

Fifth Sunday in Lent

March 16-17, 2024



The Fifth Sunday in Lent take us to the heart of our Lord's saving work on behalf of the whole world. In the Old Testament Reading, the prophet Jeremiah succinctly lays out the Lord's promise of a new covenant. From this new covenant flows a gracious promise: "For I will forgive their iniquity, and I will remember their sin no more". This amazing forgiveness is only made possible through the sacrificial service and reverent obedience of Jesus, our great High Priest. The Lord's promise to "remember their sin no more" is surely one of the sweetest, most comforting promises in all of Scripture. Our Lord's solemn prediction of His Passion stands in sharp contrast to the ignorant and impertinent request made by the sons of Zebedee. James and John can serve as a useful illustration of the selfish self-centeredness that infects every follower of Jesus. By contrast, as our priest, Jesus comes "to give His life as a ransom for many". He desires "not to be served but to serve." Still today, Jesus serves His Church in the waters of Holy Baptism, in Holy Absolution, in the breaking of the bread, and in the preaching and proclamation of His Holy Word. Still today, therefore, through these Means, Jesus is our great High Priest, as will be evident and emphasized in the Epistle, our sermon text today.

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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.



Saturday 4 p.m. and Sunday 9 a.m. Traditional Worship Services

Divine Service *Setting Four* – LSB pg. 203

Dale Scheiderer – Organist

“What a Priest We Have in Jesus!” - Hebrews 5:1-10

We all have our favorite ways of referring to Jesus. We often describe the Son of Man by using titles that are both comfortable and comforting: Jesus is our “Savior” and “Redeemer.” Jesus is our “Lord” and “God.” Jesus is our “Brother” and “Friend,” our “Great Physician” and “Good Shepherd.” Each of these titles highlights a different dimension of our Savior’s service and sacrifice for sinners. But it’s far less frequent for us to describe Jesus as our “Priest,” and that’s unfortunate. In today’s Epistle, the author of Hebrews sets us straight concerning the priestly service of our Savior. He highlights how Jesus is our perfect High Priest. In fact, he mines this priestly moniker for all it’s worth and, in the process, delivers all the comfort and confidence that comes to us from the Christ. Today we ponder the priesthood of Jesus beneath this theme: What a Priest We Have in Jesus!

WELCOME

RINGING OF THE BELL

OPENING HYMN

“I Bind unto Myself Today”

LSB 604

INVOCATION

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION – LSB pg. 203

SERVICE OF THE WORD – LSB pg. 204

INTROIT

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

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.

KYRIE

LSB 204

SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

LSB 205

THREE YEAR OLD BEGINNER BIBLE PRESENTATION (see our list of children on page 10 of the N&N)

[Today’s Bible readings are found on pages 15-16 of this worship program]

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

EPISTLE READING: *Hebrews 5:1-10*

HOLY GOSPEL: *Mark 10:32-45*

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HYMN OF THE DAY “Since Our Great High Priest, Christ Jesus”	LSB 529
SERMON: “What a Priest We Have in Jesus!” - Hebrews 5:1-10	
PRAYER OF THE CHURCH	
P We turn to our great priest Jesus in prayer, who has promised to hear us and intercede for us. For what a priest we have in Jesus,	
C who became our sacrifice.	
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.”	
SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT – <i>LSB pg. 208</i>	
PREPARATION FOR HOLY COMMUNION [as found on page 16 of this worship program]	
PREFACE	LSB 208
SANCTUS	LSB 208
PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING	LSB 209
LORD’S PRAYER	LSB 209
C Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven; give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.	
THE WORDS OF OUR LORD	LSB 209
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“Draw Near and Take the Body of the Lord”	LSB 637
“What a Friend We Have in Jesus”	LSB 770
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CLOSING HYMN “Come to Calvary’s Holy Mountain”	LSB 435

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Sunday 11 a.m. Contemporary Worship Service

Steve Bumgarner – Accompanist

“What a Priest We Have in Jesus!” - Hebrews 5:1-10

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Welcome and Time of Greeting

