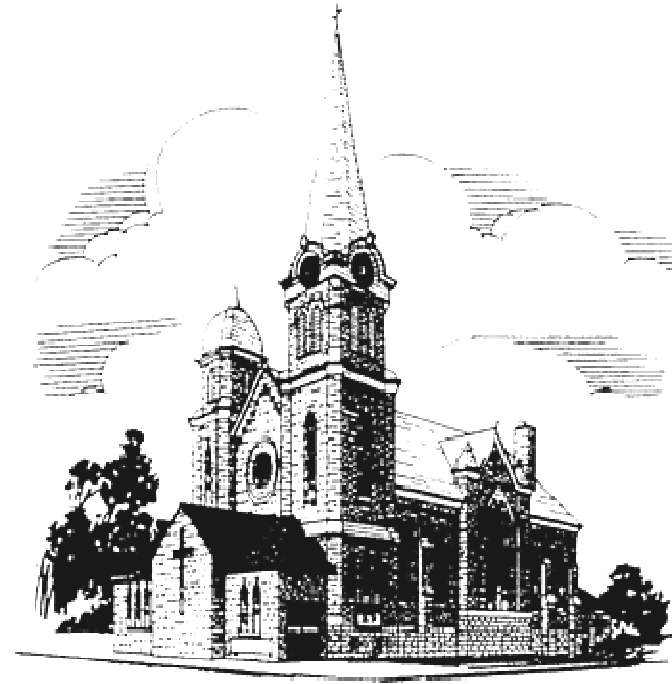


The Week+ Ahead as We Live in God's Grace

Today (26th)	7:45 am	Worship (WELS Connection)
	9:00 am	Sunday School (Jesus Calls Fishers of Men) Adult Bible Class (Holy Land Slides)
	10:15 am	Worship (WELS Connection)
Tue (28th)	7:00 pm	Long-Range Planning Meeting
Wed (29th)	3:30 pm	6 th -8 th Grade Catechism Class
	5:00 pm	Lent Supper (sponsored by St. John School)
	6:30 pm	Midweek Lent Worship
	7:30 pm	Choir Practice
Thu (30th)	6:30 pm	Education Open Forum
	7:00 pm	Handbells Practice (at Trinity, Kaukauna)
	7:30 pm	Board of Ed. Meeting
Sat (1st)	9:00 am	Easter Card Distribution
	4:00 pm	MLC Choir Concert (at St. Paul's, Algoma)
	6:30 pm	Sem. Choir Concert (at Immanuel, Waupaca)
Sun (2nd)	7:45 am	Worship w/ Holy Communion
	9:00 am	Sunday School (Jesus and His Disciples in the Upper Room) Adult Bible Class (Holy Land Slides)
	10:15 am	Worship w/ Holy Communion
	1:00 pm	Mark Cares' Mormon Presentation (at Immanuel, Greenville)
	6:00 pm	FVL Choirs Sacred Concert (at FVLHS)
Mon (3rd)	6:30 pm	Nominating Committee Meeting
	7:30 pm	Church Council Meeting
Sat (8th)	9:00 am	St. John School Easter Egg Hunt & Activities
Sun (9th)	10:15 am	St. John LES Choir Sings
	11:15 am	Education Open Forum
Mon (10th)	6:30 pm	Luther Film (at Marcus Valley Grand Cinema)
Thu (13th)	6:30 pm	Maundy Thursday Worship w/ Holy Communion
Fri (14th)	1:00 pm	Good Friday Worship
	7:30 pm	Good Friday Tenebrae Worship
Sun (16th)	6:00 am	Easter Sunrise Worship
	7:** am	Easter Breakfast
	9:00 am	Easter Festival Worship w/ Holy Communion
Mon (17th)	7:30 pm	Quarterly Voters Meeting
Fri (21st)	6:30 pm	St. John Night at the Timber Rattlers
Sat (22nd)	9:00 am	LWMS Rally (at Martin Luther, Neenah)

**Fourth Sunday in Lent
March 26, 2017**



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Welcome!

We extend a very warm and friendly welcome to all who've joined us for worship today. We pray that the God of grace, who sent his Son to save you and who proved his love for you by raising him from the dead, will fill your heart with joy in knowing that your salvation has been made sure through Jesus. May God bless your worship!

If you're a guest with us this morning, please sign the Friendship Register in your row, checking any applicable boxes. If you need assistance of any kind, don't hesitate to ask one of the ushers. If you'd like to learn more about St. John congregation or the Bible's teachings, please speak with Pastor Mike Gehl. And if you don't already have a church-home, feel free to return and worship with us again at your earliest convenience.

