

**Sunday, February 18, 2018
First Sunday in Lent
Holy Communion**



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WELCOME TO ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

PRELUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SILENT PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

BRIEF ORDER FOR CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

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

C: **Amen.**

P: God of heaven and earth,
you come in close and make us yours.
Equip us by your Spirit to confess our sin,
embrace your forgiveness,
and seek the way you set before us in your Son,
Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: **Amen.**

P: With honesty of heart, let us confess our sin.

Brief Silence

Merciful God,

C: **forgive us.**

Our will is handcuffed to sin, and we cannot break free.

We have spoken when we should have kept quiet.

We were silent when we should have said something.

We acted when we knew better.

We were still when we know we should have moved.

For the wrong we have done,

for the good we have failed to do,

have mercy on us,

through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

P: People of God, look to the ✠ Son,
given to heal you and set you free
because God loved the world so much.
Take hold of life—eternal life!

C: **Amen.**

ENTRANCE HYMN

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

LBW 228

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God



1 A might - y for - tress is our God, a sword and shield vic -
 2 No strength of ours can match his might! We would be lost, re -
 3 Though hordes of dev - ils fill the land all threat - 'ning to de -
 4 God's Word for - ev - er shall a - bide, no thanks to foes, who



to - rious; he breaks the cruel op - pres - sor's rod and
 ject - ed. But now a cham - pion comes to fight, whom
 vour us, we trem - ble not, un - moved we stand; they
 fear it; for God him - self fights by our side with



wins sal - va - tion glo - rious. The old sa - tan - ic foe
 God him - self e - lect - ed. You ask who this may be?
 can - not o - ver - pow'r us. Let this world's ty - rant rage;
 weap - ons of the Spir - it. Were they to take our house,



has sworn to work us woe! With craft and dread - ful might
 The Lord of hosts is he! Christ Je - sus, might - y Lord,
 in bat - tle we'll en - gage! His might is doomed to fail;
 goods, hon - or, child, or spouse, though life be wrenched a - way,



he arms him - self to fight. On earth he has no e - qual.
 God's on - ly Son, a - dored. He holds the field vic - to - rious.
 God's judg - ment must pre - vail! One lit - tle word sub - dues him.
 they can - not win the day. The king - dom's ours for - ev - er!

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GREETING

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: **And also with you.**

KYRIE



A Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son: **☒** Lord, have mer - cy.
Lord, have mer - cy:



A Chri - ste e - le - i - son: **☒** Christ, have mer - cy.
Christ, have mer - cy:



A Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son: **☒** Lord, have mer - cy.
Lord, have mer - cy:

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

P: Let us pray.

Lord God, you led your ancient people through the wilderness and brought them to the promised land. Guide now the people of your Church, that, following our Savior, we may walk through the wilderness of this world toward the glory of the world to come; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: **Amen**

FIRST READING: Genesis 9:8-17

Today's reading is the conclusion to the flood story. Because of human sin, the Lord destroys the earth by flood, saving only Noah, his family, and the animals on the ark. Yet divine destruction gives way to divine commitment. As in the first creation, God blesses humanity and establishes a covenant with all creatures.

⁸God said to Noah and to his sons with him, ⁹“As for me, I am establishing my covenant with you and your descendants after you, ¹⁰and with every living creature that is with you, the birds, the domestic animals, and every animal of the earth with you, as many as came out of the ark. ¹¹I establish my covenant with you, that never again shall all flesh be cut off by the waters of a flood, and never again shall there be a flood to destroy the earth.” ¹²God said, “This is the sign of the covenant that I make between me and you and every living creature that is with you, for all future generations: ¹³I have set my bow in the clouds, and it shall be a sign of the covenant between me and the earth. ¹⁴When I bring clouds over the earth and the bow is seen in the clouds, ¹⁵I will remember my covenant that is between me and you and every living creature of all flesh; and the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all flesh. ¹⁶When the bow is in the clouds, I will see it and remember the everlasting covenant between God and every living creature of all flesh that is on the earth.” ¹⁷God said to Noah, “This is the sign of the covenant that I have established between me and all flesh that is on the earth.”

A: The word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM: Psalm 25:1-9

¹To you, O LORD, I lift up my soul; my God, I put my trust in you;
let me not be humiliated, nor let my enemies triumph over me.

