



## ANNOUNCEMENTS

- SUNDAY, 3/15..** **8am Divine Worship;** 9:30am Bible Study/ Sunday School/Coffee Hour-Thrivent; **11am Divine Worship;** 1:30pm Church & Conference Room Rental; 3pm Youth Room Rental/Fellowship Room Rental; **6pm Divine Worship**
- MONDAY, 3/16..** No School-Offices Closed; 6:30pm Cub Scouts; 7pm Gym Rental/Music Room Rental; 7:30pm Boy Scouts
- TUESDAY, 3/17..** 5am Fellowship Room Rental-Elections; 7pm Church Council/Gym Rental
- WEDNESDAY, 3/18..** 8:40am Children's Chapel; 3:15pm Fellowship Room Rental; 3:20pm Library Rental; **4:30pm Midweek Vespers;** 5pm Gym Rental/Food Pantry; 5:30pm Soup and Sandwich; **7pm Midweek Vespers**
- THURSDAY, 3/19..** 5:30pm Gym Rental; 6:30pm Chancel Bells; 7pm Ellinger Hall Rental; 7:45pm Church Choir
- FRIDAY, 3/20..** 12pm Gym Set Up; 3:30pm 8th Grade Fun Fair
- SATURDAY, 3/21..** 8am Jamboree; 10:30am Fellowship Room Rental—STEM Scouts; 2:30pm Ellinger Hall & Bowling Alley Rental;
- SUNDAY, 3/22..** **8am Divine Worship;** 9:30am Bible Study/ Sunday School/Coffee Hour-Cub Scouts; **11am Divine Worship;** 1:30pm Church & Conference Room Rental; 3pm Youth Room Rental; **6pm Divine Worship**

**THOUGHT OF THE WEEK..** It is nice to be important but it's more important to be nice.

**SCHOOL NEWS..** We had a great turnout for the Eric Carle Night. Thank you to everyone that participated. St. John's students are selling raffle tickets for \$10 a piece. First place will win \$1000 in cash with 2nd place receiving \$500 and 3rd place receiving \$250. The drawing will take place on Saturday April 4th at the PTL Dinner Auction. Winners do not need to be present. If you can't find a student call the office! They will be able to help you too.

**FAMILY FUN FAIR..** Will take place on Friday, March 20th. Please join them from 3:30-7pm for this family friendly event.

**LADIES LA A VOLLEYBALL..** Has come to their last game of the season. They would love some support as they will be playing St. James at 2pm. Come cheer them on at St. James which is located at 2101 N. Fremont.

**EASTER FLOWERS..** It's time to order your spring flowers. We have lilies, tulips and hyacinths available for \$10.00 each. It is important that St. John's congregation supports the Altar Guild in decorating our beautiful church for Easter. So, think of the purchase as a gift to the church, a gift that you can take home or give to a homebound person. Please fill out a form and drop it in the offering plate. Extra forms can be found in the back of the church. Donations are also appreciated. If you wish to pick up your flowers you may take them after the 11am service on Easter Sunday or come to the office during the week.

**IT'S EVERYONE'S FAVORITE TIME OF THE YEAR..** Rummage Sale time! Start cleaning out your house as this year's Rummage Sale will take place on Saturday, April 25<sup>th</sup>! You may start to drop off your rummage on Sunday, April 19<sup>th</sup> when the building is open.

**CAN YOU HELP..** In the coming weeks the Bell Tower will be repaired after being stuck by lighting in the summer. The Trustees are looking for donations from individuals and organizations to help with the cost of the repair. If you find it in your heart to help please mark your envelope as such. The Trustees thank you.

**DURING THIS TIME..** As a church, we want to care for our congregation in all respects, including the physical well-being of our community. For many, the uncertainty of coronavirus (COVID-19) has caused fear and anxiety in our workplaces, schools, and daily life. Scripture is clear that God has given us a spirit of love, not fear and as followers of Christ, we remain confident of God's constant presence and careful attention to all that is happening. We've been closely tracking the news of the coronavirus both locally and globally and we want to take precautionary measures to create a safe and healthy environment for us all to gather and worship. During this time we as a church are sanitizing frequently touched surfaces, such as door handles and communion rails. We are asking for your help as well. Please stay home when you or a family member is sick, wash your hands often with soap and water, cover your sneeze or cough with a tissue and substitute shaking hands at church with a wave or a friendly smile. Please notify the church if you or someone you know tests positive for COVID-19 so that we can take any necessary precautions.

