

Welcome to St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church in Lancaster

FOR GOD
SO LOVED
THE WORLD
THAT HE GAVE
**HIS ONE AND
ONLY SON,**
THAT WHOEVER
BELIEVES
IN HIM
SHALL NOT
PERISH BUT HAVE
ETERNAL
LIFE.
JOHN 3:16

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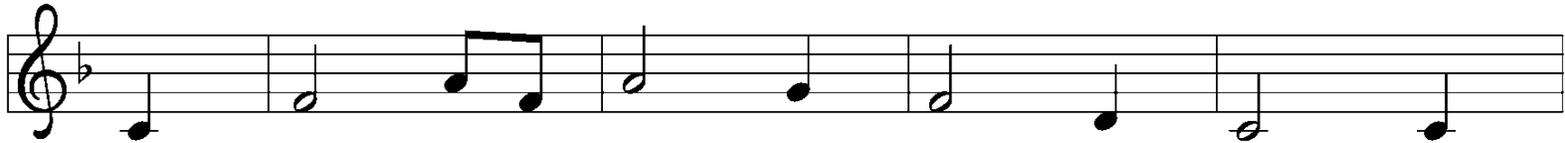
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Fourth Sunday in Lent
March 14th, 2021 9:00am

The Prelude
The Greetings
The Opening Hymn

ELW 779
Amazing Grace



1 A - maz - ing grace!— how sweet the sound— that
2 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and
3 Through man - y dan - gers, toils, and snares I
4 The Lord has prom - ised good to me; his
5 When we've been there ten thou - sand years, bright



saved a wretch like me! I once was lost, but
grace my fears re - lieved; how pre - cious did that
have al - read - y come; 'tis grace has brought me
word my hope se - cures; he will my shield and
shin - ing as the sun, we've no less days to



now am found; was blind, but now I see.
grace ap - pear the hour I first be - lieved!
safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.
por - tion be as long as life en - dures.
sing God's praise than when we'd first be - gun.

The Invocation Confession and Forgiveness

Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God, the keeper of the covenant, the source of steadfast love, our rock and our redeemer. **Amen.** God hears us when we cry, and draws us close in Jesus Christ. Let us return to the one who is full of compassion.

Silence for Prayer & Confession

Fountain of living water, **pour out your mercy over us. Our sin is heavy, and we long to be free. Rebuild what we have ruined and mend what we have torn. Wash us in your cleansing flood. Make us alive in the Spirit to follow in the way of Jesus, as healers and restorers of the world you so love. Amen.**

Beloved, God's word never fails. The promise rests on grace: by the saving love of Jesus Christ, the wisdom and power of God, your sins are forgiven, and God remembers them no more. Journey in the way of Jesus. **Amen.**

Prayer of the Day

O God, rich in mercy, by the humiliation of your Son you lifted up this fallen world and rescued us from the hopelessness of death. Lead us into your light, that all our deeds may reflect your love, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

Reading

Ephesians 2:1-10

¹You were dead through the trespasses and sins ²in which you once lived, following the course of this world, following the ruler of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work among those who are disobedient. ³All of us once lived among them in the passions of our flesh, following the desires of flesh and senses, and we were by nature children of wrath, like everyone else. ⁴But God, who is rich in mercy, out of the great love with which he loved us ⁵even when we were dead through our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved—⁶and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, ⁷so that in the ages to come he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. ⁸For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God—⁹not the result of works, so that no one may boast. ¹⁰For we are what he has made us, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand to be our way of life.

This is the Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

The Gospel Announcement

John 3:14-21
Glory to you, O Lord.

[Jesus said:] ¹⁴“Just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, ¹⁵that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

¹⁶“For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

¹⁷“Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him. ¹⁸Those who believe in him are not condemned; but those who do not believe are condemned already, because they have not believed in the name of the only Son of God. ¹⁹And this is the judgment, that the light has come into the world, and people loved darkness rather than light because their deeds were evil. ²⁰For all who do evil hate the light and do not come to the light, so that their deeds may not be exposed. ²¹But those who do what is true come to the light, so that it may be clearly seen that their deeds have been done in God.”

This is the Gospel of the Lord. Praise to you, O Christ.