Time of Praise and Worship

“I Will Sing of My Redeemer” by Fernando Ortega

I will sing of my Redeemer and His wondrous love to me
On the cruel cross He suffered from the curse to set me free
Sing oh sing of my Redeemer with His blood
He purchased me on the cross
He sealed my pardon, paid the debt and made me free

I will tell the wondrous story how my lost estate to save
In His boundless love and mercy He the ransom freely gave
Sing oh sing of my Redeemer with His blood
He purchased me on the cross
He sealed my pardon, paid the debt and made me free

I will praise my dear Redeemer His triumphant pow’r I’ll tell
How the victory He giveth over sin and death and hell
Sing oh sing of my Redeemer with His blood
He purchased me on the cross
He sealed my pardon, paid the debt and made me free

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Invocation

Opening Prayer

Time of Confession and Forgiveness

People: Merciful God, we confess that we often chase recognition and power. We desire positions, titles, and fame. Like the disciples, we can be blinded by the worldly definition of success, forgetting the sacrificial love and servant leadership modeled by Jesus is our eternal goal. Forgive us, Lord, for our imbalanced priorities and self-centered living.

Pastor: Yes, Lord, forgive us, and remind us of the New Covenant offered to us through Jesus Christ, Your one and only Son, who gave up His life so that we may gain eternal life. Jesus came not to be served, but to serve, and paved the way for true greatness. Thank You for the mercy and grace and forgiveness You have given to us.

People: May Your love and example guide us now and always. Amen.

Three Year Old Beginner Bible Presentation (see our list of children on page 10 of the N&N)

Worship Presentation: SJLS Jaguar Singers, *“A Lenten Lesson”* by Shafferman

† We Hear God’s Word †

(Today’s Bible readings are found on pages 15-16 of this worship program)

Old Testament Reading: *Jeremiah 31:31-34*

Epistle Reading: *Hebrews 5:1-10*

Holy Gospel: *Mark 10:32-45*

Response Song: *“There Is A Redeemer”* by Keith Green

There is a Redeemer Jesus God's own Son. Precious Lamb of God Messiah Holy One!

Thank You O my Father for giving us Your Son! And leaving Your Spirit till the work on earth is done.

Jesus my Redeemer name above all names. Precious Lamb of God Messiah, O for sinners slain.

Thank You O my Father for giving us Your Son! And leaving Your Spirit till the work on earth is done.

When I stand in glory I will see His face, There I'll serve my King forever in that holy place!

Thank You O my Father for giving us Your Son! And leaving Your Spirit till the work on earth is done.

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Message: *“What a Priest We Have in Jesus!”* - *Hebrews 5:1-10*

† 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 \dagger of the world to come. Amen.

† We Pray †

Prayer of the Church

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.



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 Celebrate the Lord's Supper †

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

We Prepare (as found on page 16 of this worship program)

Words of Institution

Distribution

Worship Presentation by Steve Bumgarner

† We Depart in Peace †

Benediction

Closing Song:

"Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing"

Come Thou fount of ev'ry blessing, tune my heart to sing Thy grace.
Streams of mercy never ceasing call for songs of loudest praise!
Teach me some melodious sonnet sung by flaming tongues above.
Praise the mount I'm fixed upon it, mount of Thy redeeming love!

Here I raise mine Ebenezer, hither by Thy help I've come.
And I hope by Thy good pleasure safely to arrive at home!
Jesus sought me when a stranger wand'ring from the fold of God.
He to rescue me from danger interposed His precious blood!

Oh, to grace how great a debtor, daily I'm constrained to be.
Let Thy grace Lord like a fetter bind my wand'ring heart to Thee!
Prone to wander Lord I feel it, prone to leave the God I love.
Here's my heart Lord take and seal it, seal it for Thy courts above!

