

Welcome

"Celebration of Discipline: Service"
March 10, 2024



ST. JOHN'S
Lutheran Church
Grounded • Growing • Branching

Welcome to St. John's Lutheran Church

Good morning and a blessed welcome to you! It is an honor to have you worshiping with us this morning and we pray that you find great comfort and peace in Jesus' Word of love, mercy, and forgiveness!

At St. John's we are pleased to offer two styles of worship services on Sunday morning. In our 8:30 a.m. traditional service, we offer familiar hymns and rich, traditional worship forms in a meaningful and inspirational setting. Our 11:00 a.m. contemporary service includes the same message as our 8:30 a.m. service, but in an informal style, enhanced with contemporary music. We encourage you to try both worship styles! Thank you for worshiping with us; we would love to have you join us again!

(If you need assistance or need a hearing aid device, please see one of the ushers.)

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**FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT
SERVICE
MARCH 10, 2024
8:30 A.M.**

Our Vision: Grounded in Christ, Growing in Faith, Branching to Others

PRE-SERVICE MUSIC AND A TIME FOR PRAYER

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RINGING OF THE BELLS

WELCOME/GREETING OF ONE ANOTHER

Please take time to complete the appropriate side of the attendance registration cards. Once completed, pass the cards toward the center aisle. They will be collected during the offering.

OPENING SONG

In the Cross of Christ I Glory

LSB 427

INVOCATION

OPENING SENTENCES

L: God so loved the world,

C: **that He gave His only Son,**

L: that whoever believes in Him should not perish

C: **but have eternal life.**

L: Our Lenten journey leads us to the cross where Jesus gave His life,

C: **and then to the resurrection and eternal life.**

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

L: Though Christ has loved us with this genuine love that gives us eternal

life, we sometimes ignore His love and refuse to share Christ's love with others. Still, our heavenly Father is merciful, and He invites us to draw near to Him in hope and confidence to ask for His grace.

(Silence for reflection.)

L: Heavenly Father,

C: we have sinned against You and against our neighbors. We have not loved You with our whole heart. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We have not loved our enemies. Forgive us, renew our love, on account of Jesus. Amen.

L: Jesus Christ was lifted up on the tree of the cross so that we might be forgiven. His genuine love is for the world and is for you. As a called and ordained servant of Christ and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

SALUTATION

PRAYER OF THE DAY

LISTENING TO GOD SPEAK TO US THROUGH HIS WORD

New Testament

Philippians 2:1-11

¹So if there is any encouragement in Christ, any comfort from love, any participation in the Spirit, any affection and sympathy, ²complete my joy by being of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. ³Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility count others more significant than yourselves. ⁴Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others. ⁵Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, ⁶who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, ⁷but emptied himself, by taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. ⁸And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. ⁹Therefore God

has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name,¹⁰ so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth,¹¹ and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. (ESV)

L: This is the Word of our Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

HOLY GOSPEL

John 13:1-9, 12-17, 31-35

L: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the thirteenth chapter.

C: Glory to You, O Lord. (sung)

¹Now before the Feast of the Passover, when Jesus knew that his hour had come to depart out of this world to the Father, having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end. ²During supper, when the devil had already put it into the heart of Judas Iscariot, Simon's son, to betray him, ³Jesus, knowing that the Father had given all things into his hands, and that he had come from God and was going back to God, ⁴rose from supper. He laid aside his outer garments, and taking a towel, tied it around his waist. ⁵Then he poured water into a basin and began to wash the disciples' feet and to wipe them with the towel that was wrapped around him. ⁶He came to Simon Peter, who said to him, "Lord, do you wash my feet?" ⁷Jesus answered him, "What I am doing you do not understand now, but afterward you will understand." ⁸Peter said to him, "You shall never wash my feet." Jesus answered him, "If I do not wash you, you have no share with me." ⁹Simon Peter said to him, "Lord, not my feet only but also my hands and my head!" ¹²When he had washed their feet and put on his outer garments and resumed his place, he said to them, "Do you understand what I have done to you? ¹³You call me Teacher and Lord, and you are right, for so I am. ¹⁴If I then, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet. ¹⁵For I have given you an example, that you also should do just as I have done to you. ¹⁶Truly, truly, I say to you, a servant is not greater than his master, nor is a messenger greater than the one who sent him. ¹⁷If you know these things, blessed are you if you do them. ³¹When

