



# ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH & SCHOOL

Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod

March 23 & 24, 2024

## WELCOME!

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This Sunday's lesson are found in *Mark 11:1–10, Mark 14:1–26, Mark 14:27–42, Mark 14:43–65, Mark 14:66—15:15, and Mark 15:16–47.*

## Holy Communion

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In Holy Communion we eat and drink the true body and blood of Jesus under bread and wine for the forgiveness of our sins (Matthew 26:26-28).

Because taking part in this Sacrament is a visible act of unity (1 Corinthians 10:17), we kindly ask that those visiting from outside the confession of the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod complete a course of instruction with us before receiving the Sacrament. If you will not be communing, you are invited to come forward during the distribution with your arms folded across your chest to receive a blessing.

In keeping with Paul's admonition to examine ourselves before receiving Communion (1 Corinthians 11:28-29), the following questions can be used in your personal preparations:

- Do you believe that you are a sinner in need of God's forgiveness?
- Do you believe in Jesus Christ as your Lord and Savior?
- Have you been baptized in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit?
- Do you believe that in this Sacrament we eat and drink Jesus' true body and blood in, with, and under the bread and wine for our forgiveness?
- Do you desire by the power of the Holy Spirit to live a God-pleasing life according to His Word?

\*Gluten-free wafers are available, and a wine alternative is located in the center of the tray of individual cups of wine.

## PRAYER BEFORE WORSHIP

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*"Faithful God, whose mercies are new to us every morning, we humbly pray that You look upon us in mercy and renew us by Your Holy Spirit; keep safe our going out and coming in and let Your blessing remain with us throughout this day; preserve us in Your righteousness and grant us a portion in that eternal life which is in Christ Jesus; through whom be glory and praise to You and the Holy Spirit, now and forever."*



And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.  
Colossians 3:17

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# PRAYER list

## PRAYERS

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**Prayers for Strength & Healing:** Gregory Talarico (hip replacement), Sharon (recovering from fractured hip and Parkinson's), Ross Klages (health), Tod Daniels (healing), Becky Wade (health), Ken Larson (healing), Ken Luytjes (health), Wesley (health), Bill Kooi (health), Arno Guske (vision), Ruth Pasman (dementia), Karen Shields (vision), Elijah Klages (peace & healing), Vicky & Louis Johnson (health), Jeff VandenBosch, Rob Eich, Debbie, Steve, Ellyn, Malissa, Jonathan S., Betty J., Nancy Pringnitz, and Joan Fett (cancer).

**Prayers for Peace** for Carol Hirr.

**Prayers for Peace & Comfort** for Lenore Kieft's family as Ron is now in Heaven.

**Lifting Up Our Church in Prayer:** The next verse of Psalm 125 gives the promise that "as the mountains surround Jerusalem, so the LORD surrounds his people both now and forevermore."

**Lifting Up St. John's School in Prayer:** May each student and staff person take time to remember the true meaning of Easter.

If you have a prayer request, please contact the church office at 616-842-4510 or [office@stjohnsgrandhaven.com](mailto:office@stjohnsgrandhaven.com).

## ATTENDANCE

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From last week...

7 p.m. Wed: 66, 5 p.m. Sat.: 76, 8:15 a.m. Sun.: 61, 10:30 a.m. Sun.: 86 **Total: 289**

## ONLINE GIVING

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## WHAT'S THE LATEST NEWS

**A Few Lines Lutherans for Life:** In knowing who Jesus is we see so many situations in his life that are opposites of what the world expected. He was the Son of God yet born in a manger and placed in an animal feeding trough. In his ministry, he declared that he came not to be served but to serve. This weekend we remember how, surrounded by jubilant followers in Jerusalem who wanted to elevate him to be their king, he entered the city riding on a donkey, a borrowed one at that. The antithesis is captured in verses of the hymn "Ride On, Ride On in Majesty": "In lowly pomp ride on to die." But a week from now, in the words of another hymn, we will "crown Him the Lord of life." Jesus is indeed the "Lord of life" for everyone, from the tiny embryo in the womb to those in their senior years. No contradictions here!

Randy Cooper

You're invited to join us for our **Holy Week and Easter worship services!**

10 a.m. Palm Sunday, March 24

7 p.m. Maundy Thursday, March 28

12 p.m. & 7 p.m. Good Friday, March 29

5 p.m. Easter Vigil, March 30

7 a.m. & 10 a.m. Easter Sunday, March 31

**You're invited to pray** with us during the Prayer Vigil planned for 8-10 p.m. March 29 and 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. March 30 in the Sanctuary.

