

# Fifth Sunday in Lent

March 20-21, 2021



The ancient name for today, the Fifth Sunday in Lent, is Judica, the Latin behind the word “vindicate” in the Introit. This Sunday prepares us for next Sunday’s review of the Passion (“Passiontide” - the tide is the natural shifting or the transition of the water level at the seashore). Therefore, this Sunday can be seen as a transition or shift from the period of repentance, which has been observed during the first four weeks of the Lenten season, into the observance of the Passion of Christ on Palm Sunday (Sunday of the Passion). Only in Christ are we truly vindicated. But the emphasis is on our response to God’s love and forgiveness. In today’s Gospel, Jesus inverts the usual triangle of power into an upside-down pyramid of service. The greatest in God’s kingdom, the position sought by His disciples in the Gospel, is now at the bottom, serving everyone above. Jesus is describing Himself! In contrast to priests who repeatedly pray for others and offer sacrifices also for their own sins, Jesus was a one-time priest, offering Himself as the sacrifice while being sinless. In this new covenant, promised in the Reading from Jeremiah, we know of our Lord’s great love, now written in our hearts. From the inside out, our desire is to return Christ’s sacrificial, forgiving love by serving one another in His name.

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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.



# Weekend Worship Services

Dale Scheiderer – Organist

## “Know the Lord” - Jeremiah 31:31-34

An attendee at the funeral of a friend encountered the pastor after the service and trip to the cemetery. “Thanks for a nice service, Preacher. I only hope Bill really knew the Lord like you said we must.” It caused the pastor to reflect—how does one “know” the Lord? Is it possible to “know” for sure and for it to be obvious to everyone else? As a Reformation Christian, how important is “knowing” God with our heads, our hearts, even our hands?

## PRE-SERVICE MUSIC

*Make a note on your worship folder that you can read & remember EVERY DAY in the coming week to bring you back to the place where you began to worship today.*

## WELCOME

## A LITTLE LITURGY LESSON

**The Sermon:** 2 Timothy 4:1-2 (ESV)

“I charge you in the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who is to judge the living and the dead, and by his appearing and his kingdom: preach the word; be ready in season and out of season; reprove, rebuke, and exhort, with complete patience and teaching.”

## RINGING OF THE BELLS

*As the Bell rings at the beginning of worship – take time to silently pray for the Holy Spirit to fill you as God TRULY arrives in His Word and Sacrament among us.*

## OPENING HYMN

### “Come to Calvary’s Holy Mountain”

LSB 435



1 Come to Cal - v'ry's ho - ly moun - tain, Sin - ners, ru - ined  
2 Come in pov - er - ty and mean - ness, Come de - filed, with -  
3 Come in sor - row and con - tri - tion, Wound - ed, im - po -  
4 They that drink shall live for - ev - er; 'Tis a soul - re -



by the fall; Here a pure and heal - ing foun - tain  
out, with - in; From in - fec - tion and un - clean - ness,  
tent, and blind; Here the guilt - y, free re - mis - sion,  
new - ing flood. God is faith - ful; God will nev - er



Flows for you, for me, for all, In a full, per -  
From the lep - ro - sy of sin, Wash your robes and  
Here the trou - bled, peace may find. Health this foun - tain  
Break His cov - e - nant of blood, Signed when our Re -



pet - ual tide, O - pened when our Sav - ior died.  
make them white; Ye shall walk with God in light.  
will re - store; They that drink shall thirst no more.  
deem - er died, Sealed when He was glo - ri - fied.

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## INVOCATION

*Take a moment when you first wake up to begin your day with the invocation and remember the grace of your baptism. End each day this week as soon as you go to bed in the same way.*

## OPENING SENTENCES

*Jeremiah 31:31, 33; Mark 10:43–44*

P: The days are coming, declares the Lord, when I will make a new covenant.

**C: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts.**

P: And I will be their God,

**C: and they shall be My people.**

P: Whoever would be great among you must be your servant,

**C: and whoever would be first among you must be slave of all.**

## CONFESSION

*Jeremiah 31:34; Hebrews 5:9*

*Each day confess your “sin-fullness” before God and ask Him for His forgiveness and the Holy Spirit to use you and yours to His glory.*

P: Bearing our sins and in need of a Savior, let us go to our heavenly Father, asking for forgiveness.

