

Sixth Sunday After Epiphany

February 15-16, 2020



We are nearing the conclusion of the Epiphany season, with only the climactic event, the transfiguration, yet ahead. The *Hymn of the Day* for Epiphany 6 is “Songs of Thankfulness and Praise” (LSB 394). One might expect this joyful hymn to have been sung much earlier in the Epiphany season because it explicitly gives thanks and praise to the Lord Jesus who was “Manifested by the star To the sages from afar” (st 1, Epiphany Day); “Manifest at Jordan’s stream” (st 2, Epiphany 1); “And at Cana wedding guest In Thy God-head manifest” (st 2, Epiphany 2, Year C); “Manifest in making whole Palsied limbs and fainting soul” (st 3, Epiphany 3). However, waiting until Epiphany 6 to sing this hymn allows all the Epiphany events to have been heard. They are now summarized in this hymn to remind us of the Christological context in which to hear and understand the Sermon on the Mount. As always, the liturgical setting begins with Jesus. People gather for the liturgy because Jesus comes; they come to listen to Jesus. No Jesus, no liturgy. The crowds gathered on a mountainside because Jesus was there. In 5:23–26, Jesus draws the attention of the congregation to the issue of anger and how this must be dealt with on another mountain where there is an altar. He is speaking about the altar in the temple on Mount Zion at which they offer their gifts. When Jesus comes, we listen. When the Bridegroom is present, we sing joyful songs of thankfulness and praise.

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Equipping the family of God to joyfully and boldly make disciples of Christ as we

KNOW Jesus and one another, **GROW** to be more like Him and

SOW His love in Word and deed.



6:00 p.m. Saturday Evening Blended Worship Service with Communion

Dale Scheiderer – Accompanist



SATURDAY
Worship

“Be Reconciled” - Deuteronomy 30:15-20

The Old Testament Reading for this week presents us with a fundamental choice, one of life and death. One way walks in the Commandments of the Lord, and another follows the destructive ways of the world. We consider today all of the division and conflict that exists in the world, in our church, and in our lives. Jesus cares deeply about reconciliation, about people coming together and forgiving one another. It is even part of the Lord’s Prayer: “Forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us.” Whatever grudges you are holding can be overcome with the peace of Christ.

WELCOME

RINGING OF THE BELLS

HYMN OF THE DAY

“Songs of Thankfulness and Praise”

LSB 394

INVOCATION

OPENING SENTENCES

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Silence for reflection

PRAYER OF THE DAY

[Bible readings found on pages 15-16 of this worship program]

OLD TESTAMENT READING: *Deuteronomy 30:15-20*

EPISTLE READING: *1 Corinthians 3:1-9*

HOLY GOSPEL: *Matthew 5:21-37*

SERMON MESSAGE: **“Be Reconciled”** - *Deuteronomy 30:15-20*

NICENE CREED

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life + of the world to come. Amen.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

After Each Petition

P: ... Lord, in Your mercy,

C: **hear our prayer.**

PREPARATION FOR HOLY COMMUNION [as found on page 14 of this worship program]

+ SACRAMENT +

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

LORD'S PRAYER

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.

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

"Your Table I Approach"

LSB 628

"Sent Forth by God's Blessing"

LSB 643

POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

OFFERINGS OF OUR TIME, TALENTS & TREASURES

"Lord, we are yours. This represents our heart, our attitude, our spirit, and our willingness to recognize and submit to you as our Lord."

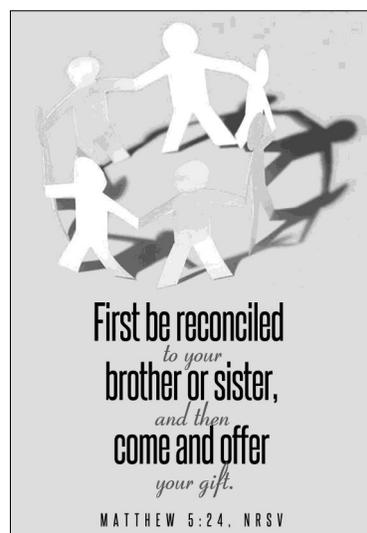
BENEDICTION

CLOSING HYMN

"When Peace, like a River"

LSB 763

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9:00 a.m. Sunday Morning Traditional Worship Service with Communion

Dale Scheiderer – Organist

Divine Service Setting Four, LSB page 203



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“Forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us.” Whatever grudges you are holding can be overcome with the peace of Christ.

