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Sunday Worship– 9:00 am

Bible Study – 10:15 am

Wednesday Worship – 6:30 pm

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SERVING THE LORD Sunday, March 1, 2026

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This Week at St. John's

SUN (3/1)	9:00am	Worship/HC – Second Sunday in Lent
	10:15am	Coffee Hour/Fellowship
		Bible Study in MPR
		Mites Collected
MON (3/2)	10:00am	Women of the Word Bible Study
WED (3/4)	5:15pm	Soup Supper
	6:30pm	Midweek Lent III Service
SUN (3/8)	9:00am	Worship/HC – Third Sunday in Lent
	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 – for the March newsletter.



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Sacrament Confession

We, as a congregation of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod, believe that Holy Communion is a divinely instituted sacrament in which Jesus Christ grants to the communicant His true body and blood under the forms of bread and wine. We invite all who are confirmed Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod Lutherans, who have repented of their sins, and trust in Jesus' words, "Given and shed for you for the forgiveness of sins", to commune with us. Those who are members of other Christian congregations and desire to attend Holy Communion are asked to speak with an elder or the Pastor prior to the service.

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 Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C **who made heaven and earth.**

P If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?

C **But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.**

P Since we are gathered to hear God's Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, and receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

Kneel/Stand

C **Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.**

P Almighty God, our heavenly Father, has had mercy upon us and has given His only Son to die for us and for His sake forgives us all our sins. To those who believe on His name He gives power to become the children of God and has promised them His Holy Spirit. He that believes and is baptized shall be saved.

Grant this, Lord, unto us all.

C **Amen.**

Stand

Service of the Word

Introit

Psalm 25:1–2a, 7–8, 11; antiphon: vv. 6, 2b, 22



Remember your mercy, O LORD, and your | steadfast love,*
for they have been | from of old.

Let not my enemies exult | over me.*

Redeem Israel, O God, out of all his | troubles.

To you, O LORD, I lift | up my soul.*

O my God, in you I trust; let me not be | put to shame.

Remember not the sins of my youth or my trans- | gressions;*

according to your steadfast love remember me, for the sake of your goodness, | O LORD!

Good and upright | is the LORD;*

therefore he instructs sinners | in the way.

For your name's sake, | O LORD,*

pardon my guilt, for | it is great.

Glory be to the Father and | to the Son*

and to the Holy | Spirit;

as it was in the be- | ginning,*

is now, and will be forever. | Amen.

Remember your mercy, O LORD, and your | steadfast love,*

for they have been | from of old.

Let not my enemies exult | over me.*

Redeem Israel, O God, out of all his | troubles.

Kyrie

LSB 204



C Lord, have mer - cy; Christ, have mer - cy; Lord, have mer - cy.

Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Let us pray.

O God, You see that of ourselves we have no strength. By Your mighty power defend us from all adversities that may happen to the body and from all evil thoughts that may assault

and hurt the soul; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Sit

Old Testament Reading

Genesis 32:22–32

²²The same night he arose and took his two wives, his two female servants, and his eleven children, and crossed the ford of the Jabbok. ²³He took them and sent them across the stream, and everything else that he had. ²⁴And Jacob was left alone. And a man wrestled with him until the breaking of the day. ²⁵When the man saw that he did not prevail against Jacob, he touched his hip socket, and Jacob’s hip was put out of joint as he wrestled with him. ²⁶Then he said, “Let me go, for the day has broken.” But Jacob said, “I will not let you go unless you bless me.” ²⁷And he said to him, “What is your name?” And he said, “Jacob.” ²⁸Then he said, “Your name shall no longer be called Jacob, but Israel, for you have striven with God and with men, and have prevailed.” ²⁹Then Jacob asked him, “Please tell me your name.” But he said, “Why is it that you ask my name?” And there he blessed him. ³⁰So Jacob called the name of the place Peniel, saying, “For I have seen God face to face, and yet my life has been delivered.” ³¹The sun rose upon him as he passed Penuel, limping because of his hip. ³²Therefore to this day the people of Israel do not eat the sinew of the thigh that is on the hip socket, because he touched the socket of Jacob’s hip on the sinew of the thigh.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Gradual

Psalms 25:17–18



The troubles of my heart | are enlarged; *
bring me out of my dis- | tresses.
Consider my affliction and my | trouble, *
and forgive | all my sins.

