

WELCOME TO ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

"We are the family of God growing in His Word and joyfully sharing the love and knowledge that through Jesus Christ we have been given Eternal Life."

THE SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT

February 25, 2024

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Confession and Absolution

Chief of Sinners Though I Be

LSB 611

Stand

The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

Invocation

P In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

Exhortation

LSB 184

P Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

P Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C who made heaven and earth.

P I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,

C and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

Kneel/Stand

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

Confession of Sins

LSB 184

P O almighty God, merciful Father,

C I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.

Absolution

LSB 185

P Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

Stand

Service of the Word

Introit

Psalm 115:11–13, 18; antiphon: Psalm 25:6

Remember your mercy, O LORD, and your | steadfast love,*
for they have been | from of old.

You who fear the LORD, trust | in the LORD!*

He is their help | and their shield.

The LORD has remembered us; he will | bless us;*

he will bless the house of Israel; he will bless the house of | Aaron;

he will bless those who | fear the LORD,*

both the small | and the great.

We will | bless the LORD*

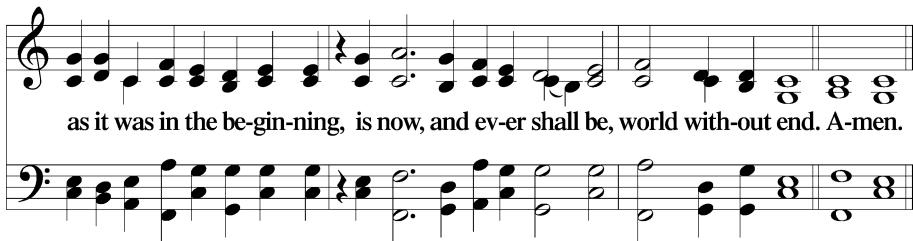
from this time forth and forevermore. | Praise the LORD!

Gloria Patri

LSB 186



☐ Glo-ry be to the Fa-ther and to the Son and to the Ho-ly Ghost;

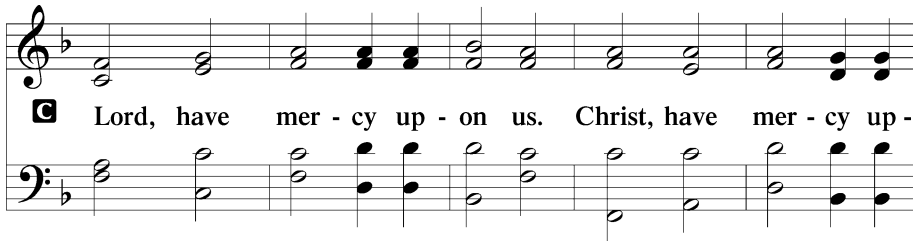


as it was in the be-gin-ning, is now, and ev-er shall be, world with-out end. A-men.

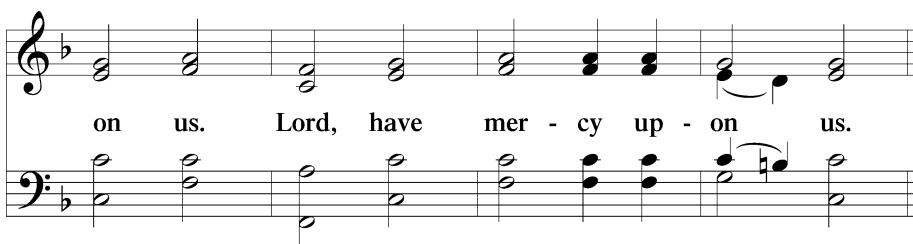
Remember your mercy, O LORD, and your | steadfast love,*
for they have been | from of old.

Kyrie

LSB 186



☐ Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -



on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

C And with thy spir - it.

P Let us pray.

O God, You see that of ourselves we have no strength. By Your mighty power defend us from all adversities that may happen to the body and from all evil thoughts that may assault and hurt the soul; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C A - men.