***Time for reflection on the word of God and for personal examination.***

P: Most merciful, heavenly Father, You promised a covenant written on Your people's hearts.

**C: But we do not always rely on Your promises and great love. We are sorry.**

P: Gracious Holy Spirit, through Your use of Word and Sacrament, many people know the Lord.

**C: But we have not taken advantage of every opportunity to share Your Word with others. We are sorry.**

P: Jesus taught that the greatest in the Kingdom is the servant of all.

**C: But our hearts have not always been humble and eager for service. We are sorry.**

**Our thoughts, words, and deeds fall short. As fallen sinners, we are helpless to change.**

**For Jesus' sake, forgive us, and give us new and clean hearts to love You and serve our neighbors.**

## ABSOLUTION

*Think of ways you can each day this week creatively show forth (Epiphany) your sense of rejoicing that your “sin-fullness” has been cleansed.*

## INTROIT

*Psalm 116:1–4, 8; antiphon: Psalm 43:1*

*If you wear a cross or have a cross hanging in your home, perhaps each day remember that cross is Not simple piece of jewelry nor a decoration on the wall but the focus and final authority in your daily life.*

Vindicate me, O God, and defend my cause against an ungodly | people,\*  
from the deceitful and unjust man de- | liver me!

I love the LORD, because | he has heard\*  
my voice and my pleas for | mercy.

Because he inclined his | ear to me,\*  
therefore I will call on him as long | as I live.

The snares of death encompassed me; the pangs of Sheol laid | hold on me;\*  
I suffered distress and | anguish.

Then I called on the name | of the LORD:\*  
“O LORD, I pray, deliv- | er my soul!”

For you have delivered my | soul from death,\*  
my eyes from tears, my feet from | stumbling.

**Glory be to the Father and | to the Son\* and to the Holy | Spirit; as it was in the be- |  
ginning,\* is now, and will be forever. | Amen.**

Vindicate me, O God, and defend my cause against an ungodly | people,\*  
from the deceitful and unjust man de- | liver me!

## **KYRIE**

*Instead of taking the name of the Lord in vain i.e. "Oh God" in the midst of a frustrating  
circumstance, turn those feelings into a prayer with the words of the Kyrie "Lord, Have  
Mercy."*

P: In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

P: For peace in our hearts, knowing that salvation is sure, let us pray to the Lord.

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

P: For peace among the nations and the growth of the Church in faith and numbers,  
let us pray to the Lord.

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

P: For the Church here and wherever God's people gather for praise and worship,  
let us pray to the Lord.

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

P: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

**C: Amen.**

## **SALUTATION**

*As you meet people throughout the coming week, pause for a moment and consider the  
greeting and the motivation of your heart and feelings towards the person you greet.  
What message do you want to send to the community around you today with your  
greetings?*

P: The Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

## **+ SERVICE OF THE WORD +**

### **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

*Use these 5 parts of prayer for your table grace, morning or evening prayer each day this  
week: 1) Address 2) basis for the petition 3) the petition 4) reason for the petition  
5) conclusion of praise to God.*

P: Let us pray. Almighty God, by Your great goodness mercifully look upon Your people

**C: that we may be governed and preserved evermore in body and soul;**

P: through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy  
Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

### **OLD TESTAMENT READING: Jeremiah 31:31-34**

*Always read the Old Testament with Jesus and His ministry and mission as the key to understanding  
any Old Testament passage.*

**God never intended the Law to only be an external list of rules and regulations for His people to  
follow. His ultimate plan was always to put His word within the human heart and mind - a covenant  
of indwelling relationship between God Almighty and His people.**

<sup>31</sup>“Behold, the days are coming, declares the LORD, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah, <sup>32</sup>not like the covenant that I made with their fathers on the day when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt, my covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, declares the LORD. <sup>33</sup>But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, declares the LORD: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts. And I will be their God, and they shall be my people. <sup>34</sup>And no longer shall each one teach his neighbor and each his brother, saying, ‘Know the LORD,’ for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, declares the LORD. For I will forgive their iniquity, and I will remember their sin no more.”

