

## Old Testament Reading: Genesis 22:1-14

<sup>1</sup>After these things God tested Abraham and said to him, "Abraham!" And he said, "Here am I." <sup>2</sup>He said, "Take your son, your only son Isaac, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah, and offer him there as a burnt offering on one of the mountains of which I shall tell you." <sup>3</sup>So Abraham rose early in the morning, saddled his donkey, and took two of his young men with him, and his son Isaac. And he cut the wood for the burnt offering and arose and went to the place of which God had told him. <sup>4</sup>On the third day, Abraham lifted up his eyes and saw the place from afar. <sup>5</sup>Then Abraham said to his young men, "Stay here with the donkey; I and the boy will go over there and worship and come again to you." <sup>6</sup>And Abraham took the wood of the burnt offering and laid it on Isaac his son. And he took in his hand the fire and the knife. So they went both of them together. <sup>7</sup>And Isaac said to his father Abraham, "My father!" And he said, "Here am I, my son." He said, "Behold, the fire and the wood, but where is the lamb for a burnt offering?" <sup>8</sup>Abraham said, "God will provide for himself the lamb for a burnt offering, my son." So they went both of them together.

<sup>9</sup>When they came to the place of which God had told him, Abraham built the altar there and laid the wood in order and bound Isaac his son and laid him on the altar, on top of the wood. <sup>10</sup>Then Abraham reached out his hand and took the knife to slaughter his son. <sup>11</sup>But the angel of the LORD called to him from heaven and said, "Abraham, Abraham!" And he said, "Here am I." <sup>12</sup>He said, "Do not lay your hand on the boy or do anything to him, for now I know that you fear God, seeing you have not withheld your son, your only son, from me." <sup>13</sup>And Abraham lifted up his eyes and looked, and behold, behind him was a ram, caught in a thicket by his horns. And Abraham went and took the ram and offered it up as a burnt offering instead of his son. <sup>14</sup>So Abraham called the name of that place, "The LORD will provide"; as it is said to this day, "On the mount of the LORD it shall be provided."

**GRADUAL** Ps. 143:9a, 10a; 18:48a, c  
Deliver me from my enemies, | O Lord!\*

Teach me to do your will, for you | are my God!  
[You] delivered me from my | enemies;\*  
you rescued me from the man of | violence.

## Epistle: Hebrews 9:11-15

<sup>11</sup>But when Christ appeared as a high priest of the good things that have come, then through the greater and more perfect tent (not made with hands, that is, not of this creation) <sup>12</sup>he entered once for all into the holy places, not by means of the blood of goats and calves but by means of his own blood, thus securing an eternal redemption. <sup>13</sup>For if the sprinkling of defiled persons with the blood of goats and bulls and with the ashes of a heifer sanctifies for the purification of the flesh, <sup>14</sup>how much more will the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself without blemish to God, purify our conscience from dead works to serve the living God.

<sup>15</sup>Therefore he is the mediator of a new covenant, so that those who are called may receive the promised eternal inheritance, since a death has occurred that redeems them from the transgressions committed under the first covenant.

## Holy Gospel: John 8:42-45

<sup>42</sup>Jesus said to them, "If God were your Father, you would love me, for I came from God and I am here. I came not of my own accord, but he sent me. <sup>43</sup>Why do you not understand what I say? It is because you cannot bear to hear my word. <sup>44</sup>You are of your father the devil, and your will is to do your father's desires. He was a murderer from the beginning, and does not stand in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he lies, he speaks out of his own character, for he is a liar and the father of lies. <sup>45</sup>But because I tell the truth, you do not believe me.