Epistle 1 Thessalonians 4:1–7

¹Finally, then, brothers, we ask and urge you in the Lord Jesus, that as you received from us how you ought to live and to please God, just as you are doing, that you do so more and more. ²For you know what instructions we gave you through the Lord Jesus. ³For this is the will of God, your sanctification: that you abstain from sexual immorality; ⁴that each one of you know how to control his own body in holiness and honor, ⁵not in the passion of lust like the Gentiles who do not know God; ⁶that no one transgress and wrong his brother in this matter, because the Lord is an avenger in all these things, as we told you beforehand and solemnly warned you. ⁷For God has not called us for impurity, but in holiness.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Stand

Tract

Psalm 106:1–4



Oh give thanks to the LORD, for | he is good,*
for his steadfast love endures for- | ever!
Who can utter the mighty deeds | of the LORD,*
or declare | all his praise?
Blessèd are they who observe | justice,*
who do righteousness | at all times!
Remember me, O LORD, when you show favor to your | people;*
help me when you | save them.

Holy Gospel

Matthew 15:21–28

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the fifteenth chapter.

C Amen

²¹Jesus went away from there and withdrew to the district of Tyre and Sidon. ²²And behold, a Canaanite woman from that region came out and was crying, “Have mercy on me, O Lord, Son of David; my daughter is severely oppressed by a demon.” ²³But he did not answer her a word. And his disciples came and begged him, saying, “Send her away, for she is crying out after us.” ²⁴He answered, “I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel.” ²⁵But she came and knelt before him, saying, “Lord, help me.” ²⁶And he answered, “It is not right to take the children’s bread and throw it to the dogs.” ²⁷She said, “Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters’ table.” ²⁸Then Jesus answered her, “O woman, great is your faith! Be it done for you as you desire.” And her daughter was healed instantly.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Amen

Nicene Creed

☩ 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 ✝ of the world to come. Amen.

615 When in the Hour of Deepest Need



1 When in the hour of deep - est need We know not
2 Then is our com - fort this a - lone That we may
3 For You have prom - ised, Lord, to heed Your chil - dren's
4 And so we come, O God, to - day And all our



where to look for aid; When days and nights of
meet be - fore Your throne; To You, O faith - ful
cries in time of need Through Him whose name a -
woes be - fore You lay; For sore - ly tried, cast



anx - ious thought No help or coun - sel yet have brought,
God, we cry For res - cue in our mis - er - y.
lone is great, Our Sav - ior and our ad - vo - cate.
down, we stand, Per - plexed by fears on ev - 'ry hand.

- 5 O from our sins, Lord, turn Your face;
Absolve us through Your boundless grace.
Be with us in our anguish still;
Free us at last from ev'ry ill.
- 6 So we with all our hearts each day
To You our glad thanksgiving pay,
Then walk obedient to Your Word,
And now and ever praise You, Lord.

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Sermon

Stand

Prayer of the Church

Sit

Offering

Service of the Sacrament

Stand

Preface

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P The Lord be with you.

C And also 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, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, for the countless blessings You so freely bestow on us and all creation. Above all, we give thanks for Your boundless love shown to us when You sent Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, into our flesh and laid on Him our sin, giving Him into death that we might not die eternally. Because He is now risen from the dead and lives and reigns to all eternity, all who believe in Him will overcome sin and death and will rise again to new life. 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 208



C Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth a - dored;



Heav'n and earth with full ac-claim shout the glo-ry of Your name.



Sing ho - san-na in the high-est, sing ho-san - na to the Lord;



Tru - ly blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord!
Text: Stephen P. Starke

Prayer of Thanksgiving

P Blessed are You, O Lord our God, king of all creation, for You have had mercy on us and given Your only-begotten Son that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life.

At Your command, Abraham prepared to offer his son Isaac as a sacrifice on the mountain; yet, in mercy You provided a ram as a substitute. We give You thanks that on Calvary You spared not Your only Son but sent Him to offer His life as a ransom for many.

As we eat and drink His body and blood, grant us, like Abraham our father, to trust in Your promise now fulfilled in Christ, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world.

Hear us as we pray in His name and as He has taught us:

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.”

Pax Domini

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C Amen.

Agnus Dei

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C 1 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,
2 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,



You take the sin of the world a - way;
You take the sin of the world a - way;



O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,
Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus Christ,



Have mer - cy on us, Lord, we pray.
And grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.