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

**EPISTLE READING:** *Hebrews 5:1-10*

*The Epistles are great for personal weekday devotional reading and study – pick a letter this week and read it, think on it and share it with a friend, family member or someone with whom you work or play.*

**Jesus’ life and death show us that He knows what it is to be a human. He experienced the whole spectrum of human existence, including sacrifice and suffering. Because of His obedience and submission to God, He is now our High Priest forever, one who identifies with us and loves us.**

<sup>1</sup>Every high priest chosen from among men is appointed to act on behalf of men in relation to God, to offer gifts and sacrifices for sins. <sup>2</sup>He can deal gently with the ignorant and wayward, since he himself is beset with weakness. <sup>3</sup>Because of this he is obligated to offer sacrifice for his own sins just as he does for those of the people. <sup>4</sup>And no one takes this honor for himself, but only when called by God, just as Aaron was. <sup>5</sup>So also Christ did not exalt himself to be made a high priest, but was appointed by him who said to him, “You are my Son, today I have begotten you”; <sup>6</sup>as he says also in another place, “You are a priest forever, after the order of Melchizedek.” <sup>7</sup>In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to him who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverence. <sup>8</sup>Although he was a son, he learned obedience through what he suffered. <sup>9</sup>And being made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation to all who obey him, <sup>10</sup>being designated by God a high priest after the order of Melchizedek.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

**VERSE**

*Mark 10:45*

*We are often tempted to believe that we are “on our own” through this life in our choices and life circumstances. Take this time to remember that Jesus is with you at all times and in all places.*

Even the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give His life as a ransom for many.

**HOLY GOSPEL:** *Mark 10:32-45*

*Think about discussing the readings for this Sunday around your family dinner table or over lunch at work this week.*

**James and John, brothers, and disciples of Jesus, were not so different -as we can see in this passage. They sought favored positions for themselves, directly asking for the seats at Jesus’ right and left hands when we came into His kingdom.**

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the tenth chapter.

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

<sup>32</sup>And they were on the road, going up to Jerusalem, and Jesus was walking ahead of them. And they were amazed, and those who followed were afraid. And taking the twelve again, he began to tell them what was to happen to him, <sup>33</sup>saying, "See, we are going up to Jerusalem, and the Son of Man will be delivered over to the chief priests and the scribes, and they will condemn him to death and deliver him over to the Gentiles. <sup>34</sup>And they will mock him and spit on him, and flog him and kill him. And after three days he will rise." <sup>35</sup>And James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came up to him and said to him, "Teacher, we want you to do for us whatever we ask of you." <sup>36</sup>And he said to them, "What do you want me to do for you?" <sup>37</sup>And they said to him, "Grant us to sit, one at your right hand and one at your left, in your glory." <sup>38</sup>Jesus said to them, "You do not know what you are asking. Are you able to drink the cup that I drink, or to be baptized with the baptism with which I am baptized?" <sup>39</sup>And they said to him, "We are able." And Jesus said to them, "The cup that I drink you will drink, and with the baptism with which I am baptized, you will be baptized, <sup>40</sup>but to sit at my right hand or at my left is not mine to grant, but it is for those for whom it has been prepared." <sup>41</sup>And when the ten heard it, they began to be indignant at James and John. <sup>42</sup>And Jesus called them to him and said to them, "You know that those who are considered rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and their great ones exercise authority over them. <sup>43</sup>But it shall not be so among you. But whoever would be great among you must be your servant, <sup>44</sup>and whoever would be first among you must be slave of all. <sup>45</sup>For even the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many."

