

**Welcome to
St. John's Lutheran Church**



First Sunday in Lent

Holy Communion

March 9, 2025

God's Work/Our Hands

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PRELUDE

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

☐ Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,
who forgives all our sin,
whose mercy endures forever.

☑ Amen.

☐ Let us return to God, confessing our sin in the assurance
of God's abiding love.
Compassionate One,

☑ **you are slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love,
but our lives do not always reflect you
and your love for the world.**

**We do not show others the tender compassion
you have shown to us.**

**We do not welcome others with the radical hospitality
you grant to all people.**

**We oppress others,
even though you have set us free again and again.**

We squander the abundant gifts of the earth.

Transform our lives

and guide us again in the way of the cross.

Amen.

☐ Beloved in Christ,
God's arms are always stretched open wide
to welcome the wandering ones home.

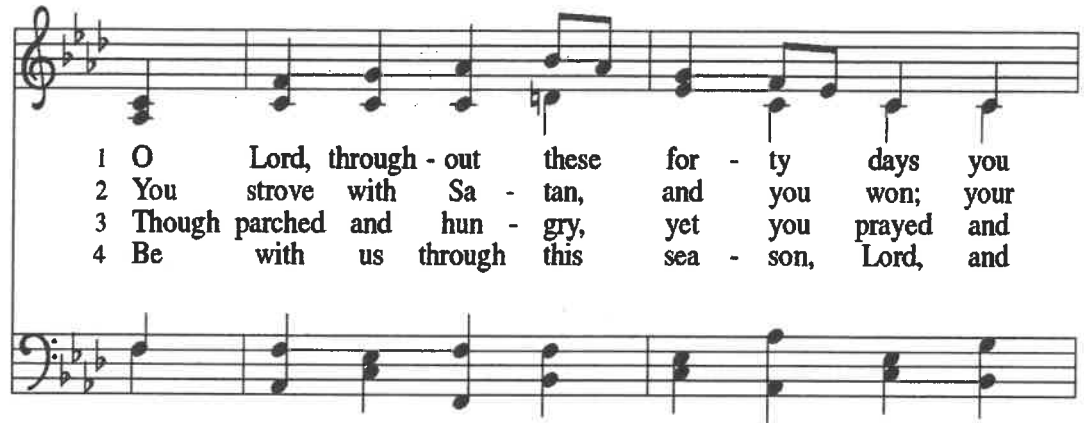
In † Christ your sins are forgiven.

You have a place in God's house forever.


☑ Amen.

Stand

O Lord, throughout These Forty Days



1 O Lord, through - out these for - ty days you
2 You strove with Sa - tan, and you won; your
3 Though parched and hun - gry, yet you prayed and
4 Be with us through this sea - son, Lord, and



prayed and kept the fast; in - spire re - pen - tance
faith - ful - ness en - dured; lend us your nerve, your
fixed your mind a - bove; so teach us to de -
all our earth - ly days, that when the fi - nal



for our sin, and free us from our past.
skill and trust in God's e - ter - nal word.
ny our - selves that we may know God's love.
Eas - ter dawns, we join in heav - en's praise.

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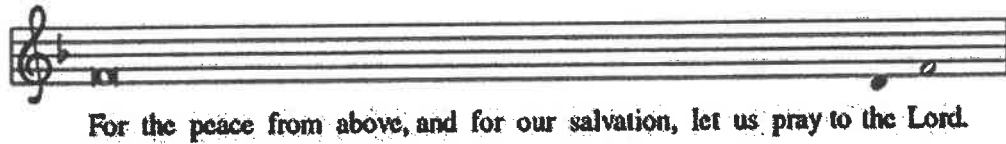
GREETING

- ☐ The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
- ☑ And also with you.

KYRIE



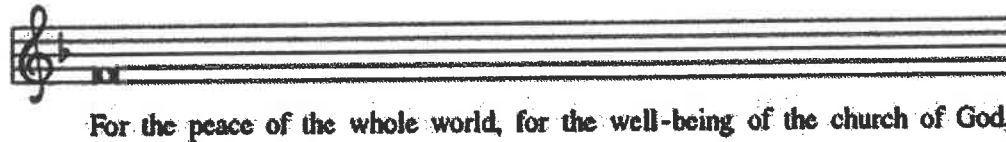
In peace, let us pray to the Lord. Lord, have mer - cy.



