

# St. John's Lutheran Church



## Peter's Denial

Saturday & Sunday  
March 3 & 4, 2018



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## *Third Sunday in Lent*

**Welcome to all**, especially visitors and guests.

**Visitors...**we warmly welcome you in the name of Christ, and we pray that your worship with us will be spiritually refreshing and renewing. In order that we might be able to properly thank you for your presence, please take the time to leave your name and address in the black covered "Welcome to Worship" folder passed in your seating row, and introduce yourself to Pastor Roys. **We are glad that you are here!**

**Nursery available** - We encourage children to be in worship, and understand that children will not always be quiet☺. If, however, you as a parent need to step out of the sanctuary to the nursery for a period of time, St John's nursery is located on the lower level of the education wing. It is not currently staffed, but is rather a space where one may still hear worship while your little one takes a break. Please ask an usher for assistance.

**Kids' packets** are located in the Narthex (entry) cabinet.

**Christian Education classes** meet every Sunday (Sept-May) from 10:45 – 11:45 a.m. for all children 4 years of age – fifth grade. All classes meet on the lower level of the Education Wing. Classes resume Jan. 8<sup>th</sup>.



**T-coil Hearing Loop** is available inside our sanctuary. This allows people who wear hearing aids to directly receive the sound from the sound system in their own hearing aids without having to use a separate device. For more information, see the inside back cover of the hymnal.

**Hearing assists** and **larger print bulletins** are also available in the entry. **An usher** can assist you with any questions or in finding what you need!

**Seeking a Spiritual Home?** Make a note on the "Welcome to Worship" folder or call Pastor Roys at 641-236-4946. She will be glad to address your questions or concerns.

**Restrooms** are located in the lower level off the Fellowship Hall. An usher can guide you to their location.

**Holy Communion** will be celebrated. All who embrace the real presence of Christ are invited to share it, regardless of age (if the young person communes in their home church) or denomination. Those who do not commune are invited to come forward for a blessing. The center glasses contain white grape juice. Please tell your communing child to extend open hands in order to receive the elements.

**Accessibility note:** If you wish to receive Holy Communion where you are seated, simply hand the yellow card in the pew to the usher. Our side aisles are not wide enough to accommodate a walker.

† Denotes to please stand as you are able.

## PRELUDE

### GATHERING

† **OPENING HYMN**    *Change My Heart, O God*                      #801 sing twice

### † **CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

We confess our sins before God and one another.

*Pause for silence and reflection.*

Merciful God,

**we walk through these forty days in somber realization that we have not been your faithful servants. We have helped ourselves before helping others. We have denied our belonging to you out of fear, embarrassment, or timidity. And we have abandoned those who need us the most: the tormented, the unfortunate and the powerless. Forgive us, Lord, for all that we have done and not done, and grant us your promised peace, Amen.**

God has never abandoned us, even when we felt most alone. Be assured of your pardon through the mercy of Jesus Christ, who goes before you and bids you follow after. Receive God's forgiveness with thanksgiving.

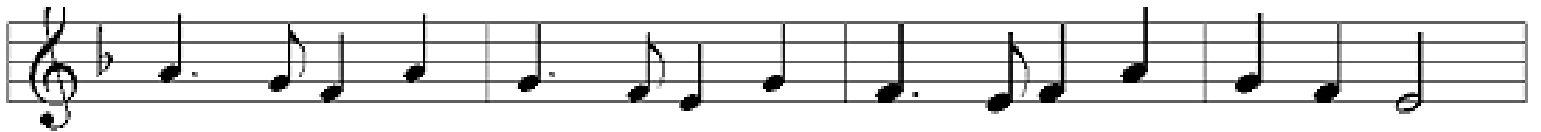
**Amen.**

### **GREETING**

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**And also with you.**

### **KYRIE**



Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son,



Lord, \_\_\_\_\_ have mer - cy.      Chri - ste e -



le - i - son,      Christ, \_\_\_\_\_ have mer - cy.



Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son, \_\_\_\_\_ Lord, \_\_\_\_\_ have mer - cy.

