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FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT

3/10/24

<u>WELCOME</u> in the name of our Risen Savior, Jesus Christ! We are happy to have you worship with us this morning. Visitors are invited to sign our guest book at the church entrance.

Sermon: "By Grace You Have Been Saved," Ephesians 2:1-10

St. Luke's, 8:30 a.m.
P. 15 Hymns: 373; SD 57; 304; SD 21

<u>St. John's, 10:00 a.m.</u> LSB 151-160 Hymns: 566; 744; 571; 837

There will be a brief children's message at St. John's.

ATTENDANCE: (M) 148 (C) 13 Sunday School: 12 Adult Bible Classes: Sunday: 3 Weekday: 11 Mid-Week Lenten Service: 19

REGULAR ENVELOPE COLLECTION at St. John's next Sunday, March 17th.

ENVELOPE COLLECTION at St. John's this morning is for KFUO. All money not in an envelope will go to the home budget..

THE FLOWERS ON THE PIANO at St. John's this morning were given to the glory of God in loving memory of Todd Twenhafel who went to his heavenly home three years ago on March 11th. These were given by Cheryl, Kirsten & Trent

CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY: We express our sympathy to Cara Kurwicki and family at the loss of her brother Gene Funke who departed this life on Wednesday, February 28th. Funeral services were held at Olive Branch on Tuesday, March 5th. Pastor Mueller was the officiant.

WELCOME & GOD'S BLESSINGS to Jamilyn Martin who was received as a communicant member of St. John's on March 7th per action of the elders to be ratified at the April voters' meeting. We welcome Jamilyn back into God's family here at St. John's and pray God's richest blessings on her.

CHICKEN DINNER AT NEW MINDEN: St. John's Lutheran Church, New Minden, will host a drive-through only chicken dinner TODAY (March 10), from 4-7:00 p.m. Please enter by the west parking lot drive at the God's Garden sign. Menu: fried chicken, German potato salad, green beans, applesauce and dessert. Cost is \$13.00. A portion of the proceeds will be supplemented by Thrivent Financial for Lutherans.

THE LWML NEWSLETTER is available on the table by the restrooms.

THE MARCH NEWSLETTER is available on the table in the Fellowship Hall. Please pick up your copy.

NOW IS THE TIME to direct your Thrivent Choice Dollars before the March 31st deadline.

PRAYERS FOR THE WEEK OF Mar 10th-16th, 2024

WE REMEMBER IN OUR PRAYERS:

Albert Gallatin (C) recovering at home

Jane Weihe in need of prayers

Larry Brinkmann ongoing medical needs

Lorna Kottmeyer (C) at home recuperating from neck surgery

Amanda Garrison—daughter-in-law of Rosalie Rice—had liver transplant at SLU on February 15th and now recovering at home

Danny Brinkmann on kidney dialysis

Tom Anderson—friend of the Hausler's—health issues

Sara Leinberger—friend of Judy Vogt—ongoing health problems

THOSE RECEIVING TREATMENTS/OTHER SERIOUS AILMENTS:

Doris Meadows—sister of Rosalie Rice—had surgery for breast cancer; will be undergoing treatments.Outlook is favorable.

Brent Maschhoff—New Minden neighbor—dealing with pancreatic cancer

Gloria Koehler—sister of Lola Wessel—lung cancer

Lauren Aussieker-mother of one of our PreSchool students-taking chemo

Gloria Hitpas—niece of Wayne Wessel—diagnosed with breast cancer

Mike Curry—friend of Charles Vogt—dealing with cancer

Stanley Renth undergoing chemotherapy

Bob Jack finished radiation; awaiting results

Rosemary Miller—sister of Howard Weihe—starting new experimental drug

Vickie Emery—wife of former teacher Glen Emery—had another surgery to remove more tissue, will undergo radiation

Sandy Martin finished radiation

Duane Miller—brother-in-law of Howard Weihe—diagnosed with pancreatic cancer—holding his own

Amie Evans--sister-in-law of Jesse Krawiecki-diagnosed with cancer.

Rev. G. Robert Heimgartner—retired in Texico, IL—chemotherapy

We Remember in our prayers:

Pastor Ron Rall--friend of the Hauslers—working in Papua New Guinea to assist our sister church there in building unity Pray for peace with tribal warfare breaking out. We also pray for his wife Mary Ann and friends, Roy and Judy Schache.

MISSION PRAYERS:

- LCMS World Missions
- Ministry to inactive members.
- -Missionary Micah Wildauer & Family serving in Belize, our Sunday School Mission Project
- -Centralia Correctional Center

We Remember:

-St. Salvator, Venedy, and Olive Branch called Pastor Jesse Schlie.

<u>TSJ:</u> Pray that God would guide the Board of Christian Education as we seek a principal and a replacement for Mrs. Janice Lange (kindergarten teacher)

We Remember:

The People of Ukraine and Israel

The people suffering from the earthquakes, tornadoes, floods, fires, etc.