Our restrooms are located downstairs (through the entryway). Activity bags to help keep children occupied are on a hanger in the entryway. We love having your children sit with you during the service, but if you feel that your infant or toddler is getting a little too fussy, you may briefly step out of the sanctuary until they're ready to come back in.

Today's order of service is displayed on the screen and printed out in the worship folder (with music notes) for your convenience. Hymns are found in the red book in front of you.

St. John also operates an all-day preschool and a full-day kindergarten through eighth grade Lutheran Elementary School. We're a member of the Fox Valley Lutheran High School federation. If you are interested in hearing more about these opportunities for Christian education, please speak with Pastor Gehl or Principal Tim Raddatz.

Mission and Purpose

St. John Lutheran Church exists as part of the Holy Christian Church on earth. We engage in the continuing development of disciples of Jesus Christ by **GATHERING** for worship, education, and fellowship in order to **GROW** in faith and knowledge of our Lord and Savior. By God's **GRACE** we **GO** to proclaim Christ and his Word with our lips and lives. We realize that it's only through the **GOSPEL** in Word and Sacraments that one can be equipped for discipleship and bringing **GLORY** to God.

At Your Service Today:

	<u>7:45</u>	<u>10:15</u>
Greeters:	Bea Ambrosius Brenda Pohlman Betty S & Pat V	Faye Patoka Carol Just Aura Lee Gehl
Ushers:	Kevin Vande Hey Chad Schmidt Steve Wierschke Bernie Vickman Jesse Schmidt	Lloyd Patoka Terry Sieker Richard Patton Les Schmidt Bart Reschke
Organist:	Deb Schaeuble	Deb Schaeuble
PowerPoint:	Amy Vande Hey	Lou Ann Beard
Altar Guild:	Tina D, Betty S, & Pat V	

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

Closing Prayer and Blessing

Almighty God, grant to your Church the Holy Spirit and the wisdom that comes from above. Let nothing hinder your Word from being freely proclaimed to the joy and edifying of Christ's holy people, so that we may serve you in steadfast faith and confess your name as long as we live, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look on you with favor and [✠] give you peace.

Amen.

Closing Hymn "Go to Dark Gethsemane" (CW 104)

Last Week's Stewardship of the Means of Grace and the Means for His Work

Worship	205; 150 LS	ABC: --	SST: 6	YSS: 19
		<u>LW</u>	<u>YTD</u>	<u>YTD Goal</u>
Church Offerings	\$9,130.15	\$197,695.90	\$259,062.34	
St. John LES Tuition	\$6,500	\$28,500	\$51,153.70	
Synod / Missions	\$866	\$11,039.49	\$13,153.70	
Fox Valley Luth. HS	\$566	\$7,319	\$7,307.78	

Thank-Offering

These offerings are used to support the ministries of our church, both locally and worldwide.

Our guests should not feel compelled to give an offering, but may do so if they desire.

PS & PK (10:15).....“*Do You Know Who Died for Me?*”

Prayer of the Church

Heavenly Father, you loved the world and gave your Son to liberate us from sin and death by his obedient death on the cross.

We confess that without your love we are lost.

Lord of the Church, we thank you for the treasure of the gospel. By your Spirit, keep our eyes fixed on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith.

Strengthen our determination to do what pleases you, no matter what the danger or the cost.

Let us pray for those who carry a cross in the name of Christ and face ridicule and persecution for the sake of the kingdom: missionaries and chaplains, young people who stand up for what is right in the face of pressure to do what is wrong, and all who pay a high price for their faith and their values as Christians.

By your Spirit, O Lord, grant them patience and endurance.

Let us pray for those who carry heavy burdens in life: the sick and the chronically ill, the depressed and the lonely, those torn by conflict in personal relationships, those victimized by war and injustice, and all who face the terrors of life with a heavy heart.

Grant them peace, O Lord, and in your mercy, be their guardian and friend, their comfort and hope.

Let us pray for those who care for others: pastors and counselors; physicians and nurses; social workers and caring friends; all who feed the hungry, comfort the hurting, and stand beside the dying.

Strengthen them in their work, O Lord, and do not let them become weary in doing good.

Special prayers and intercessions may follow.

Hear us, Lord, as we bring you our private petitions.

Silent prayer.

Help us run with perseverance the race marked out for us. Keep us faithful even to the point of death, that we may receive the crown of life, through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Amen.

Service Theme for the Fourth Sunday in Lent: Jesus calls us from sinful selfishness to selfless service. We can view the world from the perspective of selfishness or selflessness. Selfishness puts self before all and leads to favoritism, pride, and envy. Repentance, however, means despairing of self, trusting in Christ's substitutionary sacrifice, and leading lives of selfless service modeled after our Savior who came not to be served but to serve and to give his life as a ransom for us.

