

# St. John Lutheran Church

## Lament to Hope



*Standing at the Gate*



Commitment  
to Community

8:30am  
Sunday  
March 20, 2022



## Youth Choir Mini Session

We would **LOVE** for your K-6th grade student to join us and sing for 1-4 of the upcoming Spring Sunday worship opportunities... Palm Sunday 4/10, Easter 4/ 17, Mother's Day 5/8, and Milestone Ministry 5/22. 45 min rehearsal on Wed.'s, 5:30 - 6:15pm. Contact Tori Hicks, [torihicks@stjohnjoliet.org](mailto:torihicks@stjohnjoliet.org) or sign up, [stjohnjoliet.org](http://stjohnjoliet.org)!

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## **NOW** Time is Running Out: Deposit due H.S. Mission Trip

9th graders and up, sign up at [stjohnjoliet.org](http://stjohnjoliet.org) for the H.S. Mission Trip to Nashville, TN 7/9-16. A non-refundable \$50 deposit is due. Checks payable to St. John Lutheran Church, *Youth Mission Trip* on memo line, and bring to church office.

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**MAR 21**

## "College-Age" Mission Trip Q & A with Pastor Evan

18-23 year olds who are at 1 or more years out of high school may sign up for our Mission Trip to Baltimore, MD. Pastor Evan holds a Zoom Q & A this Monday, 3/21. Email him for the meeting link, [evanmayhew@stjohnjoliet.org](mailto:evanmayhew@stjohnjoliet.org). Trip details & sign up at [stjohnjoliet.org](http://stjohnjoliet.org).

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**MAR 23**

## Mid-week Lenten Worship, Wednesdays at 7pm\*

**BIG Promise**

Thank you to last week's speaker, Jonathan Adams for sharing his faith story, and to our St. John Players who joyfully act out *Noah's Ark*. Missed it? Watch it online!

\* Concurrent Worship Livestream at 6:55pm

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**MAR 24**

## Lament to Hope

Readings from the Gospel of John

Zoom in for Thursday's afternoon Lenten Bible Study. Email Pastor Jen for a link to Zoom in from 3 - 5pm or watch the recording. [jenbeamsley@stjohnjoliet.org](mailto:jenbeamsley@stjohnjoliet.org)

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**NOW**

## Helping Hands: March & April Special ffering

Your gift keeps people in their homes, at work, & healthy. Use a blue envelope & check *Helping Hands*, or visit [stjohnjoliet.org](http://stjohnjoliet.org).

*We welcome you to St. John Lutheran Church as we gather for this time of worship and reflection on God's love for the world.*

*The altar flowers today are given by Mike & Linda Evans in honor of our 47<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary and in honor of our daughter Amanda's birthday.*

*To sponsor altar flowers for our worship space, sign up at [stjohnjoliet.org](http://stjohnjoliet.org) or call the church office.*

## **Worship Leaders – Sunday, March 20, 2022 (8:30 am)**

<b>Deacon</b>	Jim Bartz
<b>Communion Assistant</b>	Lynne Smith
<b>Greeter</b>	Sam Riggi
<b>Ushers</b>	Jon Blomquist, Mark Collins
<b>Organ &amp; Piano</b>	Janet Blomquist
<b>Music Director</b>	Tori Hicks
<b>Audio Board</b>	Keith Markwell
<b>Livestream Team</b>	Elliott Liss, Dawn MacGregor
<b>Counters</b>	Frank Norem, Norm Roland
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Shirley Masters, Carol Robinson

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 **St. John Lutheran Church, Joliet**

*\*Indicates Congregation, Please Stand*

## Prelude

“When Jesus Left His Father’s Throne”

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## Welcome and Announcements

### \*Confession and Forgiveness

P Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever.

C **Amen.**

P In these forty days of Lent, we are invited to turn towards God and one another in honesty, confessing our sin and receiving God’s promise of mercy.

*We observe a time of silence to reflect on ways we’ve given ourselves into the power of sin.*

C **Holy God, have mercy on us. We confess that we have turned from you and given ourselves into the power of sin. We are truly sorry and humbly repent. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things we have done and things we have failed to do. Turn us again to you, and uphold us by your Spirit, so that we may live and serve you in newness of life through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

P In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the † Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

**“O God, Our Help in Ages Past”**

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**Verse 1**      O God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come,  
Our shelter from the stormy blast, and our eternal home:

**Verse 4**      A thousand ages in your sight are like an evening gone,  
Short as the watch that ends the night before the rising sun.

**Verse 5**      Time, like an ever-rolling stream, bears all our years away;  
They fly forgotten, as a dream dies at the op'ning day.