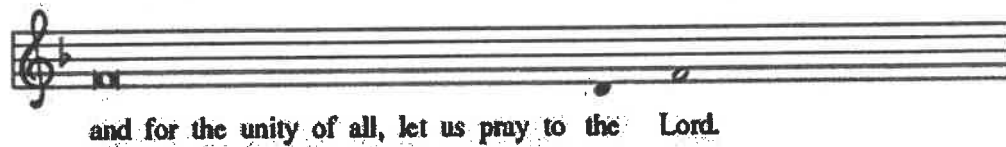
For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



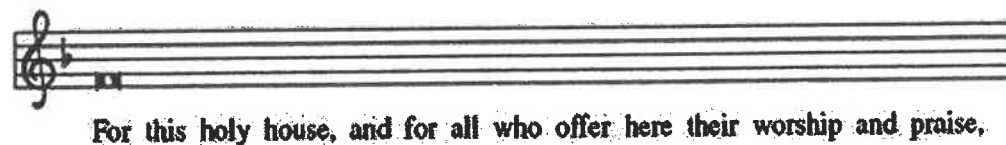
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



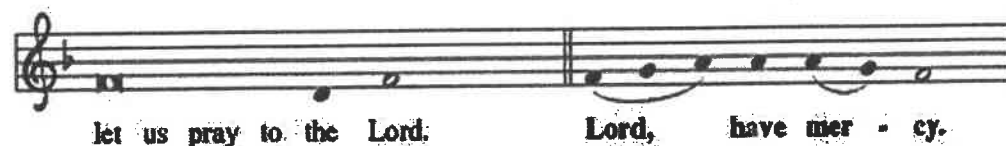
and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



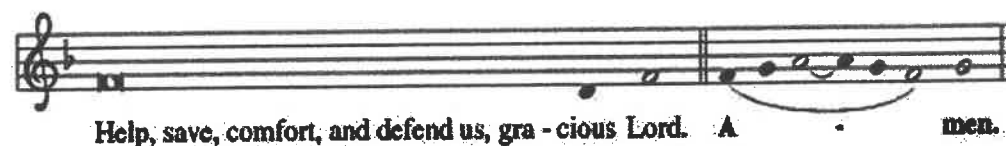
Lord, have mer - cy.



For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord. Lord, have mer - cy.



Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord. A - men.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Let us pray.

O Lord God, you led your people through the wilderness and brought them to the promised land. Guide us now, so that, following your Son, we may walk safely through the wilderness of this world toward the life you alone can give, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

WORD

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.

FIRST READING: Deuteronomy 26:1-11

A reading from Deuteronomy.

The annual harvest festival, called the Feast of Weeks, provides the setting for this reading. This festival celebrates the first fruits of the produce of the land offered back to God in thanks. In this text, worshipers announce God's gracious acts on behalf of Israel.

¹ When you have come into the land that the LORD your God is giving you as an inheritance to possess, and you possess it, and settle in it, ² you shall take some of the first of all the fruit of the ground, which you harvest from the land that the LORD your God is giving you, and you shall put it in a basket and go to the place that the LORD your God will choose as the place where the name of God dwells. ³ You shall go to the priest who is in office at that time, and say to him, "Today I declare to the LORD your God that I have come into the land that the LORD swore to our ancestors to give us." ⁴ When the priest takes the basket from your hand and sets it down before the altar of the LORD your God, ⁵ you shall make this response before the LORD your God: "A wandering Aramean was my ancestor; he went down into Egypt and lived there as an alien, few in number, and there became a great nation, mighty and populous. ⁶ When the Egyptians treated us harshly and afflicted us, by imposing hard labor on us, ⁷ we cried to the LORD, the God of our ancestors; the LORD heard our voice and saw our affliction, our toil, and our oppression.

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⁸ The LORD brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm, with a terrifying display of power, and with signs and wonders; ⁹ and the LORD brought us into this place and gave us this land, a land flowing with milk and honey. ¹⁰ So now I bring the first of the fruit of the ground that you, O LORD, have given me.” You shall set it down before the LORD your God and bow down before the LORD your God. ¹¹ Then you, together with the Levites and the aliens who reside among you, shall celebrate with all the bounty that the LORD your God has given to you and to your house.

The word of the Lord.