Holy Baptism / Divine Service I

Opening Hymn (7:45)“*Upon the Cross Extended*” (CW 113)
Opening Hymn (10:15).....“*See this Wonder in the Making*” (CW 300)

[The 7:45 am service follows Divine Service I, as printed. The 10:15 am service begins with the order of Holy Baptism (p.12) – please follow along on the screen up until “Gloria in Excelsis.”]

Greeting

In the name of the Father and of the Son [✠] and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Confession of Sins

Beloved in the Lord: let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins to God our Father, asking him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful and that I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. For this I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior Jesus Christ, I pray: Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner.

Lord, Have Mercy.....(Kyrie)

The image shows two lines of musical notation for the Kyrie. The first line begins with a treble clef, a key signature of one flat (B-flat), and a common time signature (C). The melody consists of quarter and eighth notes. Below the first line, the lyrics are: "Lord, have mer - cy on us. Christ, have mer - cy". The second line continues the melody with a similar rhythmic pattern. Below the second line, the lyrics are: "on us. Lord, have mer - cy on us. A - men." The piece concludes with a double bar line.

God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given his only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son [✠] and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Prayer and Praise

In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord.

Glory to God..... (Gloria in Excelsis)



C Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and peace to his peo - ple on earth. Lord God, heav - en - ly King, al - might - y God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry! Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and peace to his peo - ple on earth. Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on us. You are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther; re - ceive our prayer, re - ceive our prayer.

The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty. From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit; the Holy Christian Church, the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

Hymn of the Day..... "*Lord of Glory, You Have Bought Us*" (CW 486)

Sermon Matthew 20:17-28

God's Children Drink from the Cup Called "Service."

Create in Me



C Cre - ate in me a pure heart, O God, and re - new a right spir - it with - in me. Do not cast me a - way from your pres - ence or take your Ho - ly Spir - it from me. Re - store to me the joy of your sal - va - tion, and up - hold, up - hold me with your free Spir - it.

Gospel LessonMatthew 20:17-28 (EHV)

Jesus revealed the plan of the Father to his disciples: the Son of God would leave his heavenly throne and selflessly give his freedom to his enemies, his body to the torturer, his life to the executioner in order that he might be our Savior. Rather than marveling at the depth of his love and self--sacrifice, the disciples argued about places of greatness in glory. The sons of Zebedee wanted to sit at the right and left of Jesus, but were only promised that they would join in drinking his cup. The other disciples were indignant, but not righteously so. Jesus corrected them, too. Followers of Jesus drink his cup and find greatness in selflessly serving others. For our motivation and our model, Christ points back to God's plan for the Son of Man who came not to be served, but to serve and to give his life as a ransom for many.

Today's Gospel reading is recorded in the ___ chapter of the Gospel according to St. ___, beginning at the ___ verse.



C Glo-ry be to you, O Lord! Glo-ry be to you, O Lord!

¹⁷As Jesus was going up to Jerusalem, he took the twelve disciples aside; and on the way he said to them, ¹⁸“Look, we are going up to Jerusalem. The Son of Man will be handed over to the chief priests and experts in the law, and they will condemn him to death. ¹⁹They will hand him over to the Gentiles to mock, flog, and crucify him. On the third day he will be raised.” ²⁰Then the mother of Zebedee’s sons came to him with her sons, kneeling and asking something of him. ²¹He said to her, “What do you want?” She said to him, “Promise that in your kingdom these two sons of mine may sit, one on your right hand and one on your left hand.” ²²But Jesus answered, “You do not know what you are asking. Are you able to drink the cup that I am about to drink?” They said to him, “We are.” ²³He said to them, “You will indeed drink my cup, but to sit on my right hand and on my left hand is not for me to give; rather these places belong to those for whom they have been prepared by my Father.” ²⁴When the ten heard this, they were angry with the two brothers. ²⁵But Jesus summoned them and said, “You know that the rulers of the nations lord it over them, and their great ones exercise authority over them. ²⁶It will not be that way among you. Instead whoever wants to become great among you will be your servant, ²⁷and whoever wants to be first among you will be your slave— ²⁸just as the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.”

[the lesson ends with the words] ...this is the Gospel of our Lord.



C Praise be to you, O Christ! Praise be to you, O Christ!



Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and peace to his peo - ple on
earth. For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One,
you a - lone are the Lord, you a - lone are the
Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the
Ho - ly Spir-it in the glo - ry of God the Fa-ther.
Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and peace to his peo - ple on
earth. Glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God!

Prayer of the Day

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

Almighty God, we confess that we deserve to be punished for our evil deeds. But we ask you graciously to cleanse us from all sin and to comfort us with your salvation; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

