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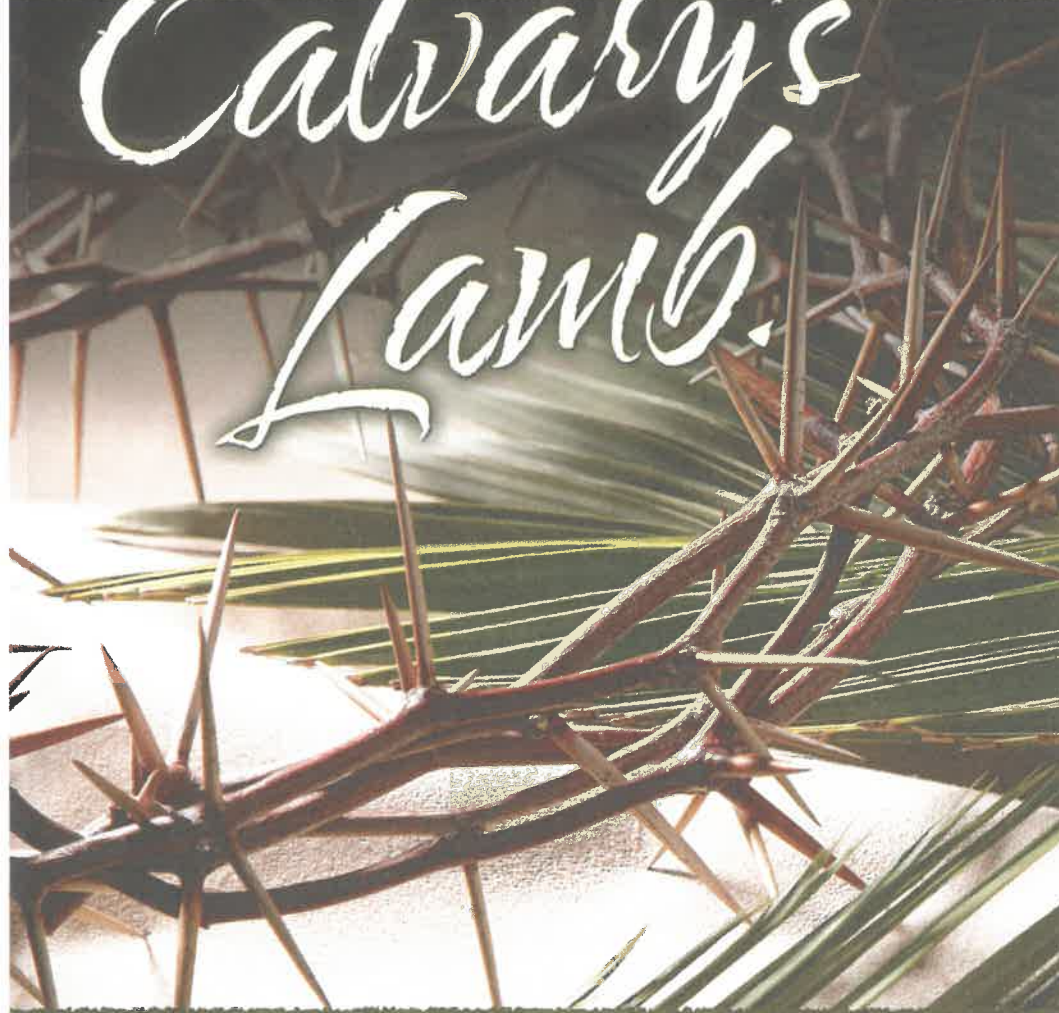
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Only Christ could ransom us,
only He was worthy to repay
the debt He never owed—
alone on the altar...

Calvary's Lamb.



*For there is one God and one mediator between God and mankind,
the man Christ Jesus, who gave himself as a ransom for all people.*

1 TIMOTHY 2:5-6 (NIV)

† Palm Sunday – Sunday of the Passion †

March 25, 2018

TRACT:

(Ps. 22:1, 4-5)

My God, my God, why have you for- | saken me?*

Why are you so far from saving me, from the words of my | groaning?

In you our fathers | trusted;*

they trusted, and you de- | livered them.

To you they cried and were | rescued;*

In you they trusted and were not | put to shame.

PRAYER: O Lord, open my lips that my mouth may declare Your praise in repentant faith, and tune my heart, mind, and soul that I might love You with all my life and my song. Amen.