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

### HYMN OF THE DAY

*Hymns are a tremendous resource for teaching, learning and meditation – take a few moments this week to read through the words of one of your favorite hymns and see what new insights it may have for you this week.*

### "My Song Is Love Unknown"

LSB 430 vs 1-4



1 My song is love un - known, My Sav - ior's love to  
2 He came from His blest throne Sal - va - tion to be -  
3 Some-times they strew His way And His sweet prais - es  
4 Why, what hath my Lord done? What makes this rage and



me, Love to the love - less shown That they might love - ly  
stow; But men made strange, and none The longed - for Christ would  
sing; Re - sound - ing all the day Ho - san - nas to their  
spite? He made the lame to run, He gave the blind their



be. Oh, who am I That for my sake  
know. But, oh, my friend, My friend in - deed,  
King. Then "Cru - ci - fy!" Is all their breath,  
sight. Sweet in - ju - ries! Yet they at these



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## SERMON MESSAGE: “Know the Lord” - *Jeremiah 31:31-34*

### 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

#### 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.

#### 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.

#### PREFACE

P: The Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

P: Lift up your hearts.

**C: We lift them to the Lord.**

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**C: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

#### PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

#### WORDS OF OUR LORD

## PROCLAMATION OF CHRIST

P: As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.

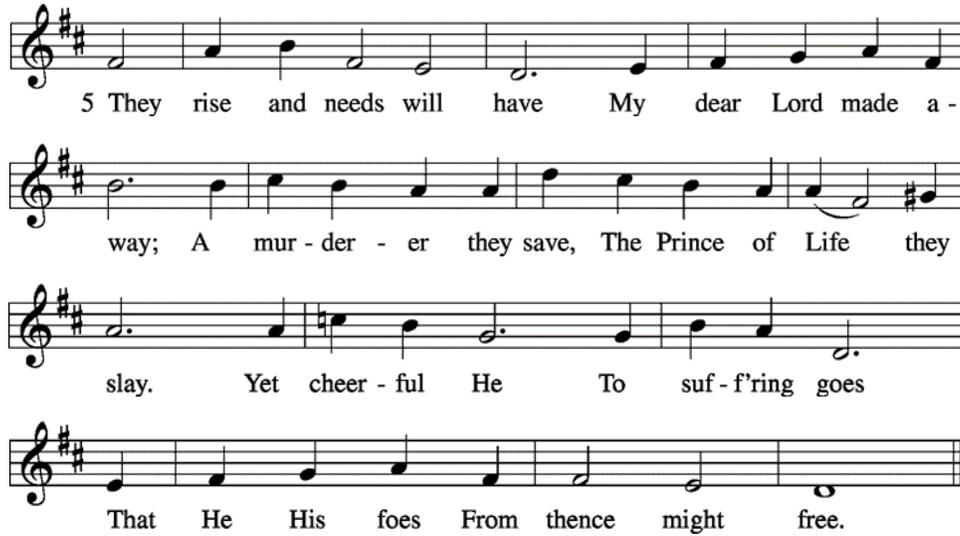
C: Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

## BENEDICTION

### CLOSING HYMN

### "My Song Is Love Unknown"

LSB 430 vs. 5-7



5 They rise and needs will have My dear Lord made a -  
way; A mur - der - er they save, The Prince of Life they  
slay. Yet cheer - ful He To suf - f'ring goes  
That He His foes From thence might free.

6 In life no house, no home, my Lord on earth might have; In death no friendly tomb but what a stranger gave. What may I say? Heav'n was His home but mine the tomb wherein He lay.

7 Here might I stay and sing, no story so divine! Never was love, dear King, never was grief like Thine.

This is my friend, in whose sweet praise I all my days could gladly spend!

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# NOTES AND NEWS

## **REVISED: Church Sanctuary Worship Service Guidelines**

Special guidelines will be followed to help assure the safety of everyone attending church, but we know the coronavirus is still active among us. We know that God desires us all to be together in worship again, but we are also sure He wants us to use good judgement in protecting our health.