Sit

Old Testament Reading

Genesis 17:1–7, 15–16

¹When Abram was ninety-nine years old the LORD appeared to Abram and said to him, “I am God Almighty; walk before me, and be blameless, ²that I may make my covenant between me and you, and may multiply you greatly.” ³Then Abram fell on his face. And God said to him, ⁴“Behold, my covenant is with you, and you shall be the father of a multitude of nations. ⁵No longer shall your name be called Abram, but your name shall be Abraham, for I have made you the father of a multitude of nations. ⁶I will make you exceedingly fruitful, and I will make you into nations, and kings shall come from you. ⁷And I will establish my covenant between me and you and your offspring after you throughout their generations for an everlasting covenant, to be God to you and to your offspring after you. . . .

¹⁵And God said to Abraham, “As for Sarai your wife, you shall not call her name Sarai, but Sarah shall be her name. ¹⁶I will bless her, and moreover, I will give you a son by her. I will bless her, and she shall become nations; kings of peoples shall come from her.”

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Gradual

Hebrews 12:2

[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, despis- | ing the shame,*
and is seated at the right hand of the | throne of God.

Epistle

Romans 5:1–11

¹Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. ²Through him we have also obtained access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and we rejoice in hope of the glory of God. ³More than that, we rejoice in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, ⁴and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, ⁵and hope does not put us to shame, because God’s love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us.

⁶For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. ⁷For one will scarcely die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person one would dare even to die— ⁸but God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. ⁹Since, therefore, we have now been justified by his blood, much more shall we be saved by him from the wrath of God. ¹⁰For if while we were enemies we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, much more, now that we are reconciled, shall we be saved by his life. ¹¹More than that, we also rejoice in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Stand

Holy Gospel

Mark 8:27–38

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the eighth chapter.

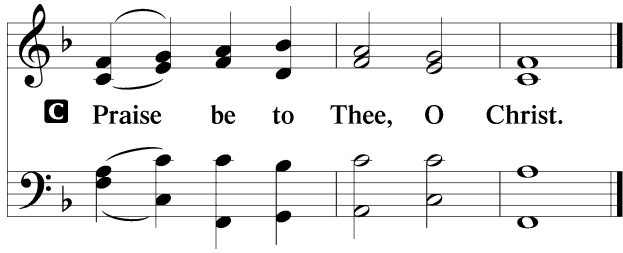
C Glo - ry be to Thee, O Lord.

²⁷And Jesus went on with his disciples to the villages of Caesarea Philippi. And on the way he asked his disciples, “Who do people say that I am?” ²⁸And they told him, “John the Baptist; and others say, Elijah; and others, one of the prophets.” ²⁹And he asked them, “But who do you say that I am?” Peter answered him, “You are the Christ.” ³⁰And he strictly charged them to tell no one about him.

³¹And he began to teach them that the Son of Man must suffer many things and be rejected by the elders and the chief priests and the scribes and be killed, and after three days rise again. ³²And he said this plainly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. ³³But turning and seeing his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, “Get behind me, Satan! For you are not setting your mind on the things of God, but on the things of man.”

³⁴And he called to him the crowd with his disciples and said to them, “If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me. ³⁵For whoever would save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake and the gospel’s will save it. ³⁶For what does it profit a man to gain the whole world and forfeit his life? ³⁷For what can a man give in return for his life? ³⁸For whoever is ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of him will the Son of Man also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



Apostles' Creed

C I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth.

**And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died and was buried.
He descended into hell.
The third day He rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.
From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy Christian Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life † everlasting. Amen.**

Sit

Lord, Thee I Love with All My Heart

LSB 708

Sermon

Stand

Offertory

LSB 192

Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -

new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a -

way from Thy pres - ence, and take not Thy Ho - ly Spir - it

from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of Thy sal - va -

tion, and up - hold me with Thy free spir - it. A - men.