Sermon: "Sing My Tongue" (John 12:12-13; Matthew 27:45-46)

Preacher: Pr. Matthew Johnson

Liturgist: Pr. Matthew Moss

Kantor: Dr. Crystal Rossow

Prelude: Processional (William Matthias)

Anthem: Hosanna, Loud Hosanna (LSB 443)

Offering: Hosanna, Loud Hosanna (Allan Mahnke)

Postlude: O Dearest Jesus (Johannes Brahms)

Altar Guild: Julie Mazurowski & Brenna Koehler

Choir: St. John's Sunday School Children

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: Sam Say

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

THIS WEEK: The congregations in our circuit are praying for Redeemer Lutheran, Robbinsdale, and Vacancy Pastor Bruce Laabs.

PRAYING FOR OUR CHURCH & SCHOOL: This week we pray for BOE Deacons Dave Huth & Stu Glock and the Board Members, and also for our Sixth Grade Teacher Kyle Peterman.

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).*

NOTE: Our celebration of the Lord's Supper is reserved for members in good standing in congregations of the LCMS. Guests who are members of sister LCMS congregations whom our pastors do not know should announce your desire to commune to one of the pastors before joining us at the Lord's Table.

Palm Procession: John 12:12-19

¹² The next day the large crowd that had come to the feast heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem. ¹³ So they took branches of palm trees and went out to meet him, crying out, "Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord, even the King of Israel!" ¹⁴ And Jesus found a young donkey and sat on it, just as it is written,

¹⁵ "Fear not, daughter of Zion;
behold, your king is coming,
sitting on a donkey's colt!"

¹⁶ His disciples did not understand these things at first, but when Jesus was glorified, then they remembered that these things had been written about him and had been done to him. ¹⁷ The crowd that had been with him when he called Lazarus out of the tomb and raised him from the dead continued to bear witness. ¹⁸ The reason why the crowd went to meet him was that they heard he had done this sign. ¹⁹ So the Pharisees said to one another, "You see that you are gaining nothing. Look, the world has gone after him."

INTROIT Ps. 22:1, 7-8, 11; antiphon: Ps. 22:19, 21

But you, O Lord, do not be | far off!*

O you my help, come quickly | to my aid!

Save me from the mouth of the | lion!*

You have rescued me from the horns of the wild | oxen!

My God, my God, why have you for- | saken me?*

Why are you so far from saving me, from the words of my | groaning?

All who see me | mock me;*

they make mouths at me; they | wag their heads;

“He trusts in the Lord; let him de- | liver him;*

let him rescue him, for he de- | lights in him!”

Be not far from me, for trouble | is near,*

and there is | none to help.

But you, O Lord, do not be | far off!*

O you my help, come quickly | to my aid!

Save me from the mouth of the | lion!*

You have rescued me from the horns of the wild | oxen!

COLLECT OF THE DAY

Almighty and everlasting God, You sent Your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ, to take upon Himself our flesh and to suffer death upon the cross. Mercifully grant that we may follow the example of His great humility and patience and be made partakers of His resurrection; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Old Testament Reading: Zechariah 9:9-12

⁹Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion!
Shout aloud, O daughter of Jerusalem!
behold, your king is coming to you;
righteous and having salvation is he,
humble and mounted on a donkey,
on a colt, the foal of a donkey.

¹⁰I will cut off the chariot from Ephraim
and the war horse from Jerusalem;
and the battle bow shall be cut off,
and he shall speak peace to the nations;
his rule shall be from sea to sea,
and from the River to the ends of the earth.

¹¹As for you also, because of the blood of my
covenant with you,

¹²I will set your prisoners free from the waterless pit.
Return to your stronghold, O prisoners of hope;
today I declare that I will restore to you double.

GRADUAL Ps. 73:23b-24, 1

You hold my | right hand.*

You guide me with your counsel, and afterward you
will receive me to | glory.

Truly God is good to | Israel,*

to those who are | pure in heart.

Epistle: Philippians 2:5-11

⁵Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Je-
sus, ⁶who, though he was in the form of God, did not count
equality with God a thing to be grasped, ⁷but made himself
nothing, 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, ¹⁰so that at the name of
Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under
the earth, ¹¹and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.

Holy Gospel: Matthew 26:31—Matthew 27:66

DAILY READINGS

March 25: Ex. 8:1-32; Heb. 1:1-14; **26:** Ex. 9:1-28; Heb. 2:1-18; **27:**
Ex. 9:29-10:20; Heb. 3:1-19; **28:** Ex. 10:21-11:10; Heb. 4:1-16; **29:**
Ex. 12:1-28; Heb. 5:1-14; **30:** Ex. 12:29-32; 13:1-16; Heb. 6:1-20;
31: Ex. 13:17-14:9; Heb. 7:1-22.