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NOTES AND NEWS



2024 Prayer Vigil Sign Up Many Slots Still Available!

Our Prayer Vigil will be held again this year, **praying** in the **Marie Pfarr Room** or in your own **home** (or, anywhere!), starting at 8:00 p.m. on Good Friday, March 29, and will go until Saturday 12:00 a.m. Midnight on March 30. Reserve a time to focus - praising God, thanking Him for His many blessings and sharing our concerns! Enjoy the closeness of a precious 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 who/whatever the Lord lays on your heart.

The Signup Genius link is: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/9040845A8AA22A2FB6-stjohns#/>

Please email prayer requests to Regina Bullerman, Church Secretary, at rbullerman@sjsmarysville.org. Any questions, please contact Regina by email or call 937-644-5540.



JOIN US on Wednesday, March 20, for our Midweek Lenten Supper, hosted by the Golden Eagles. Serving begins at 5:00 p.m. in the cafeteria/gym. The menu features delicious Bratwurst Sausage Sandwiches, Sauerkraut, homemade German Potato Salad, Green Beans, and a variety of mouth-watering homemade Desserts. Hot dogs and potato chips will be available for the kids. Carry out orders available.

Proceeds of the dinner will be split between The Fairbanks Baseball Dugout Project in loving memory of Blake Frederick Gorton, son of Allison & Todd Gorton and grandson of David & Nina Boerger; and The Union County Military Family Support Group in honor of Golden Eagle members Annetta and the late John Dellinger. Please invite your family and friends!

We also invite you to join us for our Midweek Lenten Worship Service at 4:00 p.m. and Lenten Bible Study led by Pastor Jack at 6:30 pm in the Heritage House.

St. John's Lutheran Church 2024 Lenten & Holy Week Worship Service Schedule and Activities



Lenten Worship Services, Suppers & Study Wednesdays: March 20

Midweek Lenten Services: 4:00 pm

Midweek Lenten Suppers: 5:00-6:30 pm in the School Cafeteria/Gym

Midweek Lenten Bible Study: "Be Gracious to Me", weekly Bible study, led by Pastor Jack, 6:30 pm in the Heritage House.



Holy Week Worship Services March 24-March 30

Palm Sunday Services: March 24

9:00 am: 2024 Youth Rite of Confirmation & 1st Holy Communion - Sanctuary

11:00 am: Contemporary - Gym

Maundy Thursday Service: March 28

7:00 pm with Communion

Good Friday: March 29

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

Prayer Vigil: Starts at 8:00 pm - Marie Pfarr Room

Holy Saturday Service: March 30

6:00 pm with Communion

Easter Sunday Services: March 31

9:00 & 11:00 am with Communion: Both in the Sanctuary

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 — All Are Welcome!



Easter Lily Orders

The Flower Committee is taking orders for Easter lilies through **March 24, 2024**. The lilies will be displayed in church Easter weekend. The cost of each lily is \$11.25. Please use the order form included in the Notes & News to order lilies and place it along with payment in the flower box in the Marie Pfarr room.

Contact Charlotte Blumenschein at (937) 644-4111 with any questions. Lilies may be picked up after either service on Easter Sunday or the following weekend. **Thank you for supporting the Flower Committee.**



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. We ask if you are a visitor, please fill out the **blue card** located in the pew rack in front of you. Then drop the card in the offering box as you leave worship. If you would like to know more about our ministry, please call the church office at 937-644-5540.

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 **8:00am** on local channel **WQTT (1270 AM & 98.7 FM)**.

Altar Flowers: Altar flowers are given in loving memory of **Kathleen N. Mambourg**; by John, Amanda, Luke, Nick, and Zack Mambourg.

Chancel Flowers: Chancel flowers are in celebration of the 50th wedding anniversary of **Merrill and Linda Rausch** on March 23rd. To God be the Glory!

Valet Parking: Available at the 9:00 am service.

Contact Charlie Fisher at 614-370-5495 or clfpagg@aol.com if interested in helping valet park, or have questions.

