

AT-HOME WORSHIP

4th Sunday in Lent - 2020
St. John, Valmy (WELS)

INSTRUCTIONS FOR AT-HOME WORSHIP

- Be ready to worship. Make sure the “Worship Folder” is accessible.
- Remove distractions. Silence phones, give your kids a good “pep” talk. Put the cat in the other room. The devil doesn’t want you worshipping, whether you are home or in God’s house.
- Worship, don’t just watch. Online church is great but don’t forget that you’re not watching a funny cat video on YouTube. You are hearing the living and powerful Word of God and feeding your faith with the Bread of Life himself. Respond with hymns and prayers of thanks. Fold those hands, maybe stand for the gospel—it is worth standing for!

INVOCATION

M: In the name of the Father and of the Son ✠ and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen.**

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

M: Beloved in the Lord: let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins to God our Father, asking him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

C: **Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful and that I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. For this I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior Jesus Christ, I pray: Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner.**

M: God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given his only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son ✠ and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

M: Let us pray.

Almighty God, we confess that we deserve to be punished for our evil deeds. But we ask you graciously to cleanse us from all sin and to comfort us with your salvation; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

FIRST LESSON: *Genesis 37:1-11*

The life of Joseph illustrates Jesus' message that whoever wants to be first must be your slave.

¹Jacob lived in the land where his father had stayed, the land of Canaan.

²This is the account of Jacob.

Joseph, a young man of seventeen, was tending the flocks with his brothers, the sons of Bilhah and the sons of Zilpah, his father's wives, and he brought their father a bad report about them.

³Now Israel loved Joseph more than any of his other sons, because he had been born to him in his old age; and he made a richly ornamented robe for him.

⁴When his brothers saw that their father loved him more than any of them, they hated him and could not speak a kind word to him.

⁵Joseph had a dream, and when he told it to his brothers, they hated him all the more. ⁶He said to them, "Listen to this dream I had: ⁷We were binding

sheaves of grain out in the field when suddenly my sheaf rose and stood upright, while your sheaves gathered around mine and bowed down to it."

⁸His brothers said to him, "Do you intend to reign over us? Will you actually rule us?" And they hated him all the more because of his dream and what he had said.

⁹Then he had another dream, and he told it to his brothers. "Listen," he said, "I had another dream, and this time the sun and moon and eleven stars were bowing down to me."

¹⁰When he told his father as well as his brothers, his father rebuked him and said, "What is this dream you had? Will your mother and I and your brothers actually come and bow down to the ground before you?" ¹¹His brothers were jealous of him, but his father kept the matter in mind.

SECOND LESSON: *Romans 8:1-10*

Christ's life ransomed mankind because it met God's demands and set us free from the Law of sin. Now we are free to live according to the Spirit.

¹Therefore, there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus, ²because through Christ Jesus the law of the Spirit of life set me free from the law of sin and death. ³For what the law was powerless to do in that it was weakened by the sinful nature, God did by sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful man to be a sin offering. And so he condemned sin in sinful man, ⁴in order that the righteous requirements of the law might be fully met in us, who do not live according to the sinful nature but according to the Spirit.

⁵Those who live according to the sinful nature have their minds set on what that nature desires; but those who live

in accordance with the Spirit have their minds set on what the Spirit desires. ⁶The mind of sinful man is death, but the mind controlled by the Spirit is life and peace; ⁷the sinful mind is hostile to God. It does not submit to God's law, nor can it do so. ⁸Those controlled by the sinful nature cannot please God.

⁹You, however, are controlled not by the sinful nature but by the Spirit, if the Spirit of God lives in you. And if anyone does not have the Spirit of Christ, he does not belong to Christ. ¹⁰But if Christ is in you, your body is dead because of sin, yet your spirit is alive because of righteousness.

VERSE OF THE DAY: *John 3:16*

For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.

🙏 *Please stand.*

GOSPEL: *Matthew 20:17-28*

Followers of Jesus drink his cup and find greatness in selflessly serving others. For our motivation and our model, Christ points back to God's plan for the Son of Man who came not to be served, but to serve and to give his life as a ransom for many.

¹⁷Now as Jesus was going up to Jerusalem, he took the twelve disciples aside and said to them, ¹⁸"We are going up to Jerusalem, and the Son of Man will be betrayed to the chief priests and

the teachers of the law. They will condemn him to death ¹⁹and will turn him over to the Gentiles to be mocked and flogged and crucified. On the third day he will be raised to life!"

²⁰Then the mother of Zebedee's sons came to Jesus with her sons and, kneeling down, asked a favor of him.

²¹"What is it you want?" he asked.