☛ **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM: Psalm 91:1-2, 9-16

- ¹ You who dwell in the shelter of the Most High,
who abide in the shadow of the Almighty—
² **you will say to the LORD, “My refuge and my stronghold,
my God in whom I put my trust.”**
⁹ Because you have made the LORD your refuge,
and the Most High your habitation,
¹⁰ **no evil will befall you,
nor shall affliction come near your dwelling.**
¹¹ For God will give the angels charge over you,
to guard you in all your ways.
¹² **Upon their hands they will bear you up,
lest you strike your foot against a stone.**
¹³ You will tread upon the lion cub and viper;
you will trample down the lion and the serpent.
¹⁴ **I will deliver those who cling to me;
I will uphold them, because they know my name.**
¹⁵ They will call me, and I will answer them;
I will be with them in trouble; I will rescue and honor them.
¹⁶ **With long life will I satisfy them,
and show them my salvation.**

SECOND READING: Romans 10:8b-13

A reading from Romans.

Paul reminds the Christians at Rome of the foundation of their creed, the confession of faith in the risen Christ as Lord.

^{8b} “The word is near you,
on your lips and in your heart”
(that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); ⁹ because if you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. ¹⁰ For one believes with the heart and so is justified, and one confesses with the mouth and so is saved. ¹¹ The scripture says, “No one who believes in the Lord will be put to shame.” ¹² For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all and is generous to all who ask for help. ¹³ For, “Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.”

The word of the Lord.

☐ Thanks be to God.

Stand for Acclamation



Re - turn to the Lord, your God, for he is gra - cious and
mer - ci - ful, slow to an - ger, and a - bound - ing in
stead - fast love, and a - bound - ing in stead - fast love.

GOSPEL: Luke 4:1-13

P The holy gospel according to St. Luke, the fourth chapter.

C **Glory to you, O Lord.**

After being filled with the Holy Spirit at his baptism, Jesus is led in the wilderness. Through his responses to the temptations of the devil, he defines what it means to be called "the Son of God."

¹ Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the wilderness, ² where for forty days he was tempted by the devil. He ate nothing at all during those days, and when they were over, he was famished. ³ The devil said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command this stone to become a loaf of bread." ⁴ Jesus answered the devil, "It is written, 'One does not live by bread alone.'"

⁵ Then the devil led Jesus up and showed him in an instant all the dominions of the world. ⁶ And the devil said to him, "To you I will give their glory and all this authority; for it has been given over to me, and I give it to anyone I please. ⁷ If you, then, will worship me, it will all be yours." ⁸ Jesus answered the devil, "It is written,

'Worship the Lord your God;
the Lord alone shall you serve.'"

⁹ Then the devil took Jesus to Jerusalem, and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, saying to him, "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down from here, ¹⁰ for it is written,

'God will command his angels concerning you,
to protect you,'

¹¹ and

'On their hands they will bear you up,
so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.'"

¹² Jesus answered the devil, "It is said, 'Do not put the Lord your God to the test.'" ¹³ Having finished every test, the devil departed from Jesus until an opportune time.

P The gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sit for Sermon

Stand for Hymn of the Day

Eternal Lord of Love, Behold Your Church



1 E - ter - nal Lord of love, be - hold your church
2 So dai - ly dy - ing to the way of self,
3 If dead in you, so in you we a - rise,



walk - ing once more the pil - grim way of Lent,
so dai - ly liv - ing in your way of love,
you the first - born of all the faith - ful dead;



led by your cloud by day, by night your fire,
we walk the road, Lord Je - sus, that you trod,
and as through ston - y ground the green shoots break,



moved by your love and toward your pres - ence bent:
know - ing our - selves bap - tized in - to your death:
glo - rious in spring - time dress of leaf and flow'r,



far off yet here— the goal of all de - sire.
so we are dead and live with you in God.
so in - to life and glo - ry shall we wake.

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NICENE CREED

**We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary
and became truly human.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the
dead, and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,*
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and
glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.**

**We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

THE PRAYERS

- Ⓟ** God, in your mercy,
- Ⓞ** receive our prayer.

PEACE

- Ⓟ** The peace of Christ be with you always.
- Ⓞ** And also with you.

Stand

Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful

Offering Song



Let the vine-yards be fruit-ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of



bless-ing. Gath-er a har-vest from the seeds that were sown, that



we may be fed with the bread of life. Gath-er the hopes and dreams of



all; u-nite them with the prayers we of-fer. Grace our ta-ble



with your pres-ence, and give us a fore-taste of the feast to come.

