

**10 AM Feb 18, 2024, First Sunday of Lent
St John's Ev. Lutheran Church and School
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10AM By phone 1(888) 788-0099 Meeting ID 886 7604 5376 for Personal ID use “ # ”

We are on Zoom and have established an 800 number for those who wish to use their phone to connect and not be charged long distance. Our weekly invitation link can also be used for Wi-Fi connection. The Zoom computer connection or 800 number is a good way for you to have our service available to you and your family and friends **1(888) 788-0099** is a free call for you. For Sunday worship the meeting ID is **886 7604 5376**, no personal ID is required. Just hit the # sign when asked for personal ID. If you have a smart phone you can enter with video connection. If you do not get in please call Susan Roberts at 801-359-3386 for help.

The easiest way to come on to Zoom by computer is to have an invitation email with a link. You will need to send your email address to Susan, so we can send out an invitation with a link to our meeting. If you notice someone missing from the email addresses in your email or want to invite someone you know, either forward this to them or send an email to Susan Roberts or Pastor Hank so we can include them in our ongoing email invitations if they desire.

Wednesday 10 A.M. Bible Study being held on Zoom. Join us. Meeting ID: 813 3807 5489 phone Smart Phone use our 800 number 888 788 0099 US Toll-free. You can also send Susan your email address and you will receive an email with a link to access Zoom from your computer.

We are privileged and commanded by God to worship Him. Worship is the highest art form on earth and a good work that humans are commanded to do before and with God. Worship brings us into God's presence, where we first confess our sins and receive His forgiveness to enter His presence, as well as receive His blessings for life now and in eternity. Worship establishes and maintains eternal fellowship with God. Worship is not an entertainment activity. Do not sit back and watch; true worship requires your active listening and participation. Even while muted, sing the hymns and speak the responses, pray the prayers and make your confessions to receive forgiveness.

Because of the second to second and a half lag-time between you and the source of the music or leading voice, unison participation requires us to mute your mic or phone if this feature is available, or cover the mouthpiece of the mic. Only one voice should be heard responding to avoid confusion of feedback and distract from your worship. Our joyful noise is certainly heard by our Lord, but it is distracting to our worship's concentration with the lag time. Remember, worship is not worship unless you are involved in the worship acts, so don't just watch, -- join in, listen, and participate.

You will have the opportunity to speak to and greet each other both before and after worship. The actual worship will start at 10 AM, but we will establish our meeting for you to connect at or after 9:45 AM. You will come into the zoom waiting room and be brought in by the host or co-host ASAP. Your wait time should be short.

The church building, St. John's, is open so we can worship together in it. You are urged to come for in-house worship. If you use Zoom, Cell Phones dialed into our zoom program allows you to fellowship with and be active together in worship with us. On Zoom you are asked to mute your phone while service is going on and to worship normally. Communion is offered on the 1st, 3rd, and 5th Sundays after completion of the worship on zoom in the church. Private communion is available if requested. We will continue to utilize Zoom for Sunday worship as part of our outreach to the community and for those who are at home or traveling.

Thank you for joining our worship today.
St. John's Congregation & Pastor Hank

St. John's Lutheran Church & CCDC

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Divine Service Setting 1 Service of the Word followed in House by Holy Communion.

↑ INVOCATION

P: We worship in the Name of the Father and of the (+) Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen

P: When he calls to Me, I will answer him; I will be with him in trouble;

C: I will rescue Him and honor Him.

↓ Opening Hymn: LSB 344 “On Jordan’s Bank the Baptist’s Cry

1. On Jordan’s bank the Baptist’s cry Announces that the Lord is nigh;
Awake and hearken, for he brings Glad tidings of the King of kings!
2. Then cleansed be ev’ry life from sin; Make straight the way for God within,
And let us all our hearts prepare For Christ to come and enter there.
3. We hail Thee as our Savior, Lord, Our refuge and our great reward;
Without Thy grace we waste away Like flow’rs that wither and decay.
4. Lay on the sick Thy healing hand And make the fallen strong to stand;
Show us the glory of Thy face Till beauty springs in ev’ry place.
- ↑ 5. All praise, eternal Son, to Thee Whose advent sets Thy people free,
Whom with the Father we adore And Holy Spirit ever more.

CONFESSION OF SINS: (please rise)

P: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

C: but if we confess our sins, God, Who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

P: Let us then, confess our sins to God our Father.