**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Let us pray.

**Holy God,  
we, like Peter, often turn our backs on you. Forgive us and  
show us a new way to live, walking boldly and passionately  
toward you. Amen.**

*Please be seated.*

**WORD**
**GOD'S WORD FOR US**      John 18:1b-11

<sup>1</sup>After Jesus had spoken these words, he went out with his disciples across the Kidron valley to a place where there was a garden, which he and his disciples entered. <sup>2</sup>Now Judas, who betrayed him, also knew the place, because Jesus often met there with his disciples. <sup>3</sup>So Judas brought a detachment of soldiers together with police from the chief priests and the Pharisees, and they came there with lanterns and torches and weapons. <sup>4</sup>Then Jesus, knowing all that was to happen to him, came forward and asked them, "Whom are you looking for?" <sup>5</sup>They answered, "Jesus of Nazareth." Jesus replied, "I am he." Judas, who betrayed him, was standing with them. <sup>6</sup>When Jesus said to them, "I am he," they stepped back and fell to the ground. <sup>7</sup>Again he asked them, "Whom are you looking for?" And they said, "Jesus of Nazareth." <sup>8</sup>Jesus answered, "I told you that I am he. So if you are looking for me, let these men go." <sup>9</sup>This was to fulfill the word that he had spoken, "I did not lose a single one of those whom you gave me." <sup>10</sup>Then Simon Peter, who had a sword, drew it, struck the high priest's slave, and cut off his right ear. The slave's name was Malchus. <sup>11</sup>Jesus said to Peter, "Put your sword back into its sheath. Am I not to drink the cup that the Father has given me?"

Word of God, word of life.

**Thanks be to God.**

**GOD'S WORD FOR US**      Psalm 17:1-7

read responsively

<sup>1</sup>Hear a just cause, O LORD; attend to my cry;  
give ear to my prayer from lips free of deceit.

**<sup>2</sup>From you let my vindication come;  
let your eyes see the right.**

<sup>3</sup>If you try my heart, if you visit me by night,  
if you test me, you will find no wickedness in me;  
my mouth does not transgress.

**<sup>4</sup>As for what others do, by the word of your lips  
I have avoided the ways of the violent.**

<sup>5</sup>My steps have held fast to your paths;  
my feet have not slipped.

**<sup>6</sup>I call upon you, for you will answer me, O God;  
incline your ear to me, hear my words.**

<sup>7</sup>Wondrously show your steadfast love,  
O savior of those who seek refuge  
from their adversaries at your right hand.

Word of God, word of life.

**Thanks be to God.**

## †GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Assembly

Re - turn to the Lord, your God, who is

gra - cious and mer - ci - ful, slow to an - ger and a -

bound - ing in stead - fast love.

## GOD'S WORD FOR US

John 18:12-27

The Holy Gospel according to John.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>12</sup>So the soldiers, their officer, and the Jewish police arrested Jesus and bound him. <sup>13</sup>First they took him to Annas, who was the father-in-law of Caiaphas, the high priest that year. <sup>14</sup>Caiaphas was the one who had advised the Jews that it was better to have one person die for the people. <sup>15</sup>Simon Peter and another disciple followed Jesus. Since that disciple was known to the high priest, he went with Jesus into the courtyard of the high priest, <sup>16</sup>but Peter was standing outside at the gate. So the other disciple, who was known to the high priest, went out, spoke to the woman who guarded the gate, and brought Peter in. <sup>17</sup>The woman said to Peter, "You are not also one of this man's disciples, are you?" He said, "I am not." <sup>18</sup>Now the slaves and the police had made a charcoal fire because it was cold, and they were standing around it and warming themselves. Peter also was standing with them and warming himself. <sup>19</sup>Then the high priest questioned Jesus about his disciples and about his teaching. <sup>20</sup>Jesus answered, "I have spoken openly to the world; I have always taught in synagogues and in the temple, where all the Jews come together. I have said nothing in secret. <sup>21</sup>Why do you ask me? Ask

those who heard what I said to them; they know what I said." <sup>22</sup>When he had said this, one of the police standing nearby struck Jesus on the face, saying, "Is that how you answer the high priest?" <sup>23</sup>Jesus answered, "If I have spoken wrongly, testify to the wrong. But if I have spoken rightly, why do you strike me?" <sup>24</sup>Then Annas sent him bound to Caiaphas the high priest.

<sup>25</sup>Now Simon Peter was standing and warming himself. They asked him, "You are not also one of his disciples, are you?" He denied it and said, "I am not." <sup>26</sup>One of the slaves of the high priest, a relative of the man whose ear Peter had cut off, asked, "Did I not see you in the garden with him?" <sup>27</sup>Again Peter denied it, and at that moment the cock crowed. The Holy Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

*Please be seated.*

## MESSAGE

Denial or Discipleship?