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† Palm Sunday †

The Sunday of the Passion

OPENING VERSICLES:

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus ... be with
you all.

C: Amen.

P: Blessed is He who comes in the name of
the Lord.

C: Hosanna to the Son of David.

Following the gospel reading:

P: *This is the Gospel of the Lord.*

C: Praise to You, O Christ.

P: Let us go forth in peace,

C: in the name of the Lord.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN: LSB 442

(repeat versicle after hymn)

COLLECT: bulletin

ANTHEM

CATECHISM: LSB 326-327 *(Lord's Supper)*

EPISTLE: bulletin

HYMN: LSB 440:1

PASSION ACC. TO ST. MATT:

Matt 26:31-46 *Gethsemane*

Hymn: LSB 436:1

Matt 26:47-68 *Jesus before Caiaphas*

Hymn: LSB 532, vss. 1, 2, 6

Matt 26:69-75 *Peter Denies Jesus*

Hymn: LSB 423:1

Matt 27:1-26 *Jesus before Pilate*

Hymn: LSB 430:3 & 5

Matt 27:27-44 *Jesus is Crucified*

Hymn: LSB 439:1-3

Matt 27:45-56 *The Death of Jesus*

Hymn: LSB 451:1 & 3

Matt 27:57-66 *The Burial of Jesus*

Hymn: LSB 448:1, 2, 7

MEDITATION

CREED: LSB 322 *(2nd Article)*

THE PRAYERS

THE OFFERINGS

SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT: LSB 194

LORD'S PRAYER

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

AGNUS DEI: LSB 198

DIST HYMNS: LSB 441; LSB 438

CLSG PRAYER & BENEDICTION

CLOSING HYMN: LSB 454

**BIRTHDAYS THE WEEK OF
March 25 – March 31**

SUNDAY	THURSDAY
Susan Rainey	Joseph Baldwin Eileen Ballou Nicole Brastad
MONDAY	FRIDAY
Audrey Bahr	Gavin Blanck Ryan Zinken
TUESDAY	SATURDAY
Carrie Mock Paige Pomeranke	James Day Sr. Darla Priebe Leilla Wacker
WEDNESDAY	
Jada Clifford Carson Dufault Matthew Johnson Beckett Theis	

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

Ir./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 THIS 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 3/25 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?

4/1 Easter Sunday- No Bible Class today

**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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SPECIAL FEAST DAYS THIS WEEK: see *What is "Holy" Week announcement*

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, 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 Schmiede, 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, the family of Caroline Lucht, and the family of Dorothy Schutte.

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 †

WHAT IS "HOLY" WEEK: Holy Week begins today. Martin Luther wrote in the Large Catechism (3rd Commandment), "God's Word is the true 'holy thing' above all holy things...God's Word is the treasure that sanctifies everything." This week the Church takes more time and provides more opportunities to be sanctified in God's Word than any other week of the year. Please join us for:

Devotional services Monday-Wednesday at 7pm.

Maundy Thursday service at 7pm

Good Friday Adoration of the Cross at 12:30pm

Good Friday Tenebrae Vespers at 7pm

Holy Saturday (Vigil) at 7pm

The Feast of Our Lord's Resurrection 6am (Sunrise), 8 & 10:30

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 Lord's Supper Is Not a Passover (Ex. 12)

Next week: Easter Breakfast

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.

SUNDAY SCHOOL CHILDREN WILL SING ~TODAY~ 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 today. 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).

EASTER LILIES: The Altar Guild is providing an opportunity for congregation members to purchase an Easter Lily to decorate the Church on Easter Sunday. It can then be picked-up after the last service and enjoyed by you at your home. Please complete and return the order form if you wish to purchase an Easter lily. **TODAY** is the deadline.

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!

IN APPRECIATION: The Deacons and Pastors would like to express our heartfelt thanks to the Lindblad family for hosting the Deacon retreat. We sure enjoyed your amazing hospitality and delicious breakfast and being able to spend a few hours discussing various topics and an excellent bible study.



