

Part 4: Rethinking the Solution to Sin

St. John's Ev. Lutheran Church

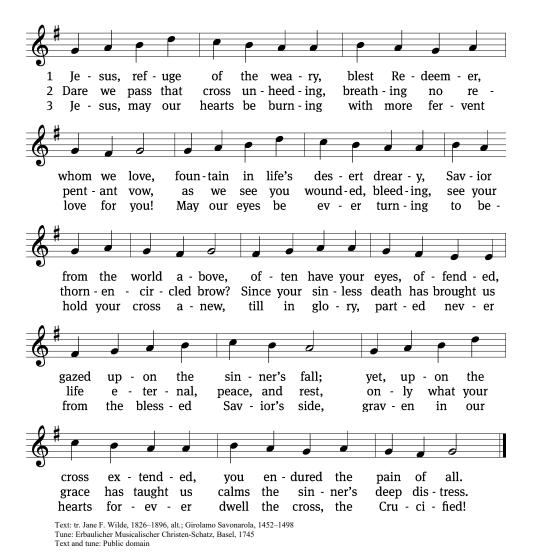
Juneau

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HYMN 409

"Jesus, Refuge of the Weary"



STAND

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you.

And also with you.

CONFESSION OF SINS

God invites us to come into his presence and worship him with humble and penitent hearts. Therefore, let us acknowledge our sinfulness and ask him to forgive us.

Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful, and that I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. For this I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior Jesus Christ, I pray: Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner.

God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given his only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son (+) and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

PRAYER AND PRAISE

LORD, HAVE MERCY

Kyrie

For all that we need in life and for the wisdom to use all your gifts with gratitude and joy, hear our prayer, O Lord.



For the steadfast assurance that nothing can separate us from your love and for the courage to stand firm against the assaults of Satan and every evil, hear our prayer, O Christ.



For the well-being of your holy Church in all the world and for those who offer here their worship and praise, hear our prayer, O Lord.

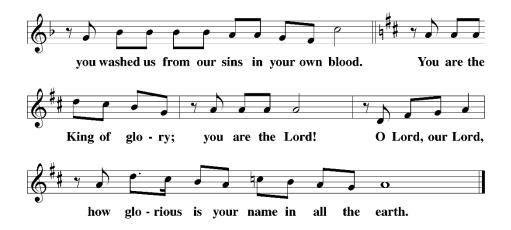


Merciful God, maker and preserver of life, uphold us by your power and keep us in your tender care:



The works of the Lord are great and glorious; his name is worthy of praise.





PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

Grant, O merciful Lord, to your faithful people pardon and peace that they may be cleansed from all their sins and serve you with a quiet mind; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



BE SEATED

THE WORD

FIRST LESSON

Numbers 21:4-9 EHV

⁴ They set out from Mount Hor along the road to the Red Sea to go around the land of Edom, but the people became very impatient along the way. ⁵ The people spoke against God and against Moses, "Why have you brought us up out of Egypt to die in the wilderness? Look, there is no food! There is no water! And we are disgusted by this worthless food!"

⁶ The LORD sent venomous snakes among the people, and the snakes bit the people. As a result many people from Israel died. ⁷ The people went to Moses and said, "We have sinned, because we have spoken against the LORD and against

you. Pray to the LORD to take the snakes away from us." So Moses prayed on behalf of the people.

⁸ The LORD said to Moses, "Make a venomous snake and put it on a pole. If anyone who is bitten looks at it, he will live." ⁹ Moses made a bronze snake and put it on the pole. If a snake had bitten anyone, if that person looked at the bronze snake, he lived.

SECOND LESSON

Ephesians 2:1-10 EHV

You were dead in your trespasses and sins, ² in which you formerly walked when you followed the ways of this present world. You were following the ruler of the domain of the air, the spirit now at work in the people who disobey.

³ Formerly, we all lived among them in the passions of our sinful flesh, as we carried out the desires of the sinful flesh and its thoughts. Like all the others, we were by nature objects of God's wrath.

⁴ But God, because he is rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us, ⁵ made us alive with Christ even when we were dead in trespasses. It is by grace you have been saved! ⁶ He also raised us up with Christ and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus. ⁷ He did this so that, in the coming ages, he might demonstrate the surpassing riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. ⁸ Indeed, it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God— ⁹ not by works, so that no one can boast.

¹⁰ For we are God's workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared in advance so that we would walk in them.

VERSE OF THE DAY

John 3:16 EHV

For God so loved the world that he gave his only-begotten Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish, but have eternal life.