²**Let none who look to you be put to shame;
let the treacherous be disappointed in their schemes.**

³Show me your ways, O LORD,
and teach me your paths.

**⁴Lead me in your truth and teach me,
for you are the God of my salvation; in you have I trusted all
the day long.**

⁵Remember, O LORD, your compassion and love,
for they are from everlasting.

**⁶Remember not the sins of my youth and my transgressions;
remember me according to your love and for the sake of your
goodness, O LORD.**

⁷Gracious and upright is the LORD;
therefore he teaches sinners in his way.

**⁸He guides the humble in doing right
and teaches his way to the lowly.**

⁹All the paths of the LORD are love and faithfulness
to those who keep his covenant and his testimonies.

SECOND READING: 1 Peter 3:18-22

*As God acted through Christ's suffering and death to bring us to God,
so God acts through baptism to save us from a sinful existence. This
spiritual cleansing marks our new life in Christ.*

¹⁸Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the
unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the
flesh, but made alive in the spirit, ¹⁹in which also he went and made a
proclamation to the spirits in prison, ²⁰who in former times did not obey,
when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of
the ark, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were saved through water.

²¹And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you—not as a removal
of dirt from the body, but as an appeal to God for a good conscience,
through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, ²²who has gone into heaven and
is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made
subject to him.

A: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

☐ Re - turn to the Lord, your God, for he is gra - cious and mer - ci - ful,
slow to an - ger, and a - bound - ing in stead - fast love.

GOSPEL: Mark 1:9-15

P: The Holy Gospel according to **MARK**, the 1ST chapter.

C: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

The Spirit that comes upon Jesus at his baptism sustains him when he is tested by Satan so that he might proclaim the good news of God's reign.

⁹In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. ¹⁰And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. ¹¹And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased."

¹²And the Spirit immediately drove him out into the wilderness. ¹³He was in the wilderness forty days, tempted by Satan; and he was with the wild beasts; and the angels waited on him.

¹⁴Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, ¹⁵and saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news."

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SERMON

Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word



1 Lord, keep us stead - fast in your word; curb those who
 2 Lord Je - sus Christ, your pow'r make known, for you are
 3 O Com - fort - er of price - less worth, send peace and



by de - ceit or sword would wrest the king - dom from your Son
 Lord of lords a - lone; de - fend your ho - ly church, that we
 u - ni - ty on earth; sup - port us in our fi - nal strife



and bring to naught all he has done.
 may sing your praise e - ter - nal - ly.
 and lead us out of death to life.

Text: Martin Luther, 1483–1546; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–1878, alt.
 Music: ERHALT UNS, HERR, J. Klug, *Geistliche Lieder*, 1543

APOSTLES' CREED

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.

**He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the virgin Mary.**

**He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.**

He descended into hell.

On the third day he rose again.

**He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

He will come again 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**

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

A: Renewed in the promises of baptism, let us pray for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

Brief Silence

A: We pray for the church. For all who preach, teach, and inspire your people to lives of service. Renew your church in ministry, mission, and compassion. Unite us in faith, and uphold us in the promises of baptism. Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

A: We pray for the world. For the well-being of both our own surroundings and of distant places. For favorable weather and sustaining rains. For creatures awakening from hibernation or

beginning seasonal migrations. Provide safe habitats and abundant food for all. Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

A: We pray for the nations. For all who govern or hold positions of authority. For those who work to make their communities safe from violence. Protect all who place themselves in danger to save others from harm. Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

A: We pray for those in need. For those moving to new communities. For individuals who are incarcerated or recently released from prison. For those who are abused or neglected, for the lonely, and for those who are ill (*especially, Anna Marie Meyer, Melvin Meyer, Rich Sendelweck, Jay Harker, Dan Kirby, Rose Leisman, Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School in Parkland Florida, and for Christians and all individuals who suffer from persecution*). Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

A: We pray for this assembly. For musicians, artists, and poets who help us envision your love through word, image, and song. For those who have faced exclusion or felt forgotten. For all who reach out in love and welcome. Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

A: With thanksgiving, we remember those who have died. As they receive the fulfillment of your promises made to them in baptism, sustain us in the hope of resurrection life with you. Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

Other intercessions may be added.

P: Trusting in your covenant of mercy, O God, we lift our prayers to you, through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior.

C: Amen.

PEACE

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

C: And also with you.

