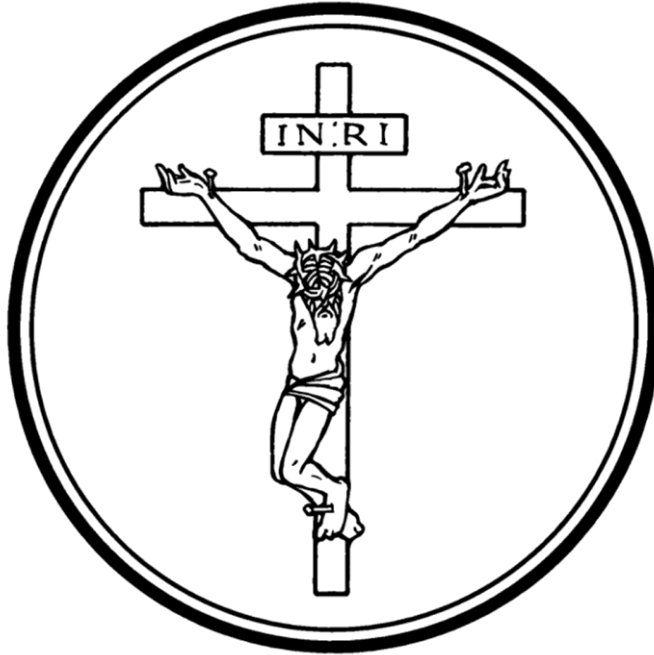


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Sunday, February 15, 2026

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This Week at St. John's

SUN (2/15)	9:00am	Worship/HC
	10:15am	Coffee Hour/Fellowship
		Bible Study in MPR
MON (2/16)	10:00am	Women of the Word Bible Study
TUE (2/17)	1:00pm	Ladies Aid Meeting
WED (2/18)	5:15pm	Soup Supper c/o Ladies Aid
	6:30pm	Ash Wednesday Service/HC
THR (2/19)	10:00am	Quilting
	6:00pm	Elders Meeting
	7:00pm	Council Meeting
SUN (2/22)	9:00am	Worship
	10:15am	Coffee Hour/Fellowship
		Bible Study in MPR

WE WELCOME ALL TO GOD'S HOUSE TODAY – in the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Please take a moment and fill out the “*Welcome to Our Worship*” pad in the brown folder at the end of the pew. If you are visiting, please sign the guest register book in the narthex. If you do not have a church home, we invite you to return every Sunday at 9:00am.

LARGEPRINT – copies of today's service are available in the Narthex. Ask the greeter if you would like a copy to follow along with today's service.

CHECK YOUR MAILBOX! –There you will find a copy of “For Us” a Daily Devotions for Lent and Easter.

Stand

861 Christ Be My Leader



1 Christ be my Lead - er by night as by day; Safe through the
2 Christ be my Teach - er in age as in youth, Drift - ing or
3 Christ be my Sav - ior in calm as in strife; Death can - not



dark - ness, for He is the way. Glad - ly I fol - low, my
doubt - ing, for He is the truth. Grant me to trust Him; though
hold me, for He is the life. Nor dark - ness nor doubt - ing nor



fu - ture His care, Dark - ness is day - light when Je - sus is there.
shift - ing as sand, Doubt can - not daunt me; in Je - sus I stand.
sin and its stain Can touch my sal - va - tion: with Je - sus I reign.

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Confession and Absolution

The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

P In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

P If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

C But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Kneel/Stand

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

P Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

C Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For

Be a rock of ref- | uge for me,*

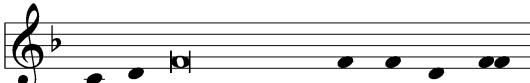
a strong fortress to | save me!

For you are my rock and my | fortress;*

and for your name's sake you lead me and | guide me.

Kyrie

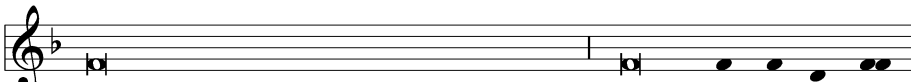
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A In peace let us pray to the Lord.




C Lord, have mer - cy.



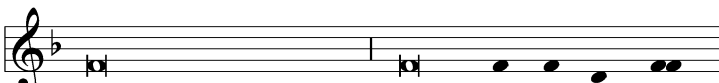
A For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



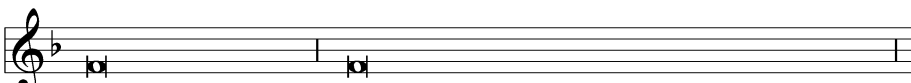
A For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



A For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise

let us pray to the Lord.

C Lord, have mer - cy.

A Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord.

C A - men.