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RINGING OF THE BELLS

HYMN OF THE DAY

“Songs of Thankfulness and Praise”

LSB 394

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION - LSB Pg. 203

SERVICE OF THE WORD - LSB Pg. 204

WORSHIP PRESENTATION by the First Review, “Invited, Lord, by Boundless Grace”

HOLY BAPTISM of *Leah Raeann Arnold*

SALUTATION and COLLECT OF THE DAY

LSB 205

[Bible readings found on pages 15-16 of this worship program]

OLD TESTAMENT READING: *Deuteronomy 30:15-20*

EPISTLE READING: *1 Corinthians 3:1-9*

ALLELUIA and VERSE

LSB 205

HOLY GOSPEL: *Matthew 5:21-37*

SERMON MESSAGE: “Be Reconciled” - *Deuteronomy 30:15-20*

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

PREPARATION FOR HOLY COMMUNION [as found on page 14 of this worship program]

SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT - LSB Pg. 208

PREFACE

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SANCTUS

LSB 208

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

LSB 209

LORD’S PRAYER

LSB 209

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.

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD	LSB 209
PAX DOMINI	LSB 209
AGNUS DEI	LSB 210
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DISTRIBUTION HYMNS	
Worship Presentation by the First Review, <i>"People Need the Lord"</i>	
<i>"Your Table I Approach"</i>	LSB 628
<i>"Sent Forth by God's Blessing"</i>	LSB 643
NUNC DIMITTIS	LSB 211
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"Lord, we are yours. This represents our heart, our attitude, our spirit, and our willingness to recognize and submit to you as our Lord."	
BENEDICTION	LSB 212
HYMN TO DEPART	<i>"When Peace, like a River"</i> LSB 763



...loving the LORD your God,
obeying him, and holding
fast to him, for that
means life to you and
length of days...

Deuteronomy 30:20, NRSV

11:00 a.m. Sunday Morning *Out Abounds* Contemporary Worship Service
with Communion with the *Out Abounds* Praise Band



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Gathering Praise

Time of Greeting

† We Lift Our Hearts in Worship †

Time of Praise and Worship

“10,000 Reasons (Bless The Lord)”

Bless the Lord O my soul - O my soul - Worship His holy name
Sing like never before - O my soul - I'll worship Your holy name

The sun comes up it's a new day dawning. It's time to sing Your song again.
Whatever may pass and whatever lies before me, Let me be singing when the evening comes!

Bless the Lord O my soul - O my soul - Worship His holy name
Sing like never before - O my soul - I'll worship Your holy name

You're rich in love and You're slow to anger, Your name is great and Your heart is kind
For all Your goodness I will keep on singing, ten thousand reasons for my heart to find

Bless the Lord O my soul - O my soul - Worship His holy name
Sing like never before - O my soul - I'll worship Your holy name

And on that day when my strength is failing, the end draws near and my time has come
Still my soul will sing Your praise unending, ten thousand years and then forevermore

Bless the Lord O my soul - O my soul - Worship His holy name
Sing like never before - O my soul - I'll worship Your holy name
Bless the Lord O my soul - O my soul - Worship His holy name
Sing like never before - O my soul - I'll worship Your holy name

Worship Your holy name - Lord I'll worship Your holy name
Sing like never before - O my soul

I'll worship Your holy name - Worship Your holy name - Worship Your holy name

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Invocation

Opening Prayer

Time of Confession and Forgiveness

Response Song

“I Give You My Heart”

This is my desire, to honor You. Lord, with all my heart, I worship You.
All I have within me I give You praise. All that I adore is in You.
Lord, I give You my heart, I give You my soul. I live for You alone.
Every breath that I take, every moment I'm awake. Lord, have Your way in me.
Lord, I give You my heart, I give You my soul. I live for You alone.
Every breath that I take, every moment I'm awake. Lord, have Your way in me.
Lord, I give You my heart, I give You my soul. I live for You alone.
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† We Hear God's Word †

[Bible readings found on pages 15-16 of this worship program]

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Epistle Reading: *1 Corinthians 3:1-9*

Holy Gospel: *Matthew 5:21-37*

Sermon Message: “Be Reconciled” - *Deuteronomy 30:15-20*

† We Respond to God's Word †

Nicene Creed

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life + of the world to come. Amen.

