

*March 9, 2025*

*The First Sunday in Lent*

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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.*

### **Serving in God's house**

Presiding Minister: Rev. George Kirkup  
Readers: Charles Kalhorn  
Organist: Doreen Leonard  
Soloist: Chris Gatti

The altar flowers today celebrate God's grace given to Avery Krasousky and Owen Rodrigues in their baptisms.

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**O Lord, throughout These Forty Days**

*LSB 418*

- 1 O Lord, throughout these forty days you prayed and kept the fast;  
Inspire repentance for our sin, and free us from our past.
- 2 You strove with Satan, and You won; Your faithfulness endured;  
Lend us Your nerve, Your skill and trust in God's eternal Word.
- 3 Though parched and hungry, yet You prayed and fixed Your mind above;  
So teach us to deny ourselves, since we have known God's love.
- 4 Be with us through this season, Lord, and all our earthly days,  
That when the final Easter dawns, we join in heaven's praise.

### **CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION**

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

**C** **Amen.**



today to the LORD your God that I have come into the land that the LORD swore to our fathers to give us.’ Then the priest shall take the basket from your hand and set it down before the altar of the LORD your God.

“And you shall make response before the LORD your God, ‘A wandering Aramean was my father. And he went down into Egypt and sojourned there, few in number, and there he became a nation, great, mighty, and populous. And the Egyptians treated us harshly and humiliated us and laid on us hard labor. Then we cried to the LORD, the God of our fathers, and the LORD heard our voice and saw our affliction, our toil, and our oppression. And the LORD brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm, with great deeds of terror, with signs and wonders. And he brought us into this place and gave us this land, a land flowing with milk and honey. And behold, now I bring the first of the fruit of the ground, which you, O LORD, have given me.’ And you shall set it down before the LORD your God and worship before the LORD your God. And you shall rejoice in all the good that the LORD your God has given to you and to your house, you, and the Levite, and the sojourner who is among you.”

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

PSALM

*Psalm 91:1–13*

He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High  
will abide in the shadow of the Almighty.

**I will say to the LORD, “My refuge and my fortress,  
my God, in whom I trust.”**

For he will deliver you from the snare of the fowler  
and from the deadly pestilence.

**He will cover you with his pinions, and under his wings you will find refuge;  
his faithfulness is a shield and buckler.**

You will not fear the terror of the night,  
nor the arrow that flies by day,

**nor the pestilence that stalks in darkness,  
nor the destruction that wastes at noonday.**

A thousand may fall at your side, ten thousand at your right hand,  
but it will not come near you.

**You will only look with your eyes  
and see the recompense of the wicked.**

Because you have made the LORD your dwelling place—  
the Most High, who is my refuge—

**no evil shall be allowed to befall you,  
no plague come near your tent.**

For he will command his angels concerning you  
to guard you in all your ways.

**On their hands they will bear you up,  
lest you strike your foot against a stone.**

You will tread on the lion and the adder;  
the young lion and the serpent you will trample underfoot.

**A** The Epistle is from Romans, chapter ten.

“The word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart” (that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); because, if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For with the heart one believes and is justified, and with the mouth one confesses and is saved. For the Scripture says, “Everyone who believes in him will not be put to shame.” For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all, bestowing his riches on all who call on him. For “everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.”

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

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*During Lent, the ALLELUIA is omitted.*

HOLY GOSPEL

*Luke 4:1–13*

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

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

Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the wilderness for forty days, being tempted by the devil. And he ate nothing during those days. And when they were ended, he was hungry. The devil said to him, “If you are the Son of God, command this stone to become bread.” And Jesus answered him, “It is written, ‘Man shall not live by bread alone.’” And the devil took him up and showed him all the kingdoms of the world in a moment of time, and said to him, “To you I will give all this authority and their glory, for it has been delivered to me, and I give it to whom I will. If you, then, will worship me, it will all be yours.” And Jesus answered him, “It is written,

“You shall worship the Lord your God,  
and him only shall you serve.”

And he took him to Jerusalem and set him on the pinnacle of the temple and said to him, “If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down from here, for it is written,

“He will command his angels concerning you,  
to guard you,’

and

“On their hands they will bear you up,  
lest you strike your foot against a stone.”

And Jesus answered him, “It is said, ‘You shall not put the Lord your God to the test.’” And when the devil had ended every temptation, he departed from him until an opportune time.

