

**St. John's Lutheran Church  
Second Sunday in Lent  
March 5, 2023**



**PRELUDE  
WELCOME**

This is the second week of Lent. As winter creeps forward to spring, we continue to search through the clouds and darkness of our own souls to prepare ourselves to truly rejoice in the freedom and joy that the resurrection of Christ brings.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

\*HYMN ~ *Beautiful Savior*

LBW # 518

## Beautiful Savior

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1 Beau - ti - ful Sav - ior, King of cre - a - tion, Son of  
 2 Fair are the mead - ows, Fair are the wood - lands, Robed in  
 3 Fair is the sun - shine, Fair is the moon - light, Bright the  
 4 Beau - ti - ful Sav - ior, Lord of the na - tions, Son of

God and Son of Man! Tru - ly I'd love thee, Tru - ly I'd  
 flow'rs of bloom - ing spring; Je - sus is fair - er, Je - sus is  
 spar - kling stars on high; Je - sus shines bright - er, Je - sus shines  
 God and Son of Man! Glo - ry and hon - or, Praise, ad - o -

serve thee, Light of my soul, my joy, my crown.  
 pur - er, He makes our sor - rowing spir - it sing.  
 pur - er Than all the an - gels in the sky.  
 ra - tion, Now and for - ev - er - more be thine!

**\*CONFESSION and FORGIVENESS**

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

C **Amen**

P Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C **Amen**

P If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

*Silence for reflection and self-examination.*

P Most merciful God,

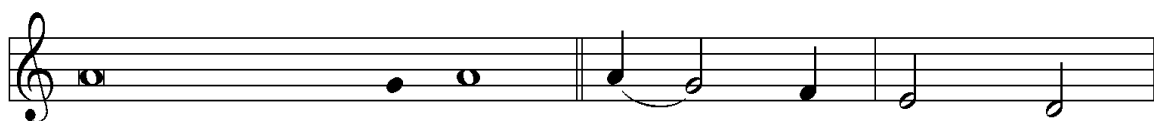
C **we confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen**

P Almighty God, in his mercy, has given his Son to die for us and, for his sake, 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**

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



**A** For the peace from a-bove, and for our sal-vation, let us pray to the Lord.



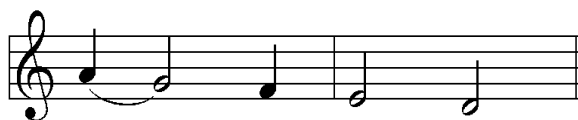
**C** Lord, have mer - cy.



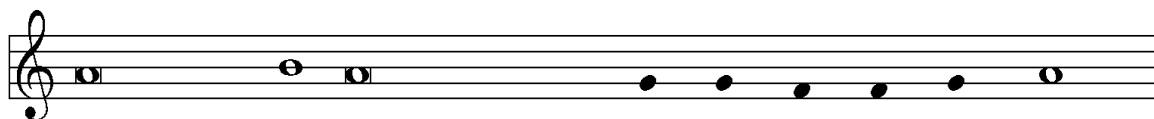
**A** For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



and for the u - ni - ty of all, let us pray to the Lord.



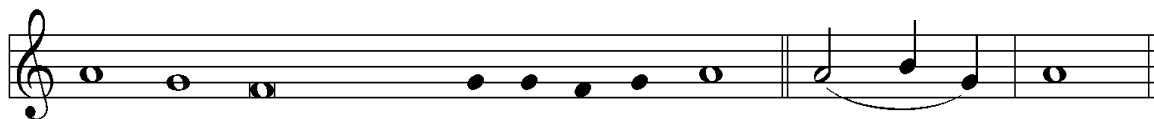
**C** Lord, have mer - cy.



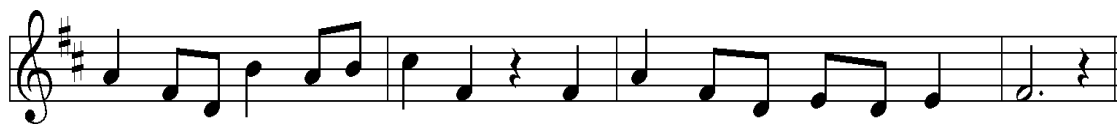
**A** For this holy house, and for all who offer here their wor - ship and praise,



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



**A** Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gra-cious Lord. **C** A - men

**\*HYMN of PRAISE**

**A** Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and peace to his peo-ple on earth.



**B** Lord God, heav-en-ly king, al-might-y God and Fa-ther:



We wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo-ry.



Lord Je-sus Christ, on-ly Son of the Fa-ther, Lord God, Lamb of God:



You take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.



You are seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa-ther; re-ceive our prayer.