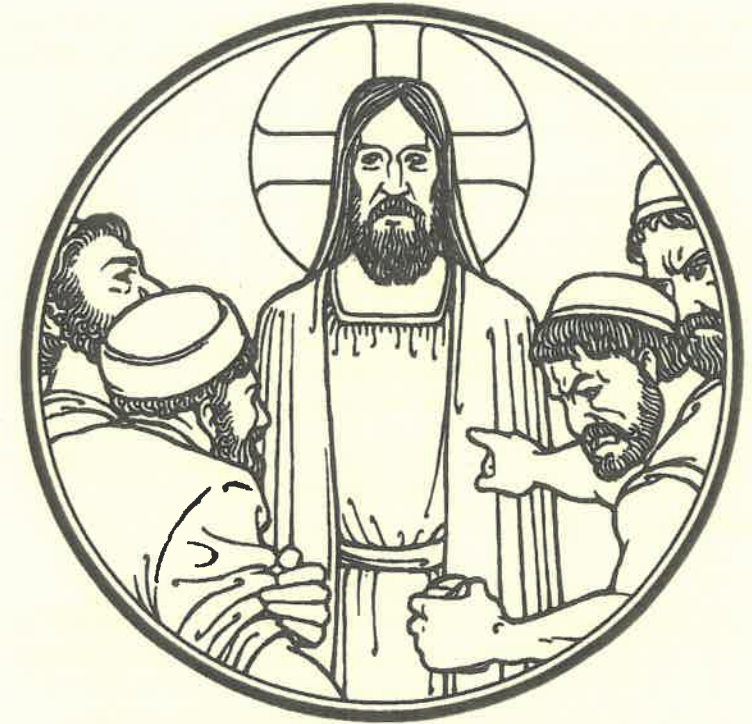
## DAILY READINGS

**March 18:** Ex. 1:1-22; Mark 14:12-31; **19:** Ex. 2:1-22; Mark 14:32-52; **20:** Ex. 2:23-3:22; Mark 14:53-72; **21:** Ex. 4:1-18; Mark 15:1-15; **22:** Ex. 4:19-31; Mark 15:16-32; **23:** Ex. 5:1-6:1; Mark 15:33-47; **24:** Ex. 7:1-25; Mark 16:1-20.

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† Judica – The Fifth Sunday in Lent †  
March 18, 2018

**TRACT:** (Ps. 129:1-4)

“Greatly have they afflicted me | from my youth”--\*  
let Israel | now say--  
“Greatly have they afflicted me | from my youth,\*  
yet they have not prevailed a- | gainst me.  
The plowers plowed up- | on my back;\*  
they made long their | furrows.”  
The Lord is | righteous;\*  
he has cut the cords of the | wicked.

**PRAYER:** Heavenly Father, You vindicated Your Son by raising Him from the dead. Keep Your Church firm in the faith until that day when we are raised from the dead, and so vindicate our faith before our enemies. Amen.

**Sermon:** “Jesus the Vindicated – Jesus the Vindicator” (John 8:42-59)

**Preacher:** Pr. Matthew Moss  
**Liturgist:** Pr. Matthew Johnson  
**Kantor:** Dr. Crystal Rossow

**Prelude:** Glory Be to Jesus (Charles W. Ore; Robert A. Hobby)  
**Hymn Setting:** My Song Is Love Unknown (Michael Burkhardt)  
**Offering:** 8:00am~ Oh, the Height of Jesus’ Love (Benjamin M. Culli)  
10:30am~ In Silent Pain the Eternal Son (Kristina Langlois)  
**Postlude:** Before the Throne of God Above (Paul D. Weber)

**Altar Guild:** Julie Mazurowski & Brenna Koehler  
**Cellist:** Ben Mildenerger  
**Worship Assistants:** 8:00 am: Greg Christopher  
10:30 am: Todd Haag  
**Acolytes:** 8:00 am: Noelle Dolan & Alexis Brockberg  
10:30 am: Maddy Gangelhoff & Jake Gangelhoff  
**Ushers:** 8:00 am: Dana Christophersen, Thomas Gardner,  
Ray Kaiser, Don Kalk, Davey Kulberg  
10:30 am: Mike DeSplinter, Russ Reznecheck,  
Craig Schutte  
**Money Counters:** Duane Abraham, Jon Bode,  
Scott Kulberg, Mark Radintz

**THIS WEEK:** The congregations in our circuit are praying for Peace Lutheran, Robbinsdale, and Pastor Steven Mayo Jones.

**PRAYING FOR OUR CHURCH & SCHOOL:** This week we pray for our Tech Board Deacon Tom Gardner & the Tech Board Members, and also for our Fifth Grade Teacher Kendra Gilmore.