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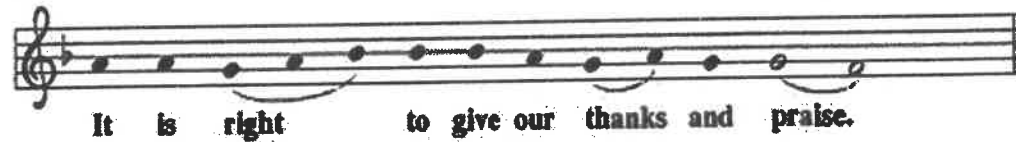
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OFFERING PRAYER

P God our provider, you have not fed us with bread alone, but with words of grace and life. Bless us and these your gifts, which we receive from your bounty, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C Amen.

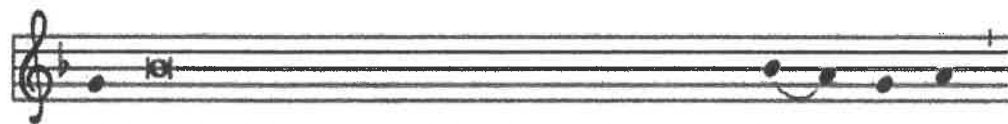
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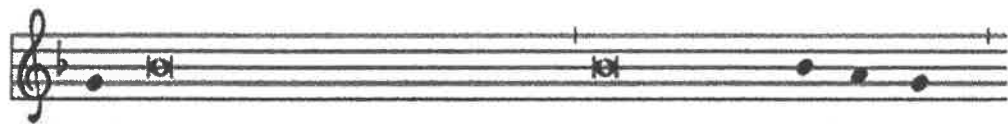
It is indeed right, our du - ty and our joy,



that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you,



al - mighty and merciful God; through our Sav - ior Je - sus Christ.



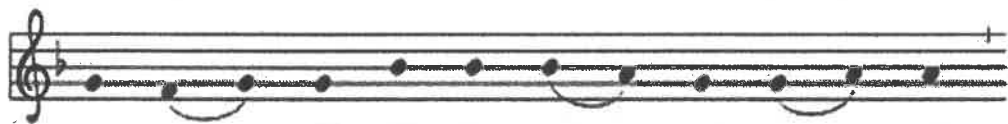
You call your people to cleanse their hearts and prepare with joy for the



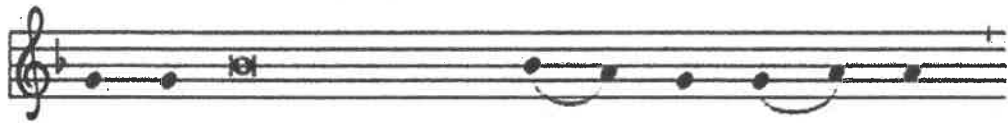
pas - chal feast, that re - newed in the gift of bap - tism,



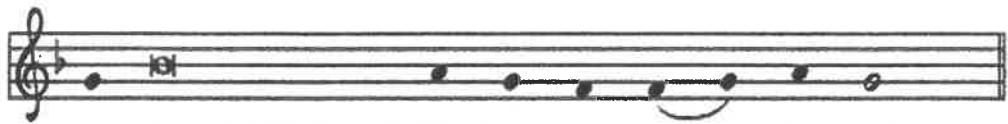
we may come to the full - ness of your grace.



And so, with all the choirs of an - gels,



with the church on earth and the hosts of heav - en,



we praise your name and join their un - end - ing hymn:

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Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,



heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na. Ho -



san-na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless-ed is he who



comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san - na in the high - est.

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

Holy God,

our living Water and our merciful Guide,
together with rivers and seas, wells and springs
we bless and magnify you.

You led your people Israel through the desert,
and provided them water from the rock.

We praise you for Christ, our Rock and our Water,
who joined us in our desert,
pouring out his life for the world.

In the night in which he was betrayed,
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.

Do this for the remembrance of me.

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Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,
and gave it for all to drink, saying:
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.
Remembering, therefore,
his life, death, and resurrection,
we await your salvation for all this thirsty world.
Pour out your Spirit on this holy food
and on all the baptized gathered for this feast:
wash away our sin,
that we may be revived for our journey by the love of Christ.
Through him all glory and honor is yours,
Almighty Father, with the Holy Spirit,
in your holy Church,
both now and forever.
Amen

LORD'S PRAYER

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

**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 FRACTION

P Christ our Passover Lamb has been sacrificed once for all upon the Cross.