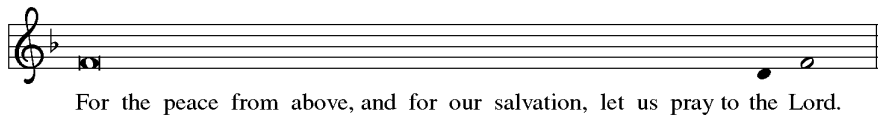
**Verse 6**      O God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come,  
Still be our guard while troubles last and our eternal home.

# \*Kyrie

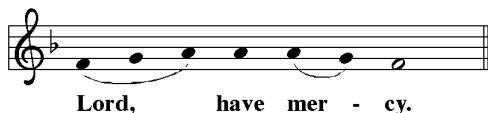
P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the  
C communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.  
**And also with you.**



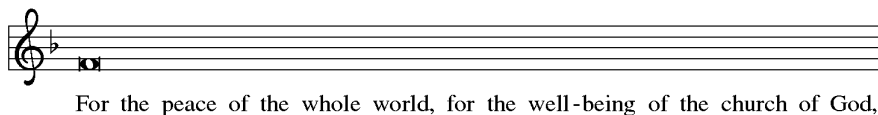
In peace, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mer - cy.**



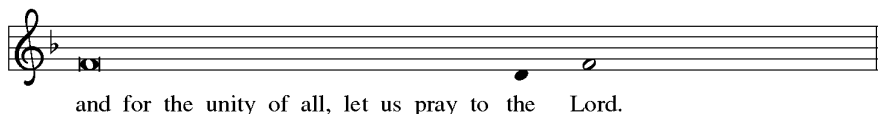
For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.




**Lord, have mer - cy.**



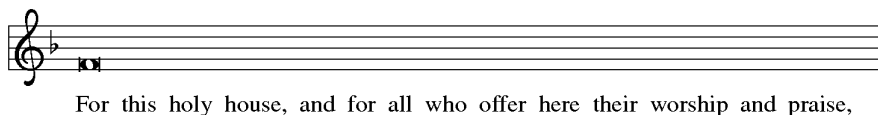
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



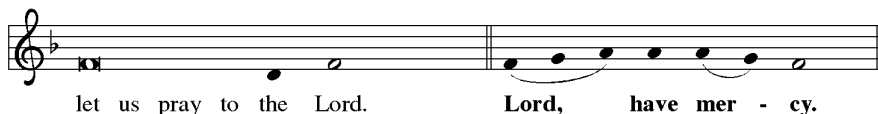
and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



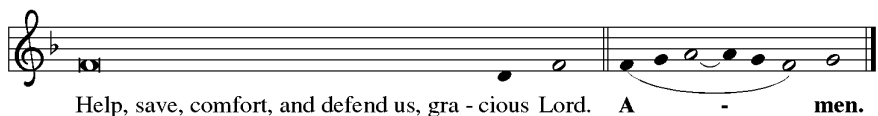
**Lord, have mer - cy.**



For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mer - cy.**



Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord. **A - men.**

## \*Prayer of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Let us pray. Your word is alive, O God, out in the open, moving in hearts and minds and lives. Your good news cannot be contained or controlled, and there's no stopping your love rippling out through the world. Give us ears to hear your voice, calm and sure, guiding us through fear to resurrection faith.

C **Amen.**

## Psalm 17:1-7

D A responsive reading from Psalm 17. Listen for the Word of the Lord.

C **Our ears are open.**

Hear a just cause, O Lord; attend to my cry;  
give ear to my prayer from lips free of deceit.  
From you let my vindication come;  
let your eyes see the right.

**If you try my heart, if you visit me by night,  
if you test me, you will find no wickedness in me;  
my mouth does not transgress.**

**As for what others do, by the word of your lips  
I have avoided the ways of the violent.**

My steps have held fast to your paths;  
my feet have not slipped.  
I call upon you, for you will answer me, O God;  
incline your ear to me, hear my words.

**Wondrously show your steadfast love,  
O savior of those who seek refuge  
from their adversaries at your right hand.**

D Word of God, Word of Life!

C **Thanks be to God!**

## Special Music

"A Celtic Kyrie"  
St. John Chorale

Dengler

## Reading

## Ephesians 2:4-9

D A reading from Paul's letter to the Ephesians, the second chapter.  
Listen for the Word of the Lord.

C **Our ears are open**

But because of his great love for us, God, who is rich in mercy, made us alive with Christ even when we were dead in transgressions—it is by grace you have been saved. And God raised us up with Christ and seated us with him in the heavenly realms in Christ Jesus, in order that in the coming ages he might show the incomparable riches of his grace, expressed in his kindness to us in Christ Jesus. For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God—not by works, so that no one can boast.

D Word of God, Word of Life!

