***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

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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***

APOSTLES’ CREED p.105

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

**LEADERS IN THE SERVICE**

*Pianist: Denise Nienow*

*Liturgist: Koni Preston*

*Audio-Visual: Erik Magelee, Josh Hengel, Bryan Bennett & Carl Nienow*

*Council: Julie Lux & Sunni Neegaard*

**CHURCH STAFF**

*Caryl O’Brien, Custodian*

*Anna Stenzel, Office Manager*

*Mary Larson, Newsletter Editor*

*Judy Berkeland & Denise Nienow, Music Directors*

*Steve Berkeland, Pastor*

March 9: Offering $1,257 Attendance 68 Online 36

March 12: Attendance 72 Online 25

***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.