C Therefore, let us keep the Feast.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

All who are hungry, come!
The feast of grace is spread.



Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the
world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sin of the world; grant us peace.

I Want Jesus to Walk with Me

1 I want Je - sus to walk with me;
 2 In my tri - als, Lord, walk with me; walk with
 3 When I'm in trou - ble, Lord, walk with me;

me; I want Je - sus to walk with me;
 in my tri - als, Lord, walk with me; walk with
 when I'm in trou - ble, Lord, walk with me;

me; all a - long my pil - grim jour - ney,
 when my heart is al - most break - ing,
 when my head is bowed in sor - row,

Lord, I want Je - sus to walk with me.
 Lord, I want Je - sus to walk with me. walk with me.
 Lord, I want Je - sus to walk with me.

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POST COMMUNION DISMISSAL

P Now may the Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you and keep you in His grace.

C Amen.

Now, Lord

Now, Lord, you let your ser - vant go in peace: your word has
been ful-filled. My own eyes have seen the sal - va - tion
which you have pre-pared in the sight of ev - 'ry peo - ple:
a light to re-veal you to the na - tions and the glo - ry of your
peo-ple Is - ra - el. Glo - ry to the Fa - ther, and to the Son,
and to the Ho - ly Spir - it, as it was in the be - gin - ning,
is now, and will be for - ev - er. A - men.

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A reading from JOHN. In the beginning was the word, and the word was with God, and the word

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P Let us pray.

Compassionate God, you have fed us with the bread of heaven. Sustain us in our Lenten pilgrimage: may our fasting be hunger for justice; our alms, a making of peace; and our prayer, the song of grateful hearts, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C Amen.

BLESSING

P God our tender parent,
God the crucified one,
God the reconciling Spirit,
✠ bless you now and forever.

C Amen.

What a Fellowship, What a Joy Divine

Leaning on the Everlasting Arms



- 1 What a fel - low-ship, what a joy di - vine, lean-ing on the ev-er-last-ing arms;
- 2 Oh, how sweet to walk in this pil-grim way, lean-ing on the ev-er-last-ing arms;
- 3 What have I to dread, what have I to fear, lean-ing on the ev-er-last-ing arms?



what a bless-ed-ness, what a peace is mine, lean-ing on the ev-er-last-ing arms.
 oh, how bright the path grows from day to day, lean-ing on the ev-er-last-ing arms.
 I have bless-ed peace with my Lord so near, lean-ing on the ev-er-last-ing arms.



Refrain



Lean - ing, lean - ing, safe and se-cure from all a - larms;



Lean - ing on Je - sus, lean - ing on Je - sus,



lean - ing, lean - ing, lean-ing on the ev - er - last-ing arms.



lean - ing on Je - sus, lean - ing on Je - sus,

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DISMISSAL

- ☐ Go in peace. Care for others as God cares for you.
- ☑ **Thanks be to God!**

DEAR FRIENDS & MEMBERS, In an effort to have our prayer list as current and as accurate as possible, please indicate whether or not you would like to have a name continue to be included. Thank you!

* Michelle Bahlavooni *Roland Baker Sr *Kathy Brudnak* Mike Deptula* David Ferro* Carl Frank *Adam Gajkowski * Lisa Haley* Bonnie Haney *Jim Hess* Scott Hollenbach *Joanne Johnson * Dave Madara *Cindy Miller *Vinnie Moroney* Henry Reinsburrow * Vicky Remaley* Tammy Roche* Ken Roush* Bonnie Swafford *Tom Termini* Mark Troup * Marlene Trotman* Melissa Waltman* *Kathy Whitesel* Ron Wolfe* Shirley Young* Family of Kenneth Hebrink*

THIS SUNDAY: MARCH 9, 2025

Outdoor Greeters: Girl Scouts
Greeters & Ushers: Girls Scouts (Carolyn & Karen communion)
Lector: Tina Baucher
Communion Assistant: Tina Baucher
Altar Guild: Carolyn Bahlavooni & Vinniedee Hippensteel
Offering Counters: Liz Shotwell & Carolyn Bahlavooni
Choir Director & Organist: Tenette Bogert