- Many members who were considered “at-risk” and felt uncomfortable sitting inside the church have now been vaccinated. If you now feel comfortable coming back inside please do so. We still ask that you wear a mask and practice social distancing. The pews are sanitized after each service and hand sanitizer is available throughout the church. **However, if you have a symptomatic health condition, please check with your doctor to see if it is advisable to return at this time.**
- **Wearing face masks inside the church/sanctuary is REQUIRED.** If you don't have one, masks are available throughout the church, along with hand sanitizing stations. Pastor will wear a mask, except when preaching God's Word.
- Services will be held at 6:00 pm on Saturdays, and 9:00 am & 11:00 am on Sundays. Doors will open 30 minutes prior to each service and secured during the services.
- To comply with 6' social distancing guidelines, seating will be limited to every third pew (2 pews in between). Family groups and individuals will be separated by 6' in each pew. Services will be limited to approximately 75 attendees. Overflow will be asked to listen to the service on FM 92.1 in their cars. **Beginning on Palm Sunday seating will be available in every other pew.**
- Ushers and Elders will assist with entry and dismissal to maintain social distancing. Do not sit in the taped off pews and follow the Ushers/Elders directions. We will be seating front to back upon entry and dismissing from back to front.
- Ushers (wearing gloves & masks) will hand out bulletins with the service liturgy and hymns (please take these home; they can't be reused). Hymnals, Bibles and attendance books have been removed from the pews.
- Offerings are collected at the sanctuary doorways while exiting the service. Exit the church promptly upon dismissal as the sanctuary, hallways, restrooms **MUST** be sanitized before the next service.

These guidelines are based on current Federal, State and County Health requirements and the recommendations of the LCMS to provide for your well-being. Although, we are taking steps to reduce the spread of Covid-19 or other infectious agents, the ultimate responsibility for preventative measures belongs to whomever comes to join us at St. Johns'. Thank you for your patience and understanding during these challenging time.

### **Additional Worship Service Information: (all 3 services are traditional worship services)**

- By Radio - You can join our worship service by tuning to WQTT1270 AM and 96.7 FM at 8:00 a.m. airtime.
- Join us in the parking lot by tuning your car radio to 92.1 FM at any of our sanctuary services.
- Join us on Facebook at 11:00 a.m. for our “live streaming” service, or after on Sundays at:  
<https://www.facebook.com/jack.heino>

**Sacrament of Holy Communion:** With many members receiving COVID-19 vaccinations, and with the number of hospitalizations continually decreasing, the Board of Elders have approved moving communion distribution back to the front of the altar. WE will still use single file by alternating release from the pews starting with the front pews. Those in the parking lot and those with difficulty walking up front will be served first. After receiving communion you will be dismissed using the left aisle. Do not return back to your seats. This will open the Marie Pfarr Room back up for some fellowship time, keeping in mind social distancing and masks are still in effect. This new procedure will start the first weekend in March.

## 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 call the church office at 937-644-5549.

**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 **Wallace and Mildred Rausch** in remembrance of their March birthdays: Milly's on March 17, and Wally's 100 years ago on March 30, by their children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren the Boergers, Ballards, DuPuis, Rausches, Gortons, Archers, and Stephens.

### THE LORD'S WEEK AT ST. JOHN'S MARCH 21-28, 2021

We continue to review events based on the Covid-19 health protocol.

<b>TODAY</b> 03/21	9:00 am Sanctuary Worship Service/Communion 10:00 am Adult & Young Adult Bible Study/ Youth & Children Sunday School 10:00 am Youth Catechism Class/Classrooms 11:00 am Sanctuary Worship Service/Communion & "Live Streaming"
<b>MONDAY</b>	8:00 pm Adult Open Gym Volleyball
<b>TUESDAY</b>	11:30 am Ladies Aid Quilting 7:00 pm All Board's Meet/Heritage House & Cafeteria
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	4:00 pm <b>Midweek Lenten Worship Service</b> 7:00 pm <b>Midweek Lenten Worship Service</b>
<b>THURSDAY</b>	12:00 pm Ladies Aid Quilting
<b>SATURDAY</b>	7:30 am Ladies Morning Bible Study/Heritage House 6:00 pm Sanctuary Worship Service
<b>SUNDAY</b> 03/28	9:00 am Sanctuary Worship Service 10:00 am Adult & Young Adult Bible Study/ Youth & Children Sunday School 10:00 am Youth Catechism Class/Classrooms 11:00 am Sanctuary Worship Service & "Live Streaming" 6:00 pm <b>LYF Game Night/Youth House</b>

