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FIRST
Sunday
IN
LENT



10:45 a.m. Sunday, March 6, 2022
*Sermon: "Following Christ to the Cross: People in John's
Gospel: John The Baptist" John 1:29-34*



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- A Family to Whom You Belong -
Our Mission is to: **Make More & Better Disciples**

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Servants of God's House Today:

Pastor: Rev. Kenny Hsu **DCE:** Grace Wolfgram

Elders: Frank Tenuta **Praise Team Leader:** Doris Hill

Ushers: Mike Popken

Missionaries: Rev. Tim & Lisa Beckendorf, Rev. Shauen & Krista Trump,
Rev. Paul Flo, Charles Cortwright

Reader: Ralph Schroeder

WELCOME! We are glad that you are here worshipping God with us. We pray for God's blessings to you and invite you to come back again soon.

AS WE GATHER As we begin our Lenten journey, we focus our attention on various witnesses to Christ in John's Gospel. We begin with John the Baptist, a man on a mission. "There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness, to bear witness about the light, that all might believe through him" (John 1:6–7). John the Baptist's mission is "to bear witness about the light." In fact, fourteen times in John's Gospel, the word witness is connected with John the Baptist. "He was not the light, but came to bear witness about the light. The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world" (John 1:8–9). John points us to Jesus, who takes away our sin, our guilt, and our shame at the cross.

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. Amen

HOLY COMMUNION The Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod believes the Biblical teaching that in communion we receive not the symbolic but the true body and blood of Jesus Christ with the bread and wine for the forgiveness of sins. If you are a baptized Christian who has been instructed in the same Biblical teaching, and if you agree with the announcement on our communion card and the confession of our faith, please join us to receive the gifts that Jesus Christ has prepared for us in communion. If you have any questions or uncertainties, please feel free to make an appointment to talk with the pastor during the week before communing with us.

PRAYER BEFORE WORSHIP 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. Amen

Worship Service

(The congregation is invited to respond in the words written in **bold**.)

The Ringing of the Bells

The Wave of Fellowship

The School Choir Sings “Soul on Fire” by Third Day

The Invocation

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

C: Amen.

Opening Song “He Knows My Name”

I have a Maker, he formed my heart.
Before even time began, life was in his hand.

He knows my name, He knows my ev'ry thought.
He sees each tear that falls, and hears me when I call.

I have a Father, He calls me His own.
He'll never leave me, no matter where I go.

He knows my name, He knows my ev'ry thought.
He sees each tear that falls, and hears me when I call.
He knows my name, He knows my ev'ry thought.
He sees each tear that falls, and hears me when I call.

He hears me when I call.

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Nicene Creed

First Lesson Deuteronomy 26:1–11 (God's people recall His mighty deliverance from the slavery of Egypt into the land of promise.)

<p>¹“When you come into the land that the LORD your God is giving you for an inheritance and have taken possession of it and live in it, ²you shall take some of the first of all the fruit of the ground, which you harvest from your land that the LORD your God is giving you, and you shall put it in a basket, and you shall go to the place that the LORD your God will choose, to make his name to dwell there. ³And you shall go to the priest who is in office at that time and</p>	<p>say to him, ‘I declare today to the LORD your God that I have come into the land that the LORD swore to our fathers to give us.’ ⁴Then the priest shall take the basket from your hand and set it down before the altar of the LORD your God.</p> <p>⁵“And you shall make response before the LORD your God, ‘A wandering Aramean was my father. And he went down into Egypt and sojourned there, few in number, and there he became a nation, great,</p>
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mighty, and populous. ⁶And the Egyptians treated us harshly and humiliated us and laid on us hard labor.

⁷Then we cried to the LORD, the God of our fathers, and the LORD heard our voice and saw our affliction, our toil, and our oppression. ⁸And the LORD brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm, with great deeds of terror, with signs and wonders. ⁹And he brought us into this place and gave us this land, a land flowing with milk and honey.

¹⁰And behold, now I bring the first of the fruit of the ground, which you, O LORD, have given me.' And you shall set it down before the LORD your God and worship before the LORD your God. ¹¹And you shall rejoice in all the good that the LORD your God has given to you and to your house, you, and the Levite, and the sojourner who is among you.