NEXT SUNDAY: MARCH 16, 2025

Greeters & Ushers: Karen & David Bird
Greeters & Ushers: Nate Johnson & Lance Miller
Lector: Jan Peifer
Communion Assistant: Emily Johnson
Altar Guild: Darlene Turner & Sharon Bachman
Offering Counters: Ryan Young, Nate Johnson & Lance Miller
Choir Director & Organist: Tenette Bogert

WELCOME TO WORSHIP

Our Sanctuary Lamp this week burns to the Glory of God
by Jan Peifer
In memory of Husband Thomas Peifer

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BIBLE STUDY

Thursday, at 1:00 PM, and Deitrich Bonhoeffer at 2:00 PM.

BELLS / CHOIR

Bell choir Thursday **6:00 PM**, Vocal choir at **7:00 PM**

CAMP MOUNT LUTHER CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

We will be collecting donations during the **month of March** to go to the ongoing improvements taking place there. Please make checks payable to **St. John's** with "**Capital Campaign**" in the **memo**.

FUTURE GRADUATES

If anyone knows of any High School or College students graduating this year, please let Diane Young know, or email her at mdyoung4@yahoo.com

LENTEN SOUP/SANDWICH

First Lenten meal will be held at **St. John's today, March 9th at 6:00 PM**. We will be following a schedule with St. John's hosting March 9th, March 23rd, and April 6th. Faith United will host March 16th and March 30th. Sign up sheets are available on the table in the sanctuary.

WOMEN OF THE ELCA

The Women of the ELCA will hold their next meeting on **March 12th at 6:30 PM**.

GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP

The Grief Support group will meet on **Wednesday, March 19th at 7:00 PM**. Anyone who has experienced grief due to the recent or past death of a loved one is welcome to attend. This is an informal group whose purpose is to talk about any issues group members may be experiencing related to loss. Refreshments will be served.

COUNCIL MEETS

Our next Council Meeting will be on **Tuesday, March 18th at 7:00 PM.**

SENIOR LUNCHEON

Our next Senior Luncheon will take place on **Wednesday, March 19th** at Morris' Restaurant at **12:00 PM.** Please let Jan Peifer know by the Tuesday prior if you are planning on attending. She can be reached at 570-204-7531.

CHICKEN AND WAFFLES

Saturday, March 22nd from 4:00 PM to 6:30 PM. Sign up sheets on the table in the sanctuary.

GIRLS SCOUT FUNDRAISER

The Girl Scout Junior Troop will be holding a Soup and Sandwich Fundraiser. We will be selling Chilli, Chicken Corn Noodle Soup, and Vegetable Soup by the quart. Cost is \$9.00. In addition we will be taking orders for a Ham & Provolone cheese or a Turkey & American cheese on a kaiser roll. Cost is \$3.00. Deadline to order is **March 23rd. Pick up will be April 5th from 11:00 AM to 1:30 PM.**

THE DAY OF LEARNING

Day of Learning will be held on **April 26th.** The theme is Brushstrokes of Faith and Strength. You can find fliers on the back table which include more information. The cost is \$25.00 for the day.

ST. JOHN'S EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

First Sunday in Lent
Sunday, March 9, 2025
Eucharist: 9:00 AM

ST. JOHN'S CALENDAR

Monday, Mar 10, 2025

Office Hours

9:00 AM to 12:00 PM

Tuesday, Mar 11, 2025

Office Hours-Pastor in

9:00 AM to 12:00 PM

Shrove Tuesday

6:00 PM

Wednesday, Mar 12, 2025

Office Hours

9:00 AM to 12:00 PM

Thursday, Mar 13, 2025

Office Hours-Pastor in

9:00 AM to 12:00 PM

Bible Study/ Bonhoeffer

1:00 PM / 2:00 PM

Bells / Choir

6:00 PM / 7:00 PM

Friday Mar 14, 2025

Office closed

Saturday, Mar 15, 2025

Office closed

Sunday, Mar 16, 2025

Second Sunday in Lent

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Last Sunday Attendance : 36

Offering Amount Needed Weekly:

Current: \$1,557.00

Benevolence: \$122.00

New Building: \$333.00

Offering Amounts Received:

Current: \$ 1,788.00

Benevolence: \$210.00

New Building: \$335.00

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