

# ST JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH



**SELCLCMS**



**Saturday, February 24, 2024 at 1pm  
& Sunday, February 25, 2024, at 9am**



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**Vaughn Naumann - *Acolyte***  
**Maci Evancho - *Crucifer***

**WELCOME TO WORSHIP TODAY!**

**It is a joy to worship our Savior, Jesus, with you! In the pews there are blue cards for guests and members. Please fill one out and the ushers will collect them after the offering. And if you are looking for a church home, you've just found it!**



## To Our Visitors



### What is Communion/the Lord's Supper?

As members of the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod, members of St. John's Lutheran Church hold to the biblical and historic understanding of holy communion; that in this sacrament the bread and wine, having been consecrated, are Christ's real, risen, and glorified body and blood, just as Jesus really said, 'Take, eat, this is my body', and 'take, drink... this is my blood' (Matthew 26:26 ff). Holy Communion is received for the forgiveness of sins, for unity with Christ, and for the unity within the 'body of Christ' – that is His Church. This is why it is reserved for those who hold a common confession of faith. Those who share with us in this Holy Supper must be members of a congregation of the LCMS, or of a congregation in full fellowship with the LCMS, thus bearing public witness that they agree with our teaching in general and with the following two teachings in particular:

1. When consecrated, again, the bread and wine of the Lord's Supper are the true Body and Blood of Jesus Christ, given to us for the remission of sins.
2. Those baptized and confirmed Christians who come to Holy Communion in repentance and faith, grateful for God's forgiveness, are also committed to offering their personal forgiveness to all others.

Guests communing with us for the first time should see the pastor or an elder before the service when possible, to confirm that we are in fellowship. If you are interested in becoming a communicant member or if you have any questions regarding our beliefs and practice, please see the pastor.



## Lent II

Processional Hymn: 763 When Peace, like a River

Confession and Absolution – *LSB p.184*

Stand

## Service of the Word



Introit - Psalm 25:1–2a, 7–8, 11; antiphon: vv. 6, 2b, 22

- P** Remember your mercy, O LORD, and your steadfast love,  
**C** **For they have been from of old.**  
**P** Let not my enemies exult over me.  
**C** **Redeem Israel, O God, out of all his troubles.**  
**P** To you, O LORD, I lift up my soul.  
**C** **O my God, in you I trust; let me not be put to shame.**  
**P** Remember not the sins of my youth or my transgressions;  
**C** **According to your steadfast love remember me,**  
**P** For the sake of your goodness, O LORD!  
**C** **Good and upright is the LORD;**  
**P** Therefore he instructs sinners in the way.  
**C** **For your name's sake, O LORD, pardon my guilt, for it is great.**  
**C** **Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;**  
**as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**  
**P** Remember your mercy, O LORD, and your steadfast love,  
**C** **For they have been from of old.**

**Kyrie** - *LSB p. 186*



## Salutation and Collect of the Day

- P** The Lord be with you.      **C** **And with thy spirit.**  
**P** Let us pray.

O God, You see that of ourselves we have no strength. By Your mighty power defend us from all adversities that may happen to the body and from all evil thoughts that may assault and hurt the soul; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

- C** **Amen.**

Sit

## First Reading – Genesis 32:22–32

<sup>22</sup>The same night he arose and took his two wives, his two female servants, and his eleven children, and crossed the ford of the Jabbok. <sup>23</sup>He took them and sent them across the stream, and everything else that he had. <sup>24</sup>And Jacob was left alone. And a man wrestled with him until the breaking of the day. <sup>25</sup>When the man saw that he did not prevail against Jacob, he touched his hip socket, and Jacob's hip was put out of joint as he wrestled with him. <sup>26</sup>Then he said, "Let me go, for the day has broken." But Jacob said, "I will not let you go unless you bless me." <sup>27</sup>And he said to him, "What is your name?" And he said, "Jacob." <sup>28</sup>Then he said, "Your name shall no longer be called Jacob, but Israel, for you have striven with God and with men, and have prevailed." <sup>29</sup>Then Jacob asked him, "Please tell me your name." But he said, "Why is it that you ask my name?" And there he blessed him. <sup>30</sup>So Jacob called the name of the place Peniel, saying, "For I have seen God face to face, and yet my life has been delivered." <sup>31</sup>The sun rose upon him as he passed Penuel, limping because of his hip. <sup>32</sup>Therefore to this day the people of Israel do not eat the sinew of the thigh that is on the hip socket, because he touched the socket of Jacob's hip on the sinew of the thigh.

**L** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

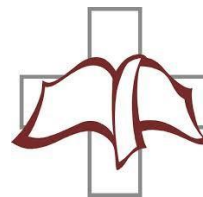
## Gradual – Psalm 25:17–18

**L** The troubles of my heart are enlarged;

**C** Bring me out of my distresses.

**L** Consider my affliction and my trouble,

**C** And forgive all my sins.



## Epistle Reading – Romans 5:1–5

<sup>1</sup>Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>2</sup>Through him we have also obtained access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and we rejoice in hope of the glory of God. <sup>3</sup>More than that, we rejoice in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, <sup>4</sup>and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, <sup>5</sup>and hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us.

**L** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

*Stand*

## Lenten Tract - Psalm 106:1–4

**L** Oh give thanks to the LORD, for he is good,

**C** For his steadfast love endures forever!

**L** Who can utter the mighty deeds of the LORD,

**C** Or declare all his praise?

**L** Blessed are they who observe justice,

**C** Who do righteousness at all times!

**L** Remember me, O LORD, when you show favor to your people;

**C** Help me when you save them.



## Holy Gospel – Matthew 15:21-28

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the fifteenth chapter.

