

# First Sunday in Lent

## February 29 - March 1, 2020



Epiphany shows us God's Son being baptized into His office as Messiah, taking into Himself the sin of the world. Now at the head of Lent, we see what the outcome is. Like us, Jesus faces temptation because of His being baptized. His power to fend off Satan as the Israel of God, after just coming across the Red Sea of Baptism, gives us hope for ultimate rescue as we walk the Lenten way with Him. We go with him from the font to the wilderness of this age, looking forward to crossing the Jordan to the heavenly home promised to us. That there are forty days of Lent in the Christian Church Year is tied to the forty days of Jesus being tempted in the wilderness (cf. *LSB* 418). The First Sunday in Lent takes us to the theological heart of Christianity. It shows us what is the problem of our world and who is the problem solver. This Sunday is anticipated by the ashes of the previous Wednesday as they are accompanied by words of the *Old Testament Reading* and sermon text, in which God says to the old Adam: "You are dust, and to dust you shall return" (v 19). Then today's *Epistle* contains the promise that the new Adam, whose crushing of the serpent is foreshadowed by His victory over temptation in the wilderness, provides "justification and life for all men" (Rom 5:18).

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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



## “God’s Cool Response to that Sneaky Old Snake” - Genesis 3:1-21

Every time I read the opening chapters of Genesis, I shake my head in amazement, astonishment, and anger. It happened again as I studied these chapters. When I consider the creation of this world by the powerful Word of God, the great care and pains He took making man and woman, and His wonderful love in preparing their home—the Garden of Eden—I’m amazed and astonished at God’s wonderful, gracious love for His world and us. Then I’m angered by the foolishness and stupidity of our first parents, who tossed it all away by believing the lying, tempting words of “that sneaky old snake,” Satan. How could they do it? Yet, I know better than to say I wouldn’t have done it, because 10 chances out of 9, I would! So would you! Satan’s temptations are hard to resist. “That sneaky old snake” is a formidable foe and forceful factor in the world. He and his cunning deceive and seduce us. This activity will continue until Christ comes again in glory.

### WELCOME

### RINGING OF THE BELLS

### OPENING SONG

“A Mighty Fortress Is Our God”

LSB 656

### INVOCATION

### CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

*Silence for reflection*

### PRAYER OF THE DAY

### ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE DAY

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

**OLD TESTAMENT READING:** *Genesis 3:1-21*

**EPISTLE READING:** *Romans 5:12-19*

**HOLY GOSPEL:** *Matthew 4:1-11*

### SERMON HYMN

“In Adam We Have All Been One”

LSB 569

**SERMON MESSAGE:** “God’s Cool Response to that Sneaky Old Snake” - *Genesis 3:1-21*

### 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:** ... let us pray to the Lord.

**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.**

## **PAX DOMINI**

## **DISTRIBUTION HYMNS**

**"In the Cross of Christ I Glory"**

*LSB 427*

**"My Song Is Love Unknown"**

*LSB 430*

## **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**

**"O Lord, throughout These Forty Days"**

*LSB 418*

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THEN THE  
**EYES**  
OF BOTH WERE  
**OPENED**

Genesis 3:7



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

Dale Scheiderer – Organist

Divine Service Setting Four, LSB page 203



## “God’s Cool Response to that Sneaky Old Snake” - Genesis 3:1-21

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Then I’m angered by the foolishness and stupidity of our first parents, who tossed it all away by believing the lying, tempting words of “that sneaky old snake,” Satan. How could they do it? Yet, I know better than to say I wouldn’t have done it, because 10 chances out of 9, I would! So would you! Satan’s temptations are hard to resist. “That sneaky old snake” is a formidable foe and forceful factor in the world. He and his cunning deceive and seduce us. This activity will continue until Christ comes again in glory.

### WELCOME

### RINGING OF THE BELLS

### HYMN OF INVOCATION

“A Mighty Fortress Is Our God”

LSB 656

### CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION - LSB Pg. 203

### SERVICE OF THE WORD - LSB Pg. 204

### WORSHIP PRESENTATION by the SJLC Hand Bell Choir, “Theme from Finlandia”

### SALUTATION and COLLECT OF THE DAY

LSB 205

### PRAYER OF THE DAY

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

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**EPISTLE READING:** *Romans 5:12-19*

**HOLY GOSPEL:** *Matthew 4:1-11*

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**SERMON MESSAGE: "God's Cool Response to that Sneaky Old Snake" - Genesis 3:1-21**

**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** *LSB 208*

**SANCTUS** *LSB 208*

**PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING** *LSB 209*

**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.

**THE WORDS OF OUR LORD** *LSB 209*

**PAX DOMINI** *LBS 209*

**AGNUS DEI** *LSB 210*

**DISTRIBUTION** *LSB 210*

**DISTRIBUTION HYMNS**

Worship Presentation by the SJLC Hand Bell Choir, "What Wondrous Love Is This?"