**SCHEDULE FOR THE LORD’S SUPPER:** At the Reformation the Lutheran Churches celebrated the Lord’s Supper “every Sunday and on other festivals” (Apology XXIV, 1). We follow this fine custom and so offer the Lord’s Supper every Sunday at both morning Divine Services. Individual glasses are used in the 8:00 a.m. Divine Service on the first Sunday in the month and in the 10:30 a.m. Divine Service on the second Sunday in the month. All other celebrations use the chalice.

**TWO LARGE PRINT LSB HYMNALS NOW AVAILABLE:** (4 NOTE-BOOKS) Please ask the ushers about the notebooks that are now available for those who have difficulties with small print hymns.

**PARENTS:** We’re happy you’ve brought your children to worship today. Jesus says, “The kingdom of God belongs to such as these.” If you must leave during the service for any reason, please be aware that there are also exits at the front of the sanctuary to the left and right; that you will be able to hear the service over loudspeakers in the entrance area and in the upper room to the left of the sanctuary; and that there is a changing table in the restroom near the elevator.

**THE DIVINE SERVICE** The Divine Service is the time when God serves His people with His forgiving grace in Word and Sacrament. It is not a time to be entertained. To show she is not a sect or cult the Lutheran Church retained the historic liturgy as much as was possible. The liturgical service makes no attempt to meet current cultural norms or personal needs but is the time when God comes in Word and Sacrament to meet our deepest spiritual needs. The Lutheran Church uses an ordered liturgy so that God’s holy “priesthood” can participate and “declare the praises of Him who called us out of darkness into His marvelous light” (1 Peter 2:9). The Augsburg Confession concludes, “It is quite clear that among us nothing in doctrine or ceremonies has been accepted that would contradict either Holy Scripture or the universal Christian Church (AC, Conclusion).

**INTROIT** Ps. 43:3-5; antiphon: Ps. 43:1-2a

Vindicate me, | O God,\*  
and defend my cause against an ungodly | people,  
from the deceitful and unjust man de- | liver me!\*  
For you are the God in whom I take | refuge.  
Send out your light and your truth; let them | lead me;\*  
let them bring me to your holy hill and to your | dwelling!  
Then I will go to the altar of God, to God my ex- | ceeding joy,\*  
and I will praise you with the lyre, O | God, my God.  
Why are you cast down, O my soul, and why are you in turmoil with- | in me?\*

Hope in God; for I shall again praise him, my salvation | and my God.  
Vindicate me, | O God,\*  
and defend my cause against an ungodly | people,  
from the deceitful and unjust man de- | liver me!\*  
For you are the God in whom I take | refuge.

**COLLECT OF THE DAY**

Almighty God, by Your great goodness mercifully look upon Your people that we may be governed and preserved evermore in body and soul; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

† The Fifth Sunday in Lent †

- Since the Lord’s Supper is testimony of our unity in the faith, the Sacrament is reserved for members in good standing of congregations of the Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod.
- Visitors from sister LCMS congregations who agree with our doctrine and practice should announce your desire to commune to a pastor before joining us at the Lord’s Table.
- Members may prepare by reading Luther’s “Questions & Answers for those who intend to go to the Sacrament” (LSB 329-330).

**OPENING HYMN:** LSB 432

**CONFESSION:** LSB 151

**INTROIT:** (bulletin)

**KYRIE:** LSB 152

**SALUTATION:**

P: The Lord be with you

C: And also with you

**COLLECT:** bulletin

**SCRIPTURE READINGS**

Gradual: bulletin

Responses: LSB 156

**CATECHISM:** LSB 326-327

**HYMN OF THE DAY:** LSB 430

Choir vs. 1&6; organ v. 2;  
men v. 4; women v. 5

**SERMON**

**CREED:** LSB 158

**INSTALLATION** of Officers

**PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

**THE OFFERING**

**OFFERTORY:** LSB 159

**COMMUNION LIT:** LSB 160ff

**DIST HYMNS:** LSB 529, LSB 574

**CLSG CANTICLE:** LSB 165

(“Nunc Dimittis”)

**CLOSING HYMN:** LSB 433

**BIRTHDAYS THE WEEK OF  
March 18 - March 24**

SUNDAY	THURSDAY
Brendon Priebe Russell Reznecheck	Tina Gapen
MONDAY	FRIDAY
LaVerne Bagne Avery Benincasa Jason Brastad Leslie Jackson	Lori Kaiser
TUESDAY	SATURDAY
Kimberly Franklin David Kliche Phillip Kothrade Courtney Oakland	Tamara Horning
WEDNESDAY	

If you notice an update is needed, kindly advise the church secretary to make sure we have the correct information to publish.