† We Pray †

Prayers

The Lord's Prayer

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.

Preparation for Holy Communion [as found on page 14 of this worship program]

† We Celebrate the Lord's Supper †

Here our Lord gives to us His own Body and Blood for the forgiveness of all our sins.

Words of Institution

Music During Communion

“Communion”

This is the body, this is the blood, broken and poured out for all of us
And in this communion we share in His love, this is the body, this is the blood

I will remember ev'rything Lord that You've done for me
I won't take for granted the sacrifice that set me free
I hunger and thirst for Your love, come fill me today

This is the body, this is the blood, broken and poured out for all of us
And in this communion we share in His love, this is the body, this is the blood

We hunger and thirst for Your love and Your righteousness
We long for Your presence here Lord, be with us again

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Dismissal

Offerings of Our Time, Talents & Treasures

“Lord, we are yours. This represents our heart, our attitude, our spirit, and our willingness to recognize and submit to you as our Lord.

† We Depart in Peace †

Benediction

Closing Song

“Open the Eyes of My Heart”

Open the Eyes of My Heart Lord, open the eyes of my heart. I want to see You, I want to see You.
Open the Eyes of My Heart Lord, open the eyes of my heart. I want to see You, I want to see You.

To see You high and lifted up, shining in the light of Your glory.
Pour out Your power and love as we sing, Holy Holy Holy.

Open the Eyes of My Heart Lord, open the eyes of my heart. I want to see You, I want to see You.
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Holy, holy, holy. Holy, holy, holy. Holy holy holy I want to see You.
Holy, holy, holy. Holy, holy, holy. Holy holy holy I want to see You.

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NOTES AND NEWS



Lenten Worship Schedule

Ash Wednesday: *February 26, 4:00 & 7:00 pm/Communion & Distribution of Ashes*

Midweek Lenten Services: *March 4, 11, 18, 25, & April 1, 4:00 & 7:00 pm*

Lenten Suppers: *5:00 pm - 7:00 pm in the School Cafeteria*



Holy Week Worship Schedule

Palm Sunday: *April 5*

- Youth Confirmation Reception, 8:00 am, Gym
- Youth Confirmation Worship Service, 9:00 am
- Out Abounds Contemporary Worship, 11:00 am/Communion

Maundy Thursday: *April 9, 4:00 & 7:00 pm/Communion*

Good Friday: *April 10, Tenebrae Service: "Service of Darkness", 7:00 pm*

Holy Saturday: *April 11, 6:00 pm/Communion*

Easter Sunday: *April 12, 9:00 am Traditional & 11:00 am Out Abounds Contemporary Worship Services/Communion*

No Sunday School Classes, but please attend:

10:00 am - Easter Egg Hunt for All Ages up to 6th Grade
(Meet on the softball field)

10:15 am - Our Family Easter Breakfast hosted by the Cafeteria Bible Study Group

Please join us here at St. John's for our upcoming Lenten Worship Services, Lenten Suppers and Holy Week & Easter Worship Services!

SJS Board of Christian Education Scholarships: The Church and School wish to partner with you and your family if you desire your child to attend St. John's. We are blessed to have the school as a huge mission of our ministry. Did you know that you have the opportunity to do this through BOCE Scholarships (*Worship, Engagement, and Multi-Child*), Private Funded Scholarship, Tuition Assistance, and the Ohio Department of Education (*Ed Choice and Ed Choice Expansion*)? Please contact the school office or Mr. Rausch if you have any questions at:

office@sjsmarysville.org 937-644-5540
rtausch@sjsmarysville.org 937-240-3003



"SOS - Shepherding Our Strays" Bible Study

Pastor Jack will lead this Bible study in the cafeteria on Sunday, Feb. 16 & 23 at 10am. Learn how to reach out to family and friends who have strayed away from fellowship with Christ!

There is one body yet many members. 1 Cor 12
Christ has called each Christian to help care for the needs of the others.

WELCOME TO ST. JOHN'S!