THE LORD'S WEEK AT ST. JOHN'S MARCH 17-24, 2024

TODAY		3 Year Old Beginner Bible Presentation
03/17/24	9:00 am	Traditional Worship Service (Live-Streamed): Communion
	10:00 am	Stephen Ministry Meeting/Heritage House
	10:00 am	Adult & Young Adult Bible Study/ Youth & Children Sunday School
	10:00 am	2023-24 Youth Catechism Class/Modulars
	11:00 am	Contemporary Worship Service: Communion
	12:00 pm	Dartball League Tournament/Gym
	6:00 pm	Jr. LYF Youth Night/Gym
	6:00 pm	Sr. LYF Gathering/Youth House
MONDAY		NLSW: 3/18-3/22
	8:00 pm	Adult Open Gym Volleyball
TUESDAY	11:30 am	Ladies Aid Quilting
WEDNESDAY	1:30 pm	ACES/Youth House
	4:00 pm	Lenten Worship Service
	5:00 pm	Lenten Supper: Hosted by the Golden Eagles
	6:30 pm	Lenten Bible Study/Heritage House
THURSDAY	10:00 am	American Red Cross Blood Drive/Bus
	12:00 pm	Ladies Aid Quilting
	4:30 pm	Board of Education Meeting/Heritage House
FRIDAY	1:00 pm	Ladies Aid Quilting
SATURDAY	7:30 am	Ladies Morning Bible Study/Heritage House
	6:00 pm	Sanctuary Worship Service
		Holy Week: 3/24-3/30
SUNDAY	8:00 am	Youth Confirmation Breakfast Reception/Gym
03/24/24	9:00 am	Class of 2024: Rite of Confirmation Service & 1st Holy Communion: "Live-Streamed"
Palm Sunday	10:00 am	Adult & Young Adult Bible Study/ Youth & Children Sunday School
	11:00 am	Contemporary Worship Service/Gym

ALL AGES SUNDAY SCHOOL

10:00 - 11:00 am

(Fall-Winter-Early Spring Schedule)

3 Years-Kindergarten—Church Basement

1st-5th Grades—Meet together in the gym with Teacher Mark Moran, and then move to school classrooms.

6th Grade—Mrs. Ashley Monroe's Classroom

7th & 8th Grade Youth Catechism Class—Mrs. Susie Miller & Mrs. Jayme Allen's Modular Classroom

High School Youth "Cornerstone Discipleship"—Youth House

Women's Bible Study—Classroom (below the school loft):

Topic - "Where Love Abides." Bible study based on John 15:1-17, written by Donna Snow.

Adult Bible Study—School Cafeteria: New Topic - "Book of Concord". Led by Gage Garlinghouse (6 weeks).

New Bible Study—Teacher Leigh Wade's Classroom (#3017). Topic - "This is the Day" by Tim Tebow. Led by Rich Rausch (6 weeks). For Dad's & Kids.

If you have questions, please contact the Sunday School Superintendent, Lisa Arnold at 937-205-1802 or arnoldlisa50@yahoo.com

Weekly Church Attendance

4:00 pm Saturday and Sunday 9:00 & 11:00 am

3/9 & 3/10: 267

Congregational Tithe—3rd Qtr. Mission Opportunities of Fiscal Year 2023-24

LCMS Ohio District - 50%;

Youth Mission Outreach - 10%;

Armed Forces Ministry - 40%



NOTES & NEWS ITEMS



Those who are visiting with us today, please feel free to take a blue visitor "welcome" bag located in the back of church or on the tables in the gym at 11:00 am worship service.



2024 ALTAR FLOWER DATES

Flower dates can be reserved for the altar or chancel flowers by contacting Charlotte Blumenschein at (937) 644-4111. Chancel flowers are available almost every weekend. Dates available for altar flowers through the month of August are the following:

May 5	June 23	July 14	July 28	August 11
May 12	July 7	July 21	August 4	August 18

Many dates are also available in September, October, November, and December.

The Flower Committee thanks you for your support.