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

## A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

LSB 657:1-3

- 1 A mighty fortress is our God, a sword and shield victorious;  
He breaks the cruel oppressor's rod and wins salvation glorious.  
The old satanic foe has sworn to work us woe.  
With craft and dreadful might he arms himself to fight. On earth he has no equal.
- 2 No strength of ours can match his might. we would be lost, rejected.  
But now a champion comes to fight, whom God Himself elected.  
You ask who this may be? The Lord of hosts is He,  
Christ Jesus, mighty Lord, God's only Son, adored. He holds the field victorious.
- 3 Though hordes of devils fill the land all threat'ning to devour us,  
We tremble not, unmoved we stand; they cannot overpower us.  
Let this world's tyrant rage; in battle we'll engage.  
His might is doomed to fail; God's judgment must prevail! One little word subdues him.

SERMON

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OFFERTORY

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

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

LORD'S PRAYER

COLLECT TO RECEIVE THE WORD

BENEDICTION

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**P** The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you.  
The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and ✠ give you peace.  
**C** Amen, amen, amen.

## O Christ, You Walked the Road

LSB 424

- 1 O Christ, You walked the road our wand'ring feet must go.  
You faced with us temptation's pow'r and fought our ancient foe.
- 2 No bread of earth alone can fill our hung'ring hearts.  
Lord, help us seek Your living Word, the food Your grace imparts.
- 3 No blinding sign we ask, no wonder from above.  
Lord, help us place our trust alone in Your unswerving love.
- 4 When lures of easy gain with promise brightly shine,  
Lord, help us seek Your kingdom first; our wills with Yours align.
- 5 O Christ, You walked the road our wand'ring feet must go.  
Stay with us through temptation's hour to fight our ancient foe.

*In Holy Communion, our Lord invites us to eat and drink His true body and blood. In preparation for this sacrament, each communicant will examine himself and come to the Lord's Table seeking forgiveness of sins. As the catechism says, "a person is truly worthy and well prepared who has faith in these words: 'Given and shed for you for the forgiveness of sins.'" Therefore, we expect all communicants to have been baptized, instructed, and confirmed in the Christian faith, repent of their sins, and believe that Jesus here offers His true body and blood for their forgiveness.*

## SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** **And with thy spirit.**

**P** Lift up your hearts.

**C** **We lift them up unto the Lord.**

**P** Let us give thanks unto the Lord our God.

**C** **It is meet and right so to do.**

**P** It is truly meet right and salutary ... evermore praising God and saying:

**C** **Holy, holy, holy Lord God of Sabaoth;**

**heav'n and earth are full of Thy glory.**

**Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is He, blessed is He, blessed is He that cometh in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.**

### THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

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**P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C** **Amen.**

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### AGNUS DEI

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### DISTRIBUTION

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Mercy Seat

*V. Yohe*

Come to Calvary's Holy Mountain

*LSB 435*

Jesus, Lead Thou On

*LSB 718*

### NUNC DIMITTIS

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**A** O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,

**C** **and His mercy endureth forever.**

### POST-COMMUNION COLLECT

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### PAULINE BENEDICTION



**IN OUR PRAYERS:** Joyce Barbagallo, Barbara, Terry Stapleton, Kathy Cecere, Tara Grey, Lenora Debra, Linda Konecny, Zachary Pompee, Ralph Ciniglio, David Perry, Richie LaPresti, Lydia Foley, Barbara Gerke, Joseph Randazzo

**CHURCH MEMBERS:** Paul Cataldo, John Wimmer, Rich & Betty Kuerner, Arlene Enz, MaryAnne Boucher

**OUR SHUT-INS:** Charles & Ethel Nenstiel, Tom Maher

**THOSE IN THE MILITARY:** Mark Kummer (USN), Kristine Broger (USA), Michael Deck (USAF), Patrick Ullrich (USA)

**OUR CHILDREN:** Andrew Zeo, Liam Balroop, Thomas Cataldo, Mars Crowley

**FRIENDS OF ST. JOHN'S:** Nancy Cataldo, Rebecca Shannon, Erin Nicole Kuerner, Ken Skjeveland, Jacquelyn Berntsen, Frank Sandmeyer, Balmick Persaud, Beth Laine Mattarella, Bob Selkirk, Carolyn Gronlund, Shirley Koenig

Tuesday 10:00AM — NO Bible Study  
Tuesday 6:30PM — Confirmation Class

Tuesday 6:30PM — Soup Supper  
Tuesday 7:30PM — Midweek Vespers

Our Savior New American School is looking for a couple Christ-focused teachers and staff members for the upcoming academic year. If you or someone you know would be interested in finding out more, you can reach out to Principal Wil Stelzer by emailing him at [wil.stelzer@osnas.org](mailto:wil.stelzer@osnas.org) or by calling the school at 631-588-2757. Having a heart for kids and a gift for teaching is to be preferred over certification.