**C** Glory be to Thee, O Lord.

<sup>21</sup>Jesus went away from there and withdrew to the district of Tyre and Sidon. <sup>22</sup>And behold, a Canaanite woman from that region came out and was crying, “Have mercy on me, O Lord, Son of David; my daughter is severely oppressed by a demon.” <sup>23</sup>But he did not answer her a word. And his disciples came and begged him, saying, “Send her away, for she is crying

out after us.”<sup>24</sup> He answered, “I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel.”<sup>25</sup> But she came and knelt before him, saying, “Lord, help me.”<sup>26</sup> And he answered, “It is not right to take the children’s bread and throw it to the dogs.”<sup>27</sup> She said, “Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters’ table.”<sup>28</sup> Then Jesus answered her, “O woman, great is your faith! Be it done for you as you desire.” And her daughter was healed instantly.

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

**C** Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

## **Apostles’ Creed** - *LSB p.192*

*Sit*

**Hymn of the Day: 693 O Holy Spirit, Grant Us Grace**

**Sermon: “Even dogs, with the right master, eat well”**

*Stand*

**Offertory** - *LSB p.192*

*Sit*

**Offering**

*Stand*

**Prayer of the Church**

**Service of the Sacrament**

**Preface** - *LSB p.194*

**Sanctus**

**Lord’s Prayer**



# The Words of Our Lord & Pax Domini

## Agnus Dei



*Sit*

### Distribution

*(Hymns 641 You Satisfy the Hungry Heart,  
774 Feed Thy Children, God Most Holy)*

*Stand*

**Nunc Dimittis - LSB p.199**

**Thanksgiving & Post-Communion Collect**

**Salutation, Benedicamus & Benediction**

**Recessional Hymn: 708 Lord, Thee I Love with All My Heart**

### Prayers for Members

We encourage you this week to pray for:

Frank Gilham, Robert Gould, Pauline Onder, Edward Trovitch,  
Tom, Sylvia, Stacy, and Sherry Wargo, Patti Zschunke, Peter Panco,  
Irene Beishline, Bob & Pat Onder, Ann Gangwer, Bob Mandak,  
Bill Ray, Lorraine and Jack Ross, and Bob Drummond

May the Lord continue to unite and bless us in the faith.

### Prayer Chain Request?

Contact: Lucille Adamoyurka - (570) 956-1678

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## Our Stewardship at a Glance

Sunday Morning Worship: 32 Faithful Servants

Lenten Mid-Week Service: 24 Faithful Servants

Caring and Sharing: Faithful Servants

Altar Workers: Naumann Girls

Communion Assistant: Dan Starry

Counters: Mike Marsyada and Chuck Zschunke

Flowers: In memory of Mother, Kathryn Onder, on 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of her death, and In memory of father, Edward Trovitch, who passed away on February 19, 2024. From Dave and Nancy Trovitch



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[www.facebook.com/stjohnshazleton](http://www.facebook.com/stjohnshazleton)

## This Week at St. John's

**Wednesday** - Catechism Class at 6pm

- Evening Prayer Service at 7pm

**Sunday** - Divine Service at 9am (Lydia Naumann's baptism)

## Mission/Vision Statement

“We are faith-Growing Followers of Christ,  
Reaching out in Response to God's Love”



St. John's Lutheran Church has a 'Take it or Leave it' food trolley. Donations received may be a welcome relief to the visitor who is looking for a little help here and there. Thank you!!

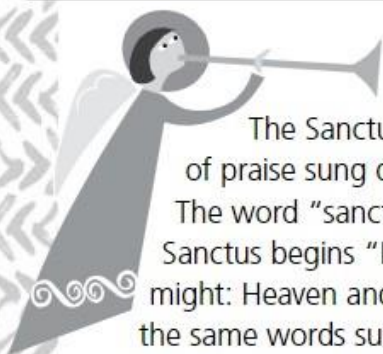
### **Help us strengthen St. John's...**

We're starting two committees to help us strengthen our Church - internally and with our surrounding community - and we need your help. The two groups are:

- **Stewardship Committee** - This committee will be tasked to communicate the importance of giving and how it impacts our Church, and identify meaningful and joyful opportunities for giving including financially and with time or skills.
- **Outreach Committee** - This committee is focused on reaching our neighbors. We want to share Christ's gifts with others outside the church community and are looking for ideas and help on how we can best reach out in response to God's love.

We need help in both these areas and hope you'll consider serving on one (or both) of these committees. To learn more, contact Glenn Bernius or Pastor Naumann. Help us continue growing stronger as a church community!

# KIDS IN THE DIVINE SERVICE



## What is the “Sanctus”?

The Sanctus (pronounced sahnk-TOOS) is a hymn of praise sung during the order of Holy Communion. The word “sanctus” is the Latin word for “holy.” The Sanctus begins “Holy, holy, holy! Lord God of power and might: Heaven and earth are full of your glory.” We sing the same words sung by the angels in Isaiah 6, about the glory of our God who has come to be with us. Then we sing “Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.” These words from Psalm 118 were sung by the crowds when Christ rode into Jerusalem on Palm Sunday.

## Why do we sing the Sanctus?

The Sanctus proclaims that our Savior Jesus comes to be with us physically in His very body and blood for the forgiveness of our sins. He is really and truly present in the Sacrament of Holy Communion! When we sing the Sanctus, the angels in heaven along with those who have died in the faith join us in a hymn of praise to God. Wow! That is amazing!



**Parents:** The Sanctus proclaims the presence of Christ in the Sacrament while praising God and confessing the unity of God’s Church in every time and place. Encourage your children to sing the Sanctus with the congregation. Remind them that Jesus is really here and that they are singing the Sanctus with people and spiritual beings they can’t even see!

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Matthew 5:16

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***Mark your Calendar!***

