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FIRST
Sunday
IN **LENT**



6 p.m. Sat., March 5, & 8:15 a.m. Sun., 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 Wolgram

Organists: 6 p.m. Sat. Joyce Seymour; 8:15 a.m. Sun., Mabel Huldeen

Ushers: Steve Segebart

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

Elders: 6 p.m. Sat. Bob Greene; 8:15 a.m. Sun., Tim Draube

Readers: 6 p.m. Sat. Liz Sanders; 8:15 a.m. Sun., Doug Lehr

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

DIVINE SERVICE ONE

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

The Ringing of the Bells

The Hand of Fellowship

Hymn of Invocation

“Lord Jesus, Think on Me”
(stand as you are able for the last verse)

LSB 610

(The sign of the cross + may be made by all in remembrance of their baptism.)

The Invocation

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

C: **Amen.**



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.**

(A moment of silence for reflection of God's word and self-examination)

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.**

Service of the Word



“Lord, Have Mercy” (*Sung*)
P: In peace let us pray to the Lord.

C: **Lord, have mercy.**

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

C: **Lord, have mercy.**

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

C: **Lord, have mercy.**

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

C: **Lord, have mercy.**

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

C: **Amen.**

The Salutation and Collect of the Day

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P: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.** (*Sung*)

P: Let us pray.

C: **O merciful Lord, You have continually manifested Your love, delivering Your people from their sins not due to merit or worthiness but purely out of mercy and for the sake of the obedient life, life-giving death, and victorious resurrection of Your Son. Bless this Lenten journey to the cross that with new hearts we may acknowledge Your kindness and live in repentance and in the obedience of faith; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

The Old Testament Reading

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



Old
Testament
Readings

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 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.

⁵"And you shall make response before the LORD your God, 'A wandering Aramean was my father. And he went down into Egypt⁴

and sojourned there, few in number, and there he became a nation, great, 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.

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

The Gradual We praise God together in the words of the Gradual.

C: O come, let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God.

The Epistle Lesson 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.)



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.”

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

(Stand as you are able)

The Alleluia and Verse (Lent) (*Sung*)

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C: Return to the Lord, your God, for He is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love, and abounding in steadfast love.

(Please remain standing for the Gospel)

The Holy Gospel John 1:29–34

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 1st chapter.

C: Glory to You, O Lord. (*Sung*)

Gospel
+
Reading

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 the Son of God.”

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to You, O Christ. (*Sung*)

(Please be seated)

Children's Message

Hymn of the Day

"When All the World Was Cursed"

LSB 346

TODAY'S SERMON  "Following Christ to the Cross: People in John's Gospel: John The Baptist" John 1:29-34

The Nicene Creed



PRAYERS
of the
CHURCH

P: Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ and for all people according to their needs.

For the Church, the people of God led from slavery in the wilderness of death to freedom and life through the forgiveness of sin; for boldness to proclaim this saving Gospel to all those still captive; and for strength in the face of temptation, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: For courage in the face of temptation, strength in time of test, and hope in the face of despair that nothing may cause our faith to waver from our confidence in Christ, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: For all the people of Ukraine who are experiencing military aggression, that they might be kept from harm. For government leaders everywhere but especially in Russia, that they might be inclined to walk in the ways of righteousness and peace and cease military hostilities, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: For the sick and those who suffer any need of body, mind, or soul, that God grant them healing according to His will and strength to endure their afflictions, *especially Frieda Lehr, Helen Eriksen, Barbara Carlson and Brandice Larson, Carolyn Stuhr, Tera Gilster, Carolyn Montagne, Amber Gilmore, Kelly Winegar, Bernie Attema, Mary Kay Holiday, Deb Chellew, Suzy Awe, Wally Delzell and Sharon Sparr, and Patsy White*, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: For the school board, give them guidance and direction in finding a new Principal, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: For those celebrating their baptismal anniversaries that they remain faithful to your Word including; Drew Wagner, Douglas Williams, Kenny Sherman Jr., Eric Sherman, Justice Sherman, Brady McCormick, Karen Sherrill, Sherry Welte, and

Brenda Robles. let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: For Dick and Connie Brown, we ask blessings upon them as they celebrate their 50th Wedding anniversary, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend ourselves and all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy, through Jesus Christ.

C: Amen.

Offering of God's People to their Beloved Savior

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 Hymn

“On My Heart Imprint Your Image”

LSB 422

(stand as you are able)

Offertory (Sung) Psalm 116: 12-13, 17-19

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.

Service of the Sacrament

Preface (Sung)

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P: The Lord be with you. *2 Timothy 4:22*

C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts. *Colossians 3:1*

C: We lift them to the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. *Psalm 136*

C: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

P: It is good, right, our duty and our delight to offer You thanks and praise, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, whom You sent to rescue and redeem us from all our sins and restore us as Your own people through the blood of His sacrifice, that cleansed from all our sins we might journey again to the cross and empty tomb in repentance and faith and receive the full benefit of His

atoning work. Therefore with angels and archangels and the whole host of heaven we join their unending hymn:

Sanctus “*Holy, Holy, Holy*” (Sung) *Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 21:9*

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Holy, holy, holy Lord God of pow'r and might:
Heaven and earth are full of Your glory.
Hosanna. Hosanna. Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.



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Words of our Lord

Pax Domini The Peace of the Lord *John 20:19*

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

C: **Amen.** (sung)

Agnus Dei “*Lamb of God*” (Sung) *John 1:29*

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Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; grant us peace.

Reading of the Communion Announcement Card

(Please be seated)

The Distribution Hymns

“Lamb of God” LSB 550

“O Christ, You Walked the Road” LSB 424

(Stand as you are able)

The Post Communion Collect

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P: Let us pray.

We give You thanks that You have sent to us Your own Son to be the Passover Lamb who takes away the sin of the world. Grant to us faith like John the Baptist to keep our eyes upon the Lamb and to proclaim Him before the world, that those not yet of Your kingdom may rejoice with us in the love that has forgiven and restored us to be Your people; through Jesus Christ, Your Son and our Lord.

C: **Amen.**

School Choir Sings (8:15 am. Service only) “Soul on Fire” by Third Day

Benediction

Numbers 6:24-26

P: The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor and + give you peace.

C: **Amen.** (*sung*)

Dismissal

P: Go in peace! Serve the Lord!

C: **Thanks be to God.**

The Closing Hymn

“I Lay My Sins on Jesus”

LSB 606

Silent Prayer

Postlude

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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