STAND

GOSPEL John 3:14-21 EHV

¹⁴ "Just as Moses lifted up the snake in the wilderness, so the Son of Man must be lifted up, ¹⁵ so that everyone who believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.

¹⁶ "For God so loved the world that he gave his only-begotten Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish, but have eternal life. ¹⁷ For God did not send his

Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him. ¹⁸ The one who believes in him is not condemned, but the one who does not believe is condemned already, because he has not believed in the name of the only-begotten Son of God. ¹⁹ This is the basis for the judgment: The light has come into the world, yet people loved the darkness rather than the light, because their deeds were evil. ²⁰ In fact, everyone who practices wicked things hates the light and does not come toward the light, or else his deeds would be exposed. ²¹ But the one who does what is true comes toward the light, in order that his deeds may be seen as having been done in connection with God."

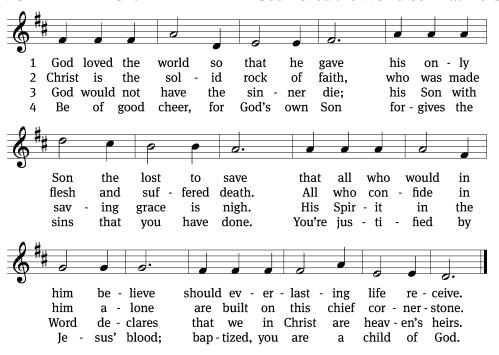
The Gospel of the Lord.



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HYMN OF THE DAY 570

"God Loved the World So That He Gave"



5 If you are sick, if death is near, this truth your troubled heart can cheer: Christ Jesus saves my soul from death; this is the anchor of my faith!

6 Glory to God the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, Three in One! To you, O blessèd Trinity, be praise now and eternally!

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SERMON John 3:14-21

Rethinking the Solution to Sin

STAND

NICENE CREED

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation, he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary, and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate. He suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who in unity with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

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OFFERING

STAND



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PRAYER OF THE CHURCH & 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.

THE SACRAMENT

At St. John's we practice closed Communion, to which only congregational members are invited, in obedience to Scripture's teaching that the Lord's Supper is an expression of our complete unity in faith. This has been the historic practice of the Christian church for nearly 2,000 years. If you are our guest today, we respectfully ask that you speak with one of the pastors before approaching the altar for Communion.

The Lord be with you.



Lift up your hearts.



Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



Praise to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In love he has blessed us with every spiritual blessing. In the past he spoke to us through the prophets, but in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son, who is the radiance of his glory. Now have come the salvation and the power and the kingdom of our God and the authority of his Christ. To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be praise and thanks and honor and glory for ever and ever:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

Sanctus



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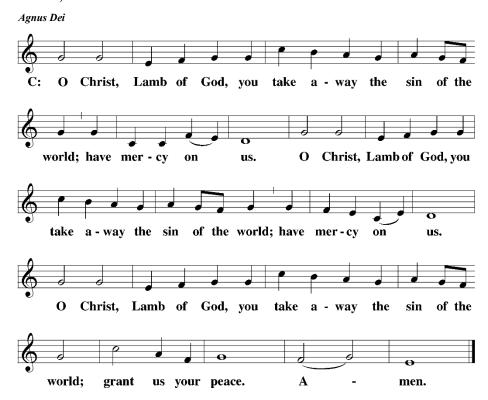
Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

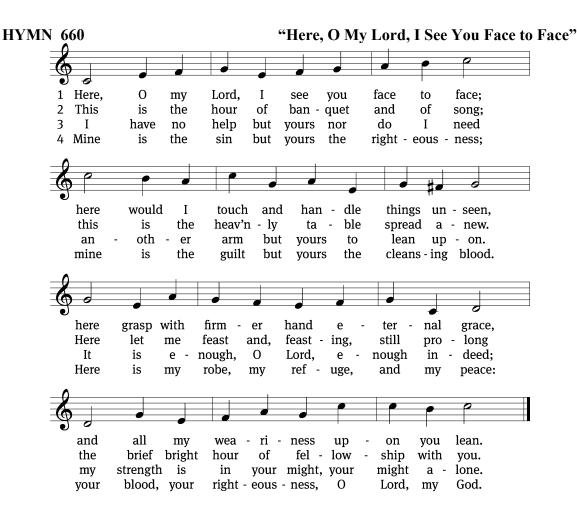


O CHRIST, LAMB OF GOD



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- 5 Too soon we rise; the vessels disappear; the feast, though not the love, is past and gone. The bread and wine remove, but you are here, nearer than ever, still my shield and sun.
- 6 Feast after feast thus comes and passes by, yet, passing, points to that glad feast above, giving sweet foretaste of the festal joy, the Lamb's great marriage feast of bliss and love.