She said, "Grant that one of these two sons of mine may sit at your right and the other at your left in your kingdom."

²²"You don't know what you are asking," Jesus said to them. "Can you drink the cup I am going to drink?"

"We can," they answered.

²³Jesus said to them, "You will indeed drink from my cup, but to sit at my right or left is not for me to grant. These places belong to those for whom they have been prepared by my Father."

²⁴When the ten heard about this, they were indignant with the two brothers.

²⁵Jesus called them together and said, "You know that the rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and their high officials exercise authority over them.

²⁶Not so with you. Instead, whoever wants to become great among you must be your servant, ²⁷and whoever wants to be first must be your slave— ²⁸just as the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many."

¶ *Be seated.*

HYMN—*Son of God, Eternal Savior* CW 492

- 1. Son of God, eternal Savior, Source of life and truth and grace,
Word made flesh, whose birth among us, Honors all our human race,
You our head, who, throned in glory, For your own will ever plead:
Fill us with your love and pity; Heal our wrongs and help our need.**
- 2. Come, O Christ, and reign among us, King of love and Prince of Peace;
Hush the storm of strife and passion; Bid its cruel discords cease.
By your patient years of toiling, By your silent hours of pain,
Quench our fevered thirst for pleasure; Stem our selfish greed for gain.**
- 3. Bind us all as one together In your Church's sacred fold,
Weak and healthy, poor and wealthy, Sad and joyful, young and old.
Is there want or pain or sorrow? Make us all the burden share.
Are there spirits crushed and broken? Teach us, Lord, to soothe their care.**
- 4. As you, Lord, have lived for others, So may we for others live.
Freely have your gifts been granted; Freely may your servants give.
Yours the gold and yours the silver, Yours the wealth of land and sea;
We but stewards of your bounty Held in solemn trust will be.**

CONTRAST OF THE OLD SELF & NEW SELF



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.

LORD'S PRAYER

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.

THE BENEDICTION

- M: The LORD bless you and keep you.
 The LORD make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.
 The LORD look on you with favor ☩ and give you peace.
- C: **Amen.**

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REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Ted Teddleton, whose bladder cancer has returned.

Diane Teddleton, whose knee-replacement surgery was delayed.

Jeff Peterson, who recently underwent abdominal surgery.

Sandy Hillmer, who was recently hospitalized with pneumonia and an infection.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Inclement Weather & Closure/Cancellation Updates

For any of these circumstances, please check our church website and/or WDOR for cancellation of worship or other activities at church. Cancellations will be posted as soon as reasonable.

Offerings & Christian Compassion Fund

At this time, please mail your offerings to church, with your offering envelope inside a security envelope. We are looking into the possibility of online giving.

To help those in need through the “Other” line on your regular Sunday offering envelope. We are creating a help fund titled *Christian Compassion Fund*. If you want to give to this fund, simply write the fund’s name on the “Other” line. We will use these monies to help our members and our neighbors in need, both during this time of crisis and in the future.

New Hymnal Funding

In the fall of 2021 our church body will be releasing a new hymnal. The new hymnal will offer a comprehensive set of resources to cultivate a rich worship life in Lutheran churches, schools, and homes. Now is the time for us to start saving for that expense. To give to the **New Hymnal Fund**, in the “Other” line of your regular Sunday offering envelopes simply write “New Hymnal” and the amount from your offering you want designated to the purchase of the new hymnal and its resources for that week. Discover more about the new hymnal by grabbing a copy of the preview on the shelf below the mailboxes or by visiting christianworship.com

New Beginnings Collection

Will continue until we can meet again. New Beginnings is a program and home that provides care, support and housing for young pregnant women who are escaping bad, even dangerous situations in their lives.

ST. JOHN WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

March 22, 2020

Schedule

- Wednesday 3:00 p.m. - Catechism Class ONLINE
Look for midweek sermons to be posted
- Sunday Find a time to work through Sunday School material with your children
Worship together as a family with printed or online sermon, or worship with video of at-home worship with sermon

Birthdays

March 24-Quin Schram; 25th-Shirley Gerlach; 26th-Dorothy Magle; 27th-Gordon Magle

Anniversaries

None

Church Cleaning

Week beginning: March 23rd-Barb Schaefer, Dixie Luedtke & Christine Polster; 30th-Annie Gilbert, Mary Kramer & Phyllis Simon; April 6-Andreae/Staats Family; 13th-Enstad Family 20th-Paul Magle family; 27th-Gordon Magle Family; May 4th-Elmer Tanck Family

A reminder that church cleaning is now being done each week, but only certain sections by each cleaning group. A schedule is posted at church. Please also notice the changes in the schedule!