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**St. John's Ev. Lutheran Church**

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# God on Trial: Testimony

## Opening Hymn 655

“Before You, God, the Judge of All”



1 Be - fore you, God, the judge of all, with grief and shame I  
2 O Lord, my God, to you I pray: O cast me not in  
3 O Je - sus, let your pre - cious blood be to my soul a



hum - bly fall. I see my sins a - gainst you, Lord,  
wrath a - way! Let your good Spir - it ne'er de - part,  
cleans - ing flood. Turn not, O Lord, your guest a - way,



my sins of thought and deed and word. They press me  
but let him draw to you my heart that tru - ly  
but grant that jus - ti - fied I may go to my



sore; to you I flee: O God, be mer - ci - ful to me!  
pen - i - tent I be: O God, be mer - ci - ful to me!  
house at peace to be: O God, be mer - ci - ful to me!

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Tune: attr. Martin Luther, 1483–1546 Text and tune: Public domain

*Please stand*

## **Confession of Sins**

In the name of our God, to whom all hearts are open and from whom no secrets are hidden.

**Amen.**

**I confess that I am by nature sinful.**

**I am guilty of many sins.**

**I am distressed by the sins that trouble me.**

**For all this I am sorry. I pray for forgiveness.**

**Have mercy on me, O God, according to your unfailing love.**

Jesus says to his people, "If you forgive anyone's sins, their sins are forgiven."  
His death paid for the guilt of your sins and the sins of the whole world. Do you believe this?

**Yes, I believe.**

By the authority of Christ, I forgive you your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son (†) and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

*Please be seated*

# Psalm 119D

“Teach Me, O LORD”

*Refrain*

Teach me, O LORD, the way of your statutes.

*Tone*

Oh, how I / love your law!

I meditate on it / all day long.

Your commands are always / with me

and make me wiser than my / enemies.

I have more insight than all my / teachers,

for I meditate on your / statutes. *Refrain*

I have kept my feet from every / evil path

so that I might o- / bey your word.

How sweet are your words / to my taste,

sweeter than honey / to my mouth!

I gain understanding from your / precepts;

therefore I hate every / wrong path.

**Glory be to the Father and / to the Son**

**and to the Holy / Spirit,**

**as it was in the be- / ginning,**

**is now, and will be forever. / Amen. *Refrain***

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## Psalm Prayer

Lord, your Word is my delight. When I was lost in the darkness of sin, you penetrated my heart with the light of your Word. Let it enlighten my path each day that I may serve you in holiness. Let your Word shine through all I say and do that others may see you and praise your saving name. In Jesus' name I pray.

**Amen.**

## Special Anthem

Grades 3-4 3:30 PM

"Beautiful Savior"

Adult Choir 6:30 PM

"That's What the Blood Was For"

## Passion Reading for Week Four

Mark 14:43-65 (EHV)

*Jesus' Arrest and Jesus' First Trial in the Sanhedrin*

P: Pastor

M: Men

W: Women

P: Just then, while he was still speaking, Judas, one of the Twelve, arrived. A crowd was with him, armed with swords and clubs. They were from the chief priests, the experts in the law, and the elders. Now his betrayer had given them a signal, saying,

M: **"The one I kiss is the man. Arrest him and lead him away under guard."**

P: He went right to Jesus and said, "Rabbi!" and kissed him.

W: ***They laid hands on him and arrested him. But one of those who stood nearby drew his sword, struck the servant of the high priest, and cut off his ear.***

P: Jesus responded by saying to them, "Have you come out with swords and clubs to capture me as you would a criminal? Day after day I was with you, teaching in the temple courts, and you did not arrest me. But this happened so that the Scriptures may be fulfilled."

M: **Then the disciples all left him and fled.**

- W:** *A certain young man was following him, wearing just a linen cloth over his naked body. They seized him, but he left behind the linen cloth and fled from them naked.*
- M:** They led Jesus away to the high priest. All the chief priests, the elders, and the experts in the law gathered together. Peter followed him at a distance, right into the courtyard of the high priest. He was sitting with the guards and warming himself at the fire.
- W:** *The chief priests and the whole Sanhedrin were looking for testimony against Jesus in order to put him to death, but they did not find any. Many testified falsely against him, but their testimonies did not agree. Some stood up and gave this false testimony against him:*
- P:** “We heard him say, ‘I will destroy this temple made with hands, and in three days I will build another made without hands.’” Yet even on this point, their testimony did not agree.
- M:** The high priest stepped forward and questioned Jesus, “Have you no answer? What is this they are testifying against you?”
- W:** *But Jesus was silent and did not answer anything.*
- M:** Again the high priest asked him, “Are you the Christ, the Son of the Blessed One?”
- P:** “I am,” Jesus said. “And you will see the Son of Man sitting at the right hand of power and coming with the clouds of heaven.”
- M:** The high priest tore his robes and said, “Why do we need any more witnesses? You have heard the blasphemy! What do you think?”
- W:** *They all condemned him as being worthy of death. Then some began to spit on him. They covered his face and struck him with their fists, saying, “Prophecy!” The guards also took him and beat him.*
- P:** The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

## Hymn of the Day 430

“Stricken, Smitten, and Afflicted”