C: Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. 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. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. 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 you and for His sake, forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the Name of the Father and of the (+) Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen!

↓ INTROIT (Ps.91:9-13; Antiphon: Ps.91:15-16)

P: When he calls to me, I will answer him; I will be with him in trouble;

C: I will rescue him and honor him.

P: With long life I will satisfy him

C: and show him My salvation.

P: Because you have made the LORD your dwelling place

C: the Most High, Who is my refuge --

P: no evil shall be allowed to befall you,

C: no plague come near your tent.

P: For He will command His angels concerning you

C: to guard you in all your ways.

P: On their hands they will bear you up,

C: lest you strike your foot against a stone.

P: You will tread on the lion and the adder;

C: the young lion and the serpent you will trample underfoot.

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

P: When he calls to Me, I will answer him; I will be with him in trouble;

C: I will rescue him and honor him.

P: With long life I will satisfy him

C: and show him My salvation.

KYRIE

P: In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

Sing **C: Lord, have mercy.**

P: For the peace from above and for our salvation. Let us pray to the Lord.

Sing **C: Lord, have mercy.**

*P: For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, & the unity of all,
Let us pray to the Lord.*

Sing **C: Lord, have mercy.**

P: For this holy house & for all who offer here their worship & praise. Let us pray to the Lord.

Sing **C: Lord, have mercy.**

P: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

Sing **C: Amen.**

SALUTATION (Please Rise)

P: The Lord be with you.

Sing **C: And also with you.**

Collect of the Day:

P: O Lord God, You led Your ancient people through the wilderness and brought them to the promised land. Guide 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 Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



Sing **C: AMEN.**

Old Testament Lesson: Genesis 22:1-18

¹ After these things God tested Abraham and said to him, “Abraham!” And he said, “Here am I.”

² He said, “Take your son, your only son Isaac, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah, and offer him there as a burnt offering on one of the mountains of which I shall tell you.” ³ So Abraham

rose early in the morning, saddled his donkey, and took two of his young men with him, and his son Isaac. And he cut the wood for the burnt offering and arose and went to the place of which God had told him. ⁴ On the third day Abraham lifted up his eyes and saw the place from afar. ⁵ Then Abraham said to his young men, "Stay here with the donkey; I and the boy will go over there and worship and come again to you." ⁶ Abraham took the wood of the burnt offering and laid it on Isaac his son. And he took in his hand the fire and the knife. So they went both of them together. ⁷ And Isaac said to his father Abraham, "My father!" And he said, "Here am I, my son." He said, "Behold, the fire and the wood, but where is the lamb for a burnt offering?" ⁸ Abraham said, "God will provide for Himself the lamb for a burnt offering, my son." So they went both of them together. ⁹ When they came to the place of which God had told him, Abraham built the altar there and laid the wood in order and bound Isaac his son and laid him on the altar, on top of the wood. ¹⁰ Then Abraham reached out his hand and took the knife to slaughter his son. ¹¹ But the angel of the LORD called to him from heaven and said, "Abraham, Abraham!" And he said, "Here am I." ¹² He said, "Do not lay your hand on the boy or do anything to him, for now I know that you fear God, seeing you have not withheld your son, your only son from me." ¹³ And Abraham lifted up his eyes and looked, and behold behind him was a ram, caught in a thicket by his horns. And Abraham went and took the ram and offered it up as a burnt offering instead of his own son. ¹⁴ So Abraham called the name of the place, "The LORD will provide; as it is said to this day, "On the mount of the LORD it shall be provided." ¹⁵ And the angel of the LORD called to Abraham a second time from heaven¹⁶ and said, "By Myself I have sworn, declares the LORD, because you have done this and have not withheld your son, your only son, ¹⁷ I will surely bless you, and I will surely multiply your offspring as the stars of heaven and as the sand that is on the seashore. And your offspring shall possess the gate of his enemies, ¹⁸ and in your offspring shall all the nations of the earth be blessed, because you have obeyed My voice."

P: This is the Word of the Lord!

C: Thanks be to God!

GRADUAL: (117:1-2a; 96:8)

P: O come, let us fix our eyes on Jesus,

C: the founder and perfecter of our faith,

P: Who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame,

C: and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God.