he had gone out, Jesus said, "Now is the Son of Man glorified, and God is glorified in him. ³² If God is glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself, and glorify him at once. ³³ Little children, yet a little while I am with you. You will seek me, and just as I said to the Jews, so now I also say to you, 'Where I am going you cannot come.' ³⁴ A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another: just as I have loved you, you also are to love one another. ³⁵ By this all people will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another." (ESV)

L: This is the Gospel of our Lord.

C: Praise to You, O Christ. (sung)

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

DCE Malinda Standerfer

SERMON HYMN

O God, My Faithful God (Vv. 1-4)

LSB 696

SERMON

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Pastor Aaron Bird

APOSTLES' CREED

OFFERING

*Tithes and gifts may be placed in the collection plate or given at
www.stjohnsdecatour.com/giving*

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

The Leader will conclude every prayer with: "Lord, in Your mercy,"

People respond with: "hear our prayer."

LORD'S PRAYER

RECOGNITION OF BAPTISM BIRTHDAYS

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BENEDICTION

SENDING SONG

Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus

LSB 685

Last Week's Giving

Weekly Needed	\$12,403.85
General Fund	\$16,148.50
Online Giving.....	\$1,352.58
Total Giving	\$17,501.08

Last Week's Attendance

Traditional Service.	156
Contemporary Service.....	55
Total.....	211
Wednesday Morning Adult Bible Study	12

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OPENING SONGS

Battle Belongs

This Is Our God

WELCOME & GREETING

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION PRAYER

SHARING THE PEACE

OFFERING

SCRIPTURE READING

John 13:1-9, 12-17, 31-35

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BLESSING

SENDING SONG

This Is Amazing Grace

SUNDAY SERVANTS

Preacher	Pastor Aaron Bird
Worship Leader	Pastor Adam Ray
Reader	Cathi Tavarczyk
Lay Minister	8:30 – Steve Craycroft 11:00 – Mike Baggett
Organist	Sharon Cripe
Ushers	8:30 – Gary Schwartzle/Rick Laskowski 11:00 – Dan Zimmerman
Computer	8:30 – Mike Patzwitz 11:00 – Allison Cushing
Live Stream	11:00 – Matt Cushing
Camera	11:00 – Eric Brown
Sound	8:30 – Brendan Duewer 11:00 – Doug Hicks
Vocals	Lindsay Tipsword, Kelli Langston, Ted Hesse
Acoustic Guitar	Malinda Standerfer
Piano	Ted Hesse

OUR MISSION We are restored to God through the death and resurrection of Jesus. As a family of Christians, we are dedicated to the love and forgiveness of Christ as we reach out, preach and teach the truth of God’s Word to each other, our community and the world.

IN NEED OF PRAYER: If you would like to be added to the prayer list or the prayer chain, please contact the church office. Please call the prayer chain with an update of your prayer request.

IN THE MILITARY: Laura Byers, Bryon Chaney, Kimberly Chaney, Kristel Chaney, Travis Chaney, Dan Cheney, Tristin Comer, Randy Edwards, Caleb Goodson, Austin Highcock, Braden Highcock, Destiny Little, Noah Lung, Nathan Lung, Andrew Nailer, Jared Pinney, Caitlin Goodson, Tyler Salefski, Jacob Thornell

CONGREGATION NEWS

Outline for Sunday Lent Services: Celebration of Discipline Series:

Outward

Mar 3 - Simplicity Mar 10 - Service

Corporate

Mar 17 - Confession Mar 24 - Celebration

Lent Services on Wed., Mar. 13th at 6:00 p.m. Lenten meal will begin at 5:00 p.m. The LWML will be hosting the Lenten dinner and will be serving chicken tetrazzini. The proceeds will go to support the ministry of Deaconess Kim Bueltmann who is a missionary in Germany.