### ALL AGES SUNDAY SCHOOL

10:00 - 11:00 am

**3 Years-Kindergarten**—Church Basement

**3 Years-Kindergarten**—Zoom: **Email Colleen Foster** at [colleenear11@yahoo.com](mailto:colleenear11@yahoo.com) for link and password

**1st-6th Grades**—Teacher Nichol Nicol's School Classroom

**7th & 8th Grade Youth Catechism Class**—Mrs. Bowsher & Mrs. Monroe's Classrooms

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

**Women's Bible Study**—School Loft

**Adult Bible Study**—School Cafeteria: **Topic—The Book of Genesis: Through this nine session study, you will deepen your understanding of God's plan of salvation through Jesus.**

### Congregational Tithes Third Quarter Mission

#### Opportunities of Fiscal Year 2020-21

Ohio District LCMS - 50%, Hearts for Jesus - 10%, Youth Mission Outreach - 10%, L.A.M.P. - 10%, Kingdom Investments International - 10%, Food for the Poor - 10%



### Weekly Church Attendance

**6:00 p.m. Saturday, 9:00 & 11:00 a.m. Sunday**  
3/13 & 3/14: 185

**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.



### 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 27-28, 2021**

**Old Testament Reading: Zechariah 9:9-12**

**Epistle Reading: Philippians 2:5-11**

**Holy Gospel: The Reading of the Passion  
Mark 14-15**

## NOTES & NEWS ITEMS



### 2021 ALTAR FLOWER CALENDAR DATES

Available dates for altar flowers in April through July are as follows:

April 11	June 20	July 18
April 18	July 4	July 25
May 2	July 11	

**There are also many dates available for altar flowers throughout the remaining months.** Please call Charlotte Blumenschein at (937) 644-4111 to reserve any special dates for flowers in church. Chancel flowers are available almost every weekend.

**The Flower Committee thanks you for your continued support.**



Thank you to my family and friends for the many prayers, cards, calls and caring during my Covid illness. Thanks be to God! **Merrill Rausch**

God is good! Thanks and praises for what He has done and continued prayers for my healing! My long Neuro Physical Therapy is completed, and at my three month check up, the surgeon released me from **all** restrictions! It is nice getting back to life as I continue to improve! I am greatly blessed, recovering back on the family farm in the house Mother & Daddy had built - their "dream house" with central heat, running water, and inside bathrooms!!! The digging for this house was delayed a day due to Joy being born, two year old Nina was found up on the roof as it was being constructed and we all grew up here. Now once again all the Rausch siblings live on Fladt Road, including Doyle. **Wanda DuPuis**



*Four Rausch kids in coats.*

### College Student Care Packages



Help us share God's love and blessings to our St. John's College students. The 7/8th grade catechism classes are collecting items to create and send College Care Packages. Please bring in

your donations to the Marie Pfarr room through **Sunday, March 28**. We want to package the boxes to be ready for Easter weekend so students can have their packages before finals week. Donation boxes are located in the Marie Pfarr room. Donations needed:

- Key Chains
- Book marks
- Pens, pencils, highlighters, post-it's
- Single serving snack items: chips, crackers, pop-tarts, pretzels, cookies, candy, gum, granola bars, K-Cups, hot chocolate packets, Kleenex packets, beef jerky, oatmeal packets
- Gift cards: \$10 cards to any fast food or grocery store

Thank you for showing our college age members we are thinking about them and praying for them. Please contact Kelly Gallmeyer ([purdue43221@yahoo.com](mailto:purdue43221@yahoo.com)), Mary Boehm or Christy Fisher for questions.



### LYF Game Night

**March 28th, 6pm:** LYF Game Night at the Youth House! We'll have plenty of board game options (burrito throwing and exploding kittens to name a few!), but feel free to bring your favorite as well. Snacks will also be served up, along with game prizes. We hope to see you there!

