***St. John Lutheran Church***

March 16, 2025                                                                      9:30 a.m.

*Though we sometimes doubt and often resist God's desire to protect and save us, our God persists. Lent provides another occasion to behold the God of our salvation in the face of the Blessed One who "comes in the name of the Lord."*

**GATHERING**

PRELUDE

RINGING OF THE BELL

CALL TO WORSHIP

REFLECTION          Lent – A Prayer of Preparation                   Shift Worship

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

PROMISE OF FORGIVENESS

OPENING HYMN  ***Give to Our God Immortal Praise! #848***

GREETING, LITANY & PRAYER OF THE DAY

LENTEN HYMN ***Tree of Life & Awesome Mystery #334***

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

**HEARING GOD’S WORD**

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

FIRST READING                                 Genesis 15:1-6, 18

The Word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God!**

SECOND READING                          Philippians 3:17-4:1

The Word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God!**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION ***Return to the Lord, Your God***  ***p. 151***

      The Gospel According to Luke

**Glory to You, O Lord.**

GOSPEL                                                       Luke 13:31-35

       The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to You, O Christ.**

MESSAGE                                       Tough AND Tender                     Pastor Steve

**OUR RESPONSE**

HYMN OF THE DAY               ***Love Divine, All Loves Excelling              #631***

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PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH ***(Sung)***

OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY                         ***We Give*** ***Thee but Thine Own*** (vss.1,4) ***#686***

**THE MEAL**

PASSING OF THE PEACE

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

THE LORD’S PRAYER ***(Sung)***

DISTRIBUTION

SPECIAL MUSIC Come As You Are Worship Choir

COMMUNION BLESSING

**SENDING**

SENDING PRAYER

BENEDICTION & DISMISSAL

HYMN ***Praise the Lord, Rise Up Rejoicing*   *#544***

POSTLUDE

***Welcome* to St. John Lutheran Church**

*Whether you are looking for a place of worship or are just passing through, we hope our service has blessed you on your journey as* your *presence has been a blessing to* us.