Welcome to St. John's. Thank you for choosing to worship with us today. We pray that you will encounter Christ, the Living Word, and in a new way experience His mercy and grace today. If you are a guest or visitor we hope we have the chance to say hello. If you would like to know more about our ministry, please speak with the person next to you, to the pastor, call the church office, or indicate when you sign the attendance form. **Sign in, please!** We ask all worshipers to sign in the attendance directory in order to let us know of your presence with us enabling us to take better care of you.

The Church Nursery: Parents are welcome to take children to the nursery and stay with them during any part of the worship services.

The Lutheran Hour is on the radio Sunday mornings at **7:00am on WLW (700 AM)**. Log on to www.lhm.org for more information and channels. Jim Vandre, LHM Ambassador.

St. John's Radio Program airs Sunday mornings at **8:30am** on local channel **WQTT (1270 AM & 98.7 FM)**.

Altar Flowers: The altar flowers are to the glory of God and in thanksgiving for the many blessings He has provided to St. John's Lutheran Church and School, by the St. John's Ladies Aid.

Chancel Flowers: Chancel flowers are given in celebration of the Holy Baptism of **Leah Raeann Arnold** today, February 16.

THE LORD'S WEEK AT ST. JOHN'S FEBRUARY 16-23, 2020

TODAY 02/16/20	9:00 am	Traditional Worship Service/Communion
	10:00 am	Adult & Young Adult Bible Study Youth & Children Sunday School
	10:00 am	SOS Adult Bible Study led by Pastor Jack/Cafeteria
	10:00 am	Youth Catechism Class
	11:00 am	Contemporary Worship Service/Communion
MONDAY		President's Day: School & Offices Closed
	6:30 pm	Ladies Aid Quilting
	8:00 pm	Adult Volleyball Open Gym
TUESDAY	11:30 am	Ladies Aid Quilting
	6:30 pm	Handbell Choir Practice
WEDNESDAY	1:30 pm	ACES/Heritage House
THURSDAY	12:00 pm	Ladies Aid Quilting
	8:00 pm	Dartball
FRIDAY	5:30 pm	SJS Basketball Play In Games for the All Ohio Basketball Tournament
SATURDAY	7:30 am	Ladies Morning Bible Study/Heritage House
	6:00 pm	Blended Worship Service
SUNDAY 02/23/20		Transfiguration Sunday
	9:00 am	Traditional Worship Service
	10:00 am	SOS Adult Bible Study led by Pastor Jack/Cafeteria
	10:00 am	Adult & Young Adult Bible Study/ Youth & Children Sunday School
	10:00 am	Youth Catechism Class
	11:00 am	Contemporary Worship Service
	6:00 pm	LYF: Devotions & Games/Youth House

ALL AGES SUNDAY SCHOOL

10:00 - 11:00 am

Toddlers—School Preschool Room

3's - Kindergarten—Church Basement

1st - 6th Grades—Gathering together in the school open common area (near the school library) and split into classes from there.

7th & 8th Grade Youth Catechism Class—School Modulars

High School Youth "Cornerstone Discipleship"—Youth House

Women's Bible Study—School Loft

Adult Bible Study—Cafeteria: **TODAY, Feb. 16 & Feb. 23:** "SOS - Shepherding Our Strays" Bible Study led by Pastor Jack

Adult Bible Study—Heritage House: Topic, "Bridges - Christians Connecting with Muslims."

Adult Bible Study—Heritage House: **Week Study -**

Mon: No School **Tues:** 1 Tim 3

Wed: 1 Tim 4 **Thurs:** 1 Tim 5

Friday: 1 Tim 6



ACES will be playing Wednesday, February 19 at the Heritage House. We will be playing every Wednesday this winter. We start at 1:30. Cost is \$1.00.

Please join us and bring a friend.

2020 Altar Flower Calendar: You have lots of great opportunities to honor or remember a loved one, or celebrate an occasion by placing flowers on the altar. Please stop by the Marie Pfarr Room where the flower binder is located, and sign up for your special date or dates today!

NOTES & NEWS ITEMS

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St. John's CEA presents:

SHROVE PANCAKE DINNER

TUESDAY, FEB. 25TH
 5:00PM - 6:30PM

ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN SCHOOL GYMNASIUM

presenting: Chris Cakes



ALL YOU CAN EAT!