C **Thanks be to God!**

## \*Gospel Acclamation



Re - turn to God with all your heart, the  
Source of grace and mer - cy; Come,  
seek the ten - der faith - ful - ness of God.



## \*Gospel

**John 18:12-27**

**P** The Holy Gospel according to John, the eighteenth chapter.

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

Then the detachment of soldiers with its commander and the Jewish police arrested Jesus. They bound him and brought him first to Annas, who was the father-in-law of Caiaphas, the high priest that year. Caiaphas was the one who had advised the other leaders that it would be good if one man died for the people.

Simon Peter and another disciple were following Jesus. Because this disciple was known to the high priest, he went with Jesus into the high priest's courtyard, but Peter had to wait outside at the gate. The other disciple, who was known to the high priest, came back, spoke to the servant girl on duty there and brought Peter in.

"You aren't one of this man's disciples too, are you?" she asked Peter.

He replied, "I am not."

It was cold, and the servants and officials stood around a fire they had made to keep warm. Peter also was standing with them, warming himself.

Meanwhile, the high priest questioned Jesus about his disciples and his teaching.

"I have spoken openly to the world," Jesus replied. "I always taught in synagogues or at the temple, where all the people come together. I said nothing in secret. Why question me? Ask those who heard me. Surely they know what I said."

When Jesus said this, one of the officials nearby slapped him in the face. "Is this the way you answer the high priest?" he demanded.

"If I said something wrong," Jesus replied, "testify as to what is wrong. But if I spoke the truth, why did you strike me?" Then Annas sent him bound to Caiaphas the high priest.

Meanwhile, Simon Peter was still standing there warming himself. So they asked him, "You aren't one of his disciples too, are you?"

He denied it, saying, "I am not."

One of the high priest's servants, a relative of the man whose ear Peter had cut off, challenged him, "Didn't I see you with him in the garden?" Again, Peter denied it, and at that moment a rooster began to crow.

**P** The gospel of our Lord.

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

# Children's Sermon

Sermon

Pastor Evan Mayhew

\*Hymn of the Day

# 666, Vs. 1, 3, 4

## “What Wondrous Love Is This”

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**Verse 1** What wondrous love is this,  
O my soul, O my soul!  
What wondrous love is this, O my soul!  
What wondrous love is this  
That caused the Lord of bliss  
To bear the dreadful curse  
For my soul, for my soul,  
To bear the dreadful curse for my soul?

**Verse 3** To God and to the Lamb  
I will sing, I will sing;  
To God and to the Lamb I will sing;  
To God and to the Lamb,  
Who is the great I AM,  
While millions join the theme,  
I will sing, I will sing,  
While millions join the theme, I will sing.

**Verse 4** And when from death I'm free,  
I'll sing on, I'll sing on;  
And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on;  
And when from death I'm free,  
I'll sing God's love for me,  
And through eternity  
I'll sing on, I'll sing on;  
And through eternity I'll sing on.

## **\*Apostles' Creed**

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

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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.**

## **Joys and Concerns of our Faith Community**

*Prayer request cards are available in your pews.  
You may place the card in the offering plate or give to a pastor.*

## **Prayers of the Church**

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**P** Drawn close to the heart of God, we offer these prayers for the church,  
the world, and all who are in need.

*Response (sing):*

**O God, we call, O God, we call,  
From deep inside we yearn, from deep inside we yearn,  
From deep inside we yearn for you.**

*The prayers conclude:*

**P** Accept the prayers we bring, O God, on behalf of a world in need,  
for the sake of Jesus Christ.

**C** **Amen.**

## \*Sharing the Peace

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C **And also with you.**

*You may share the peace of Christ with others.*

*Those who choose to stay in their pew may wave or give signs of peace.*

## Offertory

“St. Agnes”

Harmon

### Commitment to Community

*We give what we can from what we have, and trust God will continue moving us to mindful living, generosity, and gratitude.*

*Family of faith, you are invited to be givers and receivers of generosity. You are invited to give your prayers, offerings, and acts of kindness.*

*We share a commitment to the mission and ministry of this place, and our giving is the work of faith.*

*Let us give with grateful hearts.*

## \*Offertory Response

# 186

### “Create in Me a Clean Heart”

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Create in me a clean heart, O God,  
And renew a right spirit within me.  
Cast me not away from your presence,  
And take not your Holy Spirit from me.  
Restore to me the joy of your salvation,  
And uphold me with your free Spirit.

## \*Offertory Prayer

D Let us pray. Extravagant God, **you have blessed us with the fullness of creation. Now we gather at your feast where you offer us the food that satisfies. Take and use what we offer here, come among us, and feed us with the body and blood of Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen.**

## \*Great Thanksgiving *(sung)*

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Lift up your hearts.