"In the Cross of Christ I Glory" *LSB 427*

"My Song Is Love Unknown" *LSB 430*

**NUNC DIMITTIS** *LSB 211*

**POST-COMMUNION COLLECT** *LSB 212*

**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** *LSB 212*

**HYMN TO DEPART** *LSB 418*

**"O Lord, throughout These Forty Days"**



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



**“God’s Cool Response to that Sneaky Old Snake” - Genesis 3:1-21**

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**Gathering Praise**

**Time of Greeting**

**† We Lift Our Hearts in Worship †**

**Time of Praise and Worship**

**“Blessed Be Your Name”**

Blessed be Your name in the land that is plentiful  
Where Your streams of abundance flow - Blessed be Your name.

Blessed be Your name when I’m found in the desert place  
Though I walk through the wilderness - Blessed be Your name.

Every blessing You pour out I’ll turn back to praise  
When the darkness closes in, Lord - Still I will say,  
Blessed be the name of the Lord - Blessed be Your name.  
Blessed be the name of the Lord - Blessed be Your glorious name.

Blessed be Your name when the sun’s shining down on me  
When the world’s all as it should be - Blessed be Your name.  
Blessed be Your name on the road marked with suffering  
Though there’s pain in the offering - Blessed be Your name.

Every blessing You pour out I’ll turn back to praise  
When the darkness closes in, Lord - Still I will say,  
Blessed be the name of the Lord - Blessed be Your name.  
Blessed be the name of the Lord - Blessed be Your glorious name.

You give and take away, You give and take away, My heart will choose to say,  
Lord, blessed be Your name.

You give and take away, You give and take away, My heart will choose to say,  
Lord, blessed be Your name.

Blessed be the name of the Lord - Blessed be Your name.  
Blessed be the name of the Lord - Blessed be Your glorious name.

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**Invocation**

**Opening Prayer**

**Worship Presentation by the SJLS Pre-School & Kindergarten,  
“He’s Got the Whole World” & “Jesus Loves the Little Children”**

**Time of Confession and Forgiveness**

**Response Song**

**“Lord I Need You”**

Lord I come I confess, bowing here I find my rest  
And without You I fall apart, You’re the one that guides my heart

Lord I need You oh I need You, ev’ry hour I need You  
My one defense my righteousness, Oh God how I need You

Where sin runs deep Your grace is more, where grace is found is where You are  
And where You are Lord I am free, holiness is Christ in me  
Where You are Lord I am free, holiness is Christ in me

Lord I need You oh I need You, ev’ry hour I need You  
My one defense my righteousness, Oh God how I need You

So teach my song to rise to You, when temptation comes my way  
And when I cannot stand I’ll fall on You, Jesus You’re my hope and stay  
And when I cannot stand I’ll fall on You, Jesus You’re my hope and stay

Lord I need You oh I need You, ev’ry hour I need You  
My one defense my righteousness, Oh God how I need You

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**† We Hear God’s Word †**

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

**Old Testament Reading:** *Genesis 3:1-21*

**Epistle Reading:** *Romans 5:12-19*

**Holy Gospel:** *Matthew 4:1-11*

**Worship Presentation by the SJLS Jaguar Singers, “We Believe”** (The Newsboys)

**Sermon Message:** “**God’s Cool Response to that Sneaky Old Snake**” - *Genesis 3:1-21*

**† 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

#### "At The Cross"

Oh Lord You've searched me, You know my way - Even when I fail You I know You love me  
Your holy presence surrounding me - In every season I know You love me  
I know You love me!

At the cross I bow my knee where Your blood was shed for me  
There's no greater love than this!  
You have overcome the grave, Your glory fills the highest place  
What can separate me now?

You go before me, You shield my way - Your hand upholds me, I know You love me!

At the cross I bow my knee where Your blood was shed for me  
There's no greater love than this!  
You have overcome the grave, Your glory fills the highest place  
What can separate me now?