...Free Event...

per person/per plate
Dinner Includes:
all you can eat Pancakes, Sausage,
Fresh Coffee, Orange Juice, & Water
enter through the main cafeteria gym doors
during the event

FREEWILL OFFERING ACCEPTED
contact cea@sjsmarysville.org with any
questions or to sign up to volunteer for this event!
ALL PROCEEDS BENEFIT THE ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN SCHOOL FOR SUPPLIES

Weekly Worship Bible Readings: For those of you who would like to study the Word ahead of the next weekends worship services, we are listing here in the N&N the Bible readings that Pastor Jack will be using.
February 23 - Old Testament: Exodus 24:8-18, **Epistle:** 2 Peter 1:16-21, **Gospel:** Matthew 17:1-9

Mobile Version of Online Giving: St. John's offers a mobile version of our online giving page to make it easy for you to give by credit or debit card anytime from your smart phone. Simply scan the image you see here using your phone's Quick Response (QR) code reader! You may also go to stjohnsmarysville.org and click on the "Electronic Giving" button and follow the easy directions.



Worship attendance for 02/08 and 02/09: 318

Congregational Tithes Third Quarter Mission Opportunities of Fiscal Year 2019-20



Ohio District LCMS - 50%,
 Youth Mission Outreach - 10%,
 Hearts for Jesus - 10%,
 Food for the Poor - 10%, LAMP - 10%,
 Kingdom Investment International - 10%

'NOTES & NEWS' Items - Weekly Schedule: Please submit articles and announcements to Regina Bullerman, Church Secretary, by calling directly at 937-240-3004, dropping off articles to the office or emailing them to rbullerman@sjsmarysville.org, by **NO LATER THAN TUESDAY, AT NOON. Thank you.**

Assisted Hearing Devices:

Please speak to an usher to use one of these devices. If you would like to purchase one of your own, or contribute to the purchase of additional units, please see Pastor Jack.



MORE NOTES & NEWS ITEMS



LOVE THY NEIGHBOR by becoming a Union County Neighbor to Neighbor volunteer! Volunteers accept the assignments they prefer at the time that suits the volunteer, making this a flexible and simple way to serve. UCN2N offers opportunities for families or groups to volunteer together, for teens to serve on their own, and for very young children to accompany their parents, learning the joys of service from an early age. **Our next orientation session is Thursday, February 27 at the Marysville Public Library.** Chose from 10:30AM-noon OR 6:00-7:30PM. RSVP to volunteers@ucn2n.org.

Ladies A Wing & A Prayer Gathering

Cheryl Leeds will be hosting our next get together with a pizza and movie night at her house, Sunday, February 23rd, at 5:00 pm. Pizza will be provided. Ladies, please bring a beverage of your choice. All ladies of St. John's are welcome and we hope you'll bring a friend.

Cheryl's address is: 12945 Maple Ridge Rd.
Milford Center

Please RSVP by Friday, February 21st to Dorinda (623-466-5511) or Cheryl (937-597-0581).

**A WING
&
A PRAYER**

Lifelong Learners Lectures

Proudly Presents

"Understanding Millennials"

Thursday, February 20, 2020 @ 2:00 p.m.
Bluebird Retirement Community,
145 Coleman's Crossing Blvd., Marysville Ohio



Speaker Bio: Jason Stanford has served as the Development Services Manager for the Union County-Marysville Economic Development Partnership since 2008. His primary areas of expertise include lead generation, business retention and expansion, downtown revitalization, economic and market analysis, and community outreach/marketing. Prior to this position, he served as the Assistant Director of the Belmont County, Ohio Department of Development.

As the catalyst for the largest social and cultural evolution America has ever seen, the Millennials are a crucial generation to understand. The enormity, complexity, and innovation of this generation has changed the way our nation conducts business and builds communities. Mr. Stanford will offer an insightful look at the generation "America loves to hate" and uncover how millennials and their quirks, likes, and dislikes are transforming our way of life.

The Lifelong Learners Lecture Series is free and open to the public of all ages.

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2020 Spring ODE'S: The Spring 2020 LWML ODE's are available on www.lwmlohio.org by going to resources and clicking on The ODE. The information regarding the 2020 Ohio District Convention in Dayton, OH is in this ODE including the registration forms and housing form. You can also access the registration forms for the convention on www.lwmlohio.org by going to events and clicking on District Convention 2020. Delegates and Alternates for the convention must send in their registration forms by March 31, 2020.