For you a-lone are the Ho-ly One, you a-lone are the Lord,



you a-lone are the Most High, Je-sus Christ, with the Ho-ly Spir-it,



in the glo-ry of God the Fa-ther. A-men

**\*PRAYER of the DAY ~ (in unison)**

Musical notation for two phrases. The first phrase, 'The Lord be with you.', is in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time, consisting of a half note G4, a half note A4, a half note B4, and a half note G4. The second phrase, 'And also with you.', is in G major and 4/4 time, consisting of a half note G4, a half note A4, a half note B4, a half note G4, and a half note F#4.

P Let us pray...

O God, our leader and guide, in the waters of baptism you bring us to new birth to live as your children. Strengthen our faith in your promises, that by your Spirit we may lift up your life to all the world through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

## LESSONS

\*First Lesson ~ A reading from Genesis 12:1-4

*after the reading*

R The word of the Lord.

**C Thanks be to God.**

\*Psalm 121 ~ *with response*

\*Second Lesson ~ A reading from Romans 4:1-5, 13-17

*after the reading*

R The word of the Lord.

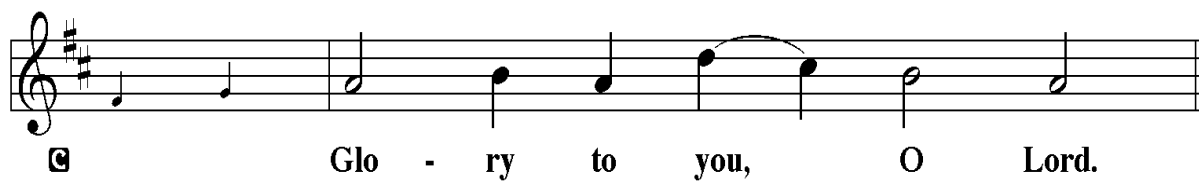
**C Thanks be to God.**

**\*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**



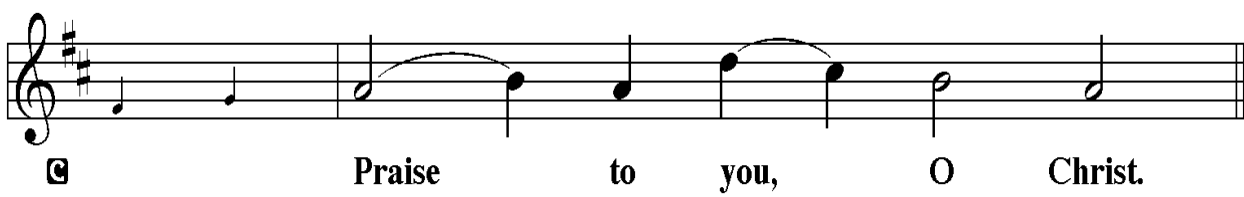
slow to an - ger, and a - bound - ing in stead - fast love.

Gospel Reading ~ P The Holy Gospel according to John the 3<sup>rd</sup> chapter.



*The Gospel is read. After the reading*

P The Gospel of the Lord



**MESSAGE**



## \*HYMN ~ Lift High the Cross

LBW # 377

## Lift High the Cross

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*Refrain*

Lift high the cross, the love of Christ pro-claim Till

all the world a-dore his sa-cred name.

1 Come, Chris-tians, fol-low where our cap-tain trod,  
2 Led on their way by this tri-um-phant sign,  
3 All new-born sol-diers of the Cru-ci-fied  
4 O Lord, once lift-ed on the glo-rious tree,

*Refrain*

Our king vic-to-rious, Christ, the Son of God.  
The hosts of God in con-qu'ring ranks com-bine.  
Bear on their brows the seal of him who died.  
As thou hast prom-ised, draw us all to thee.

- 5 So shall our song of triumph ever be:  
Praise to the Crucified for victory! *Refrain*



**\*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 the PEOPLE ~ *See Celebrate***

**P** Sustained by God's abundant mercy, let us pray for the church, the world,  
and all of creation.

*A brief silence*

**P** Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in  
your mercy; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

**C Amen**

**\*THE PEACE**

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

**C And also with you.**

*The peace is shared*

**OFFERING ~** You may place your gifts in one of the offering plates at the end  
of the front and back pews on your way out.

**\*OFFERTORY**

**C** What shall I ren-der to the Lord for all his ben - e - fits to me?



I will of-fer the sac-ri- fice of thanks- giv - ing and will call on the



name of the Lord. I will take the cup of sal - va - tion and will



call on the name of the Lord. I will pay my vows to the Lord now in the



pres-ence of all his peo - ple, in the courts of the Lord's house,



in the midst of you, O Je - ru - sa - lem.

**\*OFFERTORY PRAYER**

**P** Let us pray. Merciful Father,

**C** we offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us--ourselves, our time, and our possessions, signs of your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

**\*GREAT THANKSGIVING**

**P** The Lord be with you. **C** And al - so 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 him thanks and praise.