The Epistle Romans 10:8b–13 (The Word of the Lord is always near us, and all who call on the name of the Lord shall be saved.)

(Please stand, as you are able, for the Gospel)

⁸... “The word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart” (that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); ⁹because, if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. ¹⁰For with the heart one believes and is justified, and with the mouth one confesses and is saved.

¹¹For the Scripture says, “Everyone who believes in him will not be put to shame.” ¹²For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all, bestowing his riches on all who call on him. ¹³For “everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.”

Holy Gospel John 1:29–34

²⁹The next day [John] saw Jesus coming toward him, and said, “Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!

³⁰This is he of whom I said, ‘After me comes a man who ranks before me, because he was before me.’ ³¹I myself did not know him, but for this purpose I came baptizing with water, that he might be revealed to Israel.” ³²And John bore witness: “I saw the Spirit descend from heaven like a dove, and it remained on him. ³³I myself did not know him, but he who sent me to baptize with water said to me, ‘He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain, this is he who baptizes with the Holy Spirit.’ ³⁴And I have seen and have borne witness that this is

Children’s Message

The Song of Instruction “Knowing You”

All I once held dear, built my life upon,
all this world reveres and wars to own.
All I once thought gain I have counted loss,
spent and worthless now compared to this.

Refrain: Knowing You, Jesus, knowing You,
There is no greater thing.
You're my all, You're the best,
You're my joy, my righteousness, and I love You, Lord.

Now my heart's desire is to know You more,
to be found in You, and known as Yours.
To possess by faith what I could not earn,
All surpassing gift of righteousness. (refrain)

Oh, to know the pow'r of Your risen life
And to know You in Your sufferings.
To become like You in Your death, my Lord,
So with You to live and never die. (refrain)

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The Word *Following Christ to the Cross: People in John's Gospel: John The Baptist" John 1:29-34*

WE WORSHIP GOD THROUGH OUR GIVING

We honor God with the gifts He has given to us.

St. Paul's members have pledged to support our ministry in their tithes and offerings. Please place your offerings in the box upfront.

To our guest: Thank you for joining us today and please do not feel that you are obligated to participate. We invite you to come back again.

Please put your **Welcome Card** in the box at the back of the church.

Mark 8:35-36—For whoever would save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for My sake and the Gospel's will save it. For what does it profit a man to gain the whole world and forfeit his soul?

Offertory "Make Me a Servant"

Make me a servant, humble and meek. Lord, let me lift up those who are weak.
And may the pray'r of my heart always be: Make me a servant, make me a servant.
Make me a servant today. (repeat)

(Music & words by Kelly Willard, Maranatha! Music, used by permission CCLI #11440148 and 20162974)

The Prayer of the Church

Invitation with Confession and Absolution Based on Psalm 91:15-16

P: When you call to Me, I will answer you, says the Lord.

C: I will be with you in trouble; I will rescue you and honor you.

P: With long life the Lord will satisfy you

C: and show you His salvation.

(Silence for meditation and reflection)

P: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

C: I confess to God Almighty, before the whole company of heaven and to you, my brothers and sisters, that I have sinned in thought, word, and deed by my fault, by my own fault, by my own most grievous fault; wherefore I pray God Almighty to have mercy on me, forgive me all my sins, and bring me to everlasting life. 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. To the impenitent and unbelieving I declare that so long as you continue in your impenitence, God will not forgive your sins and will visit your iniquity upon you until you turn from your sinful ways, come to repentance, and trust in the merits of Jesus Christ alone.

C: Amen.

P: May the Lord, who has begun this good work in us, bring it to completion in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.

C: Amen.

INVITATIONAL SONG ("Praise Team):

He said come to the table

Come join the sinners who have been redeemed

Take your place beside the Savior now

Sit down and be set free

Come to the table

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

READING OF THE ANNOUNCEMENT CARD FOR HOLY COMMUNION

(Praise Team will be served communion at this time.)

