

**INTERESTED IN SINGING WITH THE CHOIR FOR HOLY WEEK AND EASTER?:**

St. John's Choir will begin to rehearse music for Palm Sunday, Good Friday and Easter Sunday. No music reading ability required to join ... we are always looking for new singers! If you are interested, speak with Jeff Windoloski following the service or join us this coming Thursday at 7:00 p.m. for our next rehearsal.

Dear Friends of St. John's,

It is with great joy and excitement that I announce a Hymn Sing & Potluck on Sunday the March 18 starting at 3:00 p.m. Come prepared with some of the titles of your favorite hymns from the Lutheran Service Book (LSB) as we sing through a few verses of each. Every hymn will begin with an improvised introduction in the Lutheran tradition by organist Jeff Windoloski. Following the hymn sing in the sanctuary, we invite everyone to bring an appetizer, hot dish or dessert to share for a time of fellowship downstairs in the fellowship hall. Attached you will find a flyer for this concert. Please share with others and be sure to bring a friend!

**2018 ALTAR CARE:** A sign-up sheet is located in the foyer for those who are willing to volunteer to clean our church altar. If you are unable to do a full month, two weeks would be fine. All are encouraged to help with the task. Training will be provided if needed.

**COFFEE HOUR HOSTS** are needed each Sunday. Please sign up on the sheet located in the foyer to host a coffee hour after church. This activity is wonderful way to share in fellowship with our brothers and sisters in Christ. Please see Linda Slozak or Erika Slozak if you have any questions.

**2018 ALTAR FLOWERS:** The flower book pages for the New Year are now in the book. The cost for each bouquet is \$21.00. We can do up to three bouquets per Sunday. If anyone would like to have flowers for a particular Sunday, please sign up in the flower book located in the church foyer or see Jane McClure (562- 0492). Please make checks payable to St. John's Altar Guild.

**RADIO MINISTRY:** There are many Sundays coming up that are available for sponsorship. Please help in the continuing outreach mission project of our Radio Broadcast of Sunday morning Worship. Broadcasts can be heard each Sunday at 7:30 a.m. on WHYN (560 AM). The cost for the program is now \$125 per week. If you are interested in sponsoring a broadcast (or a part of a broadcast) in memory of or in honor of anyone please call the church or sign up on the sheet outside the office door.

Sunday Worship  
Bulletin  
Third Sunday  
in  
Lent

10:00 a.m.

March 4, 2018



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**Radio Broadcast at 7:30 AM on WHYN 560 AM**

**WELCOME IN THE NAME OF JESUS, OUR LORD**

We pray that our worship this day will be an inspiration to every one of us.

If you are a visitor or the guest of someone, please sign our Guest Book at the round table in the Foyer. Requests for prayers in this morning's service may be made by writing them on the Prayer Request form in the entryway of the church.

A Nursery for infants and toddlers is available in Room 4 on this level.

*Jesus said: "A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another: just as I have loved you, you are also to love another. By this all people will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another." John 13:34-35*



## The Order of Holy Communion

**TO OUR VISITORS AND GUESTS:** The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper at this congregation is administered in accordance with the Holy Scriptures and the Lutheran Confessions. It is celebrated in the confidence that we receive into our mouths, not just bread and wine, but as our Lord promises His true Body and Blood "through and in which we obtain the forgiveness of sins". If you are not a member of a congregation of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod, we kindly ask that you arrange for a time to speak with Pastor Riley if you are interested in receiving Holy Communion.

### AS WE GATHER

Perhaps it was as David gazed into the sky with a sense of wonder and awe that the Holy Spirit inspired him to write the words of today's Psalm, "The heavens declare the glory of God, and the sky above proclaims His handiwork" (Psalm 19:1). When we turn our eyes heavenward and see the brightness of the sun, the glow of the moon, or the multitude of stars, we can sense that there is more than meets the eye. Creation reveals that a Creator must be behind this wonderment! God's Word shows us that creation bears witness to the triune God—Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. David is right, "the heavens declare the glory of God."

✠ PRELUDE: Improvisation on '*Schmücke dich, o liebe Seele*'      LSB 636

✠ ANNOUNCEMENTS

✠ OPENING HYMN NO. **423**: "*Jesus, Refuge of the Weary*"

### **Confession and Absolution**

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### **Service of the Word**

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Kyrie

✠ SALUTATION and COLLECT

P: The Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

P: Let us pray. O God, whose glory it is always to have mercy, be gracious to all who have gone astray from Your ways and bring them again with penitent hearts and steadfast faith to embrace and hold fast the unchangeable truth of Your Word; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

### **(Be Seated)**

✠ OLD TESTAMENT: Exodus 20:1–17      (*The Ten Commandments*)

And God spoke all these words, saying, "I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery.