C **We lift them to the Lord.**

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

P It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ. You call your people to cleanse their hearts and prepare with joy for the paschal feast, that renewed in the gift of baptism, we may come to the fullness of your grace. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

## \*Holy

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Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,  
heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na. Ho -  
san-na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless-ed is he who  
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san - na in the high - est.

## \*Words of Institution

## \*The 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.

## \*Invitation to Communion

P All who thirst, all who hunger: come and be filled with the goodness  
of God!

C Thanks be to God!

## Distribution

*We believe in the true presence of Jesus Christ in this meal and at this table.  
All are welcome to receive communion or a blessing.*

*There are two ways to receive communion today:*

### **Receiving Communion in your pew**

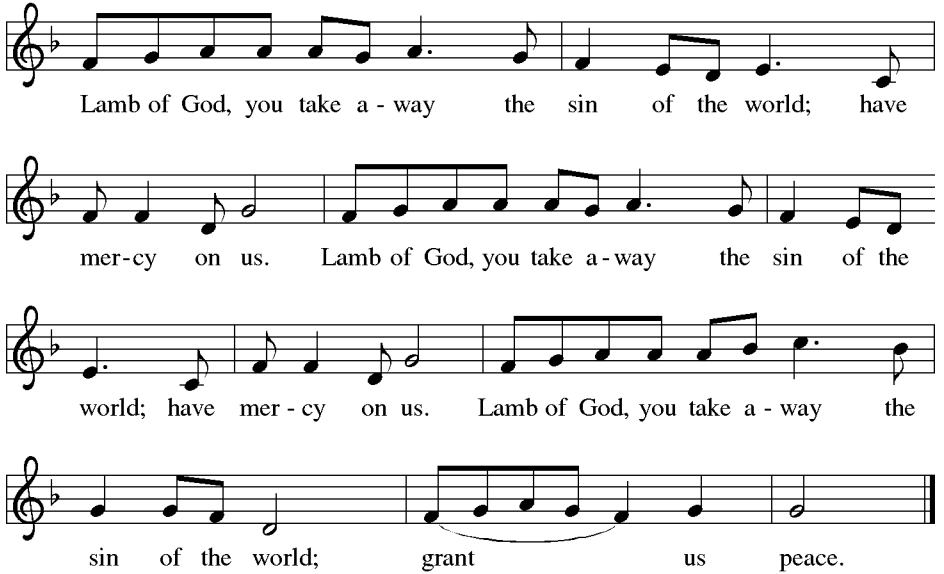
*You may receive communion in your pew with the elements contained in the communion pod. The pastor will say the words of distribution after the Invitation to Communion:*

The body of Christ, given for you.  
The blood of Christ, shed for you.

### **Receiving Communion at the altar**

- *You will be invited forward by the usher.*
- *You may bring your offering/attendance slip forward and place in the offering basket or place in the offering baskets by the doors as you leave.*
- *Gluten free wafers are available upon request. Inform the pastor when receiving communion.*
- *The deep purple wine is on the outer rings of the tray; the golden grape juice is on the inner rings of the tray.*
- *After receiving communion, place the used communion cup in the basket, and return to your pew via the side aisle.*

# Lamb of God



Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have  
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the  
world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the  
sin of the world; grant us peace.

## Communion Music

# 595, Vs. 1-3

### “Jesus Loves Me!”

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**Verse 1** Jesus loves me! This I know for the Bible tells me so,  
Little ones to Him belong. They are weak but He is strong.

**Refrain** Yes, Jesus loves me, yes, Jesus loves me,  
Yes, Jesus loves me, the Bible tells me so.

**Verse 2** Jesus loves me! He who died heaven’s gates to open wide;  
He will wash away my sin, let his little child come in. **Refrain**

**Verse 3** Jesus loves me! He will stay close beside me all the way;  
When at last I come to die, He will take me home on high. **Refrain**

## \*Blessing

C Amen.

## \*Prayer after Communion

D Let us pray. 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 offerings, a making of peace, and our prayer, the song of grateful hearts; through Christ our Lord.

C Amen.

## \*Benediction

C *Sing* AMEN. AMEN. AMEN.

## \*Sending Hymn

# 717, Vs. 1 & 2

### “Let Justice Flow like Streams”

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**Verse 1** Let justice flow like streams  
Of sparkling water, pure,  
Enabling growth, refreshing life,  
Abundant, cleaning, sure.

**Verse 2** Let righteousness roll on  
As others' cares we heed,  
An ever-flowing stream of faith  
Translated into deed.

## \*Sending

D Go in peace. Serve the Lord!

C **Thanks be to God!**

## Postlude

“Bread of the World in Mercy Broken”

Langlois

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