#### 5th Sunday of Lent

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Organist: Lana Strike





## ST. JOHN'S

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#### → Opening Prayer →

**Hymn: TLH #156** "Not All the Blood of Beasts"

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

C Amen.

#### **Confession of Our Sins**

P Pastor

Congregation

us.

We come before God recognizing that we are sinful & need His forgiveness.

- P We have come into the presence of God, who created us to love and serve Him as His dear children. But we have disobeyed Him and deserve only His wrath and punishment. Therefore, let us confess our sins to Him and plead for His mercy.
- Merciful Father in heaven, I am altogether sinful from birth. In countless ways I have sinned against You and do not deserve to be called Your child. But trusting in Jesus, my Savior, I pray: Have mercy on me according to Your unfailing love. Cleanse me from my sin and take away my guilt.
- P God, our heavenly Father, has forgiven all your sins. By the perfect life and innocent death of our Lord Jesus Christ, He has removed your guilt forever. You are His own dear child. May God give you strength to live according to His will!

C Amen!

on

us.

# GOD HIMSELF WILL PROVIDE THE LAMB.

#### The Kyrie & The Gloria Patri

C: Lord, have mer-cy on us. Christ, have mer-cy

on

Lord, have mer - cy



#### Collect Prayer of the Day

A prayer to God that collects together the thoughts and theme of the day.

P Almighty God, by Your great goodness mercifully look upon Your people that we may be governed and preserved evermore in body and soul; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

#### C Amen.

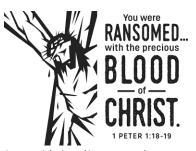


#### Hebrews 9:11-15

But when Christ appeared as a high priest of the good things that have come, then

through the greater and more perfect tent (not made with hands, that is, not of this creation) <sup>12</sup> he entered once for all into the holy places, not by means of the blood of goats and calves but by means of his own blood, thus securing an eternal redemption. <sup>13</sup> For if the blood of goats and bulls, and the sprinkling of defiled persons with the ashes of a heifer, sanctify for the purification of the flesh, <sup>14</sup> how much more will the

blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself without blemish to God, purify our conscience from dead works to serve the living God. <sup>15</sup> Therefore he is the mediator of a new covenant, so that those who are



called may receive the promised eternal inheritance, since a death has occurred that redeems them from the transgressions committed under the first covenant.



#### John 8:46-59

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." 48 The Jews answered him, "Are we not right in saying that you are a Samaritan and have a demon?" 49 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. 51 Truly, truly, I say to you, if anyone keeps my word, he will never see death." 52 The Jews said to him. "Now we know that you have a demon! Abraham died, as did the prophets, yet you say, 'If anyone keeps my word, he will never taste death.' 53 Are you greater than our father Abraham, who died? And the prophets died! Who do you make yourself out to be?" 54 Jesus answered, "If I glorify myself, my glory is nothing. It is my Father who glorifies me, of whom you say, 'He is our God.' 55 But you have not known him. I know him. If I were to say that I do not know him, I would be a liar like you, but I do know him and I keep his word. 56 Your father Abraham rejoiced that he would see my day. He saw it and was glad." 57 So the Jews said to him, "You are not yet fifty years old, and have you seen Abraham?" 58 Jesus said to them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, before Abraham was, I am." 59 So they picked up stones to throw at him, but Jesus hid himself and went out of the temple.

P Blessed are they who hear the Word of God and keep it.

#### G △ Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

These words are written that we may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God. Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

#### **Confession of Faith**

The Apostles' Creed

I BELIEVE...

in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth;

I believe 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 is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty. From there 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.

**Choir** "Behold the Man"

**Hymn: TLH #149** "Come to Calvary's Holy Mountain"



After these things God tested Abraham and said to him, "Abraham!" And he said,

"Here I am." <sup>2</sup> He said, "Take your son, your only son Isaac, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah, and offer him there as a burnt offering on one of the mountains of which I shall tell you." <sup>3</sup> So Abraham rose early in the morning, saddled his donkey, and took two of his young men with him, and his son Isaac. And he cut the wood for the burnt offering and arose and went to the place of which God had told him. <sup>4</sup> On the third day Abraham lifted up his eyes and saw the place from afar. <sup>5</sup> Then Abraham said to his young men, "Stay here with the donkey; I and the boy will go over there and worship and come again to you." <sup>6</sup> And Abraham took the wood of the burnt offering and laid it on Isaac his son. And he took in

his hand the fire and the knife. So they went both of them toaether. <sup>7</sup> And Isaac said to his father Abraham, "My father!" And he said, "Here I am, my son." He said, "Behold, the fire and the wood, but where is the lamb for a burnt offering?" 8 Abraham said, "God will provide for himself the lamb for a burnt offering, my son." So they went both of them together. 9 When they came to the place of which God had told him, Abraham built the altar there and laid the wood in order and bound Isaac his son and laid him on the altar, on top of the wood. 10 Then Abraham reached out his hand and took the knife to slaughter his son. 11 But the angel of the LORD called to him from heaven and said, "Abraham, Abraham!" And he said, "Here I am." 12 He said, "Do not lay your hand on the boy or do anything to him, for now I know that you fear God, seeing you have not withheld your son, your only son, from me." 13 And Abraham lifted up his eyes and looked, and behold, behind him was a ram, caught in a thicket by his horns. And Abraham went and took the ram and offered it up as a burnt offering instead of his son. 14 So Abraham called the name of that place, "The LORD will provide"; as it is said to this day, "On the mount of the LORD it shall be provided."

#### Look from Mt. Moriah to Mt. Calvary

I. See a father's willing sacrifice
II. See a son's unquestioning obedience
III. See a lamb offered as a substitute

#### The Offertory

In this prayer we offer our hearts, asking God for the best gift, the Holy Spirit.

Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from Your presence. Take not Your Holy Spirit from me. Restore to me the joy of Your salvation. Uphold with Your Spirit free.

+ The Offering of Thankful Hearts +

**Hymn:** Back Page "The Lamb, the Lamb"

+ The General Prayer & The Lord's Prayer +

The blessing given by God for His people.

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 His peace.

#### Amen!

**Hymn: TLH #154** "Alas! And Did My Savior Bleed"

<u>Joint Baby Shower</u> – The women of the congregation are invited to a joint diapers/wipes baby shower for Jess Rodebaugh and Emily Mueller. The shower will be held in the fellowship hall downstairs, following church service on April 27th. Please RSVP by signing up on the sheet in the entryway.

Quarterly Voters' Meeting – The Voters of St. John's are invited and encouraged to attend our April Quarterly meeting on Sunday, April 13, after a noon potluck meal. Besides regular Board reports, Agenda items will include: membership items; discussions about getting Pastor a debit card, moving the communion railing, not ushering out after church; dates for VBS / Sunday School picnic; School Board to call VBS teachers; Delegates for Spring Delegate Conference; Summer worship schedule; Budget Committee Meeting date; July Quarterly Meeting date. Please give any additional Agenda items to Chairman Phil Strike as soon as possible.

<u>Ladies' Aid</u> will be meeting this Tuesday, April 8th, at 6:30 pm.

Ushers	4/6	Phil S, Nathan V, Anthony F, Daniel R.
	4/13	Trevor B, Tim Z, Josh E, Christian K, David R.
	4/20	Kendall B, Larry B.
Cleaning		This Week – Kazemba, Thaemlitz (wk. 1)
		Up Next – Dronen, Aden, Ferguson, Baumann



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