This Week, Holy Week, at St. John's Lutheran

TODAY	8:00 am:	Palm Sunday Divine Service with Lord's Supper
	9:15 am:	Sunday School (children sing both services)
	9:30 am:	Bible Study
	10:30 am:	Palm Sunday Divine Service with Lord's Supper
	4:00 pm:	Adult Open Gym
MON:		No School~Spring Break Week (resumes Apr 3 rd)
	7:00 pm:	Monday Holy Week Meditations
TUES:	9:00 am:	Adult Bible Study (Conference Rm)
	6:00 pm:	Adult Catechism (Aux Rm)
	7:00 pm:	Tuesday Holy Week Meditations
WED:	5:30 pm:	No Public School Catechism
	6:00 pm:	Brass Practice & Choir Practice
	7:00 pm:	Wednesday Holy Week Meditations
THUR:	7:00 pm:	Maundy Thursday Service
	7:15 pm:	Table Tennis
FRI:	12:30 pm:	Good Friday Adoration of the Cross
	7:00pm:	Good Friday Tenebrae Vespers
SAT:	7:00 pm:	Easter Vigil Service (New Member Recognition)
SUN:	6:00 am:	Easter Sunrise Divine Service(Easter Brkfst 7-10)
	8:00 am:	Easter Day Divine Service with Lord's Supper
	9:15 am:	Sunday School
	9:30 am:	Bible Study
	10:30 am:	Easter Day Divine Service with Lord's Supper
	4:00 pm:	Adult Open Gym

CHURCH TREASURER: Want to become more involved at St. John's? The church's current Treasurer, Chad Brown, is not seeking re-election when his term is up in September 2018. Consequently, the Board of Administration is seeking a qualified volunteer for this role. A strong financial accounting background and/or experience with Quickbooks is highly desirable. The time commitment is estimated at 8-10 hours per month. Activities would include preparing monthly financial reports and projections, reviewing financial transactions and budgets, performing bank reconciliations, communications with the congregation and other financial-related volunteers, working with the church bookkeeper, and coordinating proper treatment and acknowledgement of larger gifts and donations. If interested and for more information on the Church Treasurer role at St. John's, please contact Deacons Mike Gaffer (mtgaff@comcast.net) or Tom Eversman (Theversman@gmail.com).

EAGLE FAMILY FUNDay SAT, APRIL 28TH: 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.stjlutheranschool.org, click on Giving, Eagle Family FUNDay. Or contact Lori Kiesow: 612-201-5090, lorikiesow@gmail.com





Serving This Week, Holy Week, Mon March 26th-Wed March 28th (7:00 pm)

	<u>Monday</u>	<u>Tuesday</u>	<u>Wednesday</u>
Worship Assistants:	Joe Koehler	Dean Noren	John Radintz

Serving This Week, Thursday, March 29th (Maundy Thursday):

Worship Assistants:	7:00 pm: Dan Kolander
Acolytes:	7:00 pm: Bradley Kruse

Serving This Week, Friday, March 30th (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 This Week, Saturday, March 31st (Easter Vigil):

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

Those Serving Next Week, Easter Sunday, April 1st:

Altar Guild:	Beth Giefer & LeAnn Cummins
Worship Assistants:	6:00 am: Dan Kolander
	8:00 am: Erik Preus
	10:30 am: Ross Meyer
Processional:	6:00 am: Crucifer~ Mitchell Schmidt
	Candlebearer~ Madi Schmidt
	8:00 am: Crucifer~ Lucas Kiesow
	Torchbearer~ Gavin Blanck
	Torchbearer~ Kyle Holland
	Candlebearer~ Caiden Cooper
	10:30 am: Crucifer~ Josiah Brynjulfson
	Torchbearer~ Jack Stoffels
	Torchbearer~ Hunter Nygren
	Candlebearer~ Brandon Peterson
Acolytes:	6:00 am: Naomi Schilling & Eric Toelle
	8:00 am: Adam Kiesow & Benjamin Kiesow
	10:30 am: Allie Cate & Dalton Cate
Ushers:	8:00 am: Myron Cooper, Sam Kulberg,
	Al Mazurowski,
	Mark Radintz, Dennis Schwecke
	10:30 am: Dan Holthus, Dan Picotte,
	Ernest Underwood
Money Counters:	Randy Bredenberg, Dave Giefer,
	Cindy Kiekow, Nichole Schilling



NEW MEMBER SATURDAY: we will recognize new members at the Vigil Service on March 31st, and there will be a reception celebration of all St. John's new members that have been recognized since February 2017 on Sunday, April 8th.

CHURCH DIRECTORY PHOTOS: Lifetouch photographers will be at St. John's taking photos for the Church Directory. They will be here April 3rd - 7th, and then again April 11th - 14th. 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.



PROPERTY & GROUNDS will be hiring a part-time worker to assist the janitor during the summer months. Duties include cleaning, maintenance, and painting. We prefer someone of college age. Please contact one of the P&G deacons or the church office if you are interested in applying.



CEMETERY RESTORATION: P&G is looking for volunteers who would like to lead an initiative to do some restoration work in the cemetery. We would like to clean and restore the grave markers and record the names and dates on them before the information on the older stones is lost due to further decay. Please contact one of the P&G deacons if you are interested in helping.