New Sunday School Class Offering - Starts Today

Have you ever wondered why St. John's and the Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod identify as Confessional Lutherans? Or maybe you heard about the Book of Concord and wondered what it was? Or has it just been a long time since you were in Catechism and you need a refresher on the Lutheran Confessions? Well, you're in luck. **Starting TODAY, March 17th**, St. John's will be offering a six week introduction to the Lutheran Confessions, taught by Gage C. Garlinghouse.

This class will be held in the cafeteria during the Sunday School hour, and will give an introduction to the history, organization, and teachings of the Lutheran Book of Concord. We hope to see you there as we explore the faith which was once for all delivered to the saints (Jude 1:3).

Questions? Call Gage at (937) 707-5158, or email him at gacgar221@gmail.com

Weekly Worship Bible Readings

We have provided next weekends Bible readings for those of you who would like to read and study the Word ahead of next weekends worship services: **March 23-24, 2024**

Old Testament Reading: Zechariah 9:9-12

Epistle Reading: Philippians 2:5-11

Holy Gospel Reading: John 12:12-19



Greetings from St. John's Stephen Ministry!

We are excited to enter our next phase of rebuilding. **SUNDAY, MARCH 17**, we are meeting in the HERITAGE HOUSE between church services to discuss our dates and times to start our training class. If you have an interest, please join us. Doug and Marie will answer questions and we hope to map out our training schedule. Our goal is to have a new group of Stephen Ministers late summer/early fall.

We are very thankful for folks who are part of this new class. **AND WE ARE STILL OPEN FOR MORE.** Doug and Marie would be thrilled to have enough folks to conduct two classes. We do have room for more!!

In the meantime, if you or someone you know needs support, you can contact the Pastor, or the Stephen Ministry Leadership Team (Doug and Marie). We have support resources.

Thank you for your interest and support as we move forward. We are the caregivers, Christ is the Curegiver!

For more information on Stephen Ministry, please contact Doug Doellinger at 937-644- 0576, weaverwood8@gmail.com or Marie Van Gorden at 614-736- 7162, marievangorden@gmail.com

EASTER EGG HUNT

MARCH 31ST, 2024

To follow 9 am service. Approximately 10 am meet at the grass between church and gym



MORE NOTES & NEWS



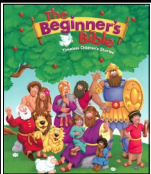
Brats & Sauerkraut Supper Wednesday, March 20th

MARK YOUR CALENDARS for The Golden Eagles Annual Brats and Sauerkraut Supper! Wednesday, March 20th will be the last Lenten Supper of the season and the menu will include delicious bratwurst sausage sandwiches, sauerkraut, home made German potato salad, green beans, and a variety of mouth-watering home made desserts! Hot dogs and potato chips will be available for kids. Serving begins at 5:00 pm for a free will offering. Carry out orders available.



This year the proceeds of the dinner will be split between The Fairbanks Baseball Dugout Project in loving memory of Blake Frederick Gorton, son of Allison and Todd Gorton and grandson of David and Nina Boerger; and The Union County Military Family Support Group in honor of Golden Eagle members Annetta and the late John Dellinger. If you have questions, please call Jeff (614-560-5085) or Carol (614-579-9124) Reinhard.

Please check the bulletin board in the Marie Pfarr Room for sign-up opportunities. We need help with set-up, serving, dish washing and clean up as well as dessert donations. Please see Carol or Jeff Reinhard if you can help. **WILLKOMMEN!**



3 Year Old Beginner Bibles

The following church children will be receiving Beginner Bibles at this weekend's services:

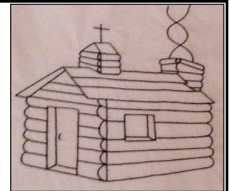
Tobias Bunsold	Emma Doss
William Bunsold	Thomas Doss
Hudson Clarridge	Phoenix Lake
Kamdyn Clarridge	Carson Mitchell
Ada Clensy	Riley Nelson
Lauryn Cook	Henry Owens
Vivian Cullman	Holden Primero
Mica Dawson	Haven Reese

Evan Riesen

Once a child has reached three years old they are welcome to start attending Sunday School at 10 a.m. in the church basement. What a blessing these little ones are!

