

# FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT



February 18, 2024

8:00 & 10:45am

## St. John Lutheran Church and School

The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod

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*\*stand as you are able*

Prelude – “ <i>Lenten Choral Preludes</i> ”	Bach
<b>Hymn</b> <i>Jesus, Lead Thou On</i>	<b>718</b>
*Invocation, Confession, Absolution	184
*Introit	dated insert
*Kyrie	186
*Salutation & Collect	189
First Reading	
(8:00) Gradual	dated insert
(10:45) “ <i>Return to the Lord</i> ”	Mixed Choir
Epistle Reading	
*Gospel Reading	
*Nicene Creed	191
<b>Hymn</b> <i>A Mighty Fortress is Our God</i> (st. 3 from <b>657</b> )	<b>656</b>
Sermon “ <i>Tempted in Every Way</i> ” Mark 1:9-15	
*Offertory	192
Gathering of Tithes and Offering	
(8:00) “ <i>Begone, Satan</i> ”	Day School 2-5 Choir
(10:45) “ <i>God So Loved the World</i> ”	Mixed Choir
*Prayers	193
*Service of the Sacrament	194
<b>Communion Hymns – 418, 547, (746), 809</b>	
* <b>Post Communion Hymn</b> <i>On My Heart Imprint Your Image</i>	<b>422</b>
*Thanksgiving	200
*Prayer and Benediction	201

*Communion Hymns in Parentheses will be sung if time allows.*

**WELCOME TO ST. JOHN!** We ask members and guests to fill out an attendance card located by the hymnals; indicate your attendance at Holy Communion. Cards may be placed in the offering plate. Note that there are two glasses in the center of each tray with diluted wine.

**SERVING TODAY – Preaching & Presiding:** Rev. Jeff Caithamer. **Organist & Choir Director:** Keith Williams. **Elders:** 8:00 – Mike, Dan, Nick, Jeremy; 10:45 – Mike, Chris, Chuck, Mike. **Ushers:** 8:00 – Bill & Ethan; 10:45 – Peter & Jordan. **Day School Choir Director:** Alicia Haggin.

**ABOUT THE LORD’S SUPPER:** Our congregation is a member of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, a family of congregations who pledge themselves to teach and to believe the same doctrines. We invite those persons who are members in good standing of a congregation of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod or of a church in fellowship with the LCMS to receive the sacrament. We want to express our sincere welcome to guests and to assure them that it is in their spiritual interest that we practice closed communion. Guests desiring to learn more about our beliefs are asked to make an appointment to speak with our pastor.

**OUR CONGREGATIONAL FAMILY –** The altar flowers are given today by Donna in loving memory of Donna’s father George, who passed away five years ago. The chancel flowers are given today by Charlotte in memory of Roger, father of Stephanie. We also remember the following people in our prayers: *for healing and recovery:* Michael-son of Bob & Joan, Neal, Gilbert, David, Jim Dobbs, Kaylianna, Robin, Karla, Charlene, Brian, Teresa, Barbara, John, Hendricks, Maria, Merv, Rebecca, Roy, Todd, Brett; *for successful treatments:* Kevin, Dan, Nancy, Barb, Luke, Earl, Linda, Joan, Jeanette, Nancy; *for our college students:* Noah, Olivia; *for those in the military:* Nick D, 1Nick F, Andy, Brandon, Zachary, David; *for our homebound:* Geneice, Linda.

For requests for the prayer chain or to be added to the chain:

<http://stjohnmedia.org/church/PrayerList.html>

There will be a Voter’s Meeting on Sunday, February 25<sup>th</sup>,  
at 1:00pm in the Fellowship Hall.

## OUR WEEK AHEAD

<b>Today</b>	<i>1<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Lent</i> ; 8:00 Holy Communion; 9:30 Adult Bible Class, Sunday School; 10:00 Adult Choirs Rehearsal; 10:45 Holy Communion; 1:00 New Member Class
<b>Monday</b>	<i>No School</i>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<i>Newsletter Deadline</i> ; 10:00 Adult Bible Class; 6:00 Council
<b>Wednesday</b>	8:10 Chapel; 3:30 Holy Communion; 5:45 Midweek School, Lifelight; 6:00 Handbells; 7:15 Holy Communion
<b>Thursday</b>	10:00 Lifelight
<b>Friday</b>	6:00 Youth Group Girls' Night
<b>Saturday</b>	10:00 School Open House
<b>Sunday</b>	<i>2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Lent</i> ; 8:00 Holy Communion; 9:30 Adult Bible Class, Sunday School; 10:00 Adult Choir Rehearsal; 10:45 Holy Communion; 1:00 Voter's Meeting

**You're Invited** to join us for our Lenten midweek services. We will have services at 3:30pm & 7:15pm, which include the Lord's Supper. The Lenten theme this year is *"I Am a Worm and Not a Man"*.

**Lenten Dinners** – You're invited to join us after the 3:30pm Lenten services for dinner. Upcoming meals include: 2/21-baked potato bar hosted by Fellowship. 2/28-chili supper hosted by the School Board. 3/6-hot dog bar hosted by Fellowship. No meal on 3/13 due to spring break. 3/20-hosted by the Youth Board. Sign up sheets to bring food will be available for upcoming meals next to the church office. We look forward to seeing you there.

