

*Our mission is to glorify God as we seek to make disciples of all nations
by bringing the gospel of Jesus Christ to all people within and outside
of the one holy Christian Church.*

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The Fourth Sunday in Lent
March 19, 2023
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The Sermon: *Who is Blind?*
The Text: *Isaiah 42:14-21*

The Opening Hymn:
"Word of God, Come Down on Earth" LSB 545

The Sermon Hymn:
"O Son of God, in Galilee" LSB 841

The Communion Hymns (10:30 a.m.):
"When I Survey the Wondrous Cross" LSB 425
"When You Woke that Thursday Morning" LSB 445

The Closing Hymn: "Go, My Children, with My Blessing" LSB 922

+Holy Communion will be celebrated at the 10:30 a.m. service today. Guests, it is our desire for you to commune with us. In the Lord's Supper, in with and under the bread and the wine, we receive Christ's body and blood for the forgiveness of sins and the strengthening of faith. You should also know that when you commune with a group of Christians, you are saying you agree with the teachings of that church body. If you are a member of a different church body, please use this time for prayer and reflection upon God's Word. We then invite you to speak with one of the pastors about how you, too, can share in this wonderful gift. If you believe what Christ says about His supper and share the beliefs we have at St. Johns, an LCMS congregation, you are welcome to join us for communion. Gluten free wafers are available. If you prefer a gluten free wafer please let the pastors know.

This Week at St. Johns

Monday	Staff Meeting	8:45 AM
Monday	Stamping Group	5:30 PM
Tuesday	Bible Study	8:30 AM
Tuesday	TOPS	9:00 AM
Tuesday	Mahube Group	4:00 PM
Wednesday	Release Time	8:25 AM
Wednesday	Bible Study	10:30 AM
Wednesday	Lenten Service/Meal	NOON
Wednesday	Confirmation	3:30 PM
Wednesday	Bell Practice	5:00 PM
Wednesday	Lenten Meal	5:00 PM
Wednesday	Lenten Service	6:00 PM
Wednesday	Sr. Choir Practice	7:00 PM
Thursday	Worship Committee	10:30 AM

Next Sunday

Worship (Comm.)	8:00 AM
Sunday School	9:15 AM
Bible Study	9:30 AM
Worship	10:30 AM

PLEASE LET US KNOW you were here this morning by signing the black friendship registers located in the pews. It makes the office staff very happy. We're even happier if you checked whether or not you took communion!

FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR this morning were given by Jan Belshan in honor of our pastors and our St. Johns family.

TODAY'S SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON is "A Shepherd Loves - The Good Shepherd."

ON MAIN STREET LIVING NORTH: Rev. Karl Weber, St. John, Ottertail, and St. Paul, Richville, presents the message, "The Work of the Messiah" based on John 9:1-41. *This is the Life:* "Who will tell Laura?" - A family struggles with what to do after their daughter loses her sight in an accident. Main Street Living is broadcast Sundays at 9:00 a.m. on KVRP Fargo-Moorhead or online at www.mainstreetliving.com, "North(Fargo)."

LISTEN to the Lutheran Hour Sundays on KPRM 870 AM at 9:30 a.m., or KTIG 102.7 and 95.9 FM at 5:00 p.m. You can also listen on Sirius XM Family Talk Channel 133 on Sunday at 9:00 a.m. or any time on lhm.org/sentradio. Today's sermon is "Bad Karma vs. Good Creator" (John 9:3) with Lutheran Hour speaker, Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler. When bad things happen, is it "bad karma" or an opportunity for our Good Creator to be doing a greater work?

AMAZING GRACE - OUR LENTEN SERIES continues this Wednesday. The noon service is followed by lunch served by the Ladies Aid. The youth are serving a taco bar at 5:00 p.m. before the service at 6:00 p.m. This week we see God's amazing grace at work through the woman at the well.

BLESSED ARE THE VOLUNTEERS, for without them what would we do? I'd like to thank everyone who volunteered to work registration, make calls, and especially those who donated blood during our blood drive on March 13 and 14. There were 107 blood products successfully collected. This wonderful outcome could not be accomplished without the help of our volunteers and donors. Thank you so much, *everyone*, for your support! - **Elayne Luiken, Blood Drive Coordinator**

OUR CHRISTIAN LOVE and sympathy is extended to Charlie Lee and family as they mourn the passing of his father, Jon Lee. We pray that our Lord Jesus Christ will grant them peace and rest from their sorrow.

THE BEMIDJI-PARK RAPIDS ZONE SPRING LWML RALLY will be held Tuesday, April 18 at First English, Dorset. Amber Gamache, Mahube Housing Support Services Manager, will be one of the speakers. One of Mahube's primary goals is to assist individuals with housing assistance and help them become self sufficient. We will be collecting the following items to help with this goal: travel sizes of shampoo, conditioner, shaving cream, razors, toothpaste, body wash, hand lotion, hand wipes, toothbrushes, combs, hairbrushes, kleenex, band-aids, lip gloss, detergent, blankets, quilts, jackets, gloves, and mittens. You can also pick up a copy of this list from the LWML bulletin board in the hallway. Please put your donations in the box in the front lobby by Sunday, April 16.

TRIVIA NIGHT is next Sunday at 5:00 p.m. \$100 pays for your team of 2-8 people. We guarantee lots of fun with just a bit of frustration. The sign-up sheet is located by the church office.

SUNDAY SCHOOL: Att. - 12. Offering - \$4.95.

LAST SUNDAY: Att. 8:00 - 35. 10:30 - 21. Total - 56.

Offering: Unified - \$2,325.00. Unified Electronic - \$520.83.

Plate - \$20.00. Healthy Balance - \$100.00. Total - \$2,965.83.

LENTEN SERVICE: Att: Noon - 57. 6:00 p.m. - 68. Total - 125.

Offering: Unified - \$590.00. Lent - \$1,090.00. Release Time - \$100.00. Trivia - \$100.00. Plate - \$337.00. Total - \$2,217.00.