**Jr./Sr. High Youth**

**GET CONNECTED:** Are you in 6th-12th grade? Are you a parent of a youth in 6th-12th grade? If you answered yes to either of those questions, then I want to hear from you! We have many youth group events throughout the year and I want to make sure YOU know about them. Please email me (Jayme Kruse) so that I can put you on the email list and keep you informed throughout the year! - jayme.kruse@gmail.com Also, be sure to request to join the "St. John's Youth Group" private group on FB!

**EASTER BREAKFAST:** We will prep for the Easter Breakfast on Saturday, March 31. Please meet in the STJL kitchen at 10:00 am. Then, on Easter Sunday (April 1), we will serve breakfast from 7:00 am - 10:00 am. We will need youth to arrive at the STJL kitchen at 6:30 am that day and stay past 10:00 am to help clean up. Be sure to mark this on your calendar!

**BIBLE CLASS TOPICS 3/18** How is Christianity different in Africa and South America? Come and hear experiences of two guest speakers.

**3/25** Guest speaker! The topic is Islam. How did Islam start? Who started it? How does this religion fit in with Christianity today? How do we respond to Muslims?

**Please lock all doors before leaving this building.  
If you unlock to enter, please lock as you leave!**

**BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS:** Items received by the end of the day on Wednesday will be included in the Sunday bulletin. If there is an accompanying flyer or insert, kindly provide the information by the Monday before to allow processing time to accommodate your request. Thank you! email: secretary2@stjlutheran.org

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March 18, 2018**

**SPECIAL FEAST DAYS THIS WEEK:** *St. Joseph- Mar. 19 (2 Sam. 7:4-16; Rom. 4:13-18; Matt. 2:13-15, 19-23), The Annunciation of Our Lord- Mar. 25 (Is. 7:10-14; Heb. 10:4-10; Luke 1:26-38)*

**REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:**

**Members who are sick and in need of healing and comfort**— Rick Bymark (wife Jackie, son Hank), Lynn Slauson, Bill Radintz (son of Paul & Diane), Bill Wacker, Dorothy Schutte, Pam Linton (daughter of LaVerne & Arlene Bagne), Doris Gangelhoff, Katie Titler (daughter of Joe & Cilla Nadeau), Troy Eder, and Vivian Kuns. Our Lord Jesus, who reached out to heal and comfort the sick and dying, continues to reach out with His healing Word through us. Cards, phone calls, and prayers are always appreciated. If you know of someone who is sick or hospitalized, please inform your pastors.

**Our homebound members** are Linda Bredenberg, Dorothy Cooper, Sue Erickson, Audrey Hansen, Marlys Johnson, Inez Koehler, Steve Orbin, Gerald Oswald, Mark Pruhs, Amy Schalo, Betty Schmiege, Ilene Shepherd, and Bill Wacker.

**All those serving in our Armed Forces**—Agena Christophersen (Oklahoma), Nicholas Malikowski (California), Kevin Mazurowski (Idaho), Nathan Mazurowski (Texas), Brian and Veronica Pruhs (Hawaii), Joseph Radintz (home), Marty Schiltz (home), and Andrew Zupfer (home).

**Those who have lost loved ones during the past year**—Lori Kaiser & family (at the loss of her father Raymond Kinzler), Ed Kemna & family (at the loss of his brother Ted), the family of Marcella Faue, the family of Elaine Underdahl, Katy Briel & family and Erik Preus & family (at the loss of their mother Donna Preus), Dan Kolander & family (at the loss of his father Donald), Marv Cummins & family (at the loss of his brother Larry), Gloria Burns & family (at the loss of her mother LaVonne Richert), the family of Caroline Christophersen, Mark Coombs & family (at the loss of his father Paul), Karen MacMillan & family (at the loss of her mother Yvonne Johnson), Scott Gehl & family (at the loss of his father William), and the family of Alex Hansen.