†HYMN OF THE DAY *Our Father, We Have Wandered*

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## LITANY

Three times Peter was asked.

**"Do you know this man?"**

And three times Peter denied Jesus.

**"I have never seen that man."**

The same Peter who had been with Jesus for three years, turned his back three times on his Savior and Lord.

**"I do not know this man," said Peter.**

And the cock crowed, three times.

**Just as Jesus had predicted it would.**

And hearing that rooster call, Peter was devastated.

**He had always thought of himself as flawed, but faithful.**

And yet here he was, the very definition of faithless.

**Abandoning Jesus in his hour of need.**

**Love does not turn away from a suffering person.**

**Love steps in, stands beside that person, chooses to join in the suffering.**

**Did Peter not really love Jesus after all?**

Or is this the truth: Peter did love Jesus, very much.

**And Peter got scared. Scared to death.**

And in that moment of fear and instinctive self-preservation, Peter did the cowardly thing, as so many of us do.

**We pretend not to know Jesus.**

Because it is not easy to know Jesus, or to love him as he calls us to love.

For every denial, Jesus asked Peter, "Do you love me?"

**Three times. And three times Peter said, "I love you."**

Total mercy. Complete pardon. The love between them unbroken.

**That is what God's love for us looks like.**

There's nothing we can do or say to make God stop loving us.

**And so, with the forgiven Peter, we too can say...**

**We love you, Lord.**

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

We pray for the church, the world, and all those in need.

*A brief silence.*

*Each petition ends with: Faithful God,*

**hear our prayer.**

*... in Jesus' name,*

**Amen.**

*Please be seated.*

*Please fill out the Welcome to Worship sheet in the black folder and place in offering plate.*

**MEAL**

**OFFERING**

*As a guest or visitor, we acknowledge your presence as the only offering expected today.*

This month the noisy offering will benefit Big Hearts 4 Tiny Hands  
Last month St. John's gave \$108.49 to SEG (Social Entrepreneurs of Grinnell).



## †OFFERTORY HYMN

## Now We Offer

*Refrain*  
Assembly



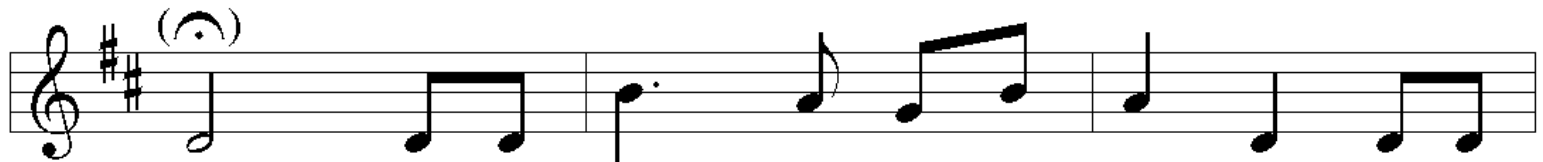
Now we of - fer you, our



Fa - ther, with the bread and with the wine all our



joys and all our sor - rows, all our strug - gles\_\_ and our



time. *1* As the fields of wheat now grow - ing will be -  
*2* We sing glo - ry to the Fa - ther and to



come a ho - ly sign\_\_ so shall we re - veal you,  
Christ who lives a - bove,\_\_ and we praise the Ho - ly



Je - sus, that in us you now may shine.\_\_ Now we  
Spir - it for the gift to us of love.\_\_

*Refrain*

## PRAYER OF DEDICATION OF GIFTS AND SELF

Let us pray.

**All that we have is yours, O God. Accept and use these gifts in ways we cannot begin to imagine, to reach those whom we will never meet, but to whom we are joined by your love for all humanity. For the sake of Jesus, Amen.**

## 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 our thanks and praise.**



It is indeed right and salutary that we should at all times and in all places offer thanks...

we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



Ho - ly, ho - ly,

ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r 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.

## THANKS AT THE TABLE/WORDS OF INSTITUTION

### 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.**

### INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Blessed be the Lord whose forgiveness is undeniable, and who never turns sinners away from his table. Let us gather around this holy meal, where we are promised refreshment, renewal, and joys everlasting.

*Please be seated.*

Holy Communion is the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ, instituted by Christ for us to eat and drink. Baptized Christians trusting this gracious presence of the Lord in Holy Communion are welcome to commune.