Voter's Meeting will be Sunday, March 17th at 9:45 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

Wednesday Adult Bible Study during the five weeks of Lent, Dan Harrison will be instructing on, On The Thoughts of A Christian's Prayer Life. This will be a two session study on "*Martin Luther's A Simple Way to Pray.*"

Breakfast: Sun., Mar. 24th, Palm Sunday, Hospitality will be serving pancakes and bacon in the fellowship hall, between services starting at 9:45 a.m. Easter Sunday we will have donuts and coffee in the lounge between services.

Holy Week Schedule

Mar. 24th | Palm Sunday | 8:30 - Traditional & 11:00- Contemporary Service
9:45 a.m. Palm Sunday Breakfast for everyone.

Mar. 28th| Maundy Thursday Service | 6:00 p.m. w/Communion

Mar. 29th | Good Friday Service | 6:00 p.m.

Mar. 31st | Easter Service | 8:30 a.m. Traditional Service w/Communion
9:45 a.m. Coffee & Donuts in the Lounge
11:00 a.m. Contemporary Service, w/Communion

Ladies Friendship Circle will be "Crafting for a Cause" on Tuesday, March 19. We will meet in the lounge at 1:00 to assemble lip balm butterflies for patients at the Cancer Care Center. If you can fold a piece of paper or apply

a dab of glue, you can do this! We also will have devotions, food, and time to visit. Please join us for this afternoon of Christian fellowship and service for our neighbors.

We need your voice! The choir is looking for more voices. Come to Choir rehearsal on Thursday's at 6:00 p.m. If you have any questions, please contact Ted Hesse.

Take Home Easter Breakfast: The youth will be making Egg Casseroles and Coffee Cakes for you to take home on Easter weekend. Order forms are on the back table and online. Deadline is Wednesday, March 27th. Don't miss out on these delicious dishes.

"Egg Your Yard" Youth Fundraiser! Youth will hide candy/treat filled eggs in your or a loved one's yard on Easter Eve. Great idea for anyone wanting to surprise someone special. Order forms available on the back table or online. Deadline is Wednesday, March 27th.

Easter Lily: Envelopes are available if you wish to purchase a lily for the altar. Please indicate whom you would like in Memory or Honor of. Cost is \$20.00 and deadline is Sunday, March 24th.

Communion Clean-Up: Altar Guild is looking for more volunteers to help clean up communion. This usually takes less than one hour. Please contact Jill Davis, LuAnne Westbrook, or the church office.

THANK YOU: I am very happy to report that I do not have cancer. Thanks and praise be to our God who answers prayer, and thanks to all of you that have been praying for me. – *Bruce Porter*

Unity Prayer Walk! Tuesday, March 19th at 6pm. Meet in the cafeteria. Use Post-It notes from the school or your own, to write down your favorite scriptures to share with the students.

REMINDER. If you are a Thrivent member and have not yet directed your choice dollars for 2023, the deadline is March 31st.

THIS WEEK AT ST. JOHN'S

SUNDAY, MARCH 10

8:30 A.M. Traditional Service
9:45 A.M. Education Hour
11:00 A.M. Contemporary Service

MONDAY, MARCH 11

6:30 P.M. Lay Ministry Meeting
6:30 P.M. Boy Scouts

TUESDAY, MARCH 12

10:00–11:00 A.M. DMH Grief Support Meeting
1:00 P.M. Staff Meeting
5:30 P.M. Outreach Meeting (FH)

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 13

10:00 A.M. Adult Bible Study (FH)
5:00 P.M. Lenten Meal Served (FH)
6:00 P.M. Lent Service
6:45 P.M. Bells Rehearsal

THURSDAY, MARCH 14

5:30 P.M. TOPS
6:00 P.M. Choir Rehearsal
7:00 P.M. Worship Practice

FRIDAY, MARCH 15

6:00 P.M. Boy Scouts

SATURDAY, MARCH 16

11 AM – 5 PM Fellowship Hall & Kitchen Reserved

SUNDAY, MARCH 17

8:30 A.M. Traditional Service
9:45 A.M. Voter's Meeting (FH)
11:00 A.M. Contemporary Service