EPISTLE READING: James 1:12-18

¹² Blessed is the man who remains steadfast under trial, for when he has stood the test he will receive the crown of life, which God has promised to those who love Him. ¹³ Let no one say when he is tempted, "I am being tempted by God," for God cannot be tempted with evil, and He, Himself, tempts no one. ¹⁴ But each person is tempted when he is lured and enticed by his own desire. ¹⁵ Then desire when it has conceived gives birth to sin, and sin when it is full grown brings forth death. ¹⁶ Do not be deceived my brothers. ¹⁷ Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of lights with Whom there is no variation or shadow due to change. ¹⁸ Of His own will he brought us forth by the word of truth, that we should be a kind of first-fruits of His creatures.

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

VERSE: (Mk.1:39)

P: Put on the whole armor of God,

C: that you may be able to stand against the schemes of the devil.

↑ **Common Verse:** (Joel 2:13)

Sing **Return to the Lord you God, for He is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love, and abounding in steadfast love.**

GOSPEL LESSON: Mark 1:9-15

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark the 1st Chapter.

Sing **C: Glory to You, O Lord.**

⁹ In those days Jesus came from Nazareth at Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. ¹⁰ And when He came up out of the water, immediately He saw the heavens being torn open and the Spirit descending on Him like a dove. ¹¹ And a voice came from heaven, “You are My beloved Son; with You I am well pleased.” ¹² The Spirit immediately drove Him out into the wilderness. ¹³ And He was in the wilderness forty days, being tempted by Satan. And He was with the wild animals, and the angels were ministering to Him.

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Sing **C: Praise to You, O Christ.**

Sermon Hymn: Hymn LSB 430 “My Song is Love Unknown

1. My song is love unknown, My Savior’s love to me, Love to the love-less shown That they might lovely be. O who am I That for my sake My Lord should take Frail flesh and die?
2. He came from His blest throne Salvation to be stow; But men made strange, and none The longed-for Christ would know. But, oh, my friend, My friend indeed, Who at my need His life did spend!
3. Sometimes they strew His way And His sweet praises sing; resounding all the day Hosannas to their King. Then Crucify!” Is all their breath, And for His death They thirst and cry.
4. In life no house, no home My Lord on earth might have; In death no friendly tomb But what a stranger gave. What may I say? Heav’n was His home But mine the tomb Wherein He lay.
5. Here might I stay and sing, No story so divine! Never was love, dear King, Never was grief like Thine. This is my friend, In whose sweet praise I all my days could gladly spend!

SERMON TITLE: “Jesus, More than Savior”

Sing **OFFERTORY:**

All: What shall I render to the Lord for all His benefits to me?

I will offer the sacrifice of thanksgiving and will call on the Name of the Lord.

I will take the cup of salvation, and will call on the Name of the Lord.

I will pay my vows to the Lord now in the presence of all His people,

In the courts of the Lord’s house, in the midst of you, O Jerusalem.

OFFERING: (As you are privileged, do contribute to our Lord’s ministry by sending your offering in support of God’s ministry at St. John’s Lutheran Church, 475 East Herbert Ave., Salt Lake City, UT 84111)

In the House of the Lord, the Offering is taken for the partnership with God in His ministry in our community and through this congregation. To participate, you are encouraged to send it to the address above or use the PayPal app on our website. stjohnslutheranslc.org

Offering Hymn: LSB 789 Praise and Thanksgiving

1. Praise and thanksgiving, Father, we offer For all things living, Created good: Harvest of sown fields, Fruits of the orchard, Hay from the mown fields, Blossom, and wood.

2. Bless, Lord, the labor We bring to serve You That with our neighbor We may be fed. Sowing or tilling, We would work with You, Harvesting, milling For daily bread.
3. Father, providing Food for Your children, By Your wise guiding Teach us to share One with another, So that, rejoicing With us, all others May know Your care.

Nicene Creed *(the confession of Christ's Universal Christian Church)*

P: Let us now confess our faith in the words of the Nicene Creed.

C: I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by Whom all things were made; Who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven, and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, Who proceeds from the Father and the Son, Who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, Who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life (+) of the world to come. Amen.



Prayer Hymn LSB 769 Eternal Spirit of the Living Christ

1. Eternal Spirit of the living Christ, I know not how to ask or what to say; I only know my need as deep as life, And only You can teach me how to pray.
2. Come, pray in me the prayer I need this day; Help me to see Your purpose and Your will-- Where I have failed, what I have done amiss; Held in forgiving love, let me be still.
3. Come with the strength I lack, bring vision clear Of human need; O give me eyes to see Fulfillment of my life in love out-poured, My life in You, O Christ; Your love in me.