The Sermon

Pastor Jamie

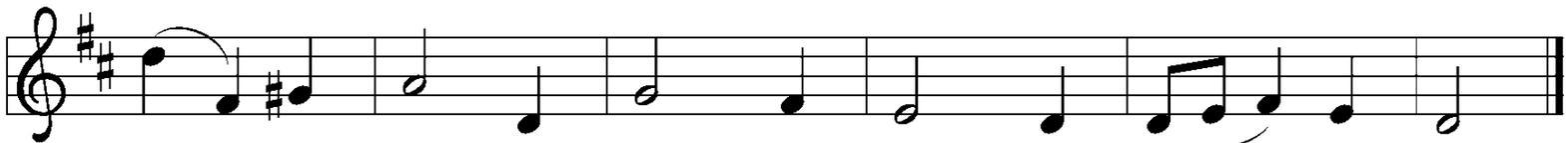
Hymn of the Day

ELW 323
God Loved the World

1 God loved the world so that he gave his on - ly
 2 Christ Je - sus is the ground of faith, who was made
 3 If you are ill, if death draws near, this truth your
 4 Be of good cheer, for God's own Son for - gives all
 5 All glo - ry to the Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly



Son the lost to save, that all who would in
 flesh and suf - fered death; all who con - fide in
 trou - bled heart can cheer: Christ Je - sus res - cues
 sins that you have done, and jus - ti - fied by
 Spir - it, Three in One! To you, O bless - ed



him be - lieve should ev - er - last - ing life re - ceive.
 Christ a - lone are built on this chief cor - ner - stone.
 us from death; that is the firm - est ground of faith.
 Je - sus' blood, your bap - tism grants the high - est good.
 Trin - i - ty, be praise now and e - ter - nal - ly!

The Apostles Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

The Prayer of the Church

Each petition ends with

*Hear us O God, **Your mercy is great.***

*We entrust ourselves and all our prayers to you, O faithful God, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.***

The Sharing of the Peace

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

And also with you.

The Offering

The Offering Music



Let the vine-yards be fruit-ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of



bles-sing. Gath-er a har-vest from the seeds that were sown, that we may be



fed with the bread of life. Gath-er the hopes and dreams of all; u -



nite them with the prayers we of - fer. Grace our ta - ble with your



pres - ence, and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

The Offertory Prayer

Faithful God, you walk beside us in desert places, and you meet us in our hunger with bread from heaven. Accompany us in this meal, that we may pass over from death to life with Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

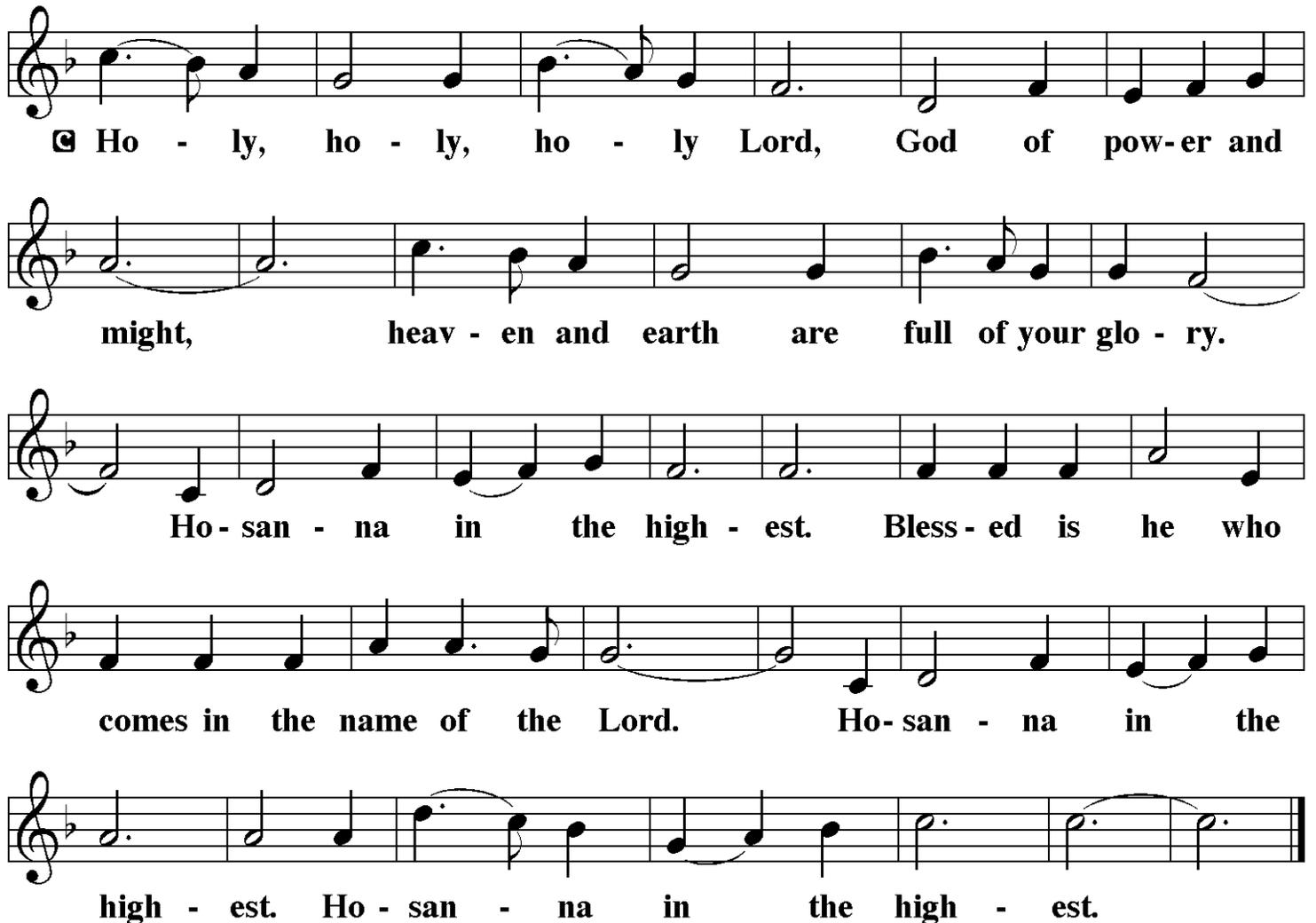
The Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**
Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give God thanks and praise.