Anyone who does not commune is welcome to come forward with arms crossed to receive a blessing. For those who do not drink wine, white grape juice is provided.

**DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION**      *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. \_\_\_\_\_

**COMMUNION HYMM**      *Give Thanks*      Sunday

Give thanks with a grate - ful heart,      give thanks to the Ho - ly One,

give thanks      be-cause he's giv - en Je - sus Christ, his Son.

Give thanks with a grate - ful heart,      give thanks to the Ho - ly One,

give thanks      be - cause he's giv - en Je - sus Christ, his Son.



And now let the weak say, "I am strong," let the poor say, "I am



rich," be - cause of what the Lord has done for us. And



now let the weak say, "I am strong," let the poor say, "I am



rich," be-cause of what the Lord has done for us. Give thanks!

## POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Let us pray.

Compassionate God,  
you have fed us with the bread of heaven.

Sustain us in our Lenten pilgrimage:  
may our fasting be hunger for justice,  
our alms, a making of peace,  
and our prayer, the song of grateful hearts;  
through Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

## SENDING OF COMMUNION

*We at St John's care about our homebound members. At this service, a member of our Caring Team will be at the altar to prepare a portion of our community's consecrated bread and wine for home distribution. Thank you to our Caring Team visitors for this important ministry outreach. If you are aware of someone who would like to receive Holy Communion at home, please pass that information to Sue McDonough, Caring Team coordinator, or the church office. We welcome the opportunity to bring Christ's presence to others.*

Eternal God,  
whose glory is revealed in the crucified and risen Lord, bless those who go forth to share your word and sacrament with our sisters and brothers who are homebound. In your love and care, nourish and strengthen those to whom we bring this communion in the body and blood of your Son, that we may all feast upon your abundant love made known in Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

<b>SENDING</b>
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**ANNOUNCEMENTS****†BLESSING**

May God who has called us forth from the dust of the earth,  
and claimed us as children of the light,  
strengthen you on your journey into life renewed.

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord's face shine upon you with grace and mercy.

The Lord look upon you with favor

and give you † peace.

**Amen.**

**CLOSING HYMN**

*Canticle of the Turning*

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**DISMISSAL AND SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

Let us bless the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

The peace of God,

which surpasses all understanding,

keep our hearts and minds in Christ Jesus,

**Amen.**

Begin sharing Christ by greeting one another with the peace of Christ.

*Please share the peace of Christ with a handshake, a word  
of greeting or a gesture of praying hands.*

**POSTLUDE**

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**PASTOR**

Kathryn Roys

**VICAR**

Kari Lee

***SERVING IN WORSHIP***

	<u>Saturday</u>	<u>Sunday</u>
<b>Music Coordinator</b>	Carolyn Bosse	Carolyn Bosse
<b>Organist</b>		
<b>Choir Director</b>		Roger Henderson
<b>Cantor</b>	Natalie Pavey	Roger & Lisa Henderson
<b>Acolyte</b>		Armand Junge
<b>Greeters</b>	Ed & Bev Hatcher	Dale & Doris Selix
<b>Reader</b>	Ed Hatcher	Holly Pettlon
<b>Communion Assistants</b>	Bev Hatcher	Keith & Rose Osland
<b>Fellowship</b>		Don & Doris Sundell
<b>Sound Tech</b>		

**Today in Worship**

**This month's noisy offering** will benefit Big Hearts 4 Tiny Hands.

**Adult Forum** This week we finish looking at Faith, Sexism and Justice: Towards a Social Statement. Next week Vicar Kari will lead us on The Book of John.

**Lenten Offering** St. John's Council of Ministers has designated Lenten offerings to be given to Lutheran Services of Iowa. Any offering marked or in a Lenten envelope will be directed to this mission. General offering envelopes or loose offering will go to the general fund. We also emphasize items that cannot be purchased with food stamps such as hygiene products: soap, toothpaste, deodorant, lotion, feminine hygiene products and toilet paper.

**General fund** offerings received the weekend of February 24-25 totaled \$3,564.00

## Looking Forward

**Daylight Savings Time** begins March 11<sup>th</sup>. Set your clocks ahead

### **Midweek Lent 2018 @ St John's**

Worship at 7 pm each week. Meals begin at 5:45 pm and the theme is discipleship. **How to be a Disciple** is a series of drama's featuring the first 12 disciples, each exploring a piece of the discipleship puzzle. The disciples are placed in a light hearted contemporary setting, helping listeners to get a sense of the down-to-earth interplay of personalities—and we do have some personalities who will be doing these skits! The progression each week will provide worshippers with a larger picture of what discipleship means. Jarrett Rose will again cast and direct the players.

