

# St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church and School (LCMS)

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# Important Announcements

## For those who watch services on Live-Stream during the Coronavirus Pandemic

**Stay Home when Sick:** If you are sick or exhibiting symptoms of COVID-19 please stay home. If you start to experience symptoms while in attendance at a service or out anywhere else, please go home immediately. If at a service, notify a Safety Team member on your way out so we may direct our cleaning and communication efforts.

**Singing (updated):** MDH has gone from requiring no congregational singing to “not recommended” but does say that if a congregation sings masks and distancing are required. Please tune in early and stay late for the preludes, postludes, and sing with us the hymns that will be provided in the online bulletins.

**Maintaining Piety when Worshiping at Home:** The best way to get the most out of this temporary set-up is to keep things in your household as regular as possible:

- Print the bulletin or use your hymnals
- Dress like you would dress for church
- Stand when we stand, sit when we sit
- Sing along with the hymns
- Watch at the live time, Sunday morning, setting it aside as first priority instead of looking for whatever time is most convenient for you
- Limit the distractions, toys, and tech so that the time is truly "sacred" (set-apart) for Christ and His means of grace

These ideas can help you focus on the Service of the Word and will also help you prevent bad habits from developing during our temporary suspension of Divine Services

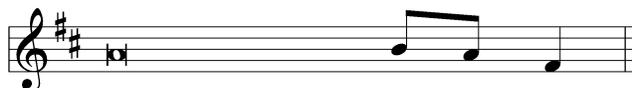
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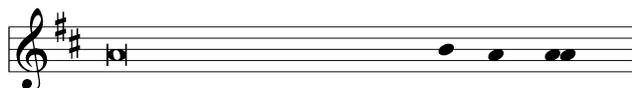
Stand



**L** O Lord, o - pen my lips,



**C** and my mouth will de - clare Your praise.



**L** Make haste, O God, to de - liv - er me;



**C** make haste to help me, O Lord.



**C** Glo-ry be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spir - it;



as it was in the be - gin - ning, is now, and will be for-ev-er. A - men.



Praise to You, O Christ, Lamb of our sal - va - tion.

## Psalmody

Psalm

Psalm 86



<sup>1</sup>Incline your ear, O LORD, and | answer me,\*  
for I am poor and | needy.

<sup>2</sup>Preserve my life, for I am | godly,\*  
save your servant, who trusts in you—you | are my God.

<sup>3</sup>Be gracious to me, | O Lord,\*  
for to you do I cry | all the day.

<sup>4</sup>Gladden the soul of your | servant,\*  
for to you, O Lord, do I lift | up my soul.

<sup>5</sup>For you, O Lord, are good and for- | giving,\*  
abounding in steadfast love to all who call up- | on you.

<sup>6</sup>Give ear, O LORD, | to my prayer,\*  
listen to my | plea for grace.

<sup>7</sup>In the day of my trouble I call up- | on you,\*

for you | answer me.  
<sup>8</sup>There is none like you among the gods, | O Lord,\*  
 nor are there any | works like yours.  
<sup>9</sup>All the nations you have made shall come  
 and worship before you, | O Lord,\*  
 and shall glori- | fy your name.  
<sup>10</sup>For you are great and do | wondrous things;\*  
 you a- | lone are God.  
<sup>11</sup>Teach me your way, O LORD,  
 that I may walk | in your truth;\*  
 unite my heart to | fear your name.  
<sup>12</sup>I give thanks to you, O Lord my God, with | my whole heart,\*  
 and I will glorify your name for- | ever.  
<sup>13</sup>For great is your steadfast | love toward me;\*  
 you have delivered my soul from the depths | of Sheol.  
<sup>14</sup>O God, insolent men have risen up against me;  
 a band of ruthless men | seek my life,\*  
 and they do not set you be- | fore them.  
<sup>15</sup>But you, O Lord, are a God merciful and | gracious,\*  
 slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love and | faithfulness.  
<sup>16</sup>Turn to me and be gra- | cious to me;\*  
 give your strength to your servant,  
 and save the son of your maid- | servant.  
<sup>17</sup>Show me a sign of your | favor,\*  
 that those who hate me may see and be put to shame  
 because you, LORD, have helped me and com- | forted me.