Gloria in Excelsis

LSB 154

A Glory to God in the highest, and peace to His peo - ple on earth.

C Lord God, heav-en-ly king, al-might-y God and Fa - ther:

We wor-ship You, we give You thanks, we praise You for Your glo-ry.

Lord Je-sus Christ, on-ly Son of the Fa-ther, Lord God, Lamb of God:

You take a - way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.

stature, because I have rejected him. For the LORD sees not as man sees: man looks on the outward appearance, but the LORD looks on the heart.”⁸ Then Jesse called Abinadab and made him pass before Samuel. And he said, “Neither has the LORD chosen this one.”⁹ Then Jesse made Shammah pass by. And he said, “Neither has the LORD chosen this one.”¹⁰ And Jesse made seven of his sons pass before Samuel. And Samuel said to Jesse, “The LORD has not chosen these.”¹¹ Then Samuel said to Jesse, “Are all your sons here?” And he said, “There remains yet the youngest, but behold, he is keeping the sheep.” And Samuel said to Jesse, “Send and get him, for we will not sit down till he comes here.”¹² And he sent and brought him in. Now he was ruddy and had beautiful eyes and was handsome. And the LORD said, “Arise, anoint him, for this is he.”¹³ Then Samuel took the horn of oil and anointed him in the midst of his brothers. And the Spirit of the LORD rushed upon David from that day forward. And Samuel rose up and went to Ramah.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Epistle

1 Corinthians 13:1–13

¹If I speak in the tongues of men and of angels, but have not love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. ²And if I have prophetic powers, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but have not love, I am nothing. ³If I give away all I have, and if I deliver up my body to be burned, but have not love, I gain nothing.

⁴Love is patient and kind; love does not envy or boast; it is not arrogant⁵ or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; ⁶it does not rejoice at wrongdoing, but rejoices with the truth. ⁷Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.

⁸Love never ends. As for prophecies, they will pass away; as for tongues, they will cease; as for knowledge, it will pass away. ⁹For we know in part and we prophesy in part, ¹⁰but when the perfect comes, the partial will pass away. ¹¹When I was a child, I spoke like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child. When I became a man, I gave up childish ways. ¹²For now we see in a mirror dimly, but then face to face. Now I know in part; then I shall know fully, even as I have been fully known.

¹³So now faith, hope, and love abide, these three; but the greatest of these is love.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Stand

Alleluia and Verse

LSB 156

C Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the



Holy Gospel

Luke 18:31–43

- P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the eighteenth chapter.
C **Glory to You, O Lord.**

³¹Taking the twelve, [Jesus] said to them, “See, we are going up to Jerusalem, and everything that is written about the Son of Man by the prophets will be accomplished. ³²For he will be delivered over to the Gentiles and will be mocked and shamefully treated and spit upon. ³³And after flogging him, they will kill him, and on the third day he will rise.” ³⁴But they understood none of these things. This saying was hidden from them, and they did not grasp what was said.

³⁵As he drew near to Jericho, a blind man was sitting by the roadside begging. ³⁶And hearing a crowd going by, he inquired what this meant. ³⁷They told him, “Jesus of Nazareth is passing by.” ³⁸And he cried out, “Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!” ³⁹And those who were in front rebuked him, telling him to be silent. But he cried out all the more, “Son of David, have mercy on me!” ⁴⁰And Jesus stopped and commanded him to be brought to him. And when he came near, he asked him, ⁴¹“What do you want me to do for you?” He said, “Lord, let me recover my sight.” ⁴²And Jesus said to him, “Recover your sight; your faith has made you well.” ⁴³And immediately he recovered his sight and followed him, glorifying God. And all the people, when they saw it, gave praise to God.

- P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.
C **Praise to You, O Christ.**

Sit

849 Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness



- 1 Praise the One who breaks the dark - ness With a lib - er -
 2 Praise the One who blessed the chil - dren With a strong, yet
 3 Let us praise the Word In - car - nate, Christ, who suf - fered



at - ing light; Praise the One who frees the pris - 'ners,
 gen - tle, word; Praise the One who drove out de - mons
 in our place. Je - sus died and rose vic - to - rious



Turn - ing blind - ness in - to sight. Praise the One who preached the
With the pierc - ing, two - edged sword. Praise the One who brings cool
That we may know God by grace. Let us sing for joy and



Gos - pel, Heal - ing ev - 'ry dread dis - ease, Calm - ing
wa - ter To the des - ert's burn - ing sand; From this
glad - ness, See - ing what our God has done; Let us



storms, and feed - ing thou - sands With the ver - y Bread of peace.
Well comes liv - ing wa - ter, Quench - ing thirst in ev - 'ry land.
praise the true Re - deem - er, Praise the One who makes us one.