**PTL AUCTION..** is just weeks away and tickets must be purchased soon. It will be held at Allegra Banquet Hall which is located at 5035 N. River Rd in Schiller Park on Saturday, April 4<sup>th</sup>. The fun begins at 6:30pm. Please contact PTL at [ptl@stjohnschicago.org](mailto:ptl@stjohnschicago.org) or call the office to purchase your tickets.

**PLEASE HELP US..** If an emergency arises do we have your correct phone number or email address? Please update your information with the office by emailing either Denise Zanders at [dzanders@stjohnschicago.org](mailto:dzanders@stjohnschicago.org) or calling 773-736-1112.

### OUR "GIFTS OF LOVE" IN RESPONSE TO THE GOSPEL..

Our "Gifts of	Week of:	Goal:
Contributions	\$4,716.00	\$5,136.00
Mortgage	\$630.00	\$1,223.00
Missions	\$88.00	
Memorial	\$0.00	

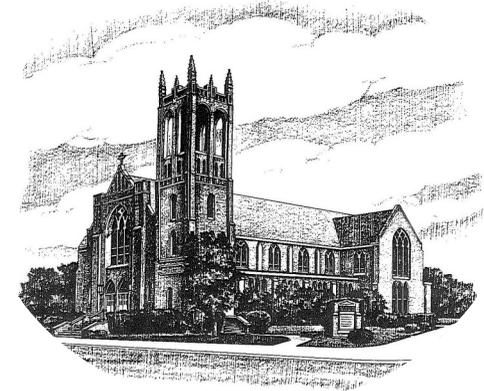
### OUR WEEKLY ATTENDANCE IN THE LORD'S HOUSE

**Sunday, March 8, 2020**

8am = 47, 11am = 55, 6pm = 12

**Wednesday, March 11, 2020**

4:30pm = 28; 7pm = 8



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## THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT

March 15, 2020



## A NOTE TO GUESTS AND VISITORS

Please sign the blue “Fellowship Pad” in your pew and share it with those seated next to you. Both visitors and members are asked to fill in their information. You can do this before the service, or during the offering.

The service outline is printed on the facing page. This portion of the worship folder extends beyond the page when you place the folder in your hymnal. Numbers in the left margin refer to pages in the pew hymnal, *Lutheran Service Book*. You may wish to place ribbon bookmarks at the pages for liturgy and hymns.

The Introit, Gradual, Collect, and Readings for the day are printed on the folder insert, along with devotional material for the week.

Introduce yourself to our Pastor, if it’s your first time with us; and all are encouraged to greet and get to know their fellow worshipers.



## A WORD CONCERNING HOLY COMMUNION

In Holy Communion, we joyfully receive Christ’s Body & Blood for our forgiveness, life, and salvation. In participating, we publicly confess our unity in Christ’s Body, and a harmony of teaching and practice. Congregations of The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod have promised to practice close communion. Guests who desire to commune with us for the first time are asked to speak with the pastor before the service, to answer any questions you may have.

You may also wish to review Luther’s “Christian Questions with Their Answers,” on pp. 329-330 in *Lutheran Service Book*, and refer to the “Before worship” and “Before communing” prayers inside the front cover of LSB.

If you are not in fellowship with our Synod, you are invited to come forward for a blessing. Simply indicate that by folding your arms over your heart while at the communion rail.



## WORSHIPPING WITH THE HISTORIC LITURGY

Liturgy derives from the word *leitourgia*, which was a word in the ancient world to describe the service of an individual on behalf of the public. It is not merely an order of service. In the historic Christian liturgy, the individual who provides the service is our Lord, Jesus Christ, and service is provided through His Word and Sacraments. The orders of service we employ from *Lutheran Service Book* (LSB) are ways to arrange this twin service of Word and Sacrament, with roots that reach back to the earliest days of the Christian Church.

In our service, both congregation and pastor chant much of the order of the liturgy. The custom of singing God’s Word is not new, but has its beginnings in the worship of God’s people in the Old Testament. St. Paul, in Ephesians 5:19 and Colossians 3:16 instructs us to sing “psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs.” Singing and God’s Word go together.

