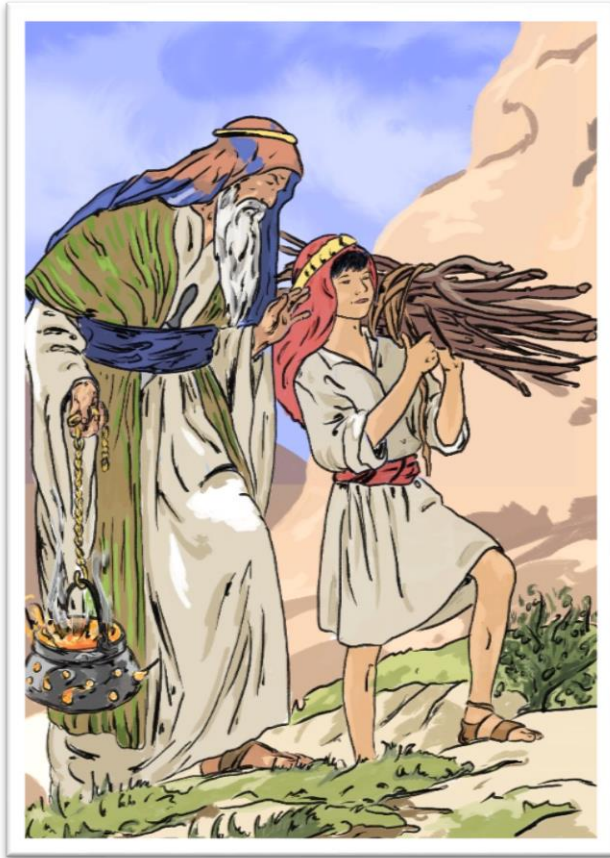


**February 18th, 2018**



**St. John's Ev. Lutheran Church  
Juneau, Wisconsin**

# FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

*The call to sinners in Lent is a serious call to struggle. While we throw out and leave behind the trivial outward Roman type practices of Lent, let's not throw out repentance in the process. Let's not replace the trivial externals with something even worse: assurances that we are so forgiven that we need not bother anymore with repentance.*

**HYMN 749**

**“The Love of Christ, Who Died for Me”**

*Printed on page 11*

*STAND*

## **Call to Worship**

**M:** In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**C:** **Amen**

**M:** Come unto me, you weary, and I will give you rest.”

**C:** **O Blessed Jesus, hear me, and heal my heart oppressed!**

**M:** We humbly come before you relying on your grace.

**C:** **Oh, help us love and serve you. In heaven grant us a place.**

## **Confession of Sin**

**M:** We confess together:

**All:** **Father, I have sinned against you and am no longer worthy to be called your child. Yet in mercy, you sacrificed your only Son to purge away my guilt. For his sake, O God, be merciful to me, a sinner, and in the joy of your Holy Spirit let me serve you all my days. Amen.**

**M:** God declares your complete forgiveness from sin in Hebrews chapter ten, when he says: “We have been made holy through the sacrifice of the body of Jesus Christ once for all... And where these have been forgiven, sacrifice for sin is no longer necessary.

**All:** **Thanks be to God for washing us clean in the blood of the Lamb.**

## Response to Forgiveness

## CW 385 “Chief of Sinners Though I Be”

Chief of sinners though I be, Jesus shed his blood for me,  
Died that I might live on high, Lives that I might never die.  
As the branch is to the vine, I am his and he is mine!

Strengthen me, O gracious Lord, By your Spirit and your word.  
When my wayward heart would stray, Keep me in the narrow way;  
Grace in time of need supply While I live and when I die.

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

**P:** Heavenly Father, we thank you for not sparing your Son, but giving Him to us as an atoning sacrifice for our sins. Bless our worship today as we put aside the busyness of this world and focus on your redemptive work. Send your Spirit to work in our hearts as we hear your precious gospel. In Jesus name our great High Priest, we pray.

**C:** Amen.

*BE SEATED*

## THE WORD

### FIRST LESSON

**Romans 8:31-39 (EHV)**

<sup>31</sup> What then will we say about these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? <sup>32</sup> Indeed, he who did not spare his own Son, but gave him up for us all—how will he not also graciously give us all things along with him?

<sup>33</sup> Who will bring an accusation against God’s elect? God is the one who justifies! <sup>34</sup> Who is the one who condemns? Christ Jesus, who died and, more than that, was raised to life, is the one who is at God’s right hand and who is also interceding for us! <sup>35</sup> What will separate us from the love of Christ? Will trouble or distress or persecution or famine or nakedness or danger or sword? <sup>36</sup> Just as it is written:

For your sake we are being put to death all day long.