**\* PREFACE**

**C** Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might:

Heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.

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.

P 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.

### The Lord's Prayer

P Let us pray as Jesus taught us:

**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**

### COMMUNION

#### Invitation to Communion:

P Partake of the banquet, for all is now ready, taste and see that the Lord is good.

P The Bread of Life. The body of Christ, given for you;

**C Amen.**

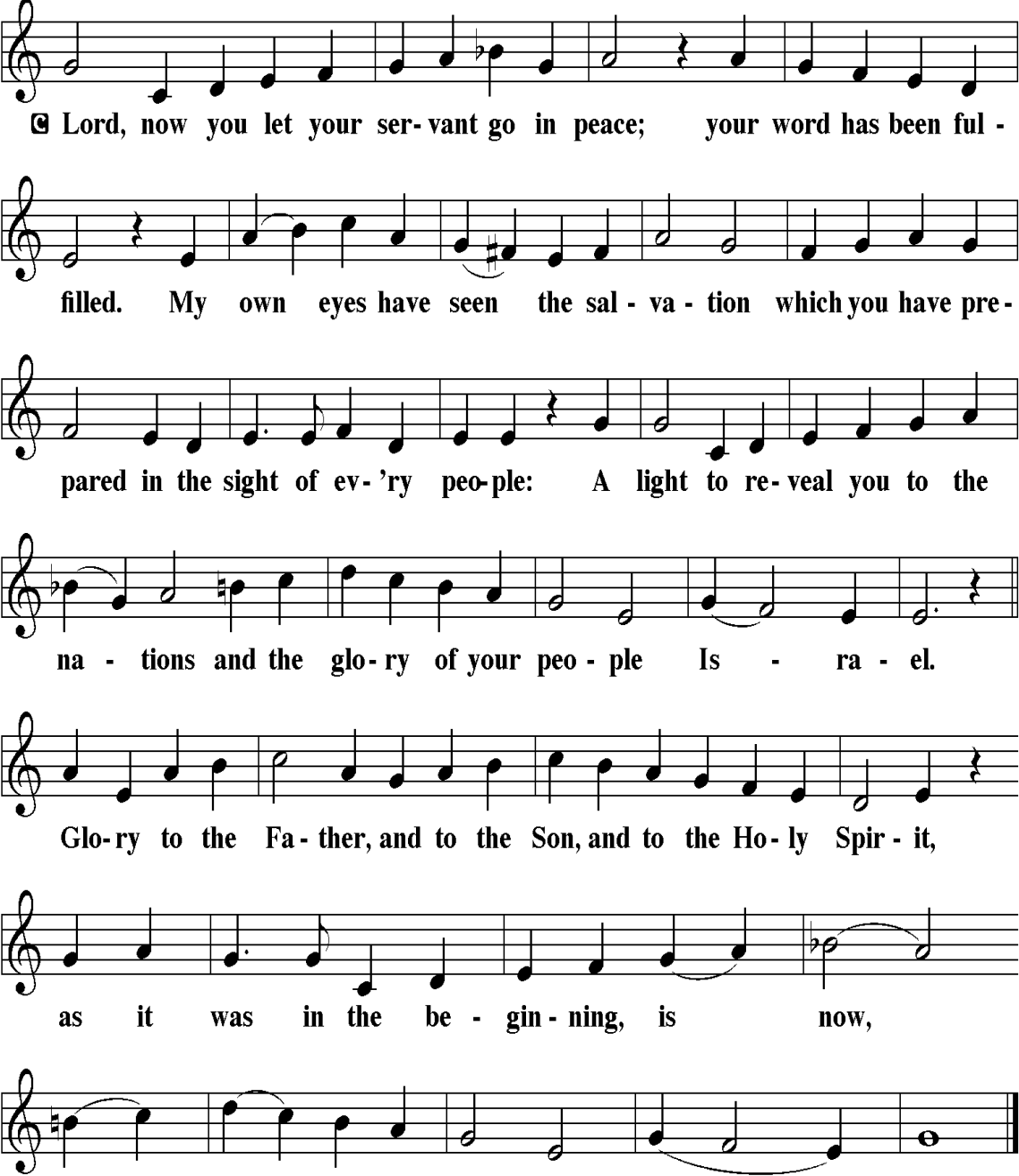
P The Cup of the Covenant: the blood of Christ, shed for you.

**C Amen.**

*(After all are seated)*

P May the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

**C Amen.**

**\*POST COMMUNION CANTICLE**


Lord, now you let your ser-vant go in peace; your word has been ful -  
 filled. My own eyes have seen the sal - va - tion which you have pre -  
 pared in the sight of ev - 'ry peo - ple: A light to re - veal you to the  
 na - tions and the glo - ry of your peo - ple Is - ra - el.  
 Glo - ry to the Fa - ther, and to the Son, and to the Ho - ly Spir - it,  
 as it was in the be - gin - ning, is now,  
 and will be for - ev - er. A - men

**\*POST COMMUNION PRAYER**

P Let us pray.

