

St. John Lutheran Church

Lament to Hope



New Grounds for Believing



Commitment
to Community

8:30am
Sunday
March 6, 2022

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DAYS, NIGHTS, 1

BIG Promise

Join us for St. John's cherished tradition, the

Lenten Bible Drama!

Board Noah's Ark

Wednesdays

7pm* in the Sanctuary

March 9 - April 6

March 9th - Stacey Haskell Faith Story

* Concurrent Livestream begins at 6:55pm



Lament to Hope

Readings from the Gospel of John

Lenten Bible Study

Thursdays

3 - 5pm on Zoom

Begins March 10

Pastor Jen leads this weekly Bible Study during Lent. To sign up, email jenbeamsley@stjohnjoliet.org.

Can't make it? No problem! Email Pastor Jen at jenbeamsley@stjohnjoliet.org and she will share the recorded study YouTube link and study materials for your devotions.

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 Pam Atkinson in honor of her granddaughter, Samantha Atkinson's confirmation, and by Rachael Yergler in celebration of Madison's first birthday, and by Tim Hay in honor of our 31st wedding anniversary.

To sponsor altar flowers for our worship space, sign up at stjohnjoliet.org or call the church office.

Worship Leaders – Sunday, March 6, 2022 (8:30 am)

Deacon	Jill Doyle
Communion Assistant	Linda Koerner
Greeter	Sam Riggi
Ushers	Jon Blomquist, Joan Fry
Organ & Piano	Janet Blomquist
Music Director	Tori Hicks
Handbell Director	Sarah Wernli
Audio Board	Keith Markwell
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Counters	Jan Drish, Frank Norem
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 **St. John Lutheran Church, Joliet**

**Indicates Congregation, Please Stand*

Prelude

“Prelude on St. Agnes”

Harmon

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.**

“Guide Me Ever, Great Redeemer”

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Verse 1 Guide me ever, great Redeemer, pilgrim through this barren land.
I am weak, but you are mighty; hold me with your pow'ful hand.
Bread of heaven, bread of heaven, feed me now and evermore,
Feed me now and evermore.

Verse 2 Open now the crystal fountain where the healing waters flow;
Let the fire and cloudy pillar lead me all my journey through.
Strong deliv'rer, strong deliv'rer, shield me with your mighty arm,
Shield me with your mighty arm.

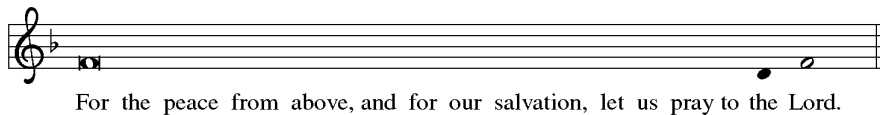
Verse 3 When I tread the verge of Jordan, bid my anxious fears subside;
Death of death and hell's destruction, land me safe on Canaan's side.
Songs and praises, songs and praises I will raise forevermore,
I will raise forevermore.

*Kyrie

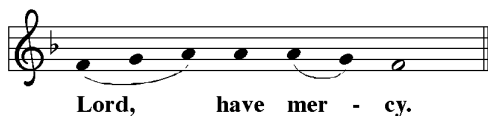
P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the
C communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
And also with you.



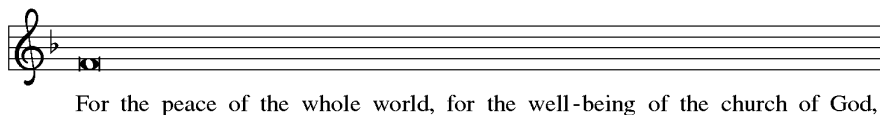
In peace, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mer - cy.**



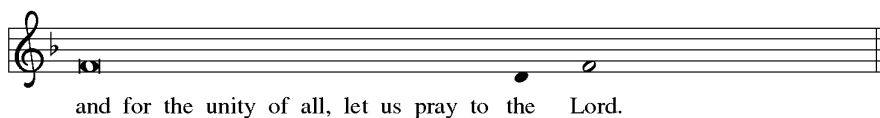
For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



