

Those serving the Lord and His people today:

Sunday, February 26

Worship Assistance

Elder: Jeff Vander Kooi
Acolyte: Hunter Griinke
Music: Bill Cunningham
Communion: Jeff Vander Kooi & Bob Burns
Altar Guild: Deb Niman
Greeters: Harold & Garnet Bauling
Ushers: Mahlon Hemerley, Bartz Sons, Harold Bauling, Kevin & Richard Rindfleisch, David K
Counters: Beulah Knutson, Beverly Bottoms, Melodee Rearden

Those serving the Lord And His people next week:

Sunday, March 5

Worship Assistance

Elder: Chris Peterson
Acolyte: Sydney Dashner
Music: Bill Cunningham
Communion: Chris Peterson & Wally Prins
Altar Guild: Nancy Nohr & Dolores Steil
Greeters: Larry & Marlene Nolta
Ushers: Mahlon Hemerley, Bartz Sons, Harold Bauling, Kevin & Richard Rindfleisch, David K
Counters: Beulah Knutson, Beverly Bottoms, Melodee Rearden

This Week at St. John's

Sun (Feb 26) 9:00 AM Worship Service
 10:15 AM Fellowship
 10:30 AM Sunday School
 Mon (Feb 27) 6:00 PM Catechism @ St. John's
 Tues (Feb 28) 9:30 AM Women's Bible Study
 6:00 PM Church Council Meeting
 7:00 PM Our Saviors Vikings @St. John Jets
 Wed (Mar 1) 6:30 PM Ash Wednesday's Service
 Thurs (Mar 2) 1:00 PM LWML Meeting
 6:00 PM Youth Choir
 Sat (Mar 4) 10:30 AM Choir

Prayer Requests

Prayers for the sick or those in need of physical or spiritual healing: Peter Fast, Jean Bickford, Diana Walter, Dorothy Dooley, Betty Steuck, Marcella Savage, Rev. Roy Jacob, Russell Ultsch, Donna Hall, Bruce Mielke, Joyce Nelson, Laura Jo Pearson, Marilyn Straw, Marjean Rath, Cayden Krueger, Nadine Polzin, Janice Hemerley, Hope Ann Block, and all of our members who are homebound. Additionally, please pray for the protection of all of those who serve in the military.

**Transfiguration of Our Lord
Divine Service III**

Prelude
 Hymn **770**
 Invocation *LSB 184*
 Confession *LSB 184*
 Kyrie *LSB 186*
 Salutation & Collect of the day *LSB 189*
 First Lesson **Exodus 24:8-18**
 Anthem
 Alleluia and Verse *LSB 190*
 Holy Gospel **Luke 2:1-14**
 Nicene Creed *LSB 191*
 Hymn of the Day **685**
 Children's Sermon
 Sermon **"1 Star Lodging"**
 Offering
 Prayer of the Church
 Preface *LSB 194*
 Sanctus *LSB 195*
 Lord's Prayer *LSB 196*
 The Words of Our Lord *LSB 197*
 Pax Domini *LSB 197*
 Agnus Dei *LSB 198*
 Distribution
 Distribution Hymns **761**
 Nunc Dimittis *LSB 199*
 Thanksgiving *LSB 200*
 Salutation and Benedicamus *LSB 201*
 Benediction *LSB 202*
 Closing Hymn **725**
 Postlude

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Offerings for Sun. Feb. 19, 2017: \$2,352.00 Memorials: \$10.00

Missions: \$10.00 Capital Needs: \$10.00

Communion Practices of this Congregation

The Lord's Supper is celebrated at St. John's every Sunday in the confession and glad confidence that, as he says, our Lord Jesus gives into our mouths not only bread and wine but his very body and blood to eat and to drink for the forgiveness of sins and to strengthen our union with him and with one another. Our Lord invites to his table those who trust his words, repent of all sin, and set aside any refusal to forgive and love as he forgives and loves us, that they may show forth his death until he comes. Because those who eat and drink our Lord's body and blood unworthily do so to their great harm and because Holy Communion is a confession of the faith which is confessed at this altar, any who are not yet instructed, in doubt, or who hold a confession differing from that of this congregation and The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, and yet desire to receive the Sacrament, are asked first to speak with the pastor or an elder. In addition to the members of this congregation, visitors from our sister LCMS congregations and other Lutheran denominations with whom we enjoy altar fellowship are invited to join us at the Lord's Table. For further study, please see Matthew 5:23f; 10:32f; 18:15-35; 26:26-29; 1 Cor. 11:17-34.