We are considered as sheep to be slaughtered.

<sup>37</sup> No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us.

<sup>38</sup> For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor rulers, neither things present nor things to come, nor powerful forces, <sup>39</sup> neither height nor depth, nor anything else in creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

## PSALM OF THE DAY 6

*Printed on page 66 in the front of the red hymnal*

**8:00am Service**

**Jr. Choir Sings**

**"Father, Lead Me, Day By Day"**

## **VERSE OF THE DAY**

**M:** It is written: "Worship the Lord your God, and serve him only." (Matthew 4:10b)

*STAND*

## **GOSPEL**

**Mark 1:12-15 (EHV)**

<sup>12</sup> The Spirit immediately sent Jesus out into the wilderness. <sup>13</sup> He was in the wilderness for forty days, being tempted by Satan. He was with the wild animals, and angels were serving him.

<sup>14</sup> After John was put in prison, Jesus went to Galilee, preaching the gospel of the kingdom of God. <sup>15</sup> "The time is fulfilled," he said. "The kingdom of God has come near! Repent, and believe in the gospel."

**M:** The gospel of our Lord.



*BE SEATED*

## **HYMN OF THE DAY 434**

**"Lord, You I Love with All My Heart"**

## **SERMON**

**Genesis 22:1-18 (NIV)**

**"Fear God Above All Things!"**

Some time later God tested Abraham. He said to him, "Abraham!"

"Here I am," he replied.

<sup>2</sup> Then God said, "Take your son, your only son, whom you love—Isaac—and go to the region of Moriah. Sacrifice him there as a burnt offering on a mountain I will show you."

<sup>3</sup> Early the next morning Abraham got up and loaded his donkey. He took with him two of his servants and his son Isaac. When he had cut enough wood for the burnt offering, he set out for the place God had told him about. <sup>4</sup> On the third day Abraham looked up and saw the place in the distance. <sup>5</sup> He said to his servants, "Stay here with the donkey while I and the boy go over there. We will worship and then we will come back to you."

<sup>6</sup> Abraham took the wood for the burnt offering and placed it on his son Isaac, and he himself carried the fire and the knife. As the two of them went on together, <sup>7</sup> Isaac spoke up and said to his father Abraham, “Father?”

“Yes, my son?” Abraham replied.

“The fire and wood are here,” Isaac said, “but where is the lamb for the burnt offering?”

<sup>8</sup> Abraham answered, “God himself will provide the lamb for the burnt offering, my son.” And the two of them went on together.

<sup>9</sup> When they reached the place God had told him about, Abraham built an altar there and arranged the wood on it. He bound his son Isaac and laid him on the altar, on top of the wood. <sup>10</sup> Then he reached out his hand and took the knife to slay his son. <sup>11</sup> But the angel of the LORD called out to him from heaven, “Abraham! Abraham!”

“Here I am,” he replied.

<sup>12</sup> “Do not lay a hand on the boy,” he said. “Do not do anything to him. Now I know that you fear God, because you have not withheld from me your son, your only son.”

<sup>13</sup> Abraham looked up and there in a thicket he saw a ram caught by its horns. He went over and took the ram and sacrificed it as a burnt offering instead of his son. <sup>14</sup> So Abraham called that place The LORD Will Provide. And to this day it is said, “On the mountain of the LORD it will be provided.”

<sup>15</sup> The angel of the LORD called to Abraham from heaven a second time<sup>16</sup> and said, “I swear by myself, declares the LORD, that because you have done this and have not withheld your son, your only son, <sup>17</sup> I will surely bless you and make your descendants as numerous as the stars in the sky and as the sand on the seashore. Your descendants will take possession of the cities of their enemies, <sup>18</sup> and through your offspring, all nations on earth will be blessed, because you have obeyed me.”