Sit

### 585 Lord Jesus Christ, with Us Abide



1 Lord Je - sus Christ, with us a - bide, For round us  
 2 In these last days of great dis - tress Grant us, dear  
 3 To hope grown dim, to hearts turned cold Speak tongues of  
 4 May glo - rious truths that we have heard, The bright sword



falls the e - ven - tide. O let Your Word,  
 Lord, true stead - fast - ness That we keep pure  
 fire and make us bold To shine Your Word  
 of Your might - y Word, Spurn Sa - tan that



that sav - ing light, Shine forth un-dimmed in - to the night.  
 till life is spent Your ho - ly Word and Sac - ra - ment.  
 of sav - ing grace In - to each dark and love - less place.  
 Your Church be strong, Bold, u - ni - fied in act and song.

5 Restrain, O Lord, the human pride  
 That seeks to thrust Your truth aside  
 Or with some man-made thoughts or things  
 Would dim the words Your Spirit sings.

6 Stay with us, Lord, and keep us true;  
 Preserve our faith our whole life through—  
 Your Word alone our heart's defense,  
 The Church's glorious confidence.

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# Readings

## Reading

Revelation 2:1–7

<sup>1</sup>“To the angel of the church in Ephesus write: ‘The words of him who holds the seven stars in his right hand, who walks among the seven golden lampstands.

<sup>2</sup>“I know your works, your toil and your patient endurance, and how you cannot bear with those who are evil, but have tested those who call themselves apostles and are not, and found them to be false. <sup>3</sup>I know you are enduring patiently and bearing up for my name’s sake, and you have not grown weary. <sup>4</sup>But I have this against you, that you have abandoned the love you had at first. <sup>5</sup>Remember therefore from where you have fallen; repent, and do the works you did at first. If not, I will come to you and remove your lampstand from its place, unless you repent. <sup>6</sup>Yet this you have: you hate the works of the Nicolaitans, which I also hate. <sup>7</sup>He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches. To the one who conquers I will grant to eat of the tree of life, which is in the paradise of God.’

## Reading

John 8:42–51

<sup>42</sup>Jesus said to them, “If God were your Father, you would love me, for I came from God and I am here. I came not of my own accord, but he sent me. <sup>43</sup>Why do you not understand what I say? It is because you cannot bear to hear my word. <sup>44</sup>You are of your father the devil, and your will is to do your father’s desires. He was a murderer from the beginning, and has nothing to do with the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he lies, he speaks out of his own character, for he is a liar and the father of lies. <sup>45</sup>But because I tell the truth, you do not believe me. <sup>46</sup>Which one of you convicts me of sin? If I tell the truth, why do you not believe me? <sup>47</sup>Whoever is of God hears the words of God. The reason why you do not hear them is that you are not of God.”

<sup>48</sup>The Jews answered him, “Are we not right in saying that you are a Samaritan and have a demon?” <sup>49</sup>Jesus answered, “I do not have a demon, but I honor my Father, and you dishonor me. <sup>50</sup>Yet I do not seek my own glory; there is One who seeks it, and he is the judge. <sup>51</sup>Truly, truly, I say to you, if anyone keeps my word, he will never see death.”

## Responsory (Lent)

LSB 231

*Verse*

**L** 1 Deliver me, O Lord, my God, for You are the God of my sal - va - tion.  
2 In You, O Lord, do I put my trust, leave me not, O Lord, my God.  
3 Deliver me, O Lord, my God, for You are the God of my sal - va - tion.

*Refrain*

**C** Rescue me from my en - e - mies, protect me from those who rise a - gainst me.

## The Small Catechism: Lord’s Prayer

### The Fourth Petition

Give us this day our daily bread.

*Give us today our daily bread.*

*What does this mean?*

God certainly gives daily bread to everyone without our prayers, even to all evil people, but we pray in this petition that God would lead us to realize this and to receive our daily bread with thanksgiving.

*What is meant by daily bread?*

Daily bread includes everything that has to do with the support and needs of the body, such as food, drink, clothing, shoes, house, home, land, animals, money, goods, a devout husband or wife, devout children, devout workers, devout and faithful rulers, good government, good weather, peace, health, self-control, good reputation, good friends, faithful neighbors, and the like.

## The Fifth Petition

And forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us.

*Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.*

*What does this mean?*

We pray in this petition that our Father in heaven would not look at our sins, or deny our prayer because of them. We are neither worthy of the things for which we pray, nor have we deserved them, but we ask that He would give them all to us by grace, for we daily sin much and surely deserve nothing but punishment. So we too will sincerely forgive and gladly do good to those who sin against us.