SCHOLARSHIP INFORMATION:

InFaith Community Foundation is offering 3 scholarships of \$9,000 each through the Immanuel Evangelical Church of Minneapolis Scholarship Program.

Beta Sigma Psi at IA State University is offering three \$2000 scholarships.

For further details, please refer to the information available on the narthex table.



NIGERIA: I have just returned from my trip to Nigeria to teach at the Jonathon Ekong Lutheran Seminary of the Nigerian Lutheran Church. While my schedule was grueling (I taught seven hours straight every day, preached every Wednesday at the seminary chapel and every Sunday in different villages) I had a most delightful and profitable time. I taught three courses over four weeks in elementary Hebrew, God and Creation, and the book of Genesis. I hope that I might have an opportunity at some time to share more details of my work there and some of the fascinating photos I took. I would like to thank everyone who supported me with your financial gifts and prayers. The men at the seminary are in desperate need of books (Hebrew and Greek testaments, dictionaries, dogmatics texts, etc.). I promised them that I would purchase some of these books for them. If there are not sufficient funds in the "Africa account" I would hope that some of you might step forward again and contribute to this most worthy mission cause. God's blessings to each and every one of you. To God alone be all glory!
~Pr. Briel

CROSS...FOOD NEEDS: Each month CROSS collects food items to be donated to the needy. Items desired from STJL during the month of **APRIL** are: Dish Soap & Cleaners (Toilet Bowl Cleaner, All-purpose, Etc.). Thank you for helping when you can; your contributions placed in the narthex area are greatly appreciated.



LWML: Lutheran Women's Missionary League (LWML) has its mission event Saturday, April 7, 2018, at 8:30 a.m. at Eternal Hope Lutheran Church, 10508 Douglas Drive in Brooklyn Park. The speaker is former missionary to Africa Coral Rose. Tickets cost \$10 which includes breakfast.

Get tickets from Gretchen Kliche, Sally Kemna, or LeAnn Cummins. Need a ride? Call Gretchen. All girls, teens, and ladies invited.



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@gmail.com 763-203-4095



david.huth@bsci.com.

ADMINISTRATOR CALL COMMITTEE is still continuing our search as we're committed to finding the best long-term fit for St. John's. While we've had some visits in recent weeks, at this time we are not ready to start the Call process. If you have any names you'd like for us to consider, please feel free to contact David Huth at 763-242-7103 or david.huth@bsci.com.

RETIREMENT RECOGNITION: After 41 years of being an educator, Mrs. Julie Preus is retiring at the end of this 2017/18 school year. We would like to thank Julie for her service here at St. John's as its 4th Grade Teacher and the many other responsibilities she has shouldered throughout the years. Please join us, in concert with PTL, for a retirement celebration in Julie's honor, Thursday, May 31st after Closing Service/8th Grade Graduation. Congratulations Julie!



BOARD OF EDUCATION: Is seeking candidates for two positions for the 2018/19 school year (1) Full time, 4th Grade Teacher and (1) Full time, Jr. High Social Studies /K-5th Grade Resource Teacher. The Board is pursuing the fulfilment of these positions via multiple, in concert efforts, to capture the best field of candidates for these positions. These positions have been accounted for in the recently passed 18/19 budget. If you are aware of someone that we should consider, please pass their contact information onto Board Chair, Brian Callahan. Thank you! brian.callahan@centurylink.com 763-242-3837

ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK	
Sunday, March 18 th :	8:00 am: CT: 188 CM: 158 10:30 am: CT: 151 CM: 90
Wednesday, March 21 st :	1:00 pm: CT: CM: 7:00 pm: CT: 71 CM:



FINANCIAL UPDATE

	<u>Last Week</u> 03/18/18	<u>Year-to-date</u> since 07/01/17
Offerings Received	\$ 14,169	\$ 528,100
Amount Needed	\$ 13,635	\$ 518,130
Amount Ahead (Behind)	\$ 534	\$ 9,970
% Ahead (-Behind)	4%	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.

“Reclaiming Family Virtue:

Teaching Healthy Sexuality in Congregation, Home, and School”

**Saturday, May 12th
2:00 pm to 5:00 pm**



Rev. Dr. Lucas Woodford

- ❖ *husband and father of six children*
- ❖ *pastor at Zion Lutheran Church and School since 2005*
- ❖ *serves on Synod's task force on sexuality*
- ❖ *Collegium Fellow for DOXOLOGY: The Lutheran Institute of spiritual Care and Counsel*

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