At the cross I bow my knee where Your blood was shed for me  
There's no greater love than this!  
You have overcome the grave, Your glory fills the highest place  
What can separate me now?

You tore the veil! You made a way! When You said that it is done!  
You tore the veil! You made a way! When You said that it is done!

And when the earth fades, falls from my eyes and You stand before me I know You love me  
I know You love me!

At the cross I bow my knee where Your blood was shed for me  
There's no greater love than this!  
You have overcome the grave, Your glory fills the highest place  
What can separate me now?

At the cross I bow my knee where Your blood was shed for me  
There's no greater love than this!  
You have overcome the grave, Your glory fills the highest place  
What can separate me now?

You have overcome the grave Your glory fills the highest place!  
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## Dismissal Blessing

### 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

#### “Whom Shall I Fear (God Of Angel Armies)”

You hear me when I call - You are my morning song  
Though darkness fills the night - It cannot hide the light  
Whom shall I fear?

You crush the enemy underneath my feet - You are my sword and shield  
Though troubles linger still - Whom shall I fear?

I know Who goes before me - I know Who stands behind  
The God of angel armies is always by my side  
The One who reigns forever - He is a friend of mine  
The God of angel armies is always by my side

My strength is in Your name for You alone can save  
You will deliver me - Yours is the victory  
Whom shall I fear? Whom shall I fear?

I know Who goes before me - I know Who stands behind  
The God of angel armies is always by my side  
The One who reigns forever - He is a friend of mine  
The God of angel armies is always by my side

Nothing formed against me shall stand - You hold the whole world in Your hands  
I'm holding on to Your promises - You are faithful - You are faithful  
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I know Who goes before me - I know Who stands behind  
The God of angel armies is always by my side  
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# NOTES AND NEWS



## Lenten Worship Schedule

**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

**Maunder 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!**



**JOIN US** on Wednesday, March 4th, 2020, for our Lenten Supper hosted by our St. John's Sunday Morning Cafeteria Bible Class.

The menu consists of Homemade Lasagna, Salad, Garlic Bread, Assorted Desserts, and Beverages. Donations raised will go toward the Eighth Grade Washington D.C. trip.

Join us for our Midweek Lenten Worship Services at 4:00 or 7:00 p.m. in the church sanctuary.



Thanks to everyone for the get-well wishes and birthday cards. The Sunday school cards from the little ones are so precious. Thanks to everyone who delivers the church tapes of the services and the church news. God bless you all. **Georgianna Alvarez**

**Ladies Aid News...** St. John's Ladies and Friends, our March Ladies Aid Meeting will be on Thursday, March 5th, 1:30 pm at the Heritage House. Hostesses for the afternoon will be Sue Brown and Patti Doellinger. We hope you can make it.  
**God Bless your week!**

## 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 worshippers 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](http://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 loving memory of **Harold Blumenschein** on what would have been his 98th birthday on March 2nd, by Leona Blumenschein and family.

### THE LORD'S WEEK AT ST. JOHN'S MARCH 1-8, 2020

<b>TODAY</b>	9:00 am	Traditional Worship Service/Communion
03/01/20	10:00 am	Adult & Young Adult Bible Study Youth & Children Sunday School
	10:00 am	Youth Catechism Class
	11:00 am	Contemporary Worship Service/Communion
<b>MONDAY</b>	6:30 pm	Ladies Aid Quilting
	8:00 pm	Adult Volleyball Open Gym
<b>TUESDAY</b>	11:30 am	Ladies Aid Quilting
	6:30 pm	Handbell Choir Practice
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	12:00 pm	Ladies Aid Quilting
	1:30 pm	ACES/Heritage House
	4:00 pm	<b>Midweek Lenten Worship Service</b>
	5:00 pm	<b>Lenten Supper</b>
	7:00 pm	<b>Midweek Lenten Worship Service</b>
<b>THURSDAY</b>	1:30 pm	Ladies Aid Meeting/Heritage House
	8:00 pm	Dartball
<b>SATURDAY</b>	7:30 am	Ladies Morning Bible Study/Heritage House
	6:00 pm	Blended Worship Service
<b>SUNDAY</b>		<b>Daylight Savings Time: Spring Forward</b>
03/08/20	9:00 am	Traditional Worship Service
	10:00 am	Adult & Young Adult Bible Study/ Youth & Children Sunday School
	10:00 am	Youth Catechism Class
	10:00 am	<b>EDS Meeting/Gymnasium</b>
	11:00 am	Contemporary Worship Service