PRAYER OF THE CHURCH:

(after each petition ending in Lord in your mercy-- the congregational response is) **C: Hear our prayer.**

P: Almighty God and gracious Father We pray for our members and friends for Louise Merritt, Joan Schrank, Robert Schiavo, Sharyn Oliver, Jim Roberts, Irma Keil, Irmgard Ristau, Maurine Rathje, Kim Bach, Ray Johnson, Mrs. Son Cha Dejong, Lisa Nelson, Margo Henderson, Kathleen Switzer, Simon T. Gatwech, Chan Wechtuor, Roger Black, Bob Malinsky, Jennifer Meyers, Savana Pearson, Nancy, and Maria Noble.

C: Hear our prayer.

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

Lord's Prayer

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

BENEDICTION

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

C: AMEN.

Closing Hymn: HYMN LSB 717 “Eternal Father Strong to Save”

1. Eternal Father strong to save, Whose arm hath bound the restless wave,
Who bidd'st the mighty ocean deep Its own appointed limits keep:
O hear us when we cry to Thee For those in peril on the sea.
2. O Christ, the Lord of hill and plain, O'er which our traffic runs a-main
By mountain pass or valley low; Wherever, Lord, Thy people go,
Protect them by Thy guarding hand From every peril on the land.
3. Most Holy Spirit, who didst brood Upon the chaos, dark and rude,
And bid its angry tumult cease. And give, for wild confusion, peace:
O hear us when we cry to Thee For those in peril on the sea.
4. O Spirit whom the Father sent To spread abroad the firmament;
O Wind of heaven, by Thy might Save all who dare the eagle's flight.
And keep them by Thy watchful care From every peril in the air.
5. O Trinity of love and pow'r, Our people shield in danger's hour;
From rock and tempest fire and foe, Protect them where so e'er they go;
Thus evermore shall rise to Thee Glad praise from air and land and sea.

Close of Zoom Service after greetings and announcements:

Hymn 606 in preparation for Communion

Communion Service, setting one, **SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT page 160**

Hymn 619 during distribution of the Sacrament.

Blessing and Closing **Hymn 655**

Announcements:

1. Vicar Jeremey Lamont will be ordained at Grace Lutheran Church, Sandy UT. **Today** at 3 P.M.
2. Church Council meeting at 7 PM on Zoom Tuesday February 20, 2024.
3. Pray for our members and friends: Louise Merritt, Joan Schrank, Robert Schiavo, Sharyn Oliver, Jim Roberts, Irma Keil, Irmgard Ristau, Maurine Rathje, Kim Bach, Ray Johnson, Mrs. Son Cha Dejong, Lisa Nelson, Margo Henderson, Kathleen Switzer, Simon T. Gatwech, Chan Wechtuor, Roger Black, Bob Malinsky, Jennifer Meyers, Savana Pearson, Nancy, & Maria Noble
4. Pray for the victims of the Gaza and Israeli war. Pray that the remaining hostages be freed and united with their loved ones and that this carnage come to a blessed end.
5. Pray for our St. John's Preschool and local mission outreach here in Salt Lake.
6. Pray for your Mormon & Unchurched friends that they might find the love & forgiveness in Jesus alone, their true and only Savior.

7. Pray for the homeless and destitute and do what you can to help.
8. Pray for the Akobo Mission Congregations and their Mission Literacy Program, which is to help their mission outreach.
9. Pray for the Americans and our allies left behind enemy lines and pray for our enemies that their hearts be changed and they come to the knowledge of the Truth of Jesus as Savior, even for them.
10. The People of Ukraine and Lutheran Church of Ukraine. Let us pray fervently for their deliverance and help them as we can through your church and individually. Pray that the Lord might turn the hearts of the Russian leaders and people and bring peace to this terrible conflict.
11. Share you hope of eternal life with you family, friends, and neighbors.
12. The Alms collection is for the crisis pregnancy center in Salt Lake.

The Salt Lake City Crisis Pregnancy Center needs your support. Separate contributions to them may be given through your church. Mark as such in an envelope for this purpose or give directly.

Announcing the
ORDINATION
of
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Church family, relatives, friends, and neighbors are cordially invited. A special invitation is extended to our school families across our Lutheran school system!

**Supper will be provided following the service!
Help us anticipate attendance! RSVP for food.
Text: 801-201-6084 Email: church@gracesandy.org**