P We give you thanks, almighty God, that you refresh us through the healing power of this gift of life; and we pray that in your mercy you would strengthen us, through this gift, in faith toward you and in fervent love toward one another; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.

C Amen

**\*BLESSING**

P Almighty God, Father, +Son and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

C Amen

**\*HYMN ~ How Firm a Foundation**

LBW # 507

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**How Firm a Foundation**

1 How firm a foun - da - tion, O saints of the Lord,  
 2 Fear not, I am with you, oh, be not dis - mayed,  
 3 When through fi - ery tri - als your path - way shall lie,  
 4 Through - out all their life - time my peo - ple shall prove

Is laid for your faith in his ex - cel - lent Word!  
 For I am your God and will still give you aid;  
 My grace, all - suf - fi - cient, shall be your sup - ply.  
 My sov - 'reign, e - ter - nal, un - change - a - ble love;

What more can he say than to you he has said  
 I'll strength - en you, help you, and cause you to stand,  
 The flames shall not hurt you; I on - ly de - sign  
 And then, when gray hairs shall their tem - ples a - dorn,

Who un - to the Sav - ior for ref - uge have fled?  
 Up - held by my righ - teous, om - nip - o - tent hand.  
 Your dross to con - sume and your gold to re - fine.  
 Like lambs they shall still in my bo - som be borne.



**\*DISMISSAL**

P May the Lord bless you and keep you  
May the Lord's countenance shine upon you and give you peace.  
Go in Peace to Serve the Lord.  
C **Thanks be to God.**

**POSTLUDE**

**Pastor:** Reverend Ela J. Robertson Phone 740-338-7123

**Pianist:** Diane Shetler

**Today**

**Altar Care:** Brenda Boring; **Greeters:** John and Brenda Boring

**Lay Reader:** John Boring; **Sound:** Ed Bilich

**Next Sunday, March 12**

**Altar Care:** Brenda Boring; **Greeter:** Chelsea Reed

**Lay Reader:** Chelsea Reed; **Sound:** Joe Kanagy

**Church Office:** 935-2032; **Email us at** [secretary@stjohnsbelleville.org](mailto:secretary@stjohnsbelleville.org)

**St. John's Christian Day Care:** 935-2959

***Our Mission Statement***

*We, the members of St. John's congregation, promise to share  
the good news of Jesus Christ, to worship and to love one another  
in our homes, church, community and the world.*

***Our Vision Statement***

*To be people who are welcoming and encourage God's love in our community  
through our prayer, devotion, benevolence and deeds.*

Please remember in prayer ~ The family of Larry Stroup, Don F. Smith (VV rehab), Miriam Williamson, Anne Peachey, Desa Keiser, Elliana Byler, Kyung Sun Yim, Bob Treaster, Samantha Smith, our members ~ Joyce Stuck (Greenwood Village), Betty Harmon (Celebration Villa) and Don Wolfe (VVH).

**FROM the PASTOR**

Holy Week Services ~ April 6, Maundy Thursday 7pm at St. John's, and April 7, Good Friday 7pm at West Kish.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

The March newsletter can be found in the mailboxes of those persons who do not receive it by email.

Daylight Saving Time begins next Sunday. Please remember to set your clocks ahead one hour.

### **MARCH 8-9, 2023: RAISE THE REGION**

Camp Mount Luther is participating in The First Community Foundation Partnership of PA's "Raise the Region" on March 8-9, 2023. It is a 30-hour fundraising event starting at 6:00 p.m. and ending the next day at 11:59 p.m. Money donated by the Blaise Alexander Family Dealerships will help stretch donations made to organizations that day. Additional monetary prizes and incentives will be awarded, too. Proceeds raised for Mount Luther these days to the camp's Annual Fund unless a donor gets in touch with the camp office to designate it for another camp cause. To be part of Raise the Region, visit [www.raisetheregion.org](http://www.raisetheregion.org) during the event and make an online donation to camp. Running totals will be shown throughout the day at the Raise the Region website. Camp Mount Luther has participated in Raise the Region for ten years and has garnered about \$179,000 in donations during this event. The camp hopes you will help us to have another successful year!

January 1 thru February 28, 2023

Last week's attendance ~ 34    Offering ~ \$1,605.00

St. John's ~ Income \$ 32,789.69    Expense \$ 27,497.07

Net Income \$ 5,292.62

Daycare ~ Income \$ 71,595.09    Expense \$ 68,979.04

Net Income \$ 2,616.05