### 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 Modulares

**High School Youth "Cornerstone Discipleship"**—Youth House

**Women's Bible Study**—School Loft

**Adult Bible Study**—Cafeteria: **TODAY, March 1st, "SOS—Shepherding Our Strays"** Bible Study led by Pastor Jack. **March 8th topic: "We the People: Citizens of Two Kingdoms."**

**Adult Bible Study**—Heritage House: **Class is cancelled for today, March 1st and for next Sunday, March 8th. We will resume meeting on March 15th.**

**Adult Bible Study**—Heritage House: **Week Study -**  
**Mon: 1 Peter 3 Tues: 1 Peter 4**  
**Wed: 1 Peter 5 Thurs: Jude Friday: 2 Peter 1**



**ACES** will be playing Wednesday, March 4 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.**

### Elder, Deacon, Shepherd Meeting

Please save the date and plan to attend the next EDS meeting scheduled for Sunday, March 8 at 10:00 am in the St. John's School Gym. Member visitation materials will be available at the meeting.

Thank you for supporting this ministry!

## NOTES & NEWS ITEMS

**GRIEF SHARE** The 2nd week session is titled, **“Challenges of Grief.”** This session prepares the group for more eye-opening reasons why their pain is so overwhelming, shows some of the overlooked, yet common, effects grief has on the mind, body, and spirit, and how to get things done when you don’t feel you have any energy. You are welcome to join us for any of the sessions held on Thursday evenings from 6:00 – 8:00 pm at the Plain City Presbyterian Church, 231 East Main Street, Plain City, OH 43064. To register, please call or text Deaconess Janet Nicol at 614-561-7411.



**Love One Another As I Have Loved You.**  
In John 15:12 (NRSV) Jesus says, “This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you.” Loving and caring for one another is not just the pastor’s job – it’s something Jesus calls us all to do! Stephen Ministry is a ministry in which people with special gifts for caring ministry can put those gifts to use in an organized way, bringing Jesus’ love and care to those who most need it.



### *Spring Fling Bingo!*



**Wednesday, March 11<sup>th</sup>**  
At Walnut Crossing Assisted Living from 2-3:30!

**311 Professional Parkway**  
**Marysville, Ohio 43040**

**Light Refreshments, Prizes**  
**And much more!**



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### GOLDEN EAGLES

**“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.

**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.  
**March 1 - Old Testament:** Genesis 12:1-9, **Epistle:** Romans 4:1-8, 13-17, **Gospel:** John 3:1-17

**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](http://stjohnsmarysville.org) and click on the "Electronic Giving" button and follow the easy directions.



**Worship attendance for 02/22 and 02/23: 335**

### Congregational Tithe 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](mailto: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

### LYF NEWS

- **3/11: LYF is hosting the Lenten meal.** Meet at 4:30pm in the school cafeteria to set-up for the meal. We will then serve, and clean up after, ending by 7:30pm.
- **3/25: LYF is hosting the Lenten meal again!** Meet at 4pm in the school cafeteria to set-up for the meal. We will then serve, and clean up after, ending by 7:30pm.
- **3/29: Can we breakout? LYF is headed to an escape room in Columbus!** We will meet at the Youth House at 3:15 to head out. Our escape room(s) will be at 4pm and 4:15pm, and we will return to St. John's by 5:30. As we will need an advance reservation, RSVP to Laura Zeiler by 3/22 if your youth is planning to attend! Please reach Laura at [lauraezeiler@gmail.com](mailto:lauraezeiler@gmail.com) or 913-549-0057 to RSVP.

Ever considered joining LYF on a mission trip?! LYF is looking for adults to join us on our upcoming mission trip this summer to Imperial, Pennsylvania. In Imperial, our group will provide home repairs at no cost for elderly, disabled, and disadvantaged people, all while sharing the light of Christ to those we meet! As an adult chaperone, you will be encouraging leadership within our youth while on the worksites, as well as growing in our faith and fellowship together through daily devotions and worship programs. We will be in Imperial from June 21-27. If you are interested, please reach out to Laura Zeiler at [lauraezeiler@gmail.com](mailto:lauraezeiler@gmail.com) or 913-549-0057.

It is guaranteed to be a fun-filled, fantastic week growing in Christ!



ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH & SCHOOL WITH  
ST. JOHN'S STUDENT COUNCIL  
PRESENTS ...