1 Strick-en, smit-ten, and af-flict-ed, see him dy-ing on the  
2 Tell me, as you hear him groan-ing, was there ev-er grief like  
3 If you think of sin but light-ly nor sup-pose the e-vil  
4 Here we have a firm foun-da-tion, here the ref-u-ge of the



tree! 'Tis the Christ, by man re-ject-ed; yes, my  
his, friends through fear his cause dis-own-ing, foes in-  
great, here you see its na-ture right-ly, here its  
lost: Christ, the rock of our sal-va-tion, is the



soul, 'tis he, 'tis he. 'Tis the long-ex-pect-ed  
sult-ing his dis-tress? Man-y hands were raised to  
guilt may es-ti-mate. Mark the sac-ri-fice ap-  
name of which we boast; Lamb of God, for sin-ners



Proph-et, Da-vid's son, yet Da-vid's Lord; proofs I  
wound him, none would in-ter-vene to save; but the  
point-ed, see who bears the aw-ful load; 'tis the  
wound-ed, sac-ri-fice to can-cel guilt! None shall



see suf-fi-cient of it: 'tis the true and faith-ful Word.  
deep-est stroke that pierced him was the stroke that jus-tice gave.  
Word, the Lord's a-noint-ed, Son of Man and Son of God.  
ev-er be con-found-ed who on him their hope have built.

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## God on Trial: Testimony

<sup>57</sup> Those who had arrested Jesus led him away to Caiaphas, the high priest, where the experts in the law and the elders were assembled. <sup>58</sup> Peter was following him at a distance and went as far as the courtyard of the high priest. He went inside and sat down with the guards to see how it would turn out.

<sup>59</sup> The chief priests and the whole Sanhedrin were looking for false testimony against Jesus so that they could put him to death. <sup>60</sup> They found none, even though many false witnesses came forward. Finally two came forward <sup>61</sup> and said, "This fellow said, 'I am able to destroy the temple of God and rebuild it in three days.'"

<sup>62</sup> The high priest stood up and said to him, "Have you no answer? What is this that these men are testifying against you?" <sup>63</sup> But Jesus remained silent. Then the high priest said to him, "I place you under oath by the living God: Tell us if you are the Christ, the Son of God!"

<sup>64</sup> Jesus said to him, "It is as you have said. But I tell you, soon you will see the Son of Man sitting at the right hand of power and coming on the clouds of heaven."

<sup>65</sup> Then the high priest tore his robes and said, "He has spoken blasphemy! Why do we need any more witnesses? See, you have just heard the blasphemy!" <sup>66</sup> What do you think?"

They answered, "He is deserving of death!" <sup>67</sup> Then they spit in his face and punched him. Some slapped him <sup>68</sup> and said, "Prophecy to us, Christ! Who hit you?"

<sup>69</sup> Meanwhile Peter was sitting outside in the courtyard. A servant girl came to him and said, "You were also with Jesus the Galilean."

<sup>70</sup> But he denied it in front of everyone, saying, "I don't know what you're talking about."

<sup>71</sup> When Peter went out to the entryway, someone else saw him and said to those who were there, "This fellow was with Jesus of Nazareth."

<sup>72</sup> Again Peter denied it with an oath and said, "I do not know the man."

<sup>73</sup> After a little while those who stood by came and said to Peter, "Surely you are also one of them because even your accent gives you away."

<sup>74</sup> Then he began to curse and to swear, "I do not know the man!" Just then the rooster crowed. <sup>75</sup> And Peter remembered the word Jesus had spoken, "Before the



rooster crows, you will deny me three times.” And he went outside and wept bitterly.

## Offering

*Please stand*

## Prayer

O God our Father, by your mercy and might the world turns safely into darkness and returns again to light.

**We place into your hands our unfinished tasks, our unsolved problems, and our unfulfilled hopes, knowing that only what you bless will prosper.**

To your great love and protection we commit each other and all those we love, knowing that you alone are our sure defender; through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
**Amen.**

## 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.**

## Blessing

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him.  
**Amen.**

*Please be seated*

# Closing Hymn 560

## “Your Works, Not Mine, O Christ”



1 Your works, not mine, O Christ, speak glad-ness to this heart;  
2 Your blood, not mine, O Christ, can heal my sin-ful soul;  
3 Your cross, not mine, O Christ, has borne the dread-ful load  
4 Your death, not mine, O Christ, has paid the ran-som due;  
5 Your right-eous-ness, O Christ, a-lone can cov-er me;



they tell me all is done, they bid my fear de-part.  
your wounds, not mine, con-tain the balm that makes me whole.  
of sins that none could bear but the in-car-nate God.  
ten thou-sand deaths like mine would have been all too few.  
no oth-er right-eous-ness can set a sin-ner free.

### *Refrain*



To whom but you, who can a-lone for sin a-tone, Lord, shall I flee?

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Lenten Meal hosted by our  
**Parish Nurses**



MENU

**Tacos**

**Along with various desserts provided by the  
congregation!**

There is a free-will offering to help offset the cost of the meal and to support our Parish Nurses in their ministry. Donations may be given with cash/check at the meal and on our website and app.

# 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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6:30 PM Juneau

#### Saturday

5:00 PM Horicon

#### Sunday

8:00 AM Juneau

9:30 AM Lowell

10:30 AM Juneau

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#### Sunday

Juneau Campus

9:30 AM

Salem-Lowell Campus

8:15 AM

#### Monday

Juneau Campus

6:30 PM

#### Tuesday (2nd, 4th, 5th)

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6:30 PM

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