OFFERING

OFFERTORY



C Let the vine-yards be fruit-ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of
bless - ing. Gath - er a har - vest from the seeds that were
sown, that we may be fed with the bread of life.
Gath - er the hopes and dreams of all; u - nite them with the prayers we
of - fer now. Grace our ta - ble with your pres - ence,
Lord, and give us a fore-taste of the feast to come.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

P: Merciful God,
receive the sacrifice of our praise and thanksgiving
and the offering of our lives,
that following in the way of the cross,
we may know the joy of the resurrection;
through Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

WORD OF INSTITUTION

In the night in which he was betrayed,
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,
and gave it for all to drink, saying:
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

LORD'S PRAYER

P: Lord, remember us in your kingdom, and teach us to pray:
**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.**

WE RECEIVE HOLY COMMUNION

COMMUNION EXPLANATION

We welcome all baptized believers to take part in Holy Communion. To receive communion please come down the center aisle in two continuous lines. You will first receive a wafer (gluten free wafers are available upon request) and then receive a cup containing either red wine or white grape juice (which is located in the center of the tray.) Once you have communed you may return to your seats by the side aisles. If you do not commune you are welcomed to come forward for a blessing. If you are unable to come forward and would like to receive communion please indicate so after everyone else has communed by raising your hand.

WE PRAYERFULLY LISTEN TO MUSIC DURING DISTRIBUTION

POST COMMUNION CANTICLE



☐ Thank - ful hearts and voic - es raise; tell ev - 'ry -
one what God has done. Let all who seek the
Lord re - joice and bear Christ's ho - ly name.
Send us with your prom - is - es, O God, and
lead us forth in joy with shouts of thanks -
giv - ing. A - men, a - men.

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

P: Compassionate God,
you have fed us with the bread of heaven.
Sustain us in our Lenten pilgrimage:
may our fasting be hunger for justice,
our alms, a making of peace,
and our prayer, the song of grateful hearts;
through Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

SENDING HYMN

Guide Me Ever, Great Redeemer

LBW 343

Guide Me Ever, Great Redeemer



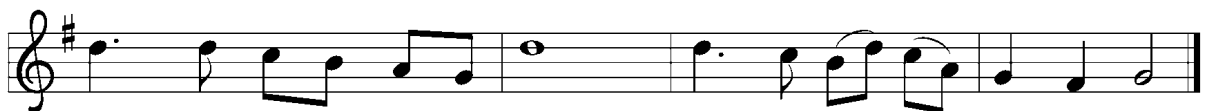
1 Guide me ev - er, great Re - deem - er, pil - grim through this
2 O - pen now the crys - tal foun - tain where the heal - ing
3 When I tread the verge of Jor - dan, bid my anx - ious



bar - ren land. I am weak, but you are might - y; hold me
wa - ters flow; let the fire and cloud - y pil - lar lead me
fears sub - side; death of death and hell's de - struc - tion, land me



with your pow'r - ful hand. Bread of heav - en, bread of heav - en,
all my jour - ney through. Strong de - liv - 'rer, strong de - liv - 'rer,
safe on Ca - naan's side. Songs and prais - es, songs and prais - es



feed me now and ev - er - more, feed me now and ev - er - more.
shield me with your might - y arm, shield me with your might - y arm.
I will raise for - ev - er - more, I will raise for - ev - er - more.

BLESSING

P: May God who has called us forth from the dust of the earth,
and claimed us as children of the light,
strengthen you on your journey into life renewed.
The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord's face shine upon you with grace and mercy.
The Lord look upon you with favor
and give you ☩ peace.

C: **Amen.**

DISMISSAL

P: Marked with the cross of Christ,
go forth to love and serve the Lord.

C: **Working to Share God's Love. Thanks be to God.**

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WELCOME VISITORS: We welcome you to St. John's Lutheran Church and we hope that you will enjoy our worship to God. Please take time to fill out a "St. John's Ministry Notes" card that is located in the bulletin. Once you have filled that card out please place it in the offering plate. We hope that you will consider making St John's your worshiping community.

NURSERY: St. John's loves having children in church, but we want parents to know that we do have an unmanned nursery available downstairs in our Education Wing if needed. The nursery is wired for sound so you can still participate in the service. Take the ramp downstairs which is located next to the upstairs restroom. The nursery is located on the left-hand side of the long hallway four doors down.

