

# FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT

March 1, 2020  
8:00am & 10:45am



St. John Lutheran Church and School  
The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod  
Reverend Jeff Caithamer  
School Principal: Tim Gabbert

## Divine Service I with Holy Communion Page

*\*stand as you are able*

Prelude – “Morning Bells”	Alleluia Ringers	
<b>Hymn</b> <i>Today Your Mercy Calls Us</i>		<b>915</b>
*Invocation, Confession, Absolution		151
*Introit	dated insert	
*Kyrie		152
*Salutation & Collect		156
First Reading		
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Epistle Reading		
*Verse for Lent		157
*Gospel Reading		
(10:45) Children’s Devotion		
<b>Hymn</b> <i>A Mighty Fortress Is Our God</i>		<b>656</b>
Sermon “ <i>Tempted in Every Way, Yet Without Sin</i> ”		
	Matthew 4:1-11	
*Nicene Creed		158
*Prayer of the Church		159
Gathering of Tithes and Offering		
(8:00) “ <i>Aria for Handbells</i> ”	Alleluia Ringers	
(10:45) “ <i>Caithness</i> ”		
*Offertory		159
*Service of the Sacrament		160
<b>Communion Hymns</b> – 609, 536 (sts. 1, 3-5), 843, 418		
* <b>Post-Communion Hymn</b> <i>Create in Me</i>		<b>956</b>
*Post-Communion Collect		166
*Benediction		166

**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.

**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.

**SERVING TODAY - Preaching:** Rev. Jeff Caithamer. **Organist & Choir Director:** Keith Williams. **Elders:** 8:00 – Bob, Kendall, Dave & Rex; 10:45 – Jeremy, Jim, John & Mark. **Acolytes:** 8:00 – Anna; 10:45 – Mariah. **Ushers:** 8:00 – Makenzie & Ethan; 10:45 – Braden & Jordan.

**OUR CONGREGATIONAL FAMILY** – The altar flowers are given today by Linda to the glory of God and in thanksgiving for all of His blessings. We remember the following people in our prayers: *for peace and comfort:* Brad & Jackie and family at the death of Brad’s father Jim; *following surgery:* Gilbert; *for healing and recovery:* Cindy, Pastor Don Ehlers, Opal, Chris, Hendricks -grandson of Dan & Joanie, Alex, Kim and Jim, John, Jacob -great grandson of Bob & Joan, Maria, Brett -cousin of the Kindts’, Merv, Jessica -granddaughter of Bob & Joan, Joan -mother of Bill, Judy -mother of Rochelle, Rebecca -daughter of Marvin & Esther, Roy -father of Anne, Dan -brother of Bonnie, Todd; *for peace, hope, and comfort:* Philip -son of Starley; *for successful treatments:* Earl, Roger -father of Stephanie, Jayne, Linda, Roxy, Joan, Jeanette, Nancy, Shawn -sister of Maxine; *for our college students:* Connor, Ben, Matthew; *for those in the military:* Roberto, Adam, Joshua, Nick, Taylor, Andy, Brandon, Suzzanna, Ben, Allyson, Zachary; *for our homebound:* Geneice, Lavina, Phyllis, Mavis.

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

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

### EDUCATION HOUR TODAY

Adult Bible Class – Fellowship Hall – Pastor Caithamer  
Sunday School Opening will be in the Sanctuary for K-8<sup>th</sup> grade at 9:30. Preschool (3/4yrs) will have their opening in Room 4C. Come and join us!

3/4yrs	Room 4C	3 <sup>rd</sup> -5 <sup>th</sup>	Room 1B
Kindergarten	Room 4A	6 <sup>th</sup> -8 <sup>th</sup>	Room 4B
1 <sup>st</sup> & 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Room 2C	High School	Youth Room

**Parking Lot Incidents** – In recent weeks we have had a couple of incidents in where car door handles were tested, open cars were rummaged through, and items were taken. Please be sure to lock your car doors before entering the building. Thank you.

**Lenten Dinners** – This Wednesday, March 4<sup>th</sup>, LWML will be serving soups and chili for our Lenten Dinner. We look forward to seeing you there.

**Thank you** – Many thanks for all the prayers, calls, cards, gift cards and food following our recent accident. What a blessing to be at St. John. Such a loving family. God's blessings to each of you, Jill & Ryan McPike.

**Volunteer Sign-up** – March and April are very busy months with several events: Lenten Dinners, Easter Breakfast, and the Annual Garage Sale. Help will be needed from the youth, their families and the congregation to make these events successful. Sign-up sheets have been posted on the Youth bulletin board by the church office. Sign-up now to ensure all events are held. (If volunteers are not secured by the deadline date listed on the sign-up sheets, events may be canceled.)