DISTRIBUTION "Jesus Paid It All"

Verse 1: I hear the savior say, thy strength indeed is small
Child of weakness, watch and pray, find in me thine all in all

Chorus: 'Cause Jesus paid it all, All to him I owe
Sin had left a crimson stain, he washed it white as snow

Verse 2: Lord, now indeed I find thy power and thine alone
Can change the leper's spots and melt the heart of stone (**Chorus**)

Verse 3: And when before the throne I stand in him complete
"Jesus died my soul to save" my lips shall still repeat (**Chorus**)
O praise the one who paid my debt
And raised this life up from the dead (X4) (**Chorus**)
He washed it white as snow

“Let Us Break Bread Together”

1. Let us break bread together on our knees, let us break bread together on our knees.
When I fall on my knees with my face to the rising sun, O Lord, have mercy on me.
2. Let us drink wine together on our knees, let us drink wine together on our knees.
When I fall on my knees with my face to the rising sun, O Lord, have mercy on me.
3. Let us praise God together on our knees, let us praise God together on our knees.
When I fall on my knees with my face to the rising sun, O Lord, have mercy on me.
(Repeat 3rd verse)

(Traditional Spiritual, arranged by Keith Phillips, 1986 Word Music, used by permission, CCLI #11440148 and 20162974)

The Lord’s Prayer

The Benediction

The Going Out Song “You Never Let Go”

Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death
Your perfect love is casting out fear, and even when I’m caught in the middle
of the storms of this life, I won’t turn back, I know You are near.

(Pre-Chorus)

And I will fear no evil for my God is with me,
and if my God is with me whom then shall I fear? Whom then shall I fear?

(Chorus)

Oh no, You never let go through the calm and through the storm
Oh no, You never let go in every high and every low
Oh no, You never let go Lord, You never let go of me

And I can see a light that is coming for the heart that holds on,
a glorious light beyond all compare, and there will be an end to these troubles
but until that day comes, We’ll live to know You here on the earth (Pre-Chorus, Chorus)

You keep on runnin and You never let go; Singin (Chorus)

(Bridge)

Yes, I can see a light that is coming for the heart that holds on,
and there will be an end to these troubles, but until that day comes
still I will praise You, still I will praise You. (Repeat)

(Chorus, Chorus)

Lord, You never let go of me

(Words/music by Matt Redman and Beth Redman, 2005 Thankyou Music, CCLI #11440148 and 20162974)

Lenten Service Times

Wednesdays at 12:15 p.m. and 6:00 p.m.
(A Lenten Meal will be served following the 6 :00 p.m.)

Lenten Mid-Week Series: A Lenten Journey with Joseph

Date		Title	Readings
03/02/22	Ash Wed	The Genesis of Joseph	Genesis 30:22–24
03/09/22	Mid-Week 2	A Wondrous Silence	Genesis 37:12–36; Luke 22:14–3
03/16/22	Mid-Week 3	A Miracle of Miracles	Genesis 39:1–21; Luke 22:31–51
03/23/22	Mid-Week 4	Wait for the Lord	Genesis 41:9–16, 25–44; Luke 22:52–71
03/30/22	Mid-Week 5	Chased by a Dirty Conscience	Genesis 42:6–24; Luke 23:1–25
04/06/22	Mid-Week 6	God Does Have a Plan	Genesis 45:1–15; Luke 23:26–47
04/14/22	Holy Thursday	Judas Iscariot	John 13:21–30
04/15/22	Good Friday	Forgiveness Finished	Genesis 50:15–21; John 19:30

Sundays in Lent Series: “Following Christ to The Cross: People in John’s Gospel”

Traditional Service -Saturdays 6:00 p.m. & Sundays 8:15 a.m.
Contemporary Service—10:45 a.m.

Date		Title	Readings
03/06/22	Lent 1	John the Baptist	John 1:29–34
03/13/22	Lent 2	Mary, the Sister of Lazarus and Martha	John 12:1–11
03/20/22	Lent 3	Malchus	John 18:1–11
03/27/22	Lent 4	Peter	John 18:12–27
04/03/22	Lent 5	Pontius Pilate	John 19:1–16
04/10/22	Palm Sunday	The Disciples	John 12:12–19
04/17/22	Easter	Mary Magdalene	John 20:1–18