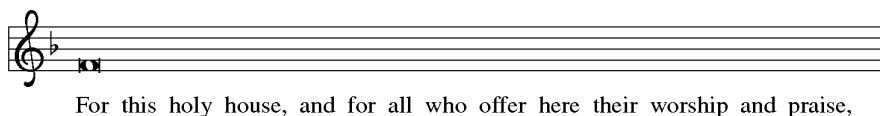
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



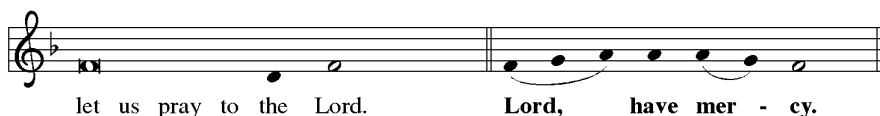
and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



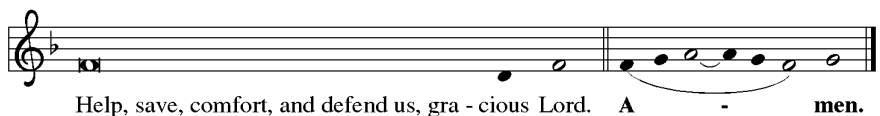
Lord, have mer - cy.



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. God of love, you walk with us and weep with us in the places we have laid our grief. Loosen death's grip, unbind us from sadness, and call us out into the unbounded fullness of your new life.

C **Amen.**

Psalm 104:27-34

D A responsive reading from Psalm 104. Listen for the Word of the Lord.

C **Our ears are open.**

These all look to you

to give them their food in due season;

when you give to them, they gather it up;

when you open your hand, they are filled with good things.

When you hide your face, they are dismayed;

when you take away their breath, they die

and return to their dust.

When you send forth your spirit, they are created;

and you renew the face of the ground.

May the glory of the Lord endure forever;

may the Lord rejoice in his works—

who looks on the earth and it trembles,

who touches the mountains and they smoke.

I will sing to the Lord as long as I live;

I will sing praise to my God while I have being.

May my meditation be pleasing to him,

for I rejoice in the Lord.

D Word of God, Word of Life!

C **Thanks be to God!**

Special Music

“10,000 Reasons”
Handbell Choir

Bettcher

Reading

Revelation 21:3-4

D A reading from the book of Revelation, the twenty-first chapter.
Listen for the Word of the Lord.

C **Our ears are open**

And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying,
“See, the home of God is among mortals.
He will dwell with them;
they will be his peoples,
and God himself will be with them;
he will wipe every tear from their eyes.
Death will be no more;
mourning and crying and pain will be no more,
for the first things have passed away.”

D Word of God, Word of Life!

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*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 11:1-44

P The Holy Gospel according to John, the eleventh chapter.

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

A man was sick, Lazarus of Bethany, the town of Mary and her sister Martha. This was the same Mary who massaged the Lord's feet with aromatic oils and then wiped them with her hair. It was her brother Lazarus who was sick. So the sisters sent word to Jesus, "Master, the one you love so very much is sick."

When Jesus got the message, he said, "This sickness is not fatal. It will become an occasion to show God's glory by glorifying God's Son."

Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus, but oddly, when he heard that Lazarus was sick, he stayed on where he was for two more days. After the two days, he said to his disciples, "Let's go back to Judea."

They said, "Rabbi, you can't do that. The Jews are out to kill you, and you're going back?"

Jesus replied, "Are there not twelve hours of daylight? Anyone who walks in daylight doesn't stumble because there's plenty of light from the sun. Walking at night, he might very well stumble because he can't see where he's going."

He said these things, and then announced, "Our friend Lazarus has fallen asleep. I'm going to wake him up."