The Preface

It is indeed right and salutary that we should at all times and in all places offer thanks and praise to you, O Lord, Holy Father, almighty and ever-living God. But chiefly we are bound to praise you for the glorious resurrection of our Lord: for he is the true Passover Lamb who gave himself to take away our sin, who by his death has destroyed death, and by his rising has brought us to eternal life. And so, with Mary Magdalene and Peter and all the witnesses of the resurrection, with earth and sea and all their creatures, and with angels and archangels, cherubim and seraphim, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

The Sanctus



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and
 might, heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry.
 Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who
 comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the
 high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Words of Institution

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took the bread, and after giving thanks He broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, poured out for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

The Invitation

The Lamb of God



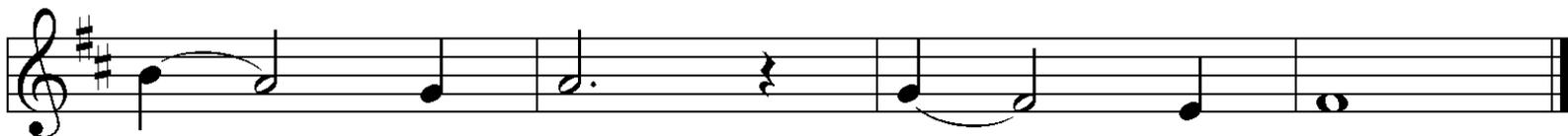
Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world;



grant us peace, grant us peace.

The Communion Blessing

May the body and blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

Lord remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray... **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 Sending Prayer

You are what God made you to be: created in Christ Jesus for good works, chosen as holy and beloved, freed to serve your neighbor. God bless you that you may be a blessing, in the name of the holy and life-giving Trinity. **Amen.**

The Benediction

The Sending

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
We will! Thanks be to God.

The Sending Hymn

ELW 593
Drawn to the Light

1 Peo - ple who walk in dark - ness have sought a light in the
 2 How can we tell a heav - en from hell if ev - 'ry - one
 3 Where is the sun? Oh, there will be none! The Lamb is the



heart of the dark - est night. Just when we thought all would be
 dwells in the dark of night? Morn - ing dis - pels, gent - ly com -
 one who is shin - ing bright, bids us to come! Life has be -



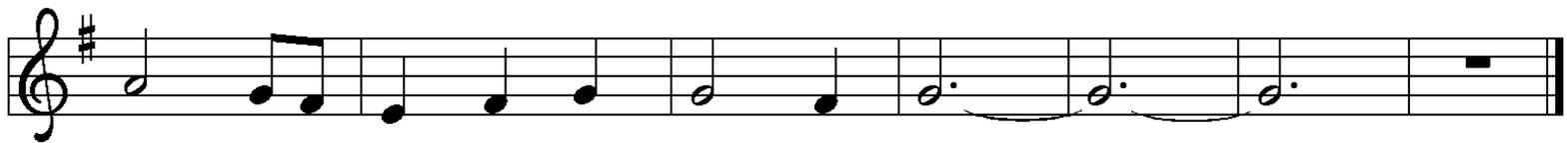
lost, we were drawn to the light of God.
 pels, and we're drawn to the light of God.
 gun when we're drawn to the light of God.