**And we remember those who have recently lost loved ones**—The family of William Dodds, and the family of Caroline Lucht.

**THE SERVICE OF INDIVIDUAL CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION** is available the first Thursday of every month in the sanctuary from 6:30 until 7:00 pm or by appointment. Take advantage of this opportunity to hear God's Word of forgiveness spoken to you individually in Jesus' Name. "If we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness." (1 John 1:9)

**EACH QUARTER: FIVE COPIES OF LARGE PRINT PORTALS OF PRAYER** will be available to share with those who need this magazine in larger print.

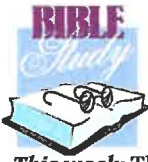
**"LUTHERAN HOUR"** this week on WCCO 830 AM at 6:00 a.m., WWJO 98.1 FM at 7:30 a.m., and KRWC AM Buffalo at 9:30 a.m.

**SCHEDULING CHURCH AND SCHOOL EVENTS AT ST. JOHN'S:**

Please remember to check with the church/school secretary about scheduling any event; all church and school events need to be coordinated through this main calendar. Thank you! email: secretary@stjlutheran.org

† Announcements †

**THE SUNDAYS OF LENT:** Historically, the Sundays of Lent received their Latin names from the antiphon verse of the Introit Psalm- what would have been the first words of the service prior to the innovation of the “opening hymn” and the placement of Confession & Absolution at the start of the Divine Service. The antiphon of the introit also sets the “Theme” for the day, often uniting the Scripture lessons, collect, and sermon. The Fifth Sunday in Lent is called Judica (“Vindicate Me...”) and reminds us that Jesus was constantly rejected and slandered in His ministry, but God vindicated our Lord through His death and Resurrection. The Church too, while slandered in this world, will be vindicated on the Last Day when we are raised from the dead.



**SUNDAY BIBLE STUDY WITH PASTOR MOSS:** In our study of the Book of Exodus, we have reached a heightened *drama!* God is about to show His mighty wonders and signs. The Ten Plagues on Egypt are about to ensue! Pharaoh will repeatedly repent, but without faith God’s merciful removal of each successive plague only serves to harden Pharaoh’s heart.

**This week:** The Exodus (Exodus 13)

**Next week:** The Red Sea Baptism into Moses (Exodus 14)

**Video Recordings** Available at: <http://tinyurl.com/lutheranbiblestudy>

**TUESDAY BIBLE STUDY:** Pastor Moss is taking the class through the *Book of Hebrews*. We meet Tuesdays at 9am in the Auxiliary Room. You can also watch live online using Facebook Live; just go to St. John’s Facebook page. Join us as we study this beautiful epistle which will enlighten our hearts and confirm our faith in Jesus Christ the Great High Priest.

**DURING LENT** the Wednesday evening schedule will have an earlier start (February 14-March 21<sup>st</sup>): Public School Catechism 5:30pm, Brass Practice 6pm, and Choir Practice at 6pm.

**LENT MID-WEEK SERVICES:** St. John’s will have Matins Service at 1pm and Vespers Service at 7pm on Wednesdays during lent ~ the last of the season are this week.

**LENTEN LUNCH:** Come for lunch before the last Lent Mid-Day Service this week. Have a meal and enjoy Christian fellowship before service begins. Cost: \$5(cash or check); meal served promptly at noon ~ immediately after the school children have finished lunch. **Make your reservation by 9am Wednesday, March 21<sup>st</sup> by calling the office 763-420-2426.** 3/21 menu: Macaroni & Cheese, Turkey Slice, Vegetable & Fruit Choices, Beverage

**LENTEN SUPPER:** Please plan on attending this week for our last mid-week Lenten Supper, Wednesday March 21<sup>st</sup> to raise funds for our 8th grade Washington DC trip. Pick “2” for \$5.00; or all “3” for \$8.00 Soup/Salad/Sandwich (also included: water ,coffee, lemonade, dessert). The option of Creamy Wild Rice Soup and Turkey Sandwich or a second choice will be available. Supper will be served from 5:15-6:45pm – no reservation required. Hope you can come join us!



