

St. John's Ev. Lutheran Church & School

(Wisconsin Ev. Lutheran Synod)

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Lent 5 + + + March 18, 2018

Prayer: "Let us praise the Word Incarnate, Christ, who suffered in our place; Jesus died and rose victorious, That we may know God by grace. Let us sing for joy and gladness, Seeing what our God has done; Let us praise the true Redeemer, Praise the One who makes us one." Amen. (Hymn #353, v. 3)

Divine Service II

(Christian Worship – Supplement, page 28.)

The Hymns: 128 – 122 - 126, v. 5 – 110/120– 316.

Organist: Donna Schmitz.

The Old Testament Reading: Jeremiah 31:31-34 – God explains what the cross means for us. It is forgiveness of sins and peace with God. It is a covenant of pure grace on God's part – the exact opposite of the law given at Mt. Sinai where the blessings depended on a person's perfect obedience.

Psalm 143, page 118.

The Epistle Reading: Hebrews 5:7-10 – As we draw near to Holy Week we are reminded of all that Jesus had to do and endure for us. Perfect obedience and submission were required from Him to atone for our disobedience. Then by sacrificing His perfect life to pay for all our sins He became the source of our salvation.

Worship Note: During Lent we omit the "Verse of the Day."

The Gospel Reading/Sermon: John 12:20-33 –

"Dying to Live"

This Week at St. John's

Tuesday	4:30 p.m.	Confirmation Class
	7:00 p.m.	Education Committee meeting
Wednesday	3:15 & 7:00 p.m.	Lenten Vespers (Ladies' Choir sings late)
	5:45 p.m.	Ladies' Choir practice

Sunday 8:00 & 10:30 a.m. Worship (Jr. Choir sings early)
9:15 a.m. Sunday School/Bible class

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Our greeter is Rodney Binder (late).

Last Week: 154 (96+58) gathered around God's Word to grow in their faith and praise their Savior. 10 came to Sunday School and 44 came to Bible class. Offerings received:

	<u>Last Week</u>	<u>Budget year to date</u>
Needed:	\$7,802	\$288,674
Received:	\$6,532	\$288,343

This includes \$1,010 for school tuition. We also received \$64 for Madison chaplains.

We thank Pastor John Dolan for leading us in our worship today. Pastor Dolan is retired and lives in Montello. During his ministry he served congregations in Portage, MI, Appleton, WI and Eden Prairie, MN. He was also on the faculty of Fox Valley Lutheran High School and our Martin Luther College in New Ulm, MN. As is our custom, we will take a door collection after each service to thank him for his help.

Hospital Report: Brie Theander is home. Please keep Lois Zumm in your prayers (pneumonia, at Hillside Manor).

Please be sure to pick up a Christian Worship – Supplement on your way into church. We will be following Divine Service II on page 28 in the Supplement. Note: Psalm 143 is in the hymnal and not the Supplement. We will also be using the "modern" Lord's Prayer.

Holy Week begins next Sunday. Please plan to use the following opportunities to worship our Savior and study His Word:

- Palm Sunday (3/25) - 8 & 10:30 a.m. (Jr. Choir sings early)
- Maundy Thursday (3/29) – Comm. services at 3:15 (5K-8) & 7:00 p.m. (Ladies' Choir)
- Good Friday (3/30) – Communion service at **1:00 p.m.** (Ladies' Choir)
- Easter (4/1) – Worship at 7:00 a.m. (Ladies' Choir) & 9:30 a.m. (Jr. Choir).

Lenten Vespers: 114 (93+21) people used our Lenten 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 this special opportunities to grow closer to Him who loves us so much.

April calendars are in your mailboxes.

High School/College Students: There is a yellow letter in your parents' mailbox about volunteering opportunities at the school softball tournament on Saturday, April 28. Extra copies of the letter are on the table by the mailboxes.

Adult Softball League: Looking for some fun recreational softball this summer? We are looking for men and women to play softball again this summer. If you are interested, please check out the sign-up sheet on the table in the fellowship hall.

Easter Lilies/Plants: If you will have an Easter lily or plant that we can use for our Easter altar please have it here the day before Easter (by 1:00 p.m.).

Easter Breakfast: In the fellowship hall are sign-up sheets for items needed for our Easter breakfast. Please look over the list and indicate how YOU will help. There is also a sheet to sign up to help prepare for the breakfast (on **Saturday morning** at 9:00 a.m.) or on Easter morning with serving and cleaning up. Please have all donations here by 9:00 a.m. on Saturday morning. Thanks!

Voters' Meeting: The recessed voters meeting will resume on April 3 (the Tuesday after Easter) at 7:00 p.m. The Church Council is recommending that we accept a bit of just under \$24,000 from Metro Sound and Video for a new speaker system for our church and the fellowship hall. The council also recommends that we cover this with All-Purpose Fund money in the Endowment/Trust Fund. We would also ask for special gifts, memorials, etc., to eventually repay this money to the fund.

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