not like the result of that one man's sin. For the judgment following one trespass brought condemnation, but the free gift following many trespasses brought justification. For if, because of one man's trespass, death reigned through that one man, much more will those who receive the abundance of grace and the free gift of righteousness reign in life through the one man Jesus Christ.

Therefore, as one trespass led to condemnation for all men, so one act of righteousness leads to justification and life for all men. For 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. Now the law came in to increase the trespass, but where sin increased, grace abounded all the more, so that, as sin reigned in death, grace also might reign through righteousness leading to eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Stand

During Lent, the ALLELUIA is omitted.

HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 4:38–41

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the fourth chapter.

C **Glory be to Thee, O Lord.**

And [Jesus] arose and left the synagogue and entered Simon's house. Now Simon's mother-in-law was ill with a high fever, and they appealed to him on her behalf. And he stood over her and rebuked the fever, and it left her, and immediately she rose and began to serve them.

Now when the sun was setting, all those who had any who were sick with various diseases brought them to him, and he laid his hands on every one of them and healed them. And demons also came out of many, crying, "You are the Son of God!" But he rebuked them and would not allow them to speak, because they knew that he was the Christ.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise be to Thee, O Christ.**

Apostles' Creed

**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 Christian church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

Sit

I Am Trusting Thee, Lord Jesus

LSB 729

- 1 I am trusting Thee, Lord Jesus, trusting only Thee;
Trusting Thee for full salvation, great and free.
- 2 I am trusting Thee for pardon; at Thy feet I bow,
For Thy grace and tender mercy trusting now.
- 3 I am trusting Thee for cleansing in the crimson flood;
Trusting Thee to make me holy by Thy blood.
- 4 I am trusting Thee to guide me; thou alone shalt lead,
Ev'ry day and hour supplying all my need.
- 5 I am trusting Thee for power; thine can never fail.
Words which Thou Thyself shalt give me must prevail.
- 6 I am trusting Thee, Lord Jesus; never let me fall.
I am trusting Thee forever and for all.

Stand

OFFERTORY

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**C Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.
Cast me not away from Thy presence, and take not Thy Holy Spirit from me.
Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation, and uphold me with Thy free spirit.
Amen.**

Stand

Doxology

LSB 805

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

**P Lord, in Your mercy,
C hear our prayer.**

THE LITANY

L O Lord, !	C have mercy.!
L O Christ, !	C have mercy.
L O Lord, !	C have mercy.!
L O Christ, !	C hear us.
L God the Father in heaven, !	C have mercy.!
L God the Son, Redeemer of the world, !	C have mercy.
L God the Holy Spirit, !	C have mercy.!
L Be gracious to us. !	C Spare us, good Lord.
L Be gracious to us. !	C Help us, good Lord.!

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L From all sin, from all error, from all evil;
From the crafts and assaults of the devil; from sudden and evil death;
From pestilence and famine; from war and bloodshed; from sedition and from rebellion;
From lightning and tempest; from all calamity by fire and water; and from everlasting death:
C Good Lord, deliver us.!

L By the mystery of Your holy incarnation; by Your holy nativity;
By Your baptism, fasting, and temptation; by Your agony and bloody sweat; by Your cross
and passion; by Your precious death and burial;
By Your glorious resurrection and ascension; and by the coming of the Holy Spirit, the
Comforter:
C Help us, good Lord.

- L In all time of our tribulation; in all time of our prosperity; in the hour of death; and in the day of judgment: !
- C **Help us, good Lord.**
- L We poor sinners implore You
- C **to hear us, O Lord.**
- L To rule and govern Your holy Christian Church; to preserve all pastors and ministers of Your Church in the true knowledge and understanding of Your wholesome Word and to sustain them in holy living;
To put an end to all schisms and causes of offense; to bring into the way of truth all who have erred and are deceived;
To beat down Satan under our feet; to send faithful laborers into Your harvest; and to accompany Your Word with Your grace and Spirit:
- C **We implore You to hear us, good Lord.**
- L To raise those who fall and to strengthen those who stand; and to comfort and help the weakhearted and the distressed:
- C **We implore You to hear us, good Lord.**
- L To give to all peoples concord and peace; to preserve our land from discord and strife; to give our country Your protection in every time of need;
To direct and defend our [*president/queen/king*] and all in authority; to bless and protect our magistrates and all our people;
To watch over and help all who are in danger, necessity, and tribulation; to protect and guide all who travel;
To grant all women with child, and all mothers with infant children, increasing happiness in their blessings; to defend all orphans and widows and provide for them;
To strengthen and keep all sick persons and young children; to free those in bondage; and to have mercy on us all:
- C **We implore You to hear us, good Lord.**
- L To forgive our enemies, persecutors, and slanderers and to turn their hearts; to give and preserve for our use the kindly fruits of the earth; and graciously to hear our prayers:
- C **We implore You to hear us, good Lord.**
- L Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God,
- C **we implore You to hear us.**
- L Christ, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world, !
- C **have mercy. !**
- L Christ, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world, !
- C **have mercy. !**
- L Christ, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world, !
- C **grant us Your peace. !**

L O Christ, ! C **hear us.**
L O Lord, ! C **have mercy.**
L O Christ, ! C **have mercy. !**
L O Lord, ! C **have mercy. Amen. !**

LORD'S PRAYER

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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.

P The Lord be with you.
C **And with thy spirit. !**

A Bless we the Lord.
C **Thanks be to God. !**

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 T give you peace.
C **Amen. !**

The King of Love My Shepherd Is

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1 The King of love my shepherd is,
 Whose goodness faileth never;
I nothing lack if I am His
 And He is mine forever.

2 Where streams of living water flow,
 My ransomed soul He leadeth
And, where the verdant pastures grow,
 With food celestial feedeth.

4 In death's dark vale I fear no ill
 With Thee, dear Lord, beside me,
Thy rod and staff my comfort still,
 Thy cross before to guide me.

Postlude



IN OUR PRAYERS: Beth Widera, Thomas Maher, Danny Wolff, Kristen Amari, Gene Maceiko

CHURCH MEMBERS: Marie Melfi, Nancy Cataldo, John Wimmer, Ken Skjeveland, Rich and Betty Kuerner, MaryAnne Boucher, Paula Steidel, Yvonne Germano, Elizabeth and Bill Armstrong, Shirley Debra, Mercedes Lee

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