If you have any questions, please reach out to Emily Anderson (emmyjane819@yahoo.com or 937-303-2164).

Expedition Unknown-- St. John's History Search



With a 185 year history, every detail of our past has been recorded, discovered, and explored--or has it?

- Our St. John's ancestors are buried in the three cemeteries associated with the church, including the one now Trinity's; or are they?
- What are Lebenslaufs and what previously unknown information do they reveal?
- The location of the first church has been described; do we really know where it was located?
- What history has been uncovered recently, and how is it accessible?

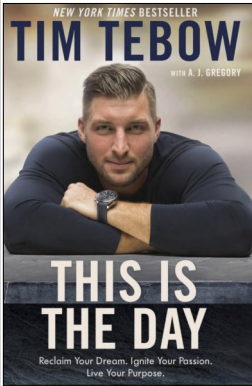
To find the answer to these and other questions, please **join us at Ladies Aid on April 4 at the Heritage House at 1 pm.**

Nina Boerger will answer all those questions and more. Expedition Unknown has been hard at work.

Retirement of Former St. John's Teacher: Former teacher and coach, Mr. Stephen Eggold, will be retiring after 40 years of service in LCMS schools. His first call was here at St. John's. Members, students, and former staff are asked to send cards and share pictures and memories. Mum's the word as it is a surprise! Please send your cards or other items to his sister, Ann Eggold, either by regular mail or by email: Ann Eggold, 15905 Bent Tree Forest Circle, Apt. 2056, Dallas, TX 75248. Cell: 972-415-3393 and Email: Eggoldann@att.net

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New Bible Study: *This Is the Day* by TIM TEBOW



Have you ever felt stuck?

Sometimes life feels rigid—as if nothing could ever really change. Maybe we're afraid of taking a step of faith. Or maybe we're too injured from the past to move forward. Or maybe life threw us a curveball and we still don't know how to react.

No matter where you find yourself, you can make the most of today. In

this inspirational series, Heisman Trophy winner Tim Tebow shares stories from his life to illustrate what it means to seize each day for God's glory. He challenges us to step out in courage because this is the day to act.

Please feel free to join us for this new 6-week Bible study led by Rich Rausch. The study is geared more towards dad's and kids. You have two sessions to choose from:

- **Starting TODAY, Sunday, March 17th** during the Sunday School hour (10:00-11:00 am) in Mrs. Wade's classroom (#3017)
- Starting once a week on Wednesday, March 20th at 6:45 a.m. Location TBD.

There is a companion book that goes with this study. It can be listened to for free if you have an Amazon Prime account, or you can order a book via Kindle, hardbound copy or soft copy. Cost of books are \$16.50 for a hardback or \$15.00 for paperback. If you would prefer a copy be ordered for you, please email Rich at rrausch@sjsmarysville.org. Hope you can join us!

Join St. John's LYF on their Annual Mission Trip this Summer!

June 16th-22nd, LYF is headed to Fredericksburg, Maryland to serve. While on the mission trip, youth and leaders will serve the elderly, disabled, and impoverished with home repairs, while most importantly, shining and sharing Christ's light to all! Eligible youth are entering 9th grade this fall and up. Cost to attend is \$225 per youth. We are also looking for adult leaders (specifically female) to attend.

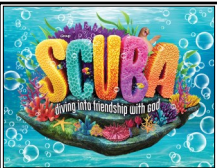
Registration forms can be found at www.tinyurl.com/LYFMissionTrip2024. Please reach out to Laura Zeiler at 913-549-0057 or lauraezeiler@gmail.com with any questions. It's sure to be a wonderful week!

Upcoming Sr. LYF Events

- **TODAY, Sunday, March 17th - Devotions/Games** at the Youth House, 6pm
- **Saturday, March 30th - Egg My Yard Fundraiser** - Meet at 2:30pm in the school cafeteria to stuff Easter eggs, followed by delivering/hiding eggs in yards around town! Funds raised go towards LYF events/mission trip.
- **Sunday, April 14th - Devotions/Games** at the Youth House, 6pm.