Families are welcome to join us for the **Easter Egg Hunt at 11:30 a.m. Sunday, March 24.** Please register by scanning the QR code below.



**Join fellow St. John's families for an afternoon of fun at Spring Lake Fitness & Aquatic Center.**

Families are welcome to hit the water park 1-3 p.m. April 28. The cost is \$10 per swimmer and \$30 maximum for a family. Payments will be made the day of the event. All skills and ages are welcome!

Please scan the QR code below to register. The deadline to register is April 21. A parent/guardian must be present with children.



**Do we have your correct email, phone number and home address?** Please contact us if you have any changes.

The church office can be reached at [office@stjohnsgrandhaven.com](mailto:office@stjohnsgrandhaven.com) or 616-842-4510.

**The Board of Social Ministries is seeking donations** of pasta sauce, boxed potatoes, ramen noodles, and cake mix. Donations can be placed in the collection bin in the lobby between the church and school.

The **Lutheran Women's Missionary League is hosting the Lakeshore Zone Spring Rally** "Reaching Out in Love" at 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. April 13 at Grace Lutheran in Coopersville.

Earnshaw from Phil's Friends will be the guest speaker. Registration begins at 8:30 a.m. The cost is \$10. Ages 10-18 are free. The half-day includes a brunch and a business meeting.

The following items will be collected for Phil's Friends: fragrance-free lotion (5 oz. or smaller), puzzle books, tissue packs, 5x7 journals (no spiral), and gift cards.

SUNDAY

10 a.m. Worship  
11:30 a.m. Easter Egg Hunt

MONDAY

10 a.m. Quilters  
10:30 a.m. Recorders  
10:30 a.m. Chapel  
1 p.m. Women’s Bible Study  
7 p.m. Young Adult Bible Study

TUESDAY

9 a.m. Staff Devotions  
10:30 a.m. Chapel  
6 p.m. Handbells  
6:30 p.m. Men’s Bible Study  
7:15 p.m. Choir

WEDNESDAY

10:30 a.m. Chapel  
7 p.m. Praise Team

THURSDAY

9 a.m. Prayer Group  
10:30 a.m. Chapel  
2 p.m. Easter Food Giveaway  
7 p.m. Maundy Thursday Worship

FRIDAY

12 p.m. Good Friday Worship  
7 p.m. Good Friday Worship  
8 p.m. Prayer Vigil

SATURDAY

8 a.m. Prayer Vigil  
5 p.m. Worship

The church office will close at 1 p.m. Friday, March 29. The office will be closed on April 1 & 2.

The Board of Social Ministries is taking names for Easter Food Boxes. To have your name on the list, call Monica Boeve at 561-758-3878. Pick up will be 3 p.m. March 28 in the Social Hall.

The youth group is looking for volunteers and food donations for the Easter breakfast. Sign up sheets are posted on the youth bulletin board in the Social Hall. If you have any questions, contact Amanda Chapman at amandalchapman@gmail.com.

Join us for Issues As We Age: Beholding the Gospel in Life’s Twilight at 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, April 27, at St. John’s Lutheran Church in Grand Haven. Rev. Michael Salemink, Executive Director of Lutherans For Life, is the guest speaker. Tickets are \$15 and includes lunch.



Do you know anyone in the need of a lap robe and prayer shawl for strength, comfort, and to help with stress during illness? If so, please let the church office know. It can be a relative, friend, and members of St. John’s. We can get one to you to deliver for the Prayer Shawl Ministry. You can call the church office at 616-842-4510 or Kathy Fisher at 616-935-7328.

ANNIVERSARIES

GUSKE, Arno & Marlene (66) 03/29

BIRTHDAYS

SANBORN, Sheri	03/24	ELLER, Matthew	03/27	SMITH, Heather	03/29
LALONDE, Abby	03/25	HARLOFF, Carol	03/27	CIPOLLA, Dom	03/30
SPINK, Brianna	03/25	MILLER, Sylvia	03/27	DE WIT, Kaylee	03/30
ZAMBETIS, Donna	03/25	GANNON JR., Joe	03/28	DZIKOWICZ, Kate	03/30
LYONS, Ashley	03/26	NOWAK, Christine	03/28	DZIKOWICZ, Sophia	03/30
SHAKE, Hudson	03/26	SHAKE, Eric	03/28	HAMBERG, Kelly	03/30
WILLIAMS, Blake	03/26	GUSKE, Arno	03/29	REARY, Jon	03/30