# WILD WILD WEST Night

**March 14th, 2020**  
**7:00pm - 9:00 pm**  
square dancing and good times

**Cowboys, Cowgirls, & Families**  
join us in the gym for food, music & fun!

- ★ light refreshments, fruit, vegetables, and light snacks provided by: St. John's CEA
- ★ 6th-8th grade: can stay till 11pm for the after dance pizza party
- ★ Free Will Offering accepted

## HEALTHY U

**Put Life Back in Your Life with Healthy U- Chronic Condition Self-Management workshop.** Proven to be effective, Healthy U is a **FREE** six-session self-management workshop that can help you self-manage a variety of chronic health conditions.

FREE Healthy U- Chronic Condition Self-Management Workshop

- Sign Up for the **FREE Healthy U - Chronic Workshop**, held once a week for six weeks – a \$300 value. Refreshments provided.
- Learn from trained leaders with health conditions themselves.
- Set your own goals and make a step-by-step plan to improve your health – and your life.
- Complete the workshop and receive *Living a Healthy Life With Chronic Conditions 4th edition*.

**Memorial Gables**  
390 Gables Drive  
Marysville, Ohio 43040

**Wednesdays March 4– April 8, 2020**  
**1:00pm-3:30pm** Space is limited.  
Attendance required at all sessions.  
Registration required. Deadline February 28

To register, contact Memorial Gables or call UCN2N at 877-354-8262

## 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*

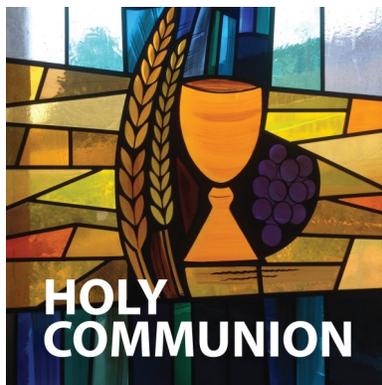
**The following is a summary of what we believe and teach as Missouri Synod Lutheran Christians. Because we care for you, we ask that you carefully review the following statements:**

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: *Genesis 3:1-21*

*In His reading we go back to the origins of Man's Fall in the Garden of Eden. Adam and Eve are living in paradise with God, caretaking their lush and verdant home in the Garden God has created for them. God gives them one restriction - "You must not eat from the tree of knowledge of good and evil," because to do so would mean death for mankind. Enter the serpent, who tempts the humans to disobey God through manipulating the truth, casting doubt about God's trustworthiness and promoting self-will over God's rule. Adam and Eve, of course, fail this test and fall from grace into temptation and disobedience.*

<sup>1</sup>Now the serpent was more crafty than any other beast of the field that the LORD God had made. He said to the woman, "Did God actually say, 'You shall not eat of any tree in the garden'?" <sup>2</sup>And the woman said to the serpent, "We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden, <sup>3</sup>but God said, 'You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the midst of the garden, neither shall you touch it, lest you die.'" <sup>4</sup>But the serpent said to the woman, "You will not surely die. <sup>5</sup>For God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil." <sup>6</sup>So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate, and she also gave some to her husband who was with her, and he ate. <sup>7</sup>Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked. And they sewed fig leaves together and made themselves loincloths. <sup>8</sup>And they heard the sound of the LORD God walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the LORD God among the trees of the garden. <sup>9</sup>But the LORD God called to the man and said to him, "Where are you?" <sup>10</sup>And he said, "I heard the sound of you in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked, and I hid myself." <sup>11</sup>He said, "Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten of the tree of which I commanded you not to eat?" <sup>12</sup>The man said, "The woman whom you gave to be with me, she gave me fruit of the tree, and I ate." <sup>13</sup>Then the LORD God said to the woman, "What is this that you have done?" The woman said, "The serpent deceived me, and I ate." <sup>14</sup>The LORD God said to the serpent, "Because you have done this, cursed are you above all livestock and above all beasts of the field; on your belly you shall go, and dust you shall eat all the days of your life. <sup>15</sup>I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and her offspring; he shall bruise your head, and you shall bruise his heel." <sup>16</sup>To the woman he said, "I will surely multiply your pain in childbearing; in pain you shall bring forth children. Your desire shall be for your husband, and he shall rule over you." <sup>17</sup>And to Adam he said, "Because you have listened to the voice of your wife and have eaten of the tree of which I commanded you, 'You shall not eat of it,' cursed is the ground because of you; in pain you shall eat of it all the days of your life; <sup>18</sup>thorns and thistles it shall bring forth for you; and you shall eat the plants of the field. <sup>19</sup>By the sweat of your face you shall eat bread, till you return to the ground, for out of it you were taken; for you are dust, and to dust you shall return." <sup>20</sup>The man called his wife's name Eve, because she was the mother of all living. <sup>21</sup>And the LORD God made for Adam and for his wife garments of skins and clothed them.