Weekly Notes & News Deadline

Please submit articles by no later than Tuesday at noon to Regina Bullerman, Church Secretary. Call 937-240-3004, mail to the church office, or email to rbullerman@sjsmarysville.org



Are You Ready to Dive Right In?!?!??

The VBS leadership team met a couple of weeks ago – and some very important plans are developing for this year's VBS to help accommodate the same increased attendance we experienced last summer. If you've been considering helping with VBS, but weren't sure – this is your year 😊! The leadership team has some needs now, as well as an increase to 18 crew leaders that we will be signing up in May. The openings we need to fill now are:

- 2 Bible story station leaders
- 1 games station leader
- Preschool Leader / visionary
- Actors and actresses

The team will meet again **Sunday, April 7th at noon** in the cafeteria. If you would be interested in one of these jobs, please join us that day! If you aren't sure, or have questions about what it entails – please contact Amanda at 937-243-7471 or AmandaDavisAnd2Littles@gmail.com / vbs@sjsmarysville.org

MORE NOTES & NEWS

THANK YOU!

We have seen God's love in your faces, felt His love in your embraces and every caring word, and have been comforted by His promises.

Blake shared with a friend, "Yes, things are gonna hurt, but it's all gonna be okay. I promise" and "He has a purpose and path for your life."

His Confirmation verse restores us, "I can do all things through Him who strengthens me." *Philippians 4:13*

We find comfort that Blake and everything we shared will forever be a part of our lives. We are humbled and grateful beyond measure that your prayers and many acts of kindness will also forever be a part of our lives.

Todd, Allison and Grace; David and Nina; Mike and Rhonda; Adam and Sarah, Barrett, Vera, & Colt; Brad and Brittney, Dominic & Viv; and all the Gorton, Boerger and Rausch families

I am so grateful for all the Lord provides. I want to thank Teacher, Mrs. Ashley Monroe and the 3rd Grade Class at St. John's School for the wonderful Valentine's Day basket filled with cards and treats. What a great surprise! I also want to thank the congregation, the Kindergarten-3rd grade Sunday School classes and teachers, and the 5th grade class at St. John's School for all the lovely birthday cards I received. All were so very much appreciated!

God's blessings – **Dorothy Baughman**

THANK YOU!! THANK YOU!!

Your generosity is overwhelming. We received over 200 items for the Seminary Baby Shower plus several gift cards and some cash. With grateful hearts we thank God for your support. Because of Spring Break, Easter, etc. these items will be delivered to the Seminary in April.

Blessings and Thanks -
Ladies Aid, Teresa Nickle and Mary Mayer



Junior
Youth

Night

Sunday, March 17th

6:00-8:00 PM

Sardines!

Pot of Gold Quest

+ Food, Fellowship and Devotions around the fire! +

In the Gym - Bring a Friend

Bring a bag of
Chips to share
if you have one!

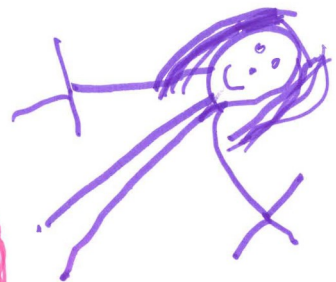
All 5th to 8th
Graders invited!



Eddie

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3 year old
preschool



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I love my teachers!

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Church & School Picnic

5.19.24
Save the Date!

Join us following the 11:00 service from noon to 3pm in the
St. John's Gym and Cafeteria
for a potluck, games, music,
and prizes!

See you there!



CONCORDIA SEMINARY

Find God's calling and direction for your high schooler's life! **Concordia Seminary, St. Louis** invites ninth- through 12th-grade students to attend **Vocatio: High School** — a retreat that encourages high school men and women to explore many aspects of the Seminary, including worship and devotions, sessions with professors, and even some fun and recreation.