Sit

Offering

Stand

Prayer of the Church

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.

Benediction

LSB 202

P The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you.
The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and ✠ give you peace.

C A - men, a - men, a - men.

Lift High the Cross

LSB 837

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**OKLAHOMA DISTRICT OF THE LUTHERAN CHURCH - MISSOURI SYNOD
1924 - 2024**



Oklahoma District 100th Anniversary Celebration: Plan now to attend the district's 100th anniversary celebration, to be held at St. John's, Okarche, on May 19. St. John's was the site of the first Oklahoma District Convention held in 1924. The Matins Service will begin at 4 p.m., followed by a centennial banquet at 5:30. Honored guests will include Rev. Dr. Matthew C. Harrison, President, LCMS as preacher and readers Rev. William R. Diekelman, former Oklahoma District President and Rev. Justin Panzer, Kansas District president. The music will include an adult choir formed by a collection of members from Oklahoma District congregations and a children's choir formed by a collection of members from Oklahoma District Lutheran Schools.

The theme verse for the celebration is taken from Psalm 28:7, "The Lord is my strength and my shield; in him my heart trusts, and I am helped; my heart exults, and with my song I give thanks to him." Truly, the strength, protection, and help of the Lord have carried our district as part of the Lord's Church for the last 100 years. In remembering our Lord's goodness during this blessed gathering, we thank Him and worship Him together. Learn more about the celebration and RSVP by March 28 at oklahomalutherans.org/100.



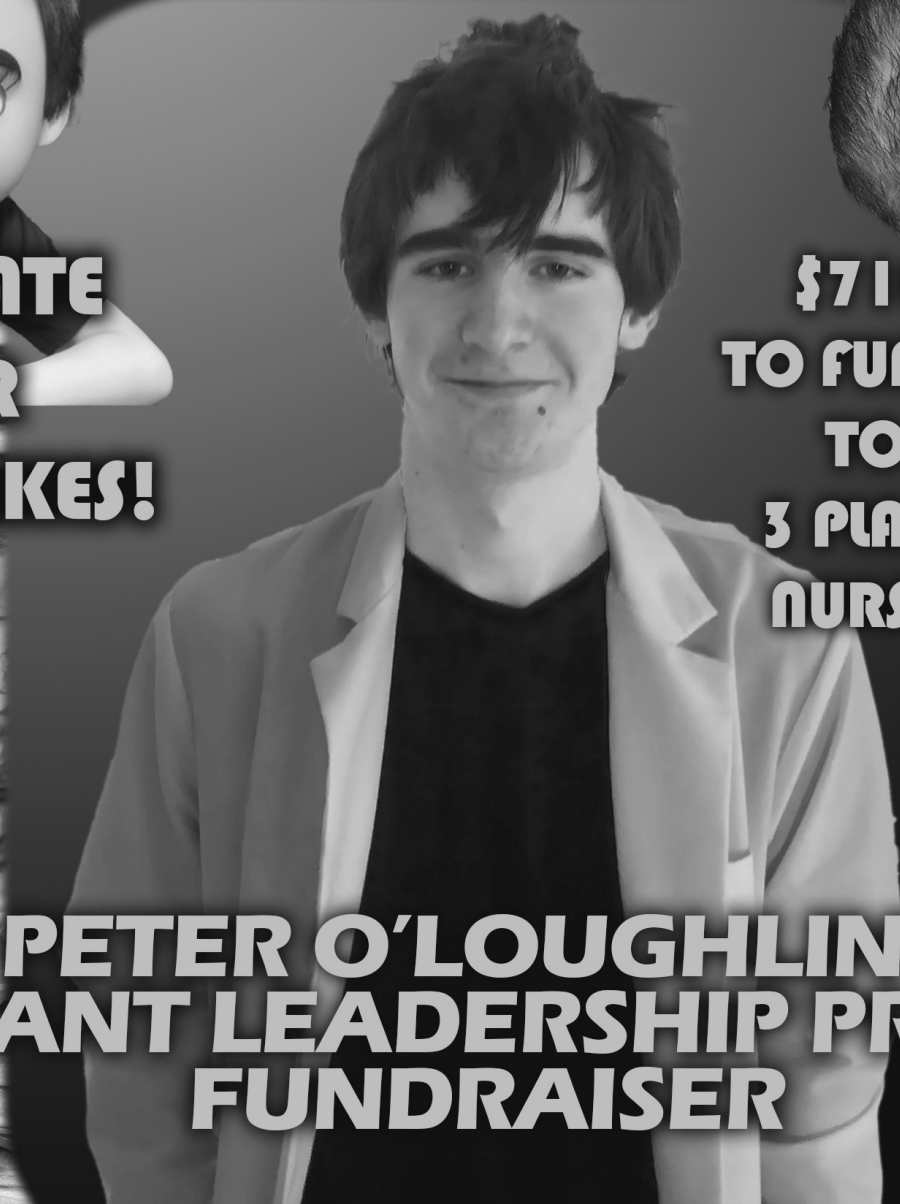
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*LWML invites St. John's congregation to a
Severe Weather Preparedness Event*
Sunday, February 25, following 10:30 service
In the Family Life Center
Potluck luncheon (bring enough to share)
Presentation by Mr. Keven Smith
Assistant Emergency Management Director
The City of Moore