**THANK YOU** to Pastor Moss and Pastor Johnson for all their prayers and visits and to the congregation for their prayers at the loss of our son, Randy. ~JoAnn & Elwyn Manthei

This Week at St. John’s Lutheran

<b>TODAY</b>	8:00 am:	Divine Service (Boards installed both svcs)*
	9:15 am:	Sunday School
	9:30 am:	Bible Study
	10:30 am:	Divine Service with Lord’s Supper *
	4:00 pm:	Adult Open Gym
<b>MON:</b>		
<b>TUES:</b>		First Day of Spring
	9:00 am:	Adult Bible Study (Conference Rm)
	6:00 pm:	Adult Catechism (Aux Rm)
	7:00 pm:	Board Meetings
<b>WED:</b>	12:00 pm:	Lenten Lunch served promptly at noon
	1:00 pm:	Chapel; Lent Mid-week Matins Service
	5:15 pm:	Lenten Supper~ served until 6:45
	5:30 pm:	Public School Catechism
	6:00 pm:	Brass Practice & Choir Practice
	7:00 pm:	Lent Mid-week Vespers Service
<b>THUR:</b>	7:15 pm:	Table Tennis
<b>FRI:</b>		No Chapel
<b>SAT:</b>		
<b>SUN:</b>	8:00 am:	Divine Service with Lord’s Supper
	9:15 am:	Sunday School (children sing both services)
	9:30 am:	Bible Study
	10:30 am:	Divine Service with Lord’s Supper
	4:00 pm:	Adult Open Gym



**THE ADMINISTRATOR CALL COMMITTEE** has narrowed our candidate list down to Andrew Strickland (Prior Lake, MN), Kevin Meyer (Wykoff, MN), and Jonathan Fraker (Walburg, TX). If you have any specific comments or concerns with these candidates, feel free to contact David Huth at 763-242-7103 or david.huth@bsci.com.

**CONFIRMATION BANQUET MEETING:** Parents of 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Confirmands, please mark your calendar for our organizational meeting, this Wednesday, March 21<sup>st</sup> at 5:30pm in Fellowship Hall. We will plan the banquet 7<sup>th</sup> Grade hosts on May 3<sup>rd</sup>. Contact Ruth Kulberg with questions 763-226-1893.

**SUNDAY SCHOOL CHILDREN WILL SING** on Palm Sunday at BOTH services. Please have your child to the music room by 7:45am for the 8am service and 10:15am for the 10:30am service. There WILL also be Sunday School this day. Your child(ren) will process into church with Palm branches and then sit in the choir loft to sing.

PRE-K parents: Your child will process with all Sunday School children into church and sit with us in the choir loft until we sing, after we sing your child(ren) will come sit with you. It may help if you come to the choir loft to get your child(ren).

**Those Serving This Week, Lent Mid-week Wednesday, March 21<sup>st</sup>:**

Worship Assistants: 7:00 pm: Tom Eversman  
 Acolytes: 1:00 pm: school students  
 7:00 pm: Benjamin Kiesow

**Those Serving Next Week, Palm Sunday, March 25<sup>th</sup>:**

Altar Guild: Julie Mazurowski & Brenna Koehler  
 Worship Assistants: 8:00 am: Jerry Rogge  
 10:30 am: Jack Wold  
 Processional: 8:00 am: Crucifer~ Abby Weinhandl  
 Torchbearer~ Garrett Kothrade  
 Torchbearer~ Kelsey Latterell  
 10:30 am: Crucifer~ William Schutte  
 Torchbearer~ Jack Wicklund  
 Torchbearer~ Luke Walton  
 Acolytes: 8:00 am: Isaac Vogt & Sam Vogt  
 10:30 am: Jack Stoffels & Reece Fish  
 Ushers: 8:00 am: Dana Christophersen, Thomas Gardner,  
 Ray Kaiser, Don Kalk, Davey Kulberg  
 10:30 am: Mike DeSplinter, Russ Reznecheck,  
 Craig Schutte  
 Money Counters: Scott Brockberg, Mike McFerrin,  
 Courtney Oakland, Deb Weinand

**Serving Next Week, Holy Week, Mon March 26<sup>th</sup>-Wed March 28<sup>th</sup> (7:00 pm)**

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
Worship Assistants:	Dan Kolander	Dean Noren	John Radintz