Contact: Laura Zeiler  
Email: [lauraezeiler@gmail.com](mailto:lauraezeiler@gmail.com)

Soar on Wings God has Made for You

# Golden Eagles

## *"The Tree of Life"*

As our journey to the cross continues, we may be spending time reflecting more deeply upon scripture, prayer, and the words of a favorite hymn. This particular hymn may be new to some, but the words resonate with God's love for us and the promise of new life in Christ Jesus.

Just like Adam, we are tempted and we sin everyday. Jesus knows our every weakness, and He invites us to come to Him in prayer. May your personal life journey be filled with hope, reinforced with faith, and lifted up in prayer. **By Grace Alone we are saved!**

### **The Tree of Life**

by Stephen Starke

*The tree of life with every good, in Eden's holy orchard stood,  
And of its fruit so pure and sweet, God let the man and woman eat.  
Yet in this garden also grew another tree, of which they knew;  
It's lovely limbs with fruit adorned, against whose eating God had warned.*

*The stillness of that sacred grove, was broken as the serpent strove,  
With tempting voice Eve to beguile, and Adam too, by sin defile.  
O, day of sadness when the breath of fear and darkness, doubt and death,  
Its awful poison first displayed within the world so newly made.*

*What mercy God showed to our race, a plan of rescue by His grace;  
In sending one from woman's seed, the One to fill our greatest need -  
For on a tree uplifted high, His only Son for sin would die,  
Would drink the cup of scorn and dread, to crush the ancient serpent's head.*

*Now from the tree of Jesus shame, flow life eternal in His name;  
For all who trust and will believe, salvation's living fruit receive.  
And of this fruit so pure and sweet, the Lord invites the world to eat,  
To find within this cross of wood, the tree of life with every good.*

**Stephen Starke** is a contemporary Lutheran hymnist and pastor. He has written over 175 hymns, many of which are published in the most recent Lutheran hymnals.

### **Weekly Schedule** - Please submit articles and announcements to

Regina Bullerman, Church Secretary, by calling directly at 937-240-3004, dropping them in the black lockbox outside the office doors, mailing or emailing them to [rbullerman@sjsmarysville.org](mailto:rbullerman@sjsmarysville.org), by

**NO LATER THAN TUESDAY, AT NOON. Thank you.**

## NOTES & NEWS ITEMS

### Lenten Worship Schedule 2021

**Midweek Lenten Services**  
March 24 - 4:00 & 7:00 pm

### Holy Week Worship Schedule 2021

#### **Palm Sunday**

March 28, Sanctuary Worship Services  
9:00 & 11:00 am

#### **Maunder Thursday**

April 1, Sanctuary Worship Services  
4:00 & 7:00 pm (Communion)

#### **Good Friday**

April 2, Tenebrae Service: "Service of Darkness"  
7:00 pm

#### **Holy Saturday**

April 3, Sanctuary Worship Service  
6:00 pm (Communion)

#### **Easter Sunday**

April 4, Sanctuary Worship Services  
9:00 & 11:00 am (Communion)

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

### Easter Caroling

**Do you love Easter hymns?  
Do you need a cool and  
original idea to celebrate the  
Easter Season?**



Join us for some Easter Caroling the weekends of March 27 & 28, Holy Week, and or April 3. Different groups will Carol to different "carolees."

Just let me know if you can carol, if you want to receive caroling, and the dates you are available. I'll coordinate the experience. If time or concerns about physical distancing are a barrier... please know that the carolers will stay outside, carolees will be inside. We can also do phone or Zoom caroling to those folks who live a distance away, or are not quite ready for this kind of experience.

Anyone and everyone can do this... young, old, single, married, young children.... we can use everyone!

#### **Please contact:**

Marie Van Gorden  
614-736-7162

marievangorden@gmail.com

### 2021 Prayer Vigil



Our Prayer Vigil will be held again this year, **praying in your own home** (or, anywhere!), starting at 8:00 p.m. on Good Friday, April 2, and will go until 9:00 a.m. on Easter Sunday, April 4.