Bring a bag or backpack to start a *go bag*

All are invited to hear important information on being prepared for our Oklahoma storm seasons. We will share a meal, listen to Mr. Smith and his colleagues on how we can prepare for severe weather this spring. Then we will begin assembling our *go bags* with valuable information for our homes and families.



ST. JOHN'S QUILTERS

The Quilters are looking for volunteers! Join us on Thursday mornings from 9-11am in Blanchard Hall. You do not need to know how to sew! Please see Cora Matthews or Karen Barbre for more information.

COUNCIL & VOTERS' MEETINGS

There will be a Council Meeting after the late service on March 3 and a Voters' Meeting after the late service on March 17.

LENTEN SERVICES & MEALS

Join us each Wednesday during Lent. Our meal will begin at 6:00 p.m. and our service is at 7:00 p.m. We hope to see you there!

SENIOR SAINTS

Senior Saints will meet Tuesday, February 27 at 11:30am in Blanchard Hall. Please bring a sack lunch. After a devotion and a brief meeting please join us for an exciting game of Sequence. All are welcome to join us!

IN OUR PRAYERS

Terry Barbre: (Karen Barbre's son in Wyoming) Has a blood clot in his eye and has been referred to a retinal specialist.

Karen Barbre: will have extensive and delicate surgery on her left arm on March 12th at the Healthplex in Norman.

Shirley Graumann: Has a hernia with a cyst that may need surgery.

Bill Schmitt: On a respirator and has cancer.

Family of Lori Kelly: passed away from lung cancer.

Brenda Bynum: (Daughter of Tom & Barb Kuter) recovering from strep pneumonia.

BIRTHDAYS

2/25: Coby Harpham,
Clark Christensen
2/27: Karen Kasheimer
2/28: Miles McClanahan
3/1: Joshua Peck
3/3: Jaedan Bersche

READINGS

2/25• Gen. 11:27—12:20 Mark 4:21—41
2/26• Gen. 13:1—18 Gen. 14:1—24 Mark 5:1—20
2/27• Gen. 15:1—21 Mark 5:21—43
2/28• Gen. 16:1—9, 15—17:22 Mark 6:1—13
3/1• Gen. 18:1—15 Gen. 18:16—20:18 Mark 6:14—34
3/2• Gen. 21:1—21 Mark 6:35—56
3/3• Gen. 22:1—19 Mark 7:1—23

Attendance

Sunday 2/18: 105
Wednesday 2/21: 36



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