Text: Stephen P. Starke

Sit

Distribution

647 Lord Jesus Christ, the Church's Head

658 Preserve Your Word, O Savior

770 What a Friend We Have in Jesus

571 God Loved the World So That He Gave

Stand

Nunc Dimittis

LSB 211

C 1 O Lord, now let Your ser - vant De -
2 All glo - ry to the Fa - ther, All
part in heav'n - ly peace, For I have seen the
glo - ry to the Son, All glo - ry to the
glo - ry Of Your re - deem - ing grace:
Spir - it, For - ev - er Three in One;
A light to lead the Gen - tiles Un -
For as in the be - gin - ning, Is
to Your ho - ly hill, The glo - ry of Your
now, shall ev - er be, God's tri - une name re -
peo - ple, Your cho - sen Is - ra - el.
sound - ing Through all e - ter - ni - ty.

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.

Benedicamus

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A Let us bless the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Benediction

- 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.
- C** Amen.

773 Hear Us, Father, When We Pray



1 Hear us, Fa - ther, when we pray, Through Your Son and
2 When we know not what to say And our wound - ed
3 Je - sus, ad - vo - cate on high, Sac - ri - ficed on
4 By Your Spir - it now at - tend To our prayers and



in Your Spir - it. By Your Spir - it's Word con - vey
souls are plead - ing, May Your Spir - it, night and day,
Cal - v'ry's al - tar, Through Your priest - ly blood we cry:
sup - pli - ca - tions, As like in - cense they as - cend



All that we through Christ in - her - it,
Groan with - in us in - ter - ced - ing;
Hear our prayers, though they may fal - ter;
To Your heav'n - ly hab - i - ta - tions.



That as bap - tized heirs we may Tru - ly pray.
By His sighs, too deep for words, We are heard.
Place them on Your Fa - ther's throne As Your own.
May their fra - grance waft a - bove, God of love.

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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	Mike Shillair
Diane (Joyce Forro's daughter)		Brian Leja	

*Any changes to the prayer list can be emailed to Sandra:
office@stjohnaugres.com or text 989-310-3652*

Today at St. John



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 should be kept simple: soup, crackers or bread, dessert, and drink.

EASTER FLOWERS – are being ordered. Cost is \$15 for your choice of Lily, Tulip, or Daffodil. Sign up on the sheet in the Multi-purpose room to reserve your order. Please make checks payable to St. John Ladies Aid and give to Pat Metzger.

LWML MITES – are accepted the first Sunday of each month. If you wish to save mites throughout the month, please take a mite box. Bring your mite box or drop any spare change for needed missions in the large LWML box located in the gathering/narthex area today.

SUNDAY COFFEE HOUR – We invite all to stay for coffee hour and fellowship after worship in the fellowship hall. Our March hostess will be Jane Bourdeau (989-646-2257) and 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 to let them know how you can assist.

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.

LENT III MIDWEEK SOUP SUPPER & WORSHIP/HC – Please join us on Wednesday, March 4, 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. Our hostess for the evening will be Veronica Hiveley and Jane Bourdeau.

Mark Your Calendar

CHRIST 4 KIDS –Our next event will be Saturday, March 21st 1-3pm. St. Patrick's Day will be the theme. Come and bring a friend or two or three!

25th ANNUAL LIVE PASSION DRAMA – is being presented at St. Michael's Lutheran Church in Richville, MI. April 3rd at 7pm and April 4th at 2pm & 4pm. See the flier on the bulletin board in the MPR for more details.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2026 – “Tropical Trek: Jesus Comes to Seek and Save.” July 6th – 10th from 6-8pm. Watch for more announcements in upcoming newsletters and bulletins.

Mission Opportunities

MARCH MISSIONS OF THE MONTH – is for Harbor Lights Pregnancy Center. Their mission is to provide valid pregnancy and parental choices, educational support, and spiritual support for the development of healthier children, families, and communities.

AU GRES CHARITIES FOOD PANTRY NEEDS –Chicken Noodle Soup and Peanut butter. Items can be placed in the grocery cart in the fellowship hall.

LOST & FOUND BOX – is located in the back of the multi-purpose room. Various items have been found and are waiting to be claimed.

Scripture of the Week

Psalm 121

A song of ascents.

- ¹ I lift up my eyes to the mountains—
where does my help come from?
- ² My help comes from the LORD,
the Maker of heaven and earth.
- ³ He will not let your foot slip—
he who watches over you will not slumber;
- ⁴ indeed, he who watches over Israel
will neither slumber nor sleep.
- ⁵ The LORD watches over you—
the LORD is your shade at your right hand;
- ⁶ the sun will not harm you by day,
nor the moon by night.
- ⁷ The LORD will keep you from all harm—
he will watch over your life;
- ⁸ the LORD will watch over your coming and going
both now and forevermore.

March 1 “This is love—the God who became a human baby for us, who suffered for us, who rose from the dead to give us everlasting life. This is love, shining into our own darkness to give us joy and salvation.”