**Little Lamb Buddy Bench Project** – Plastic lids and caps are being collected for the Buddy Bench Project. Acceptable items include milk jug caps, deodorant caps, yogurt lids, peanut butter lids, etc. Please pick up a flyer on the narthex table for more information. Collection baskets are located by the school office, in the Fellowship Hall and in the coatroom by the church office. Friday, April 3<sup>rd</sup>, is the last day to bring in items.

**Beef House Fundraiser** – Orders for rolls, strawberry jam and apple butter will be accepted until Monday, March 23<sup>rd</sup>. Orders will arrive Friday, April 3<sup>rd</sup> (time TBD). Order forms are available on the narthex table and in the school office. This fundraiser will benefit the Washington, DC trips.

**Security** – For the safety and security of the congregation, the Elders have begun locking the front and back main entrances to the church after the sermon during the 10:45am service.

**Prairie Garden Gift Cards** – Before you start your spring planting, get a \$10 gift card from PTF. Gift cards can be used on any purchase at Prairie Gardens and the cards do not expire. Get your gift cards in the school office.

## OUR WEEK AHEAD

**Today** *First Sunday in Lent*; 8:00 Holy Communion; 9:30 Adult Bible Class, Sunday School; 10:45 Holy Communion

**Tuesday** 10:00 Adult Bible Class; 6:00 Fellowship Board, Trustees, Evangelism; 6:30 School Board

**Wednesday** 8:10 Chapel; 3:30 Lenten Service; 4:30 Lenten Dinner; 5:45 Midweek School, Lifelight; 7:15 Lenten Service

**Thursday** 9:00 Lifelight; 12:00 Senior Women's Group; 6:00 Men's Choir; 6:30 Lifelight; 6:45 Mixed Choir

**Saturday** 10:00 Meet & Greet for Preschool/K/1<sup>st</sup> Grade

**Sunday** *Second Sunday in Lent; Daylight Savings Time Begins*; 8:00 Holy Communion; 9:30 Adult Bible Class, Sunday School; 10:45 Holy Communion; 2:00 Abby's Journey

**Music Notes** – There will be no Handbell Rehearsal Wednesday, March 4<sup>th</sup>.

**Senior Women's Group** will meet Thursday, March 5<sup>th</sup>, at 12:00pm at Arby's on Springfield Ave.

**Reading Buddies** will meet Tuesday, March 10<sup>th</sup>, at 1:00pm.

**Abby's Journey**: March 8<sup>th</sup> from 2-3:30pm at St. John gym showing of former Planned Parenthood Director, Abby Johnson's Journey out of Planned Parenthood. This video is from the Living Alternatives banquet 2019 Keynote presentation by Abby. To clarify, it is not the movie "Unplanned". Everyone is welcome. Our hope is to have many of our Teen and College students in these communities attend to gain awareness of Planned Parenthood and the issue of Life. Invite your children that are teen or college students and come with them or come and bring a friend. We will need volunteers from St. John to help set up and clean up and usher the event. Sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board outside the church office. Thank you for your help.

**E.A.T @ Chick-fil-A** - Join us on Monday, March 9<sup>th</sup>, 5-7 pm for the next E.A.T. Night. Chick-fil-A will give 10% of proceeds to the school. Please note the offer is only good on Dine-in and Carryout orders only (not on Drive-Thru orders). Tell your friends, family, and neighbors. No flyer needed – just mention St. John.

**This Week at SJ and LL –March 2-8:** Monday – Ram Rebate Orders Due; Tuesday – VB @ St. Thomas, Philo, 6pm; Wednesday – Chapel – Food Offering for St. John Food Pantry; Thursday – Round Barn Service Event, VB @ St. Mary's, Bloomington, 6pm; Saturday – LL and K/1 Meet and Greet, 10:00am

**Sanctifying Your Vocations with the Word of God** – Issues, Etc. is a radio talk show and podcast produced by Lutheran Public Radio in Collinsville, IL and hosted by LCMS Pastor Todd Wilken. This week's topics include: "Peace" in the Bible, Polygamy in the Old Testament, Gaps in the Genesis Genealogies, The Religious Nones and more. You can listen live or at your convenience at [issuesetc.org](http://issuesetc.org) and on the LPR mobile app.

**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

*Who receives this sacrament worthily?* Fasting and bodily preparation are certainly fine outward training. But that person is truly worthy and well prepared who has faith in these words: “Given and shed for you for the forgiveness of sins.” But anyone who does not believe these words or doubts them is unworthy and unprepared, for the words “for you” require all hearts to believe.

Bible Passage: And when he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, “Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you withhold forgiveness from any, it is withheld.” John 20:22-23

Hymn 425 *When I Survey the Wondrous Cross* (sts. 3-4)

Psalm 116: 1-9

Bible Readings for the Week:

Jesus Is Anointed at Bethany – John 12:1-11

Palm Sunday – John 12:12-26

Jesus Washes the Disciples’ Feet – John 13:1-20