Refrain

Dawn is in sight! Gone is the night, drawn to the



light and the morn - ing. Glo - rious and bright, oh, what a



sight to be drawn to the light of God.

The People of St. John's Welcome You for Worship Today!

Known to be hospitalized or in need of prayers

Robert Scheifla, Elliana Meyers, Bob Simonson, Zach, Deborah Wilczak, Beatrice Gill, Philip Roth, Jillian Grapp, Bob Gozdziaak Sr., The Friends and Family of Molly Allen, The Family and Friends of Bob Kraus, The Family and friends of Paul Wotherspoon

We will remove names from the prayer list after four weeks unless informed otherwise.

3/7 Giving: \$3267.00

Announcements for the bulletins are due at noon on Wednesday.
Good News articles are due on the 15th of every month.

In person office hours by appointment only.

Phone Call Hours: Monday:9am-Noon

Tuesday-Thursday: 9am-2pm

Please note, starting Monday April 5th, we will be returning to **regular office** hours 9 to 2 Monday through Thursday.

Current Worship Schedule on Sundays:

9:00am– Drive in Worship Service

10:30am– In Person/ Online Streamed Service

In Person services are limited to 40 people and you must reserve your seats before Sunday morning. Please call or email the church, or fill out the google form on our website.

Calendar of Events

Sunday	3/14	9:00am	Drive in Service
Sunday	3/14	10:30am	In person/ online Service
Sunday	3/14	11:30am	Confirmation Class (zoom)
Monday	3/15	-	GOOD NEWS ARTICLES DUE
Tuesday	3/16	7:00pm	Narcotics Anonymous Meeting
Thursday	3/18	7:00pm	Handbell Choir
Thursday	3/18	7:30pm	Queen City Chordsmen Rehearsal
Friday	3/19	7:30pm	Narcotic's Anonymous
Sunday	3/21	9:00am	Drive in Service
Sunday	3/21	10:30am	In person/ online service

Bud Burkhardt's Fastnachts will be on Sunday, March 28th!

Sunday School Easter Egg Hunt will be on Sunday, March 28th! Please RSVP your children to the church office.

If you would like your **email included on our church email list**, please write it down and put it in the offering plate.

If you would like the **monthly “Good News” newsletter emailed** to you instead of physically mailed, please write your name and email with a note and put it in the offering plate. The Good News issues are also available on the website (stjohnslanc.org).

Confirmation Dates:	Sunday May 9th
All meetings at 11:30am	Sunday May 23rd

Sunday March 14th	Sunday June 6th
Sunday March 28th	Sunday June 20th

Sunday April 11th
Sunday April 25th

In the past for Lent we have given out **Lenten coin folders** for collection. This year, we will be collecting a special donation for the youth group here at St. John’s. If you would like to participate, please send any donations to the church and mark that it is for the Youth Group Lenten Collection

In lieu of **Easter Flowers** this year, any extra donations to the church in honor or memory of someone will go towards communion supplies. Names of loved ones you would like to honor will still be included in the Easter Bulletin.

We will be resuming **Saturday Worship Services** on Saturday, March 27th @ 5:30pm in the sanctuary upstairs.

Follow us on Facebook!

Find us on Facebook [@stjohnslancaster](#) to keep up to date with information and connect with other members of our congregation!

2021 Envelopes are available for pick up

If you are a member and do not have **offering envelopes** please place your name and contact information on the list in the narthex. Once you place your information on the list then our financial team will contact you to set up your envelopes.

If you would like to receive **communion elements** the sanctuary will be open Wednesday evenings by appointment only. Contact Pastor Jamie at 716-848-9683 if you are interested.

MISSION STATEMENT

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*St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church provides an inviting environment for spreading God's Word through worship, teaching and fellowship to address the spiritual needs of our congregation and community.
Open - Inviting - Alive in Christ!*

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