Thank you so much to St. John's Catechism Class & Congregation for the college care package with all the snacks and goodies. It's very nice to get stuff like this. I sincerely appreciate it. **Andrew Becker**

The Columbus Children's Choir New World Singers Concert

Open Concert at the First United Methodist Church of London on Sat., Feb. 29 at 7pm. 70 singers, ages 6th-12th grades. Free will offering to benefit their trip to Wales to compete in the Int'l Musical competition.



How Does Stephen Ministry Work?

When someone requests a Stephen Minister, Doug Doellinger 937-644-0576 or Linda Kosakowski 614-506-6179, or Stephen Leaders, will meet with that person, explain what Stephen Ministry is, and help determine whether Stephen Ministry is the kind of Care that person needs. They then match that person with one of our available Stephen Ministers. The Stephen Minister will then call that person and begin meeting with him or her for about an hour each week as long as the need is there. Everything a care receiver says to his or her Stephen Minister is kept confidential. The Stephen Minister doesn't try to solve problems; rather, he or she listens, cares, prays, and helps the care receiver find his or her path to healing and wholeness.

NOTES & NEWS ITEMS



Loss of a Spouse Event

Are you grieving the death of a Spouse? Or do you know someone who is?

Find encouragement, comfort, and hope at a special **Loss of a Spouse** event being held on *Thursday, February 20, 2020 from 6-8pm* at the Plain City Presbyterian Church, 231 East Main St., Plain City, Ohio 43064.

Loss of a Spouse helps men and women grapple with the challenges of being widowed. The **FREE** seminar features an inspiring 35-minute video that's filled with moving stories, practical advice, and a variety of perspectives on spousal loss.

After the video, you'll have the opportunity to discuss what you learned with other widows and widowers. You'll discover that you're not alone in your grief and what you're going through is normal. Plus, you'll receive a booklet to take home with over 30 short readings on how to rebuild your life.

Please call or text Deaconess Janet Nicol at 614-561-7411 to register for this encouraging seminar.

Washington DC Fundraiser

Come enjoy a night off from cooking and support the St. John's 7th and 8th grade Washington DC trip!



Der Dutchman
Amish Kitchen Cooking
PLAIN CITY

The 7th & 8th grade will be holding a Der Dutchman Fundraising Event on **Tuesday, February 18th from**

5:00-8:00 p.m. at the Der Dutchman (445 S. Jefferson Ave., Plain City). The students will be hosting, serving, and bussing tables. **Please mention "St. John's" to sit in their section.**

The group will be receiving 15% of the meal bill as well as 100% of the tips. St. John's will also receive 15% of bakery & gift shop sales as long as you **mention "St. John's" when checking out.**



So grab some cinnamon rolls or donuts for breakfast, or a pie to share with friends! **The kids can't wait to serve you dinner on February 18th at the Plain City Der Dutchman!**

Please join us!!!

Soar on Wings God has Made for You

Golden Eagles

GOLDEN EAGLE NEWS...

NOTE - PLEASE WATCH FOR POSSIBLE CHANGES TO THIS EVENT: IT'S HEART HEALTH MONTH! On Friday, February 21st, at 2:00pm, your Golden Eagles will have a medical professional from Memorial Hospital Cardiology, share information on heart and vascular disease, treatment options, and prevention. They will answer questions and share tips for keeping your heart healthy! Refreshments will be provided. As it's almost Valentine's Day.....take care of your SWEET.....HEART! See you on the 21st at the Heritage House!



"ON THE ROAD AGAIN!" "SPRINGTIME IN HOLLAND"... MICHIGAN THAT IS!

Join us for the ultimate Spring Time excursion... to Holland, Michigan, May 7 through 10th! View hundreds of thousands of tulips in full bloom, as well as parades, "Klomp Dancers", windmills, wooden shoes, a Delft factory, charming shops, entertainment and even a quilt show! Pick up an itinerary in the Marie Pfarr room to learn the complete details of this fun trip! Since Pastor Tom and Sharon Hackett live in Holland, we plan to attend worship at Zion Lutheran Church on Sunday, May 10th, where Pastor Tom will be serving as interim Pastor! What a great opportunity for a visit! For full details of the trip, please pick up a copy of the itinerary in the Marie Pfarr room. You will find a reservation form on the back of the itinerary and instructions on how to sign up! You won't want to miss this one!