**Reader:** This is the Word of the Lord.

**People:** Thanks be to God.

### Epistle Reading: *Romans 5:12-19*

*All that Paul has said of sin and grace, of Law and Gospel, of man's old status under the judgment of God and his new status under the acquittal of God, he sums up once more in the monumental comparison and contrast between Adam and Christ. After stating the first half of the comparison-contrast, he inserts two parenthetical thoughts; one is designed to support his statement that "all have sinned" in the death-dealing primal sin of Adam. The other parenthesis safeguards the unique glory of Christ against the misunderstanding that Christ and Adam are equal forces in the life of mankind. Finally, two statements enunciate the comparison-contrast between Adam's trespass and disobedience and Christ's act of righteousness and obedience, both universally effective in their result for all mankind.*

<sup>12</sup>Therefore, just as sin came into the world through one man, and death through sin, and so death spread to all men because all sinned— <sup>13</sup>for sin indeed was in the world before the law was given, but sin is not counted where there is no law. <sup>14</sup>Yet death reigned from Adam to Moses, even over those whose sinning was not like the transgression of Adam, who was a type of the one who was to come. <sup>15</sup>But the free gift is not like the trespass.

For if many died through one man's trespass, much more have the grace of God and the free gift by the grace of that one man Jesus Christ abounded for many. <sup>16</sup>And the free gift is not like the result of that one man's sin. For the judgment following one trespass brought condemnation, but the free gift following many trespasses brought justification. <sup>17</sup>If, because of one man's trespass, death reigned through that one man, much more will those who receive the abundance of grace and the free gift of righteousness reign in life through the one man Jesus Christ. <sup>18</sup>Therefore, as one trespass led to condemnation for all men, so one act of righteousness leads to justification and life for all men. <sup>19</sup>For as by the one man's disobedience the many were made sinners, so by the one man's obedience the many will be made righteous.

**Reader:** This is the Word of the Lord.

**People:** Thanks be to God.

**Holy Gospel: Matthew 4:1-11**

*We mark this first Sunday of Lent with a reading of the forty days that Jesus spent in the desert being tempted by the devil prior to his public ministry. As Lent leads us to the celebration of Holy Week and Easter, we have our own forty days ahead of us. This Lenten journey calls us to reflect on our lives, the wandering we have done, the temptations which we have experienced, the struggles we have endured and the dark places we have entered. But like our Jewish ancestors, we are reminded that God is faithful and compassionate as we wander, leading us forward with "a strong hand and outstretched arm." And Jesus, no stranger to temptation, kept walking forward united with the Father and committed to the mission He had received. During this time, we are invited to remember God's faithfulness to us no matter where our journey has led us; to discover that our wanderings surprisingly may be the very place where the power of God's mercy and love for us are most evident; and to acknowledge that the gifts that come from mercy are gratitude, humility and freedom. Receiving them, we can stop our wandering and begin building a home where the gifts we have been given provide a restorative place for fellow wanderers.*

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

**People:** Glory to You, O Lord.

<sup>1</sup>Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. <sup>2</sup>And after fasting forty days and forty nights, he was hungry. <sup>3</sup>And the tempter came and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread." <sup>4</sup>But he answered, "It is written, "'Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.'" <sup>5</sup>Then the devil took him to the holy city and set him on the pinnacle of the temple <sup>6</sup>and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down, for it is written, "'He will command his angels concerning you,' and "'On their hands they will bear you up, lest you strike your foot against a stone.'" <sup>7</sup>Jesus said to him, "Again it is written, 'You shall not put the Lord your God to the test.'" <sup>8</sup>Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their glory. <sup>9</sup>And he said to him, "All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me." <sup>10</sup>Then Jesus said to him, "Be gone, Satan! For it is written, "'You shall worship the Lord your God and him only shall you serve.'" <sup>11</sup>Then the devil left him, and behold, angels came and were ministering to him.

**Pastor:** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**People:** Praise to You, O Christ.