The disciples said, "Master, if he's gone to sleep, he'll get a good rest and wake up feeling fine." Jesus was talking about death, while his disciples thought he was talking about taking a nap.

Then Jesus became explicit: "Lazarus died. And I am glad for your sakes that I wasn't there. You're about to be given new grounds for believing. Now let's go to him."

That's when Thomas, the one called the Twin, said to his companions, "Come along. We might as well die with him."

When Jesus finally got there, he found Lazarus already four days dead. Bethany was near Jerusalem, only a couple of miles away, and many of the Jews were visiting Martha and Mary, sympathizing with them over their brother. Martha heard Jesus was coming and went out to meet him. Mary remained in the house.

Martha said, "Master, if you'd been here, my brother wouldn't have died. Even now, I know that whatever you ask God he will give you."

Jesus said, "Your brother will be raised up." Martha replied, "I know that he will be raised up in the resurrection at the end of time."

“You don’t have to wait for the End. I am, right now, Resurrection and Life. The one who believes in me, even though he or she dies, will live. And everyone who lives believing in me does not ultimately die at all. Do you believe this?”

“Yes, Master. All along I have believed that you are the Messiah, the Son of God who comes into the world.”

After saying this, she went to her sister Mary and whispered in her ear, “The Teacher is here and is asking for you.”

The moment she heard that, she jumped up and ran out to him. Jesus had not yet entered the town but was still at the place where Martha had met him. When her sympathizing Jewish friends saw Mary run off, they followed her, thinking she was on her way to the tomb to weep there. Mary came to where Jesus was waiting and fell at his feet, saying, “Master, if only you had been here, my brother would not have died.”

When Jesus saw her sobbing and the Jews with her sobbing, a deep anger welled up within him. He said, “Where did you put him?”

“Master, come and see,” they said. Now Jesus wept.

The Jews said, “Look how deeply he loved him.”

Others among them said, “Well, if he loved him so much, why didn’t he do something to keep him from dying? After all, he opened the eyes of a blind man.”

Then Jesus, the anger again welling up within him, arrived at the tomb. It was a simple cave in the hillside with a slab of stone laid against it. Jesus said, “Remove the stone.”

The sister of the dead man, Martha, said, “Master, by this time there’s a stench. He’s been dead four days!”

Jesus looked her in the eye. “Didn’t I tell you that if you believed, you would see the glory of God?” Then, to the others, “Go ahead, take away the stone.”

They removed the stone. Jesus raised his eyes to heaven and prayed, “Father, I’m grateful that you have listened to me. I know you always do listen, but on account of this crowd standing here I’ve spoken so that they might believe that you sent me.”

Then he shouted, “Lazarus, come out!” And he came out, a cadaver, wrapped from head to toe, and with a kerchief over his face.

Jesus told them, “Unwrap him and let him loose.”

P The gospel of our Lord.
C **Praise to you O Christ.**

Children's Sermon

Sermon

Pastor Robin Caldwell

*Hymn of the Day

802, Vs. 1-4

“Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus”

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Verse 1

Let us ever walk with Jesus,
Follow his example pure,
Through a world that would deceive us
And to sin our spirits lure.
Onward in his footsteps treading,
Trav'lers here, our home above,
Full of faith and hope and love,
Let us do our Savior's bidding.
Faithful Lord, with me abide;
I shall follow where you guide.

Verse 2

Let us suffer here with Jesus,
And with patience bear our cross.
Joy will follow all our sadness;
Where he is there is no loss.
Though today we sow no laughter,
We shall reap celestial joy:
All discomforts that annoy
Shall give way to mirth hereafter.
Jesus, here I share your woe;
Help me there your joy to know.

Verse 3

Let us gladly die with Jesus.
Since by death he conquered death,
He will free us from destruction,
Give to us immortal breath.
Let us mortify all passion
That would lead us into sin;
And the grave that shuts us in
Shall but prove the gate to heaven.
Jesus, here with you I die,
There to live with you on high.