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Sermon

Stand

Nicene Creed

C 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 \ddagger of the world to come. Amen.

Prayer of the Church

Sit

Offering

Stand

Offertory

LSB 159

C What shall I ren-der to the Lord for all His ben-e-fits to
me? I will of-fer the sac-ri-fice of thanks-giv-ing and will
call on the name of the Lord. I will take the cup of sal-
va-tion and will call on the name of the Lord. I will pay my
vows to the Lord now in the pres-ence of all His peo-ple, in the



courts of the Lord's house, in the midst of you, O Je - ru - sa - lem.

Service of the Sacrament

Preface

LSB 160



P The Lord be with you.



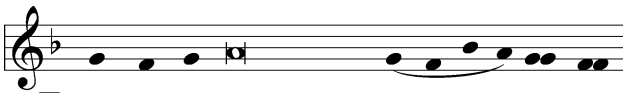
C And al - so with you.



P Lift up your hearts.



C We lift them to the Lord.



P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



C It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

P It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord; for what had been hidden from before the foundation of the world You have made known to the nations in Your Son. In Him, being found in the substance of our mortal nature, You have manifested the fullness of Your glory. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

Sanctus

LSB 161

C Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might:
Heav-en and earth are full of Your glo-ry. Ho - san-na. Ho -
san-na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is He who
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high - est.

Lord's Prayer

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

P Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My ✠ body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My ✠ blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

filled. My own eyes have seen the sal - va - tion which You have pre -
 pared in the sight of ev - 'ry peo - ple: A light to re -
 veal You to the na - tions and the glo - ry of Your peo - ple Is - ra - el.
 Glo - ry be to the Fa - ther and to the Son and to the Ho - ly Spir - it;
 as it was in the be - gin - ning, is now, and will be for - ev - er. A - men.

Post-Communion Collect

A Let us pray.

We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Benediction

LSB 166

P The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine on you
 and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.



☐ A - men.

417 Alleluia, Song of Gladness



1 Al - le - lu - ia, song of glad - ness, Voice of joy that
 2 Al - le - lu - ia, thou re - sound - est, True Je - ru - sa -
 3 Al - le - lu - ia can - not al - ways Be our song while
 4 There - fore in our hymns we pray Thee, Grant us, bless - ed



can - not die; Al - le - lu - ia is the an - them
 lem and free; Al - le - lu - ia, joy - ful moth - er,
 here be - low; Al - le - lu - ia, our trans - gres - sions
 Trin - i - ty, At the last to keep Thine Eas - ter



Ev - er raised by choirs on high; In the house of
 All thy chil - dren sing with thee, But by Bab - y -
 Make us for a while for - go; For the sol - emn
 With Thy faith - ful saints on high; There to Thee for -



God a - bid - ing Thus they sing e - ter - nal - ly.
 lon's sad wa - ters Mourn - ing ex - iles now are we.
 time is com - ing When our tears for sin must flow.
 ev - er sing - ing Al - le - lu - ia joy - ful - ly.

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PRAYER CONCERNS



Pray for our members with health concerns:

Devin Ruse	Marcia Twarog	Walker Byard
Doris Braman	Tammy Younger	Sharon Whyte
Sandy Metzger	Jerry Thomas	Adalyn Osborn
Perry Tremble	Rich Schnell	Ken Bender

Pray for friends with health concerns:

Ella Layton	Janice Haas	Wendy Dieleman-Reid	Karen Olson
Shannon Reed	Debbie Kahihikolo	Tim Robbin	Brendan Harrison
Hunter Sweet	Jean Marttila	Matthew Mason	Kris Hammerbacher
Paula Switala	Brianna Dery	Scott Schell	Karen McGuire
Al Fox	Cody Gee	Howard Hackerd	Kay Tremble
Jeri Christie	Emmett Lynch	Cathy Mueller	Joan Behrman
Greg Norgan	Teresa Strehl	Matthew Hackerd	Donald Nelson
Diane (Joyce Forro's daughter)		Brian Leja	Mike Shillair

Please contact the office with any updates to the prayer list

SHARING - of God's gifts for February 4 and 8

Attendance for February 4 – 19
February 8 - 44

Needed for Budget in 2026 – \$3,461.54per week



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Today at St. John

SUNDAY COFFEE HOUR – We invite all to stay for coffee hour and fellowship after worship in the fellowship hall. Our January hostess will be Pat Metzger (989-867-4734). Your help in bringing snacks or facilitating set up/clean up would be much appreciated. You can sign up in the fellowship hall or call Pat to let her know how you can assist.