An Introduction to liturgical worship can be found on LSB p. viii-ix.

The rhythm of the Church’s year of grace can be found on LSB p. x-xi.

A chart of the Lectionary (series of readings) can be found on LSB p. xx-xxiii.

A Glossary of liturgical terms can be found on LSB p. xxiv-xxv. This glossary will help you with the vocabulary of the liturgy.

A commentary on the individual parts of the Divine Service can be found in the pamphlet *A Simple Explanation of the Church Service* available in the pew rack or in our welcome center.



## THE CATECHUMENATE

From the earliest days of the Christian Church, the catechumenate has served as the process for initiating the Christian life and reception into the fellowship of the Church by Baptism, Confirmation, and participation in the Eucharist (Lord’s Supper).

The heart of the catechumenate is a course of study and reflection called *Didache* (dih - dah - KAY; Greek for “teaching”), which explores the themes of God and humanity (Ten Commandments); God’s work on our behalf (Apostles’ Creed); prayer (Lord’s Prayer); God’s sacramental encounter with us (Holy Baptism, Confession, Sacrament of the Altar); and living a Christian life.

Inquirers who would like to further their journey in the Christian faith are invited to speak with our pastor about enrolling in the catechumenate.



## GENEROSITY

Luke 11:21-22 – “When a strong man, fully armed, guards his own palace, his goods are safe; but when one stronger than he attacks him and overcomes him, he takes away his armor in which he trusted and divides his spoil.” Jesus has disarmed Satan in a most unusual way: He has disarmed him by allowing Satan to cast all his weapons into Jesus. Satan has nothing left to attack us with; he spent it all on Jesus. And now Jesus is our Stronger Man. He guards and keeps us and ours, and we have nothing to fear.

Please review our Generosity card in the pew rack for opportunities to express your thanksgiving and to be generous with the gifts God has given to you.



## GOD’S WORD FOR TODAY

*Jesus Overcomes the Strong Man.* Jeremiah was charged with speaking evil when he spoke the Word of the Lord (Jer. 26:1–15). So also, Jesus is accused of doing evil when in fact He is doing good. He casts out a demon from a mute man so that he is able to speak (Luke 11:14–28). But some said Jesus did this by the power of Beelzebub, Satan. Like Pharaoh of old, their hearts were hard (Ex. 8:16–24). They did not recognize the finger of God, the power of the Holy Spirit at work in and through Jesus. Jesus is the Stronger Man who overcomes the strong man. He takes the devil’s armor of sin and death and destroys it from the inside out by the holy cross. He exorcizes and frees us by water and the Word. We were once darkness, but now we are light in Christ the Lord (Eph. 5:1–9). As children of light, our tongues are loosed to give thanks to Him who saved us.

### SERVING IN TODAY’S WORSHIP

Preacher: Rev. Jacob Ehrhard (8am, 11am & 6pm)  
Organist: Mark Eggert (8am & 11am)  
Fellowship Hour: Thrivent  
Communion: Laura Weith  
The Trustee: Ron Byall (opening); Don Erber (closing)

## LUTHERAN SERVICE BOOK

Divine Service, Setting One



### PREPARATION

604 I Bind unto Myself Today

151 Confession & Absolution



### SERVICE OF THE WORD

Insert Introit

152 Kyrie  
*The Hymn of Praise is omitted*  
Salutation & Collect of the Day

Insert Jeremiah 26:1-15  
Gradual

Ephesians 5:1-9

157 Verse for Lent

Insert Luke 11:14-28

659 Lord of Our Life

Sermon

158 Nicene Creed

Prayer of the Church

**P** let us pray to the Lord,  
**C** Lord, have mercy.

159 Offering  
Offertory



### SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

160 Preface & Proper Preface  
Sanctus

Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Words of Our Lord

Proclamation of Christ

Lord’s Prayer

Pax Domini

Agnus Dei

Distribution

433 Glory Be to Jesus

623 Lord Jesus Christ, We Humbly Pray

618 I Come, O Savior, to Thy Table

164 Post-Communion Collect  
Benediction

616 Baptismal Waters Cover Me

881 Christ, Mighty Savior (6pm)