✠ "You shall have no other gods before me. "You shall not make for yourself a carved image, or any likeness of anything that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath,

## REFLECTIONS for the WEEK: THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT

Exodus 20:1–17, 1 Corinthians 1:18–31, John 2:13–22

### *The Crucified and Risen Body of Jesus Is the True Temple of the Lord*

The Lord rescues His people, Israel, "out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery" (Exodus 20:2) and makes His gracious covenant with them, defined by the Ten Commandments. Since He has become their God by His grace, they shall be His people, having "no other gods" before Him (Exodus 20:3). He is "jealous" for them as a husband for his wife and as a father for his children. He has named them with His name and called them to rest in Him (Exodus 20:5–9). The incarnate Son, Christ Jesus, is likewise jealous for His Father's house, because it is to be a place of divine grace and Sabbath rest for His people, and not "a house of trade" (John 2:16–17). His zeal consumes Him as He gives up "the temple of His body" to the destruction of the cross, but in three days He raises it up again to be the true temple forever (John 2:17–21). By His crucifixion He cleanses the entire household, and in His resurrection He becomes "wisdom from God, righteousness and sanctification and redemption" (1 Corinthians 1:30).

### Prayer Power

James tells us that the prayers of righteous people are powerful and effective (James 5:16). During the coming week, we invite you to pray about our congregation's Stephen Ministry. Specifically, please pray for those God is calling to serve as caregivers in this ministry. For more information about Stephen Ministry, contact Paul or Patti Brose (562-6599), Dan Provost (568-4629), or Pastor Riley (568-1417).

### EASTER FLOWERS:

Due to a new supplier, orders for Easter flowers need to be handed in as soon as possible. This year we are offering:

Lilies: Single - \$8.00

Double - \$14.00

Triple - \$20.00

Tulips: 6 inch pot - \$7.00

Daffodils: 6 inch - \$7.00

Hyacinth: 6 inch pot - \$7.00

8" Hydrangea

If you would like to order flowers that will adorn the altar on Easter, in honor or in loving memory of a loved one, please fill out a flower form located on the round table in the church foyer or call Jane McClure (562-0492) to order or for any questions.

**CHOIR & CHIMERS:** Reminder rehearsals will resume at their normal times starting on Thursday, March 8: Chime Choir at 6:30 p.m. in the music room and Adult Choir at 7:15 p.m. in the lounge.

## Service of the Sacrament (p. 160)

At the time of DISTRIBUTION, all those wishing to receive Holy Communion will come forward as the ushers direct. The bread/Body of the Lord will be served in your hand. If you wish to receive the Lord's blood from an individual glass rather than from the common cup, indicate so when Pastor comes to you and he will hand you a glass from which you then drink and place back in the tray carried by the acolyte. If you are not a member of this congregation or a sister congregation within the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod, it is suggested that you speak to the Pastor before partaking of Holy Communion.

DISTRIBUTION HYMN No. **636**: "Soul, Adorn, Yourself with Gladness"

**At the end of the Distribution we stand and continue with  
Nunc Dimittis on p. 165**

✠ CLOSING HYMN NO. **433**: "Glory Be to Jesus"

✠ SILENT PRAYER

✠ POSTLUDE: Improvised Trumpet Tune in C Major

SERVING US AS WE WORSHIP TODAY:

Lay Assistants – William Schneeloch & Paul Brose

Lay Reader – Robin Greenspan

Acolyte – Alex Provost

Music Director – Jeff Windoloski

Altar Care – Erika Slozak

Offerings for February 25:

Needed to meet the Budget \$3,304.77

Collected \$2,081.86

Deficit \$1,222.91

Attendance:

Sunday, February 25.....53

THIS WEEK at ST. JOHN'S:

Tuesday, March 6	12:00 p.m.	Circuit Meeting in New Hartford, CT
	6:30 p.m.	Elders' Meeting
Wednesday, March 7	11:00 a.m.	Midweek Lenten Worship
	5:00 p.m.	Youth Confirmation
	7:00 p.m.	Mid-Week Lenten Worship
Thursday, March 8	6:30 p.m.	Hand Chime Choir
	7:15 p.m.	Choir Rehearsal
Saturday, March 10	12:00 p.m.	WINGS Meeting with Luncheon
Sunday, March 11	8:30 a.m.	Sunday School & Adult Bible Study
	10:00 a.m.	Communion Worship Service

or that is in the water under the earth. You shall not bow down to them or serve them, for I the Lord your God am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers on the children to the third and the fourth generation of those who hate me, but showing steadfast love to thousands of those who love me and keep my commandments.