*STAND*

## **APOSTLES' CREED**

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty. From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

*BE SEATED*

## OFFERING/WELS CONNECTION

*STAND*

## PRAYER OF THE CHURCH FOR LENT

- M:** Heavenly Father, you loved the world and gave your Son to liberate us from sin and death by his obedient death on the cross.
- C:** **We confess that without your love we are lost.**
- M:** Lord of the Church, we thank you for the treasure of the gospel. By your Spirit, keep our eyes fixed on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith.
- C:** **Strengthen our determination to do what pleases you, no matter what the danger or the cost.**
- M:** Let us pray for those who carry a cross in the name of Christ and face ridicule and persecution for the sake of the kingdom: missionaries and chaplains, young people who stand up for what is right in the face of pressure to do what is wrong, and all who pay a high price for their faith and their values as Christians.
- C:** **By your Spirit, O Lord, grant them patience and endurance.**
- M:** Let us pray for those who carry heavy burdens in life: the sick and the chronically ill, the depressed and the lonely, those torn by conflict in personal relationships, those victimized by war and injustice, and all who face the terrors of life with a heavy heart.
- C:** **Grant them peace, O Lord, and in your mercy, be their guardian and friend, their comfort and hope.**
- M:** Let us pray for those who care for others: pastors and counselors; physicians and nurses; social workers and caring friends; all who feed the hungry, comfort the hurting, and stand beside the dying.
- C:** **Strengthen them in their work, O Lord, and do not let them become weary in doing good.**

*Special prayers and intercessions may follow.*

- M:** Hear us, Lord, as we bring you our private petitions.

### *Silent prayer.*

**M:** Help us run with perseverance the race marked out for us. Keep us faithful even to the point of death, that we may receive the crown of life, through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**C:** Amen.

### **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.

**M:** Brothers and sisters, go in peace. Live in harmony with one another. Serve the Lord with gladness.

The Lord bless you and keep you.

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

The Lord look on you with favor and give you peace.



### **HYMN 256 vs 1 & 3**

**“How Great Thou Art”**

**Pastor: Paul Schupmann**

**Organist: Ruth Affeld**

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### **St. John's Announcements**

**Friends of Christian Education Day** will be held on Wednesday, March 7th. On this day everyone is invited to come to the church basement for lunch with the school children. We will have a hot turkey sandwich lunch in the church basement at 12:00 noon. The cost is \$1.50 per person. If you have any questions or would like to come, please call Mrs. Leissring in the school office at 920-386-4644 by Monday, February 26th.

**Youth Group Mission Trip/Youth Rally:** We have an opportunity to help out a WELS mission congregation run their Soccer Camp style VBS this summer! With extra volunteers, Ascension Lutheran Church of Jacksonville, N.C. can open up their VBS to more children and share Jesus with more people. They want to know if we can help. Please sign up if you are interested and able to go. High school students get first preference by age. 12 extra volunteers is about the most the church can use. I'm also hoping to spend a day on the way there touring the Creation Museum and/or Ark Encounter. The trip would mean leaving roughly Sunday, June 17 and returning Tuesday, June 26. If we have the desire (and the funds), we could also do the WELS Youth Rally on our way home. The Youth Rally is in Bowling Green, OH this year. This would mean not returning until Saturday June 30. Please note on the signup sheet if you would like to extend the trip by going to the Youth Rally. If you have any questions, please talk to Pastor Brandt.

**Easter Lilies:** 35 Easter Lilies have been pre-ordered from Robin's Countryside Gardens. The cost is \$14.00/plant. If you are interested in ordering an Easter Lily, please see the signup sheet in the narthex.

**Every Member Visits:** You are invited to attend an Every Member Visits in the church office. *What is an Every Member Visit?* Each family has the opportunity to meet with our pastors and discuss their thoughts, comments, concerns, and have encouragement in God's Word. St. John's members also help the pastors get to know the them and vice versa. We will receive a clear overview of our ministry, better understanding of the gifts God has given us and also have time in God's Word and prayer. Sign-up sheets are in the narthex. Each family is encouraged to sign-up for a timeslot (children are welcome to attend).

### Statistics for 2/11

Attendance: 373 (50, 202, 121)

### Offerings given to the Lord

General	\$10,650.69
Missions	\$888.50
Improvement	\$65.00
Debt	\$1,175.00
Lakeside	\$12,881.69

## St. Johns Weekly Schedule 2/18-2/24

Sunday	Worship 8:00 & 10:30am Bible Class & Sunday School 9:15am Blood Pressure Screening 9:15am Clearview 2:30pm
Monday	Faith and Fitness 6pm ( <i>new time!</i> ) Board of Education 7pm
Tuesday	Jesus Cares 1:30 pm
Wednesday	Matthews Place 9am Clearview 10am Mid-Week Communion 11am Shut-In Meeting 11am Lenten Worship 3:30 & 6:30pm Lenten Meal 4:30-6:00pm Confirmation 5pm Choir 7:30pm
Thursday	Every Member Visits