HEARING DEVICES: St. John's offers "Hearing Devices" to individuals who need them. They are located in a basket in the Narthex. They have been updated and are ready to be used. The batteries are not in the device but are in the basket and need to be installed to use. If you wear a hearing aid you will need to remove it and put the ear bud directly into your ear. You are welcomed to bring your own ear buds. If you have any questions or need any help contact Linus Mann at 812-351-0612. Our Pastor uses a microphone but sometimes extra help is needed to help enhance your worship experience.

Those Serving TODAY February 18, 2018

Worship Leader: Pastor Catherine Burnette

Acolyte: Julian Bonner

Reader: Cheryl Stemle

Ushers: Christian Mehne & Kylee Weisheit

Greeters: Jeremy & Janel Verkamp

Those Serving February 25, 2018

Worship Leader: Pastor Catherine Burnette

Acolyte: Kathryn Brumfield

Reader: Diann Zehr

Ushers: Zach Broeker & Kylie Patterson

Greeters: Glen & Barb Voelkel

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunday February 18th

9:00 a.m. Sunday School

10:00 a.m. Worship

Wednesday February 21st

5:30 p.m. Soup & Fellowship

6:30 p.m. Lenten Service

7:00 – 8:00 p.m. Confirmation

Sunday February 25th

9:00 a.m. Sunday School, Praise Team Practice

10:00 a.m. Worship

Sunday, February 11th

Sunday School: 11

Church Attendance: 64

Current: \$3,894.00 Goal: \$3,314.00

Benevolence: \$201.00 Goal: \$221.00

Africa: \$30.00

Backpack Buddies: \$100.00

Lent Offering (Public School Ministry): \$8.00

Lutheran Child & Family Services: \$5.00

ANNOUNCEMENTS

MIDWEEK LENT SERVICES: “THE SIGNS OF LENT”: Our



Lenten series this year will be focusing on the signs of Lent are all around us. By looking at ROAD SIGNS like “Stop”, “U-Turn”, “Merge”, “Yield” and others we will learn more about Season of Lent. We hope you will join us for Worship and for Soup and Fellowship before. Soup is on at 5:30 p.m. Service begins at 6:30 p.m. We hope that you will join us for “The Signs of Lent”.

SOUP SIGN UP: There is a sign-up sheet in the Narthex for soup for



the mid-week soup and fellowship before the Lenten Services. The first Wednesday for soup is February 21st and each Wednesday during Lent. Please have your soup at the Church and ready to serve by 5:15 p.m. Thank you. *Parish Life Team.*

LENTEN PROJECT: Our Lenten project for this year is “Planting seeds of Faith in our children and watching it grow”. We will be collecting money for the Public School Ministry which is sponsored by St. John’s. The program has 198 students enrolled in the program that



meets every Tuesday of the school year. There are 12 teachers and only 3 are St. John’s members. They are bused from the school on the southside of Ireland to the north side where they meet in a building owned by St. Mary’s Church. It cost approximately \$600.00 a month for transportation. The children do pay a fee, if able, to help defray the cost of the program. This is a very important ministry as this is the only time some of these children are exposed to any type of religion. Please help us to be able to continue planting those seeds. Thank you *The Outreach Team.*

GRIEF SUPPORT SERIES: Again, Memorial Hospital is offering Grief Support Series. 5 Tuesday evenings beginning February 20th. Hospital Chapel from 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. There is no fee. Reservations are important: 812-996-0219

SYNOD ASSEMBLY: We need two voting members for the 2018 Synod Assembly May 31 - June 2 at Fort Wayne, IN. If we cannot find a couple we can ask to send two of the same gender. Please talk to Pastor Catherine if you are interested.

IRELAND HISTORICAL SOCIETY: The February program of the Ireland Historical Society will be held Sunday, Feb 18, at 1:30 pm in the historical society building. Members of the Ireland Utilities Board will present the history, explain how the new system works, and answer any questions about the utility. Ireland officially began to get water in April 1962 when 5 progressive individuals began the process. Today they service an estimated 35 square miles and have recently erected a new additional 400,000 gallon water tank. The new Ireland History Book of 200 years will be available for purchase at \$55. 2018 membership fees are due at \$10/person. New members are always welcome. Refreshments will be served.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER: Friday, March 2, 2018 at Precious Blood Catholic Church at 10:00 a.m.

Working + to Share God's Love

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