✠ "You shall not take the name of the Lord your God in vain, for the Lord will not hold him guiltless who takes his name in vain.

✠ "Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy. Six days you shall labor, and do all your work, but the seventh day is a Sabbath to the Lord your God. On it you shall not do any work, you, or your son, or your daughter, your male servant, or your female servant, or your livestock, or the sojourner who is within your gates. For in six days the Lord made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, and rested on the seventh day. Therefore the Lord blessed the Sabbath day and made it holy.

✠ "Honor your father and your mother, that your days may be long in the land that the Lord your God is giving you.

✠ "You shall not murder.

✠ "You shall not commit adultery.

✠ "You shall not steal.

✠ "You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.

✠ "You shall not covet your neighbor's house; you shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or his male servant, or his female servant, or his ox, or his donkey, or anything that is your neighbor's."

R: This is the Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

✠ EPISTLE: 1 Corinthians 1:18–31 (*"We preach Christ crucified."*)

For the word of the cross is folly to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. For it is written, "I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart."

Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, it pleased God through the folly of what we preach to save those who believe. For Jews demand signs and Greeks seek wisdom, but we preach Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and folly to Gentiles, but to those who are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. For the foolishness of God is wiser than men, and the weakness of God is stronger than men.

For consider your calling, brothers: not many of you were wise according to worldly standards, not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth. But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the

strong; God chose what is low and despised in the world, even things that are not, to bring to nothing things that are, so that no human being might boast in the presence of God. And because of him you are in Christ Jesus, who became to us wisdom from God, righteousness and sanctification and redemption, so that, as it is written, "Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord."

R: This is the Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

### ***We Stand and sing the Lenten Verse (Page 157)***

✠ HOLY GOSPEL: John 2:13–22 (*Jesus drives the money-changers from the temple.*)

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the second chapter.

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

The Passover of the Jews was at hand, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. In the temple he found those who were selling oxen and sheep and pigeons, and the money-changers sitting there. And making a whip of cords, he drove them all out of the temple, with the sheep and oxen. And he poured out the coins of the money-changers and overturned their tables. And he told those who sold the pigeons, "Take these things away; do not make my Father's house a house of trade." His disciples remembered that it was written, "Zeal for your house will consume me."

So the Jews said to him, "What sign do you show us for doing these things?" Jesus answered them, "Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up." The Jews then said, "It has taken forty-six years to build this temple, and will you raise it up in three days?" But he was speaking about the temple of his body. When therefore he was raised from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this, and they believed the Scripture and the word that Jesus had spoken.

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

### ***(Be Seated)***

✠ HYMN of the DAY NO. **426**: "*When I Survey the Wondrous Cross*"

✠ SERMON: "*No Fool, But God's Fool*" 1 Corinthians 1:18-31

### ***(Please Stand)***

✠ NICENE CREED (page 158)

✠ PRAYER of the CHURCH

P: In peace let us pray to the Lord:

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

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

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

P: 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:

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

P: For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord:

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

P: For Reverend Matthew Harrison – our synodical president and Reverend Timothy Yeadon – our district president, for all pastors in Christ, for all servants of the Church, and for all the people, let us pray to the Lord:

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

P: For those who are ailing and those who grieve, that they may be strengthened in body and spirit, confident of the love of Christ, let us pray to the Lord:

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

P: For those who work to bring peace, justice, health, and protection in this and every place, let us pray to the Lord:

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

P: For those who bring offerings, those who do good works in this congregation, those who toil, those who sing, and all the people here present who await from the Lord great and abundant mercy, let us pray to the Lord:

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

P: For favorable weather, for an abundance of the fruits of the earth, and for peaceful times, let us pray to the Lord:

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

P: For our deliverance from all affliction, wrath, danger, and need, let us pray to the Lord:

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

P: We pray this through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

### ***(Be Seated)***

## ***Offering***

We respond to God's love with our OFFERINGS

Bicinium on 'Da Jesus an dem Kreuze stund'

Samuel Scheidt

### ***(Be Seated)***

✠ OFFERTORY (Page 159)