Registration costs \$100 and closes May 24. **Register today!**



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Marysville, OH 43040

Thursday, March 21, 2024
10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

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National Alliance on Mental Illness

NAMI Family-to-Family **FaithNet**

"The class gave me hope that it will be okay, that I am not alone, and reduced a lot of my shame, guilt, and hopelessness."



March 25th – May 13th

6:00pm - 8:30pm

(Every Monday for 8 weeks)

**St. John's Lutheran Church, Heritage House
16561 Kandel Rd., Marysville, OH 43040**

**For more information
or to register:**



NotAloneOhio.org

A free educational program for family, partners, and friends of those with mental health conditions. With lived experience, our instructors understand and remind you that you are not alone. Research shows that our program significantly improves the coping and problem-solving abilities of those closest to those with a mental health condition.

Join us better to understand your loved one's diagnosis and its impact.

Questions? Contact Makayla at Makayla@NotAloneOhio.org or (740) 815-1767.

NAMI Mid Ohio receives funding from and is a provider for the Delaware-Morrow Mental Health & Recovery Services Board, the Mental Health & Recovery Board of Union County, and SourcePoint: Thrive After 55.

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New Edition of GriefShare – Week 6: The 6th session, titled "Anger" helps participants learn how to process their anger in a healthy way. This week's video and Step by Step exercises will help them do that. They'll learn: Anger can give you energy to make needed changes, Anger is powerful, but God can help you manage it, Forgiveness is important for you & your relationships. GriefShare is a Bible-based support group for people who are grieving the death of a loved one. Each GriefShare session includes a 30-minute video, small group discussion, and participant guide study. There is a \$20 suggested donation, which covers the cost of all materials. To register, please visit **www.griefshare.org** or text Deaconess Janet Nicol at **614-561-7411**. If you are still struggling with or have questions about your grief, we encourage you to check out this **NEW** edition of GriefShare.

Please Note: There will be NO GriefShare on Maundy Thursday, March 28.

TODAY'S BIBLE READINGS

Old Testament Reading: *Jeremiah 31:31-34*

God spoke of a new covenant He would make with His people, distinct from the old covenant given at Mount Sinai.

In this new covenant, God would write His law on the people's hearts, ensuring a deep, personal relationship.

³¹"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, ³²not 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. ³³But 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. ³⁴And 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."

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Epistle Reading: *Hebrews 5:1-10*

Jesus Christ is the ultimate High Priest, appointed by God, and our source of eternal salvation. Through Christ's suffering, we no longer need to offer sacrifices for our sins because Jesus was the ultimate sacrifice.

¹Every 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. ²He can deal gently with the ignorant and wayward, since he himself is beset with weakness. ³Because of this he is obligated to offer sacrifice for his own sins just as he does for those of the people. ⁴And no one takes this honor for himself, but only when called by God, just as Aaron was. ⁵So 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"; ⁶as he says also in another place, "You are a priest forever, after the order of Melchizedek." ⁷In 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. ⁸Although he was a son, he learned obedience through what he suffered. ⁹And being made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation to all who obey him, ¹⁰being designated by God a high priest after the order of Melchizedek.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Holy Gospel: *Mark 10:32-45*

Jesus prepared His disciples for His upcoming death and resurrection. James and John asked to be seated next to Jesus in glory. Jesus acknowledged the weight of their question and explained that true leadership requires selfless service and sacrificial love, a contrast from the world's pursuit of power and prestige.

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

C Glory to You, O Lord.

³²And 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, ³³saying, "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. ³⁴And they will mock him and spit on him, and flog him and kill him. And after three days he will rise." ³⁵And 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." ³⁶And he said to them, "What do you want me to do for you?" ³⁷And they said to him, "Grant us to sit, one at your right hand and one at your left, in your glory." ³⁸Jesus 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?" ³⁹And 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, ⁴⁰but 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." ⁴¹And when the ten heard it, they began to be indignant at James and John. ⁴²And 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. ⁴³But it shall not be so among you. But whoever would be great among you must be your servant, ⁴⁴and whoever would be first among you must be slave of all. ⁴⁵For even the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

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.