Verse 4

Let us also live with Jesus.
He has risen from the dead
That to life we may awaken.
Jesus, you are now our head,
We are your own living members;
Where you live, there we shall be
In your presence constantly,
Living there with you forever.
Jesus, let me faithful be;
Life eternal grant to me.

***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

“How Firm A Foundation”

Chewlen

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.

“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

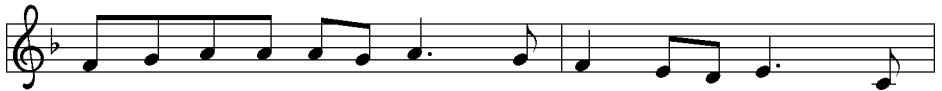
You may receive communion in your pew with the elements contained in the communion pod. The pastor will say the words of distribution after the Invitation to Communion:

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 plates by the doors as you leave.*
- *Gluten free wafers are available upon request. Inform the pastor when receiving communion.*
- *Wear your masks as you come forward; lift your mask when receiving the wafer and then again with the grape juice or the wine.*
- *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.

“I Want Jesus to Walk with Me”

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Verse 1 I want Jesus to walk with me;
I want Jesus to walk with me,
All along my pilgrim journey,
Lord, I want Jesus to walk with me.

Verse 2 In my trials, Lord, walk with me;
In my trials, Lord, walk with me;
When my heart is almost breaking,
Lord, I want Jesus to walk with me.

Verse 3 When I'm in trouble, Lord, walk with me;
When I'm in trouble, Lord, walk with me,
When my head is bowed in sorrow,
Lord, I want Jesus to walk with me.

“Just As I Am, without One Plea”

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Verse 1 Just as I am, without one plea,
But that thy blood was shed for me,
And that thou bidd'st me come to thee,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

Verse 2 Just as I am, though tossed about
With many a conflict, many a doubt,
Fightings and fears within, without,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

Verse 3 Just as I am, thou wilt receive,
Wilt welcome, pardon, cleanse, relieve;
Because thy promise I believe,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come,

Verse 4 Just as I am; thy love unknown
Has broken ev'ry barrier down;
Now to be thine, yea, thine alone,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

*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

583, Vs. 1

“Take My Life, That I May Be”

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Refrain Take my life, that I may be
Consecrated, Lord, to thee;
Take my moments and my days;
Let them flow in ceaseless praise.

Verse 1 Take my hands and let them move
At the impulse of they love;
Take my feet and let them be
Swift and beautiful for thee. **Refrain**

*Sending

D Go in peace. Serve the Lord!

C Thanks be to God!

Postlude

“Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds”

Callahan

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- at work *gas & transportation assistance*
- healthy *prescription assistance*

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Summer Employment Opportunities

Assistant Program Director, Counselor, Counselor-Day Camp,
Health Coordinator, Hospitality Specialist, Lifeguard/Aquatics
Coordinator, Maintenance Specialist

Summer Camping Ministry at LOMC

The Purpose of Lutheran Outdoor Ministries Center is to be the Church in outdoor settings, nurturing Christian faith and providing experiences connecting the Word of God with the World of God.

A summer of camping ministry is highly rewarding and challenging!



Work within an intentional community in which you are responsible to one another. Gain valuable skills in problem solving as you help children, youth and adults navigate their summer camp experience. Respond to rapidly changing weather and other environment challenges. Experience helping children and youth with experiences that challenge you to be creative in your planning, response, and spontaneity. More at lomc.org/employment/seasonal.

Faith Milestone

Nourishing your family in faith

First Communion



3rd graders (and older)



Parent-child learning event
Sunday, May 1, 2:00-5:00 p.m.

1st Communion recognition

May 22, at 8:30am* and 11am* worship services

**Livestream begins 5 min. before worship*



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Time is running out!
2022 H.S. Youth Mission Trip
Nashville July 9 - 16



Sign Up & Details
at stjohnjoliet.org
Deposit Due