In Sympathy With:

The Family of Gene Funke

Welcome & God's Blessings to:

Jamily Martin who was transferred from University Lutheran Church, Champaign, IL

BAPTISMAL BIRTHDAYS: Courtney Moore & Stacy Vogt 3-10; Braden Chwascinski 3-11; Max Wells 3-13; Doug Knolhoff 3-14; Sam Blumhorst & Deb Chwascinski 3-15

WEDDING ANNIVERSARY: Kelvin & Teresa Boester 3-10

SAVE THE DATE: Sunday, September 8, 2024, has been designated as the 50th Anniversary Celebration of Trinity-St. John Lutheran School. Rev. Dr. Jeffery Schrank has agreed to be the guest speaker for a Sunday morning joint service at Trinity, Nashville. TSJ officially began as "Washington County Lutheran School" on July 1, 1974. The first day of class was August 23, 1974. In 1976 the *Solemn Agreement* was officially adopted by Trinity and St. John's Congregations along with the name "Trinity-St. John Lutheran School." (This celebration will replace the annual joint service on the 4th Sunday of June.) If you would like to volunteer to be on a committee planning the celebration, please contact the School office or one of the pastors.

MARTIN + KATIE CONFERENCE AT UNIVERSITY LUTHERAN CHURCH IN CHAMPAIGN, IL ON SATURDAY, APRIL 6, 2024. At this free conference, learn about being men and women in Christ, meet new friends, get to know each other, and have fun. The conference is open to ages 18–35. Married or single are welcome. Registration is required, as capacity is limited. Info and registration are available at http://martinpluskatie.org. Plus: Extra bonus activities planned for Friday night, April 5, and Saturday night, April 6! All are invited to stay for Sunday Bible Class, Divine Service, and lunch on Sunday, April 7.

CHRIST OUR ROCK LUTHERAN HS has some very exciting news to announce. Our boys baseball team gets to play at BUSCH STADIUM this year!!! That's right, the same field as so many Cardinal legends and current MLB team. That date is April 12, at 6pm. In order to make this happen we need to sell 700 tickets to the Cards vs Brewers game on April 19. Tickets are \$25 a piece in the Infield Terrace (sec 400s). If you would like to purchase tickets for family, friends or giveaways contact me dkueper@corlhs.org or at the school 618-226-3315. You can also reach out to any of our current baseball players. What a tremendous opportunity for our kids!!!

ON GOOD FRIDAY: When Jesus hung on the cross, the sun's light failed for three hours—the darkness of God's judgment on our sin that Jesus carried in His body (Luke 23:44, Amos 5:20). Join pastors and musicians from area congregations on Good Friday, March 29, anytime between 12:00 noon and 3:00 p.m., at St. John's Lutheran Church, New Minden, as we meditate on the Seven Words of Jesus from the cross. The time will be divided into nine 20-minute segments, with breaks between to enter and exit, get up and stretch, use the restroom, etc. A door offering will be received for scholarships at Christ Our Rock Lutheran High School. Note: there is still opportunity to add special music. If you would like to share an appropriate piece (instrumental or vocal, solo, duet, ensemble, etc.), please let your pastor know or contact Pastor Tim Mueller (618-314-3972).

YOUR COMPREHENSIVE SOURCE FOR NEWS, INFORMATION & TRUTH... Issues, Etc. is a radio talk show and podcast produced by Lutheran Public Radio in Collinsville, IL and hosted by LCMS Pastor Todd Wilken. This week's topics include: The Promises of God, Embryo Adoption, Making Parenting Easier, The Book of Mormon and more. You can listen at your convenience at issuesetc.org, the LPR mobile app, Amazon Alexa, Google Home, Apple HomePod or your favorite podcast provider. You can also tune in live weekdays from 3-5 p.m. on KFUO, 850 AM in St. Louis.

THE ANNUAL TRINITY, HOFFMAN 'S WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP PORK CHOP

DINNER: The dinner will be held next Sunday, March 17th, 2024, from 10:30-1:00. It will be a drive through only. Smoked Pork Chops, Baked Potatoes, Green Beans, Applesauce, and Dessert. The cost is \$13.00. Hope you can join us!

<u>VOLUNTEER NEEDED:</u> A couple of volunteers are needed to assist with greeting, etc., for the Good Friday *Tre Ore* service from noon to 3:00 p.m. on March 29th. Please contact Pastor if interested.

FREE PIANOS: The pianos in the schoolhouse were recently evaluated and the results were not good. The two upstairs pianos could be tuned but not up to pitch. The piano in the basement will not hold a pitch at all. If you would like one of these beautiful-looking old uprights for some creative use, you can have your pick of them for free. Please contact Pastor Mueller if interested.

WHEELCHAIR: The elders would like to acquire for St. John's a wheelchair that is a little wider than usual. If you know of any leads, please contact one of the elders.

KROGER REWARDS FOR November 5th, 2023 to February 24, 2024, was \$58.27. Seventeen households participated. Thanks to all who participated.

The 4th Sunday in Lent + March 10, 2023 + 10:00 a.m. St. John's Lutheran Church, New Minden, Illinois *Lutheran Service Book*—Divine Service, Setting One

HYMN: "By Grace I'm Saved" LSB 566

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION LSB 151

PSALM: Psalm 107:1-9 spoken responsively LSB 107

KYRIE LSB 152-153

The Hymn of Praise is omitted during Lent.

SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY [LSB 156]

- P: The Lord be with you.
- C: (Sing:) And also with you.
- P: Let us pray. Almighty God, our heavenly Father, Your mercies are new every morning; and though we deserve only punishment, You receive us as Your children and provide for all our needs of body and soul. Grant that we may heartily acknowledge Your merciful goodness, give thanks for all Your benefits, and serve You in willing obedience; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C: (Sing:) A men.

OLD TESTAMENT

Numbers 21:4-9

P: ⁴ From Mount Hor they set out by the way to the Red Sea, to go around the land of Edom. And the people became impatient on the way. ⁵ And the people spoke against God and against Moses, "Why have you brought us up out of Egypt to die in the wilderness? For there is no food and no water, and we loathe this worthless food." ⁶ Then the LORD sent fiery serpents among the people, and they bit the people, so that many people of Israel died. ⁷ And the people came to Moses and said, "We have sinned, for we have spoken against the LORD and against you. Pray to the LORD, that he take away the serpents from us." So Moses prayed for the people. ⁸ And the LORD said to Moses, "Make a fiery serpent and set it on a pole, and everyone who is bitten, when he sees it, shall live." ⁹ So Moses made a bronze serpent and set it on

a pole. And if a serpent bit anyone, he would look at the bronze serpent and live.

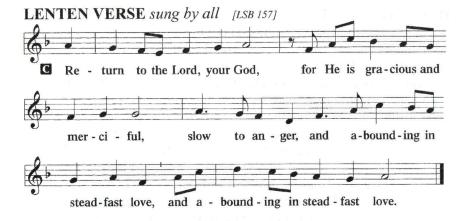
- P: This is the word of the Lord
- C: Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE

Ephesians 2:1-10

¹ And you were dead in the trespasses and sins ² in which P: you once walked, following the course of this world, following the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work in the sons of disobedience—³ among whom we all once lived in the passions of our flesh, carrying out the desires of the body and the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, like the rest of mankind. 4 But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us, ⁵ even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved— 6 and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, 7 so that in the coming ages he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. 8 For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, ⁹ not a result of works, so that no one may boast. ¹⁰ For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.

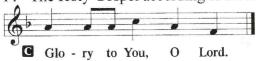
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HOLY GOSPEL

John 3:14-21

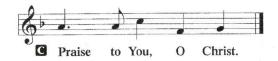
P: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 3rd chapter.



P: ¹⁴ And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, ¹⁵ that whoever believes in him may have eternal life."

16 "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. ¹⁷ For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him. ¹⁸ Whoever believes in him is not condemned, but whoever does not believe is condemned already, because he has not believed in the name of the only Son of God. ¹⁹ And this is the judgment: the light has come into the world, and people loved the darkness rather than the light because their deeds were evil. ²⁰ For everyone who does wicked things hates the light and does not come to the light, lest his deeds should be exposed. ²¹ But whoever does what is true comes to the light, so that it may be clearly seen that his deeds have been carried out in God."

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.



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CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

HYMN: "Amazing Grace"

LSB 744

SERMON: "By Grace You Have Been Saved" Ephesians 2:1-10

HYMN: "God Loved the World So That He Gave" LSB 571

OFFERING

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

LORD'S PRAYER

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P: Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

C: Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven; give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

COLLECT FOR THE WORD LSB 265

- P: Blessed Lord, You have caused all Holy Scriptures to be written for our learning. Grant that we may so hear them, read, mark, learn, and take them to heart that, by the patience and comfort of Your holy Word, we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C: (Sing:) Amen. LSB 166

BENEDICTION [LSB 166]

- P: The Lord Bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine on You and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.
- C: (Sing:) A men.

CLOSING HYMN: "Lift High the Cross"

LSB 837

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This Week: Mar 10th-17th, 2024

Today 8:00 a.m. The Lutheran Hour on KSIV 91.5 FM

12:30 & 5:00 p.m. KFUO 1-3:00 p.m. Confirmands in FH 4-7:00 p.m. Chicken Dinner

Monday 6:30 p.m. GriefShare

Tuesday 6:30 p.m. Bible Study

Wednesday 6:00 p.m. Weekday Religion in FH

6:30 p.m. Mid-Week Lenten Svc

Saturday 10-12:00 Confirmands in FH

NO Worship

Sunday 8:30 a.m. Worship at St. Luke's

9:00 a.m. Sunday School 9:00 a.m. Adult Bible Class

9:00 a.m. St. John's Bible Study on WNSV 104.7

10:00 a.m. Worship at NM w/HC

10:30 a.m. "Worship Anew" on DIRECT TV 377

and Channel 18 on Cable TV 1-3:00 p.m. Confirmands in FH



About the Cover: The Lord's judgment against the rebellious people took the form of fiery serpents. But His mercy also took the form of that fiery serpent raised upon a pole for all to see and live. As sinners under God's good Law, our sin brings biting affliction and judgment. But the Son of Man was lifted up upon the cross where God's judgment was poured out against sin. By His Word, we see that the One who was stricken, smitten, and afflicted is our forgiveness, life, and salvation.

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