

## THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT

March 15, 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 III with Holy Communion**      **Page**

*\*stand as you are able*

Prelude- <i>“Lento religioso”</i> Thompson	oboe, clarinet, organ	
<b>Hymn</b> <i>Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness</i>		<b>849</b>
*Invocation, Confession, Absolution		184
*Introit	dated insert	
*Kyrie		186
*Salutation & Collect		189
First Reading		
Gradual	dated insert	
Epistle Reading		
*Gospel Reading		
*Nicene Creed		191
(10:45) Children’s Devotion		
<b>Hymn</b> <i>May God Bestow on Us His Grace</i>		<b>823</b>
Sermon <i>“All Times and All Places”</i> John 4:5-26		
*Offertory		192
Gathering of Tithes and Offering		
(8:00) <i>“The Love of God”</i>	violin & flute	
(10:45) <i>“Wait on the Lord”</i>	clarinet & organ	
*Prayers		193
*Service of the Sacrament		194
<b>Communion Hymns</b> – 763, 543, 855 (sts. 1, 10, 3, 4), 435		
* <b>Post Communion Hymn</b> <i>Create in Me</i>		<b>956</b>
*Thanksgiving		200
*Prayer and Benediction		201

**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 & Director:** Keith Williams. **Elders:** 8:00 – Rex, Joe, Bob & Dan; 10:45 – Bob, John, Jim & Mark. **Acolytes:** 8:00 – Zoe; 10:45 – Mariah. **Ushers:** 8:00 Alex & Kurt; 10:45 – Kai & Chris. Flute-Karen, Violin-Lois, Oboe-Lou Ann, Clarinet-Randy.

**OUR CONGREGATIONAL FAMILY** – The altar flowers are given today by Rochelle in celebration of parents Russell and Judy 64<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary on March 17<sup>th</sup>. We also remember the following people in our prayers: *for peace and comfort:* Beth and family at the death of father Bob, Sherry and family at the death of sister Ronna; *following surgery:* Cookie, Dave; *for healing and recovery:* Gilbert, Cindy, Opal, Chris, Hendricks -grandson of Dan & Joanie, 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:* Deb -sister of Pam, 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:* Makenzie, Terra, Sierra; *for those in the military:* Roberto, Adam, Joshua, Nick, Taylor, Andy, Brandon, Suzzanna, Ben, Allyson, Zachary; *for our homebound:* Phyllis, Mary, Alice, Betty.

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

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

**Music Notes** – The Prelude this morning is from a Suite by the American composer Randall Thompson. It is especially meditative, and we invite your full attention to it. There is Handbell rehearsal this Wednesday, March 18<sup>th</sup>. There is no choir rehearsals this Thursday, March 19<sup>th</sup>. Men’s Choir sings at the 10:45 service on March 22<sup>nd</sup>. Please be in the balcony at 10:00am for rehearsal that morning.

**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

**Security Measures** - For the safety and security of the congregation, please be advised that all doors will now be locked during the worship services. For entrance once the doors have been locked, white door bells have been installed at the church main front and rear doors. Push the doorbell and an elder will open the door for you.

**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** – There is no dinner this week due to Spring Break.

**From Our Youth** – Thanks to everyone for their generosity of their time and donations. Volunteers are needed to help with clean up for the last two Lenten dinners on March 25<sup>th</sup> and April 1<sup>st</sup>. There are many spots open for the Easter Breakfast and Annual Garage Sale. The deadline is April 1<sup>st</sup> for these two events.

**Picture Directory** – Our photography dates for our upcoming directory event is fast approaching. With a goal of 100%, we need all families to sign up. Our directory will allow us to connect names and faces and stay connected. Photography times are still available – visit our website to sign up now ([www.stjohn-lcms.org](http://www.stjohn-lcms.org)). There will also be opportunities to sign up in between church services in the near future. Every family will receive a free 8x10 portrait and will have the opportunity to purchase additional portraits. Receive a \$10 off coupon at check-in. Plan for around an hour. LifeTouch will give you an additional coupon for \$5 off your purchase of pictures if you bring in a food donation to your appointment to help stock our food pantry. Items the food pantry needs are: soups (no “cream of” soups please), pasta sauce, straight spaghetti, canned fruit, peanut butter & jelly. For more information, see the Portrait Guide insert or contact Faith. We can’t wait to see you.

**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 due 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. This fundraiser will benefit the Washington, DC trips

## OUR WEEK AHEAD

**Today** *Third Sunday in Lent*; 8:00 Holy Communion; 9:30 Adult Bible Class, Sunday School; 10:45 Holy Communion  
**Monday** 6:30 LWML  
**Tuesday** *Primary Election*; 10:00 Adult Bible Class; 6:00 Council  
**Wednesday** 3:30 Lenten Service; 5:45 Lifelight; 6:00 Handbells; 7:15 Lenten Service  
**Thursday** 9:00 Lifelight; 6:30 Lifelight  
**Friday** *Newsletter Deadline*  
**Sunday** *Fourth Sunday in Lent*; 8:00 Holy Communion; 9:30 Adult Bible Class, Sunday School; 10:45 Holy Communion (Men’s Choir)

LWML is meeting Monday, March 16<sup>th</sup>, at 6:30pm in the Fellowship Hall. A devotion followed by Election of Officers and 2 delegates to the 75<sup>th</sup> LWML CID convention, April 31<sup>st</sup> - May 2<sup>nd</sup> in Morton, IL. Mission (Mite) Grant proposals selected for the delegate to vote on at the convention. Plans for the April 20<sup>th</sup> LWML Salad Supper made. Reports from the LWML CID BOD and LWML CID Champaign Zone Presidents’ meeting given. Chrismos and Lenten Dinner discussed. Spring Quarterlies are on the Narthex table for you to pick up or at the meeting. Questions contact Linda Kovell [kovell70@gmail.com](mailto:kovell70@gmail.com) or Linda Thiele [thieleli@hotmail.com](mailto:thieleli@hotmail.com) 217-714-1221.

**This Week at SJ and LL –March 16-22:** Spring Break - no school and office closed

**Living Alternatives Pregnancy Resource Center Walk 2020:** Saturday, April 18, 2020, Registration between 8-9 with the walk from 9-10 am at Eisner Park, Champaign. Family friendly event with activities and playground for the kids. Please support the St. John team through prayer, as a walker or with your donation. To register as a walker for the St. John team go to this website: <https://secure.ministrysync.com/ministrysync/event/website/home/?e=19917> and click the Participate button. There are also pledge forms and more information on the narthex table. When you register, be sure to select St. John Lutheran Church as your team. To make a donation, please contact Vanessa or come to the Walk table in the Fellowship Hall between services. Thank you.

**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.

**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.

**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

*What the Hearers Owe Their Pastors*

The Lord has commanded that those who preach the gospel should receive their living from the gospel. 1 Cor. 9:14

Anyone who receives instruction in the word must share all good things with his instructor. Do not be deceived: God cannot be mocked. A man reaps what he sows. Gal. 6:6–7

The elders who direct the affairs of the church well are worthy of double honor, especially those whose work is preaching and teaching. For the Scripture says, “Do not muzzle the ox while it is treading out the grain,” and “The worker deserves his wages.” 1 Tim. 5:17–18

Hymn 425 *When I Survey the Wondrous Cross*

Psalm 118:1-2, 15-24

Bible Readings for the Week:

The Resurrection of Our Lord – Matthew 28:1-15

On the Road to Emmaus – Luke 24:13-35

Jesus Eats Broiled Fish – Luke 24:33-49

Jesus Ordains the Apostles – John 20:19-31