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Hear the prayer of your people, O Lord, that the lips which have praised you here may glorify you in the world, that the eyes which have seen the coming of your Son may long for his coming again, and that all who have received in his true body and blood the pledge of your forgiveness may be restored to live a new and holy life, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



Brothers and sisters, go in peace. Live in harmony with one another. Serve the Lord with gladness.

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look on you with favor and give you peace.



HYMN 519 "There Is a Redeemer"



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Announcements

<u>Parsonage Updates Needed:</u> The window treatments at the Caroline House, where the Mount family resides, need updating! Total cost is estimated to be around \$2,500. If you are interested in helping offset this expense, donations may be dropped off at the Juneau church office or specified on your offering envelope. Thank you!

<u>Easter Flowers:</u> There is a sign-up sheet in the narthex at the Juneau and Lowell Campuses for bringing your own Easter Plants/Flowers to decorate our churches on Easter Sunday!

Easter for Kids: Children, please join us for our upcoming Easter for Kids on Saturday, March 30th from 9-10:30 AM at our St. John's School! Easter for Kids is a fun-filled morning complete with an egg hunt and games for children ages 0-6th grade. The morning is designed for children and their parents/caregivers to participate in



together. Please pre-register by scanning the QR code or visiting our website: stjohnsdodgecounty.com $\,$

If you have any questions or would like to volunteer for this event, please contact Char at 920-219-0122 or email volunteer@stjohnsjuneau.org.

Church Council Schedule Change:

The March Church Council meeting has been rescheduled to March 21st, 6:30 PM, at the Juneau Campus.

<u>Salad and Fruit Donations:</u> Would you be willing to provide a salad or fruit for our upcoming Lenten Meal on Wednesday, Mar. 13th? The main course will be provided, but salads and fruit would be appreciated! If you are able, please bring your treat to our Juneau Fellowship Hall prior to the 3:30pm service on Mar. 13th. Thank you!

<u>WELS Youth Rally:</u> The WELS Youth Rally with the theme "From the Mountaintops" will be held June 25th-28th in beautiful Fort Collins, CO. The rally is designed with teens in mind from 8th grade through high school seniors! If you (or your child) fit into this age group and would like to attend, please sign-up in the narthex or call the church office by March 18th.

Chaperones- over the age of 20- are also needed to encourage and supervise the youth who will be attending from our congregation. If you would be interested in this role, please sign-up or call the church office by March 18^{th} .

More information on the Rally can be found at: welsyouthrally.net

Special Gift Envelopes: During this season of Lent, St. John's has extended the opportunity for you to direct a special gift toward our two upcoming projects: Funding for the celebration of the Juneau campus' 150th anniversary and the construction of an age-appropriate playground for our Pre-K students! If you are interested in dedicating a gift to either of the projects, giving envelopes with more information can be found in the narthex!



Hahn Education Fund Update

When we merged with Salem, they had a Hahn Education Fund that we inherited. It was a fund set up to give loans to people preparing for the public ministry at a synodical school. If the individual ends up becoming a Called Worker, the loans they received through the Hahn Fund are forgiven. When we merged, the fund had around \$340,000 in it and there was an additional nearly \$50,000 that had accrued in interest over the years. In the last 3.5 years, an additional \$190,000 has been given to that fund and in that span of time we have been able to loan out \$48,275 to help 10 different people preparing for the ministry. We've already been able to forgive \$12,500 worth of loans for 3 people who have become pastors/teachers. We are filled with hope and joy for the people we are able to help through this fund on their way to becoming Called Workers and, in turn, the people they will serve in the Public Ministry.

Please join us at the Juneau Campus for Lenten worship on March 13th at 3:30 or 6:30 PM. You are also invited to the meal served between the services!

This week's meal is hosted by our **Church Council**

<u>MENU</u> Hot Ham Sandwiches Cheesy Potatoes Green Beans



There is a free-will offering to help offset the cost of the meal and be put towards the Preschool Playground Project. Donations may be given with cash/check at the meal or on our website and app (enter "playground" into the memo line).