**March 7** *The Family of Christ*: themes of family, rivalry, unconditional love.

**March 14** *On Humility*: themes of pride, false humility and true humility

**March 21** *On Redemption*: themes of forgiveness and justification

**March 29** Maundy Thursday & First Communion

**March 30** Good Friday

**The Mystery Dinner** is on March 11<sup>th</sup> at 5 pm. Please sign up for the fun in March. **Wanted** people to come for supper and people to help serve this mystery supper. Come for a fun night of unknown accompanied by laughter and fun together. Cost for this fun is unknown but rumor has it will be free will offering, for sure spots will be limited so sign up early. Sign up at church in fellowship hall or contact Mary Waechter at [mhb53@live.com](mailto:mhb53@live.com).

**Pancake Breakfast** March 17<sup>th</sup> at First Presbyterian Church, sponsored by Church Women United, \$5 Adult, \$3 kids, proceeds go to MICA Food Shelf & gift cards for those in need.

## Opportunities

**Monday morning Bible study** - You are invited to join the group as we learn ways of Walking in the Light by Steve Harper.

**T.G.I.W.** Your kids may join the fun at St. John's Wednesday after school program at Grinnell United Methodist Church anytime!

## Reaching Out

**MICA items needed** – Soup & crackers.

The Week of March 4<sup>th</sup> at St. John's

Sunday 3/4/17	8:30 am 9:30 am 10:30 am 10:45 am 11:00 am	Choir rehearsal Worship Service Coffee Fellowship Faith Formation Adult Forum	Music room Sanctuary Fellowship Hall Lower level Forum room
Monday 3/5/18	11:00 am	Bible Study	Forum room
Tuesday 3/6/18	6:45 am 10:00 am 11:00 am 1:00 pm 4:45 pm 6:30 pm	Men's Breakfast Caring Team Love Letter meeting Quilters T.G.I.W. meeting Raheb book study wrap up	West Side Library Pastor's office Room 9 GUMC
Wed 3/7/18	10:30 am 3:15 pm 5:45 pm 6:15 pm 7:00 pm	WELCA meeting T.G.I.W. Lenten meal Confirmation Worship Service Skit rehearsal	Library GUMC Fellowship Hall Forum room Sanctuary Sanctuary
Saturday 3/10/18	5:30 pm	Worship Service <b>Set your clocks forward!</b>	Sanctuary
Sunday 3/11/18	9:30 am 10:30 am 10:45 am 11:00 am 5:00 pm 7:00 pm	<b>Daylight Savings Time</b> Worship Service Coffee Fellowship Faith Formation Adult Forum Mystery in the Air Taize Service	Sanctuary Fellowship Hall Lower Level Forum room Fellowship Hall St. Paul's Episcopal

See you in worship and places along the way!

**2018 Lenten Luncheon Series:**

**Facing the Cross with Courage**

Sponsored by the Grinnell Ministerial Association

Beginning Wednesday, February 21 and for the next four Wednesdays, the community is invited to come and reflect on the theme of courage of Jesus Christ in the face of betrayal and death. The services will begin at 12:10 P.M. Following each of the Wednesday services, there will be a light lunch at 12:30. A freewill offering (\$5 suggested) will be taken for the meal and the ongoing ministry of the Ministerial Association. On Good Friday, March 30, there will be an expanded time of worship and reflection. There will be no meal following the Good Friday service.

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<b>Date</b>	<b>Host Church</b>	<b>Speaker</b>
March 7 <i>Courage in the Face of Accusation and Power: John 18:28-38</i>	St. Mary's Catholic Church	Rev. Deanna Shorb
March 14 <i>Courage in the Face of Violence: John 18:1-11</i>	St. John's Lutheran Church	Fr. Ron Hodges
March 21 <i>Courage in the Face of Abandonment: Mark 14:32-41</i>	United Methodist Church	Jenn Latham
March 30 (Good Friday) <i>Courage in the Face of Death: Luke 23:26-33</i>	First Presbyterian Church	Rev. Dr. Dondrea Walker

Please plan to join us and invite a friend as we worship together.