SWD Missions Weekly Prayer

As the season of Lent begins this week and we focus on the Passion of our Lord, pray that our hearts will be moved to have compassion on those who have not yet learned of the free gift of God's love to all mankind. Ask the Lord to show us more opportunities to share this Good News with others.

Micro-Epistle from Pastor

Dear Friends,

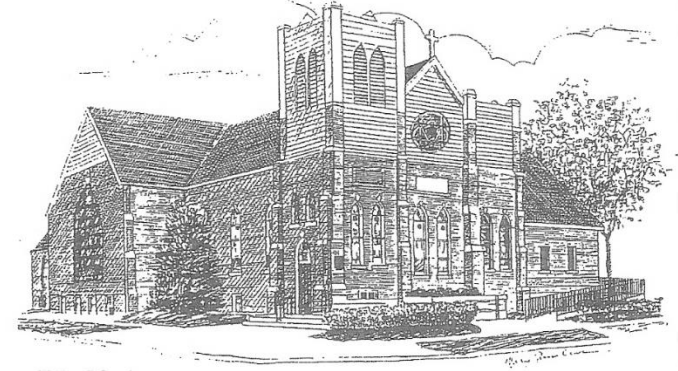
“Why do I need ashes on my forehead?” The truth is that we do not need to have ashes on our foreheads, but that we choose to place ashes on our foreheads on the Wednesday which begins the season of Lent, as a sign of our desire to be made right with God. Lent is a time of intentional repentance, in which we acknowledge our sins before our Heavenly Father, as we ask Him to show us compassion and mercy for the sake of His Son Jesus who died for us. This sacred day in the life of the Church was originally called “dies cinerum,” which is Latin for “Day of Ashes,” and it was so named after the practice of placing ashes on the heads of worshippers, as a sign of repentance. The observance of this day, set aside for repentance and prayer, began at least as early as 1091 (the earliest official record that we have of its observance). The practice of placing the ashes on worshippers’ foreheads is offered as an outward sign of inward sorrow for our sins, taken from the ancient Jewish practice of placing ashes on one’s head as a form of public penance. The ashes, made in the form of the Cross, are a sign of the inward change that is taking place as Christians confess to God their sorrow for the sins which burden their consciences and trust God’s Word that by His death Jesus has restored us to a right relationship with God.

The Holy Spirit, speaking through the Word of God, empowers us to repent and to be turned back to God, as the Father grants pardon and forgiveness of our sins for the sake of His Son Jesus Christ. As we hear the Gospel and are granted grace to believe it, we are transformed by its power and restored to a right relationship with God. The forgiveness that is granted to all who believe in Jesus comes to us not on the merit of our confession, but on the basis of Jesus’ obedience to the Father. Just as the work of repentance and forgiveness is an activity done by God upon us – in like fashion, these crosses of ashes are an outward sign of what God has done to us and for us. The same ashes which symbolize our repentance and remind us that “we are dust and to dust we shall return,” also signify that on the Cross, God has redeemed us from death through the death of His Son.

In Christ Jesus,
Pastor

Announcements:

1. Messiah Lutheran Church are starting up their Friday Night Fish Fry during Lent this year. Please join us at 1531 Townline Ave. on Friday nights from 5-7 pm, March 3rd thru April 7th. This is a free will offering.
2. Thanks all for your prayers for Jenny, Jeanne Ludeman.
3. We are delighted to announce that Bill Pearson has been elected Chairman of the Board of Elders. Please keep him in your prayers as he carries out the duties of his office.



St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church

“Sharing the good news of forgiveness and eternal life through Jesus Christ.”

Divine Service: 9:00 AM

Sunday School: 10:30 AM

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