Join me in thanking God for His many blessings and sharing our concerns with Him! Please consider taking an hour of time to pray, perhaps with your entire household, for our current situation, our nation, our church, our church family, our own family, those we know, or whatever the Lord lays on your heart.

The signup link is:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F0544AAA623A3F85-stjohns>

**Prayer requests may be emailed to Regina Bullerman,**  
Church Secretary, at [rbullerman@sjsmarysville.org](mailto:rbullerman@sjsmarysville.org).  
Any questions, please contact Regina by email or call 937-644-5540.

### EASTER LILIES



The Flower Committee is taking orders for lilies to decorate the church for Easter. Lilies can be ordered by completing the order form included in the Notes & News and dropping it along with payment in the box in the Narthex.

Orders and payment can also be mailed to Charlotte Blumenschein, 20570 State Route 245, Marysville, Ohio 43040. The cost is \$8.25.

Lilies will be available for pickup after either of the services on Easter Sunday. Special arrangements for pickup can be made for those not attending church in the sanctuary by calling Charlotte at (937) 644-4111.





# CHURCH WEEK

SUPPORTING CHRISTIAN ORGANIZATIONS

## SUPPORT US

**STEP 1:** Shop at Rural King between  
March 14-27, 2021

**STEP 2:** Upload receipts at:  
<https://www.ruralking.com/churchweek>

**STEP 3:** Select



**STEP 4:** Submit receipt prior to April 1

**Rural King will donate 10%  
of all receipts submitted.**

**All donations provided by our local Rural King.  
All Rural King stores are participating. Please share  
with your friends and be sure to say "Thank You" to  
Rural King associates when you shop.**

## NOTES & NEWS ITEMS



*new path*  
PREGNANCY RESOURCE CENTERS

St. John's Lutheran Church & School C.E.A.

# BABY ITEMS DRIVE

**MARCH 22nd - MARCH 26th**

This is a great local organization to extend help to new mothers & babies. Please help St. John's C.E.A. celebrate Lutheran Schools Week by collecting donations for the Marysville Pregnancy Care Center.

What to donate: Diapers : size Newborn / size 5-6 , Diaper Rash Cream, Baby Wipes, Burp Cloths, Baby Blankets, Baby Quilts

How to donate: have students bring in donated goods - and drop off in white collection boxes placed in cafe/gym hallway

Other ways to help: see website: [newpathprc.com](http://newpathprc.com) -click donate!

for any questions, concerns, or volunteer options - please contact: [cea@sjsmarysville.org](mailto:cea@sjsmarysville.org)

## EASTER GOODIES

Be sure and stop by the Sunday School Table outside the Marie Pfarr Room for an Easter Goodie Bag after 9 & 11 am service on Easter Sunday!



### Changes to Worship Service Guidelines

The Board of Elders approved the following changes to our worship service guidelines:

- Many members who were considered “at-risk” and felt uncomfortable sitting inside the church have now been vaccinated. If you now feel comfortable coming back inside please do so. We still ask that you wear a mask and practice social distancing. The pews are sanitized after each service and hand sanitizer is available throughout the church. **However, if you have a symptomatic health condition, please check with your doctor to see if it is advisable to return at this time.**
- To comply with 6’ social distancing guidelines, seating will be limited to every third pew (2 pews in between). Family groups and individuals will be separated by 6’ in each pew. Services will be limited to approximately 75 attendees. Overflow will be asked to listen to the service on FM 92.1 in their cars. **Beginning on Palm Sunday seating will be available in every other pew.**
- With many members receiving COVID-19 vaccinations, and with the number of hospitalizations continually decreasing, the Board of Elders have approved moving communion distribution back to the front of the altar. WE will still use single file by alternating release from the pews starting with the front pews. Those in the parking lot and those with difficulty walking up front will be served first. After receiving communion you will be dismissed using the left aisle. Do not return back to your seats. This will open the Marie Pfarr Room back up for some fellowship time, keeping in mind social distancing and masks are still in effect. This new procedure will start the first weekend in March.

## 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. If possible, so far as it depends on me, I seek to live peaceably with all. *Romans 12:17-19*
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.