Holy Week Schedule



Palm Sunday (March 24th)

- o Juneau
 - Worship: 8:00 & 10:30 AM
 - Bible Class: 9:30 AM
- Lowell
 - Worship: 9:30 AM
 - Bible Class: 8:15 AM

Maundy Thursday (March 28th)

- o Worship with Holy Communion at Juneau 3:30 & 6:30 PM
- Good Friday (March 29th)
 - o Worship at Juneau: 1:30 PM
 - o Worship at Lowell: 6:30 PM- Led by the choir

Easter Saturday (March 30th)

- o Easter Vigil Service 7:00 PM at Good Shepherd in Beaver Dam
- (No Worship at our Horicon Campus)

* Easter Sunday (March 31st)

- o Juneau
 - Sunrise Service: 6:30 AM
 - Breakfast: 7:30 AM
 - Easter Festival Service: 9:00 AM
- o Lowell
 - Breakfast 8:00 AM
 - Sunrise Service 9:30 AM

Volunteers (3/10)

Greeters:

8:00 AM Deb Wolter, Becky Zimmerman

10:30 AM Dan and Phyllis Wegener, Diane Pamperin

Communion Assistants:

8:00 AM Rick Cody, Harold Zastrow, Dave Meister, Tim Weisensel

9:30 AM Pastors and Paul Metzger

10:30 AM Ryan Kummerow, Jeff Greenwald, Kevin Schultz, Gary Braun

Ushers:

8:00 AM Bob Koch, Jay Pannetti, Leo Pannetti, TBD

9:30 AM Dennis Kohn, Isaiah Yuenger, Matt Smith, Paul Metzger 10:30 AM Jerry Stolzman, Bob Henken, Dennis Lisko, Mike Schall

Juneau Snow Removal: (Week of Mar. 11th)
Team 4 Mark and Andrew Buelter

Statistics

Offerings given to our Lord

| | <u>2/21-2/25</u> |
|-------------|------------------|
| General | \$ 18,207.33 |
| Debt | \$ 437.15 |
| Improvement | \$ 0.00 |
| Lakeside | \$ 44.90 |
| Missions | \$ 700.90 |
| Total | \$ 19,390.28 |

Attendance

Weekend of Feb. 25th 535 (216,38,131,80,70)

At our Voter's Meeting, our congregation approved a weekly budget with an average total of \$20,246 (includes General, Lakeside and Missions) needed every week. Since the beginning of 2022, our congregation has gone from zero debt to drawing a total of \$158,513.40 from the line of credit. Please continue to support St. John's through your time, talents, treasures, and prayers. Thank you!

This Week at St. John's

Sunday (3/10)

Worship 8:00 & 10:30 AM- J

Worship 9:30 AM-SL

Bible Class 8:15 (SL) & 9:30 AM (J)

Sunday School 8:30 (SL) & 9:15 AM (J)

Monday (3/11)

Readings Bible Class 6:30 PM- J

Board of Ed. Mtg. 6:30 PM- J

Tuesday (3/12)

End Times Bible Class 4:00 PM (SL)

& 6:30 PM (J)

Wednesday (3/13)

Worship 3:30 & 6:30 PM- J

Lenten Meal 4:30 PM- J

Confirmation 5:00 PM- J

Adult Choir 7:15 PM - J

Thursday (3/14)

Elders 6:00 PM- J

Trustees 6:00 PM- J

Saturday (3/16)

Worship 5:00 PM- H

Sunday (3/17)

Worship 8:00 & 10:30 AM- J

Worship 9:30 AM-SL

Bible Class 8:15 (SL) & 9:30 AM (J)

Sunday School 8:30 (SL) & 9:15 AM (J)

Blood Pressure Checks 9:00 AM- J

Welcome to St. John's

WELCOME

We are so glad you joined us to worship our Lord Jesus today! St. John's is a member of the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod (WELS). We are happy to answer your questions about our service, our beliefs, or communicant membership at any of our campuses. Please join us again soon!

PERSONAL PRAYER AFTER WORSHIP

Good Shepherd, I was glad to be here, gathered with your flock to worship you. Cause the Word I have heard to take root in my heart and bear fruit in my life. Guide me in paths of righteousness, that my words and actions might lead others to glorify you. Amen.

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Worship Services

Thursday

6:30 PM Juneau

Saturday

5:00 PM Horicon

Sunday

8:00 AM Juneau 9:30 AM Lowell 10:30 AM Juneau

Bible Classes

Sunday

Juneau Campus 9:30 AM

Salem-Lowell Campus

8:15 AM

Monday

Juneau Campus 6:30 PM

Tuesday (2nd, 4th, 5th)

Juneau Campus 6:30 PM

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