**Serving Next Week, Thursday, March 29<sup>th</sup> (Maundy Thursday):**

Worship Assistants:	7:00 pm: Joe Koehler
Acolytes:	7:00 pm: Bradley Kruse

**Serving Next Week, Friday, March 30<sup>th</sup> (Good Friday):**

Worship Assistants:	12:30 pm: Ed Kemna	7:00 pm: Dan Holtus
Acolytes:	12:30 pm: Matthew Koosman & Zachary Kappel	
	7:00 pm: Naomi Schilling & William Schutte	

**Serving Next Week, Saturday, March 31<sup>st</sup> (Easter Vigil):**

Worship Assistants:	7:00 pm: Barron Cate
Acolytes:	7:00 pm: Miranda Blanck & Nate Miest

**CROSS...FOOD NEEDS:** Each month CROSS collects food items to be donated to the needy. Items desired from STJL during the month of **MARCH** are: Condiments (Ketchup, Mustard, Mayo, Etc.) and Laundry Detergent (16oz or smaller). Thank you for helping when you can; your contributions placed in the narthex area are greatly appreciated.



**GALA COMMITTEE:** Looking for additional Gala Committee Members from STJ Church & School to join our planning team for the 2018 Gala on 11/9/18 at Rush Creek Golf Club. We meet the first Tuesday of the month. Don't hesitate to contact Liz Glock with any questions about the Committee or the Gala! Please call or email if interested, we'd love for you to join our fun Committee! Liz Glock 612-247-4794, lizzystu@aol.com

**CHURCH DIRECTORY PHOTOS:** Lifetouch photographers will be at St. John's taking photos for the Church Directory. They will be here April 3<sup>rd</sup> - 7<sup>th</sup>, and then again April 11<sup>th</sup> - 14<sup>th</sup>. Please sign up in the narthex on Sunday mornings after each of the services, or go to the St. John's website (<http://www.stjlutheranchurch.org>) and look for the sign-up picture on the front page to schedule your session.



**EASTER LILIES:** The Altar Guild is providing an opportunity for congregation members of St. John's to purchase a beautiful Easter lily. The lily will be used to decorate the Church on Easter Sunday. It can then be picked-up after the last service and enjoyed by you at your home. Order forms have been placed in the mailboxes in the narthex, and extra forms are also available. The deadline for ordering an Easter lily is Sunday, March 25<sup>th</sup>.

**EASTER BREAKFAST:** will once again be served by the St. John's Youth Group from 7:00 - 10:00 AM on Easter morning. How can you help, you ask?? You can help by donating food for the breakfast!! A sign-up sheet is located in the narthex. As always, we appreciate any donations you are able to give. Thanks for supporting our Youth!

**SUNDAY SCHOOL:** We are looking for teachers for the final Sunday School term starting 4/8/18 thru 5/20/18. Please consider giving a little of your time and sharing your faith with the children. All materials and tools are provided. We need your help to make this year a success. Please contact Tara Eder 763-203-4095 or email [tara.eder@gmail.com](mailto:tara.eder@gmail.com)

**EAGLE FAMILY FUNDAY SAT, APRIL 28<sup>TH</sup>:** Many donations are needed to make this annual school fundraiser a success, and we need your help! You may donate gift baskets, items, services and talents for the silent auction. Simply fill out the online form [www.stjlutherschool.org](http://www.stjlutherschool.org), click on Giving, Eagle Family FUNDAY. Or contact Lori Kiesow.

<b>ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK</b>	
Sunday, March 11 <sup>th</sup> :	8:00 am: CT: 133 CM: 108 10:30 am: CT: 169 CM: 117
Wednesday, March 14 <sup>th</sup> :	1:00 pm: CT: CM: 7:00 pm: CT: 76 CM:



**FINANCIAL UPDATE**

	Last Week 03/11/18	Year-to-date since 07/01/17
Offerings Received	\$ 12,895	\$ 513,931
Amount Needed	\$ 13,635	\$ 504,495
Amount Ahead (Behind)	\$ (740)	\$ 9,436
% Ahead (-Behind)	-5%	2%



Please contact BOA Deacon Mike Gaffer, BOA Deacon Tom Eversman, or Church Treasurer Chad Brown if you have any questions on St. John's financial condition.