

## SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT



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

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

### Divine Service II with Holy Communion

*\*stand as you are able*

(8:00) Prelude – “Near the Cross”	Oboe & Piano	
(10:45) Prelude – “Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service”	K-3 <sup>rd</sup> Grade Choir	
<b>Hymn</b> <i>Guide Me, O Thou Great Redeemer</i>		<b>918</b>
*Invocation, Confession, Absolution		167
*Introit	dated insert	
*Kyrie		168
*Salutation & Collect		172
First Reading		
Gradual	dated insert	
Epistle Reading		
*Verse for Lent		173
*Gospel Reading		
(8:00) Children’s Devotion		
<b>Hymn</b> <i>Lord, Thee I Love with All My Heart</i>		<b>708</b>
Sermon “Jesus’ Purpose Driven Life” John 3:1-17		
*Apostles’ Creed		175
*Prayers		175
Gathering of Tithes and Offering		
(8:00) “There Is a Balm in Gilead”	oboe & piano	
*Offertory		176
*Service of the Sacrament		177
<b>Communion Hymns – 722, 673, 718, 744</b>		
<b>*Post-Communion Hymn</b> <i>Create In Me</i>		<b>956</b>
*Collect		183
Decommissioning of a Church/School Building		
*Benediction		183

**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 – Dan, Andy, Joe & Todd; 10:45 – John, Mark, Bob & Jeremy. **Acolytes:** 8:00 – Peter; 10:45 – Mariah. **Ushers:** 8:00 – Charlie & Jack; 10:45 – David & Heath. Oboe: Lou Ann. Day School Choir Director – Sal Percoco.

**OUR CONGREGATIONAL FAMILY** – The altar flowers are given today by Rick & Rita in honor of granddaughter Maelynn’s baptism today. We also remember the following people in our prayers: *hospitalized:* Deb -sister of Pam; *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:* Rachel, Allie, Jaclyn; *for those in the military:* Roberto, Adam, Joshua, Nick, Taylor, Andy, Brandon, Suzzanna, Ben, Allyson, Zachary; *for our homebound:* Walt, Esther, Gaylord, Leona.

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

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

**Baptism** – Maelynn Kay, daughter of Tyler & Rachel will be baptized following the late service today. Maelynn was born January 3, 2020. Her sponsors are Aaron, Nick, Kaite, and Ashley. We welcome Maelynn Kay into the Lord’s Family!

### 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, unlocked cars were rummaged through, and items were taken. Please be sure to lock your car doors before entering the building. Thank you.

**Lenten Dinner** – This Wednesday, March 11<sup>th</sup>, volunteers will be serving tacos for our Lenten Dinner. We look forward to seeing you there.

**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.)

**You Are Invited to Participate** in our upcoming professional photography session. Photography dates: Tuesday, April 28<sup>th</sup> 2-8:40pm, Wednesday, April 29<sup>th</sup> 2-8:40pm, Thursday, April 30<sup>th</sup> 2-8:40pm, Friday, May 1<sup>st</sup> 2-8:40pm, Saturday, May 2<sup>nd</sup> 2-8:40, Tuesday, May 5<sup>th</sup> 2-8:40pm, and Wednesday, May 6<sup>th</sup> 2-8:40pm. To schedule your appointment, visit our website and click on the Sign Up Now. Link is at [www.stjohn-lcms.org](http://www.stjohn-lcms.org). We will also be available between services on March 15<sup>th</sup>. Contact Faith.

**Helping with the church directory:** If you are interested in helping with the church directory please try and attend the meeting Wednesday, March 11<sup>th</sup>, at 4:30 after the Lenten Service. We will need volunteers to possibly contact members to schedule appointments, help set appointments between services on Sunday mornings and then help monitor the photography sessions. If you are interested in helping but cannot attend the meeting, please contact Faith.

**Little Lamb Buddy Bench Project** – Keep collecting lids. 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, D.C. 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** *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

**Monday** 9:15 MOPS; 6:00 Finance Board; E.A.T. @ Chick-fil-A (5-7pm)

**Tuesday** 1:00 Reading Buddies; 6:00 Elders

**Wednesday** 8:10 Chapel; 10:00 Adult Bible Class; 3:30 Lenten Service; 4:30 Lenten Dinner, Church Directory Volunteer Meeting; 5:45 Midweek School, Lifelight; 6:00 Handbells; 7:15 Lenten Service

**Thursday** 7:00 Men's Prayer Breakfast; 9:00 Lifelight; 1:30 Mary Martha; 6:00 Men's Choir; 6:30 Lifelight; 6:45 Mixed Choir

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

**Abby's Journey:** Today 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.

**E.A.T @ Chick-fil-A** – Join us tomorrow night, 5-7pm 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.

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

**Mary-Martha** will meet on Thursday, March 12th, at 1:30 p.m. in the church overflow. Our speaker will be Mitch Marlowe from the Virginia Theater. All ladies of the church are welcome to join us.

**This Week at SJ and LL –March 9-15:** Monday – E.A.T. Night – Chick-fil-A, 5-7pm, Yankee Candle Sale Begins; Tuesday – Reading Buddies; Wednesday – Chapel - Offering for Ministry to the Armed Forces, K-3rd grade Choir, 3:30pm service; Friday – Early dismissal; Saturday – CID Math Bowl

**Yankee Candle Fundraiser** – The Yankee Candle catalog features spring and summer decorative candleholders and scented candles. There are also several seed sets and garden décor items available for sale. Catalogs are available on the narthex table. Orders may be brought to the school office by Monday, April 6<sup>th</sup>. Orders can be placed online through July 8<sup>th</sup>. If you have any questions, please contact the school office.

**Hebrews Bible Study** - LCMS Pastor Will Weedon will begin a Bible study this week on the Book of Hebrews. The *Word of the Lord Endures Forever* is a daily 15 minute verse-by-verse Bible study produced by Lutheran Public Radio. You can listen at your convenience at [thewordendures.org](http://thewordendures.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 Table of Duties

*To Bishops, Pastors, and Preachers* – The overseer must be above reproach, the husband of but one wife, temperate, self-controlled, respectable, hospitable, able to teach, not given to drunkenness, not violent but gentle, not quarrelsome, not a lover of money. He must manage his own family well and see that his children obey him with proper respect. 1 Tim. 3:2–4

He must not be a recent convert, or he may become conceited and fall under the same judgment as the devil. 1 Tim. 3:6

He must hold firmly to the trustworthy message as it has been taught, so that he can encourage others by sound doctrine and refute those who oppose it. Titus 1:9

Bible Passage: For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until He comes. 1 Corinthians 11:26

Hymn 425 *When I Survey the Wondrous Cross*

Psalm 92:10-15

Bible Readings for the Week:

Jesus' Betrayal and Arrest – John 18:1-27

Jesus Faces Pontius Pilate – John 18:28-40

Jesus Is Crucified – John 19:1-24

Jesus' Side Is Pierced – John 19:25-42