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Prayer: “Lamb of God, we fall before You, Humbly trusting in Your cross. Our great joy is to adore You; All things else are only dross.” Amen. (Hymn #354, v. 1)

The Service of Word and Sacrament

(The Hymnal, page 26.)

The Hymns: 368/300 – 466 – 125, v. 4 – 385/393 - 355.

Organist: Donna Schmitz.

Baptism: At the start of the second service, Bellemy Edward Woodley, child of William and Alyssa Woodley, Jr., will be reborn a child of God through Holy Baptism. Note: After our first hymn (#300) we will follow “Holy Baptism” on page 12 in the front of the hymnal. After the baptism we will follow The Service of Word and Sacrament, picking up on page 28 in the front of the hymnal.

The Old Testament Reading: Jeremiah 26:8-15 - Today's readings remind us that many live as enemies of Christ and His cross. Jeremiah was no exception. People don't like God's call to “reform your ways” and that we find His forgiveness in our crucified Savior.

Psalm 42, page 82.

The Epistle Reading: Philippians 3:17-4:1 – Living in a world hostile to Christ and our Christian faith can be frustrating and discouraging for the Christian. Not only that – it's easy to adopt the ways of the world! So Paul encourages us to “stand firm in the Lord” by reminding us that we are citizens of heaven through our Lord Jesus.

The Gospel Reading/Sermon: Luke 13:31-35 –

Behold Jesus' Boundless Love!

- I. His love takes Him to a certain death.
- II. His love mourns those who reject Him.
- III. His love gives eternal hope to those who believe in Him.

Holy Communion will be celebrated today. Since the Sacrament is also a public declaration of a unity of faith we practice Communion Fellowship. We ask that only members of our congregation or the Wisconsin Synod receive the Sacrament. Thank you.

This Week at St. John's

Tuesday	7:00 p.m.	Education Committee Meeting
Wednesday	4:30 p.m.	Public School Confirmation class
	3:15 & 7:00 p.m.	Lenten Vespers (Choir sings late)
Thursday	6:30 p.m.	Choir practice
Sunday	8:00 & 10:30 a.m.	Worship
	9:15 a.m.	Sunday School/Bible Class

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Our greeter is Rodney Binder (late).

Last Week: 153 (66+87) gathered around God's Word to grow in their faith and praise their Savior. 34 came to Bible Class and 18 came to Sunday School. Offerings received:

	<u>Last Week</u>	<u>Budget year to date</u>
Needed:	\$7,941	\$293,817
Received:	\$9,206	\$278,982

This includes \$3,040 for school tuition. We also received \$50 for Madison chaplains.

Hospitalized: Please remember in your daily prayers John Schwefel (St. Mary's).

Lenten Vespers: 73 (60+13) people used our Lenten Vesper services to gather at the foot of our Savior's cross. There is room for even more – for ALL – even as Jesus died for us ALL. May we ALL use these special opportunities to grow closer to Him who loves us so much.

LWMS Door Collection: Today we will take a door collection to help support the work of our Lutheran Women's Ministry Society. The L.W.M.S. money is used for projects in our home and world missions. Our Ladies of St. John's regularly support the L.W.M.S. and thought this door collection would enable more of our members to help out with this work. This spring's home mission is Campus Ministry: New Start and the world mission is the Haiti Project.

Milk Moola: All “Milk Moola” caps and bag tops need to be turned in on or before March 24 for one final mailing. The Kwik Trip “Milk Moola” program is ending after that.

You're Invited: We have 30 tickets reserved for Koine's Footsteps to the Cross Illuminated. Walk with Jesus from the Mount of Transfiguration to Mount Calvary as Koine presents a musical passion play of hymns, scriptural narration and dazzling multimedia. This FREE concert will be held at The Oconomowoc Art Center in Oconomowoc on Thursday, April 11, from 6:00-8:00 p.m. There is a sign-up sheet in the fellowship hall. Please sign up by March 24. The plan is to carpool there.