Luther Preparatory School  
Presents the Production of  
Disney's  
**Beauty and the Beast**

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*Book by Linda Woolverton*  
*Music by Alan Menken*  
*Lyrics by Howard Ashman and Tim Rice*

*Presented through special arrangement with Music Theatre International (MTI).*  
*All authorized performance materials are also supplied by MTI.*

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Be swept away to an enchanted land when Luther Prep presents Disney's *Beauty and the Beast*! Based on the Disney animated feature film that premiered in 1991, this classic musical love story is a magical tale that comes to life with unforgettable characters, sets, and costumes. The score features all the favorites from the animated film, including *Be Our Guest*, *Belle*, and the Tony-winning title song, *Beauty and the Beast*.

The stage production version opened in 1994 and expanded upon the animated version with seven new songs. The new numbers were intended to bring out the sensitive side of the Beast and to underscore Belle's courage. The Broadway production ran an impressive 13 years and 5,461 performances and was nominated for nine Tony awards. It has now been performed in more than 30 countries for over 35 million theatergoers.

March  
9, 10, 11  
2018  
  
7:00 p.m.  
  
Luther Prep  
Auditorium

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Reserved tickets \$10.00  
General Admission Bleachers (not reserved)  
\$7.00  
[www.ticketsource.us/lutherprep](http://www.ticketsource.us/lutherprep)  
or  
Call weekdays (920) 261-4352  
8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

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## SATURDAY, APRIL 29TH

**CHECK-IN @ 9 AM**

**RACES START @ 10 AM**

**ALL PARTICIPANTS MUST REGISTER**

**FREE FOR GRADES K-12**

**\$20 FOR ADULTS**

**T-SHIRT & LUNCH IS INCLUDED FOR ALL PARTICIPANTS  
ALL ARE INVITED TO A FREE LUNCH, BOUNCE HOUSE, AND FACE PAINTING AFTER THE RACE**

REGISTER AT [WWW.WLS.WELS.NET/SEMINARY-SCURRY-2017/](http://WWW.WLS.WELS.NET/SEMINARY-SCURRY-2017/)

**EVENT INFORMATION ON SEMINARY WEBSITE**

**CONTACT: PAUL SPAUDE   PAUL.SPAUDE@WLS.WELS.NET**



## The Love of Christ, Who Died for Me

1 The love of Christ, who died for me Is  
 2 My sins I on - ly see in part, My  
 3 O liv - ing Lord of life, for whom The

more than mind can know, His  
 self - re - gard - ing ways; The  
 heav - ens held their breath, To

mer - cy mea - sure - less and free To  
 se - cret pla - ces of my heart Lie  
 see, tri - um - phant from the tomb, A

meet the debt I owe. He  
 bare the be - fore his gaze. For  
 love that con - quers death, Pos -

came my sin - ful cause to plead; He  
 me the price of sin he paid; My  
 sess my heart that it may be Your

laid his glo - ries by, For  
 sins be - yond re - call Are  
 king - dom with - out end, O

me a home - less life to lead, A  
 all a - like on Je - sus laid, He  
 Christ who died for love of me And

shame - ful death to die.  
 died to bear them all.  
 lives to be my friend.

# WELCOME TO ST. JOHN'S

We are so glad you joined us to worship our Lord Jesus today. St. John's is a member of the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod (WELS). We are happy to answer your questions about our service, our beliefs, or communicant membership in our congregation. Please join us again soon!

## INFORMATION

- Our ushers are here to point you in the right direction and assist you in any way. Please ask.
- Restrooms: our first restroom is located inside the comfort station/children's room by turning right outside the sanctuary doors. A second restroom is located left in the narthex, across from the elevator. Additional restrooms are located in the basement.
- We have two comfort stations/children's rooms if your little ones need a moment. Proceed left out of the sanctuary doors and turn either right or left.
- Children's activity bags are available and are located in the comfort station/children's room. Proceed out of the sanctuary doors and turn right. We also have Children's Bulletins. Please ask an usher for assistance.

## PERSONAL PRAYER BEFORE WORSHIP

Heavenly Father, I have come to worship you. Draw near to me in your gracious Word, and assure me of your loving kindness. Curb my wandering thoughts, that with undivided attention I may hear your voice and sing your praise. Amen.



### Pastors:

David Brandt  
Paul Schupmann

### Principal:

Richard Cody

### Services:

Thursday 6:30pm  
Sunday 8 & 10:30am

### Bible Class:

Sunday 9:15am

### Sunday School:

9:15am

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