For information, contact Jeff or Carol Reinhard at 614-560-5085 or Annie Scheiderer at 937-349-4470.

PREPARATION FOR HOLY COMMUNION

Therefore, whoever eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty of sinning against the body and blood of the Lord. A man ought to examine himself before he eats of the bread and drinks of the cup. For anyone who eats and drinks without recognizing the body of the Lord eats and drinks judgment on himself. 1 Corinthians 11:27-29

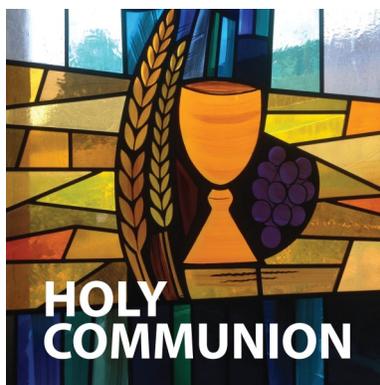
The following is a summary of what we believe and teach as Missouri Synod Lutheran Christians. Because we care for you, we ask that you carefully review the following statements:

1. I have been baptized into the name of the one true God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit. *Matthew 28:16-20*
2. I have been instructed concerning the meaning of Holy Communion, understand the importance of self-examination prior to coming to the Lord's Supper and have made my confirmation of faith. *1 Corinthians 11:27-29*
3. I confess that I am a sinner in need of forgiveness. I am sorry for my sins. *1 John 1:8-9*
4. I believe that Jesus Christ, God's Son, is my Savior from sin, death, and the power of the devil. *Romans 3:21-24*
5. I believe that the body and blood of Jesus Christ are really present in the bread and wine of Holy Communion, and I desire to receive Christ's body and blood, given and shed for my forgiveness. *1 Corinthians 11:23-26*
6. As far as I know, I am at peace with everyone. I harbor no hatred or vengeance in my heart. *Matthew 6:14-15*
7. By the power of the Holy Spirit, I desire and intend to lead a more Godly and Christ-like life, trusting in God's promises and obeying His commands. *Galatians 5:22-24*

If you unreservedly agree with the seven points above, you are invited to come to the Lord's Supper. If you do not agree with one or more of the seven points, please refrain from participating in Holy Communion lest you sin against the body and blood of the Lord. If you agree with the seven points above but are not a member of St. John's, we welcome you to the Lord's Table and invite you to give prayerful consideration to joining our partnership in the Gospel. You are encouraged to speak with a pastor or elder prior to communing regarding any point(s) of disagreement and/or regarding the process of joining St. John's.

Gluten-Free Communion Wafers: A gluten-free communion wafer option is now available for those who are allergic. They are located in the brass cup in the middle of the communion plate.

Communion Wine: For those who have health related, or other issues with drinking alcohol, please take the purple individual communion cup. It contains all water with one drop of wine.



Today's Bible Readings

Old Testament Reading: *Deuteronomy 30:15-20*

It would seem that God has given His people an obvious choice to make - life or death. He even tells them how to carry out this choice in their lives - love, obey, and walk with God and you will live; turn away from God to serve idols, and you will die. God wants them to choose life - He wants to be in right relationship with His people, that has always been His plan for His children. There can be no life or blessing apart from God, and when we try to find it outside of Him, we chose death.

¹⁵“See, I have set before you today life and good, death and evil. ¹⁶If you obey the commandments of the LORD your God that I command you today, by loving the LORD your God, by walking in his ways, and by keeping his commandments and his statutes and his rules, then you shall live and multiply, and the LORD your God will bless you in the land that you are entering to take possession of it. ¹⁷But if your heart turns away, and you will not hear, but are drawn away to worship other gods and serve them, ¹⁸I declare to you today, that you shall surely perish. You shall not live long in the land that you are going over the Jordan to enter and possess. ¹⁹I call heaven and earth to witness against you today, that I have set before you life and death, blessing and curse. Therefore choose life, that you and your offspring may live, ²⁰loving the LORD your God, obeying his voice and holding fast to him, for he is your life and length of days, that you may dwell in the land that the LORD swore to your fathers, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, to give them.”