LIKE AND SUBSCRIBE! – did you know that our services are often recorded and posted on YouTube? By subscribing to our channel, you make us more visible, and it helps spread the Word of God. Although not the same as attending in person, it is a way to stay connected when you are traveling out of town. Our channel is: @stjohnsaugres8759

DAILY DEVOTIONS FOR LENT & EASTER – a copy has been placed in your mailbox. There are extra copies on the table in the Narthex as well as the bookshelf in the coat area of the Fellowship Hall entrance. Take one or more to gift to neighbors and friends. While you are at it, invite them to our Sunday morning and Wednesday evening services.

YOUR HELP IS REQUESTED – to host our Wednesday night Lenten Soup Supper. The sign up sheet is on the table in the Multi-Purpose room. If doing this alone feels overwhelming, team up with another church member. The menu is to be kept simple: soup, crackers or bread, dessert, and drink.

This week at St. John

WOMEN OF THE WORD (WOW) – invite you to join them on Monday's at 10am. Women of any age are invited to join us as we study God's Word. NOTE: If the Au Gres-Sims School District is closed due to weather, WOW is also cancelled for the week.

LADIES AID MEETING – All ladies are invited to join us on Tuesday at 1pm. Bring a favorite Bible verse to share and help us plan future events. Our hostesses for February are Jane Bourdeau and Pat Metzger.

ASH WEDNESDAY SOUP SUPPER & WORSHIP/HC – Please join us on Ash Wednesday, February 18, at 5:15pm for a soup supper and fellowship with worship to follow, beginning at 6:30 pm. Invite family, friends or a neighbor to join you.

QUILTING FOR CHARITY – will be held on Thursday, beginning at 10:00am. No experience is necessary; we will teach you! Come when you can and leave when you must.

ELDER'S MEETING & CHURCH COUNCIL – will be held Thursday at 6:00 and 7:00 pm respectively. All members are invited to share their ideas and/or concerns.

Mark Your Calendar

SILENT BREAKFAST – Faith Lutheran Church in Prescott invite you to attend their Annual Silent Breakfast on Ash Wednesday (Feb 18) at 9:00am.

LENTEN SOUP SUPPERS & WORSHIP SERVICES – There will be a Soup Supper, beginning at 5:15pm, each Wednesday before the Lenten Service at 6:30 pm.

Mission Opportunities

JANUARY MISSIONS OF THE MONTH – are Lutherans For Life of Michigan & Right to Life of Michigan. They support life from conception through life's end. All life is sacred.

AU GRES CHARITIES FOOD PANTRY NEEDS –dry cereal, chicken noodle soup, canned tuna or chicken, Mac N' Cheese, Pancake mix, and canned potatoes, and hygiene items. Items can be placed in the grocery cart in the fellowship hall.

IS YOUR MONEY DOING DOUBLE DUTY? – With Church Extension Fund, your money has a double purpose. Your investment earns you interest and it builds churches and schools throughout Michigan. For more information, contact Bob Britt. Current rates are posted on the bulletin board in the MPR

CANCELLED POSTAGE STAMPS – Don't throw them away! These stamps can help fund worldwide missions. All stamps, US or foreign are accepted. Do NOT soak the stamp off the envelope, just tear the corner of the envelope off. Stamps can be placed in the box in the multi-purpose room. More information about the organization is available next to the box.

QUILTING NEEDS – We can always use cotton flannel sheets for the backs of baby quilts. Please put any donations in the quilting room.

Scripture of the Week

Psalm 89:18-29

¹⁸ Indeed, our shield^{1a} belongs to
the LORD,
our king to the Holy One of Israel.

¹⁹ Once you spoke in a vision,
to your faithful people you said:
"I have bestowed strength on a
warrior;

I have raised up a young man from
among the people.

²⁰ I have found David my servant;
with my sacred oil I have
anointed him.

²¹ My hand will sustain him;
surely my arm will strengthen him.

²² The enemy will not get the better of
him;

the wicked will not oppress him.

²³ I will crush his foes before him

and strike down his adversaries.

²⁴ My faithful love will be with him,
and through my name his horn^{1b} will
be exalted.

²⁵ I will set his hand over the sea,
his right hand over the rivers.

²⁶ He will call out to me, 'You are my
Father,
my God, the Rock my Savior.'

²⁷ And I will appoint him to be my
firstborn,

the most exalted of the kings of the
earth.

²⁸ I will maintain my love to him
forever,

and my covenant with him will
never fail.

²⁹ I will establish his line forever,
his throne as long as the heavens
endure.

February 15 - "The message of Jesus' transfiguration—the fact that Jesus is God and Savior—has the power to transfigure you, to give you metamorphosis, to transform you from a bug to a butterfly! That's what metamorphosis means. So, this week—and forever!—live a new life, one worthy of Christ, in whose sunshine and light, in whose transfiguration, you now bask".