**Choir Rehearsals** – For the next few weeks we will be holding singing choir rehearsals on Sunday morning at 10:00, instead of Thursday evenings. This is in the hope that it will make it easier for more of you to join us in the choir, at least from now through Easter. Men and Women of all ages are always welcome.

**SJL Youth** – Friday, February 23<sup>rd</sup>-24<sup>th</sup>, Boys' & Men's Woodcutting Retreat at Camp CILCA. All youth boys are invited and are welcome to bring their dads, uncles, or grandpas along (but youth can also just come by themselves). Please contact Karen or Mike to sign up. Meanwhile, back at the church on Friday, February 23<sup>rd</sup> we will have youth Girls' Night from 6-9pm.

**Community Open House** - St. John Lutheran School and Little Lamb Preschool will be hosting a Community Open House on Saturday, February 24<sup>th</sup>, 10:00am - 12:00pm. Prospective school families will have an opportunity to meet our principal, tour the building, and ask questions. If you know a family interested in the school for 2024-2025, please encourage them to attend this event. School tours may be scheduled by contacting the school office at 217-359-1714.

**Show Me Dough Fundraiser** – Order forms are available on the narthex table. Return order forms to the school office by Monday, February 26<sup>th</sup>. Dough-livery date is Wed. March 6<sup>th</sup>. Proceeds from this fundraiser will go towards the middle school class trip.

## **EDUCATION HOUR TODAY**

**Adult Bible Class** – led by Pastor Caithamer in the Fellowship Hall

**Sunday School** – Kindergarten-High School will start out in the Sanctuary for opening, and then go to their respective classrooms. Preschool will have opening in their own classroom.

3/4yrs Room 4C

4<sup>th</sup>-5<sup>th</sup>

Band Room

K-1<sup>st</sup> Art Room

6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup>

Conference Room

2<sup>nd</sup>-3<sup>rd</sup> Room 4B

High School

Youth Room

**Music Notes** – Throughout Lent the Preludes will be settings of Lenten chorales for organ by Johann Sebastian Bach. This morning's selections are from an 18th century manuscript collection in the music library at Yale University, which was rediscovered and first printed in 1985, the 300th anniversary year of Bach's birth. The manuscript was written out by a student of Bach, and was donated to Yale by the great American hymn writer Lowell Mason, who composed the tunes for "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross" and "My Faith Looks Up to Thee," among several others in the LSB.

**Thank You** – The family of Susan Warsaw sincerely thanks the members of St. John. All your prayers, words of comfort, and food donations during her illness and since her passing were greatly appreciated.

**Changes to Upcoming Newsletters** – Due to changes to the USPS Bulk Mail system, we will be making a few adjustments to how you can receive the monthly newsletters. Please contact the church office or respond to Pastor's February Newsletter email with your preference on how you would like to receive newsletters moving forward. If you do not yet receive the newsletters but would like to be added to the list, please let the church office know. (217-359-1123 or churchoffice - at - stjoh-lcms.church). Thank you.

**2023 Contribution Statements** have been mailed out. If you did not receive yours or have any questions, please contact the church office.

**CID LLL Convention** – The LLL District Convention will take place on Saturday, March 9<sup>th</sup> at 9am. The convention will be held at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Altamont, IL. Lutheran Hour Speaker Rev. Michael Zeigler will be the main speaker. Registration is \$25/person. More information can be found on the narthex table. Anyone interested in carpooling to the event can contact Bill.

**Sunday School Easter Egg Hunt** – We are planning an Easter egg hunt on Easter Sunday, March 31<sup>st</sup> during the Sunday School hour. Donation tags are available on the bulletin board by the Fellowship Hall to help with this event. Donation needs include plastic eggs and treats to go inside them and should be placed in the box in the coat room no later than March 17<sup>th</sup>.

**LEARN BY HEART**  
***THE FAMILY ALTAR***

The families of St. John are encouraged to learn these words from the Small Catechism by heart this week:

**The Sacrament of the Altar**

*What is the benefit of this eating and drinking?*

These words, “Given and shed for you for the forgiveness of sins,” show us that in the Sacrament forgiveness of sins, life, and salvation are given us through these words. For where there is forgiveness of sins, there is also life and salvation.

*How can bodily eating and drinking do such great things?*

Certainly not just eating and drinking do these things, but the words written here: “Given and shed for you for the forgiveness of sins.” These words, along with the bodily eating and drinking, are the main thing in the Sacrament. Whoever believes these words has exactly what they say: “forgiveness of sins.”

Bible Passage: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. 1 John 1:8-9

Hymn 423 *Jesus, Refuge of the Weary* (st. 2)

Psalm 6

Bible Readings for the Week:

The People Crave Meat – Numbers 11:4-6, 10, 13, 18-23, 31-34

The Burnt Offering – Leviticus 1:1-17

The Trespass Offering – Leviticus 5:1-10

Offerings with Restitution – Leviticus 5:17-6:7