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Epistle Reading: *1 Corinthians 3:1-9*

In this Scripture Paul addresses a common theme in many churches that operate as the world does - the personality cult. When God's people lose sight of their focus on Him, they get sidetracked and begin to emphasize human glory. Often times people can become so infatuated with a particular leader and his gifts and style, that they forget an important fact- that leader is a servant of Jesus. There are no superstars in the Body of Christ besides the head Himself. No matter what role a person has in the church or the work that they do, that role and those gifts are given so that he may glorify Jesus Christ and lead others to Him. To God be the glory!

¹But I, brothers, could not address you as spiritual people, but as people of the flesh, as infants in Christ. ²I fed you with milk, not solid food, for you were not ready for it. And even now you are not yet ready, ³for you are still of the flesh. For while there is jealousy and strife among you, are you not of the flesh and behaving only in a human way? ⁴For when one says, “I follow Paul,” and another, “I follow Apollos,” are you not being merely human? ⁵What then is Apollos? What is Paul? Servants through whom you believed, as the Lord assigned to each. ⁶I planted, Apollos watered, but God gave the growth. ⁷So neither he who plants nor he who waters is anything, but only God who gives the growth. ⁸He who plants and he who waters are one, and each will receive his wages according to his labor. ⁹For we are God's fellow workers. You are God's field, God's building.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Holy Gospel: *Matthew 5:21-37*

In this Scripture Matthew records Jesus' teaching on four actions prohibited in the Torah: murder, adultery, divorce, and oaths. In addressing these issues, Jesus not only addresses certain behaviors and actions, but the heart behind each of them. Thus, He brings to light a difficult truth - sin starts in the heart. I might be innocent of murder - but what about hatred or angry outbursts? Jesus is challenging us to look beyond outward appearances of piety, and to look honestly at our hearts before God without justification or excuse. When we do this, we realize there is no way to serve God in our own strength, our hearts are tainted with sin and at best we bring mixed motives to our relationship with Him. His standards are higher than ours, but so is His love and mercy. That is the gospel of the Kingdom of Heaven - it is a Kingdom of love that Jesus Christ builds in our hearts instead of death and corruption.

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the fifth chapter.

People: Glory to You, O Lord.

²¹[Jesus said:] “You have heard that it was said to those of old, ‘You shall not murder; and whoever murders will be liable to judgment.’ ²²But I say to you that everyone who is angry with his brother will be liable to judgment; whoever insults his brother will be liable to the council; and whoever says, ‘You fool!’ will be liable to the hell of fire. ²³So if you are offering your gift at the altar and there remember that your brother has something against you, ²⁴leave your gift there before the altar and go. First be reconciled to your brother, and then come and offer your gift. ²⁵Come to terms quickly with your accuser while you are going with him to court, lest your accuser hand you over to the judge, and the judge to the guard, and you be put in prison. ²⁶Truly, I say to you, you will never get out until you have paid the last penny. ²⁷“You have heard that it was said, ‘You shall not commit adultery.’ ²⁸But I say to you that everyone who looks at a woman with lustful intent has already committed adultery with her in his heart. ²⁹If your right eye causes you to sin, tear it out and throw it away. For it is better that you lose one of your members than that your whole body be thrown into hell. ³⁰And if your right hand causes you to sin, cut it off and throw it away. For it is better that you lose one of your members than that your whole body go into hell. ³¹“It was also said, ‘Whoever divorces his wife, let him give her a certificate of divorce.’ ³²But I say to you that everyone who divorces his wife, except on the ground of sexual immorality, makes her commit adultery. And whoever marries a divorced woman commits adultery. ³³“Again you have heard that it was said to those of old, ‘You shall not swear falsely, but shall perform to the Lord what you have sworn.’ ³⁴But I say to you, Do not take an oath at all, either by heaven, for it is the throne of God, ³⁵or by the earth, for it is his footstool, or by Jerusalem, for it is the city of the great King. ³⁶And do not take an oath by your head, for you cannot make one hair white or black. ³⁷Let what you say be simply ‘Yes’ or ‘No’; anything more than this comes from evil.”

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to You, O Christ.