## 423 Jesus, Refuge of the Weary



1 Je - sus, ref - uge of the wea - ry, Blest Re - deem - er,  
2 Do we pass that cross un - heed - ing, Breath - ing no re -  
3 Je - sus, may our hearts be burn - ing With more fer - vent



whom we love, Foun - tain in life's des - ert drea - ry, Sav - ior  
pen - tant vow, Though we see You wound - ed, bleed - ing, See Your  
love for You; May our eyes be ev - er turn - ing To be -



from the world a - bove: Of - ten have Your eyes, of - fend - ed,  
thorn - en - cir - cled brow? Yet Your sin - less death has brought us  
hold Your cross a - new Till in glo - ry, part - ed nev - er



Gazed up - on the sin - ner's fall; Yet up - on the  
Life e - ter - nal, peace, and rest; On - ly what Your  
From the bless - ed Sav - ior's side, Grav - en in our



cross ex - tend - ed, You have borne the pain of all.  
grace has taught us Calms the sin - ner's deep dis - tress.  
hearts for - ev - er, Dwell the cross, the Cru - ci - fied.

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## Sermon: *Discipleship as Listening To...*

## Canticle

*Stand*



**L** Let my prayer rise before You as in - cense,



**G** and the lifting up of my hands as the eve - ning sac - ri - fice.

# Magnificat

LSB 231



**C** My soul mag-ni-fies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God, my Sav-ior;



**I** for He has re-gard - ed the lowliness of His hand-maid - en.



**II** For be-hold, from this day all generations will call me bless - ed.



**I** For the Mighty One has done great things to me, and holy is His name;



**II** and His mercy is on those who fear Him from generation to gen - er - a - tion.



**I** He has shown strength with His arm; He has scattered the proud in the



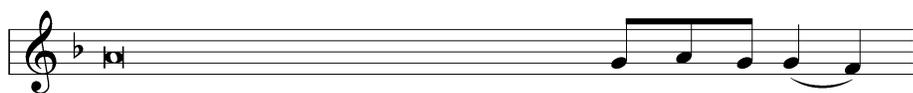
imagination of their hearts. **II** He has cast down the



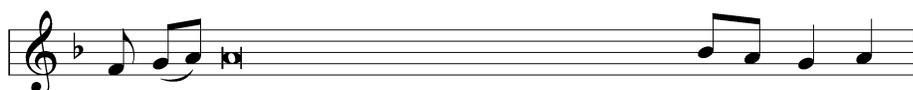
might-y from their thrones and has ex - alt - ed the low - ly.



**I** He has filled the hun - gry with good things,



and the rich He has sent emp - ty a - way.



**II** He has helped His servant Israel in remembrance of His mer - cy



as He spoke to our fathers, to Abraham and to his seed for-ev-er.



**C** Glo-ry be to the Fa-ther and to the Son and to the Ho - ly Spir-it;



as it was in the be-gin-ning, is now, and will be for-ev - er. A-men.

*Sit*

### Offering

## Prayer

*Kneel/Stand*

### Kyrie

LSB 233



**C** Lord, have mer-cy; Christ, have mer-cy; Lord, have mer-cy.

### Lord's Prayer

**C** 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.

### Collects



**L** O Lord, hear my prayer.



**C** And let my cry come to You.

### Collect of the Day

#### Collect for Peace

**L** O God, from whom come all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works, give to us, Your servants, that peace which the world cannot give, that our hearts may be set to obey Your commandments and also that we, being defended from the fear of our enemies, may live in peace and quietness; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.  
**C** Amen.

*Stand*

## Benedicamus

LSB 234



**L** Let us bless the Lord.



**C** Thanks be to God.

## Benediction

LSB 234



**P** The grace of our Lord † Je - sus Christ and the love of God



and the communion of the Holy Spir - it be with you all.



**C** A - - men.

## 684 Come unto Me, Ye Weary



1 "Come un - to Me, ye wea - ry, And I will give you rest."  
2 "Come un - to Me, ye wan - d'ers, And I will give you light."  
3 "Come un - to Me, ye faint - ing, And I will give you life."  
4 "And who-so - ev - er com - eth, I will not cast him out."



O bless - ed voice of Je - sus, Which comes to hearts op-pressed!  
O lov - ing voice of Je - sus, Which comes to cheer the night!  
O cheer - ing voice of Je - sus, Which comes to aid our strife!  
O pa - tient love of Je - sus, Which drives a - way our doubt,



It tells of ben - e - dic - tion, Of par-don, grace, and peace,  
Our hearts were filled with sad - ness, And we had lost our way;  
The foe is stern and ea - ger, The fight is fierce and long;  
Which, though we be un - wor - thy Of love so great and free,



Of joy that hath no end - ing, Of love that can - not cease.  
But Thou hast brought us glad - ness And songs at break of day.  
But Thou hast made us might - y And strong - er than the strong.  
In - vites us ver - y sin - ners To come, dear Lord, to Thee!

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