
We have this hope as an anchor for the soul, firm and secure...

Hebrews 6:19



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*We cordially welcome all who are worshiping with us this week.
May our Lord Jesus Christ grant you the will and the wisdom
to renounce the world and to live as His follower and disciple.*

Communion Policy

As an expression of our faith and fellowship as the Missouri Synod Lutherans we welcome to the Sacrament those baptized Christians who:

- confess and repent of their sins; believe in the Triune God, and in Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior;
- believe that they receive Christ's true Body and Blood with the Bread and Wine for forgiveness of sins, new life and salvation;
- promise to change their sinful life with the help of the Holy Spirit.

Oneness at the altar requires oneness in doctrine, faith, and life (Acts 2:42). Therefore, "Let each person examine himself, and thus eat of the bread and drink of the cup" (1 Corinthians 11:28)

Visitors and Guests - please speak with the Pastor or a Deacon before the worship service.

Visitors and Members - please fill out a Record of Fellowship sheet. On Communion Sundays include a note below your name, letting us know whether you participated in Communion.

Visitors – please write your names and addresses in our Guest Book in the entry way of the church.

Parents – we encourage you to bring your children up with you during the communion celebration for a pastoral blessing. Remember Jesus' words: "Let the little children come to me and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these" (Mark 10:14).

***Divine Service, Setting Four* (p.203)**

Fifth Sunday in Lent

Hymns

Opening Hymn: 756 – Why Should Cross and Trial Grieve Me

Hymn of the Day: 430 – My Song Is Love Unknown

Distribution Hymns:

440 – Jesus, I Will Ponder Now

435 – Come to Calvary's Holy Mountain

433 – Glory Be to Jesus

Closing Hymn: 429 – We Sing the Praise of Him Who Died

Readings

First Reading – *Jeremiah 31:31-34*

Epistle – *Hebrews 5:1-10*

Holy Gospel – *Mark 10:35-45*

Those Serving the Lord This Weekend

Officiant: Rev. David Weirauch

Organist: Paula Streich

Deacon: Tyler Idalski

Ushers: Ken Winfield & Bill Shay

Those Sharing Their Faith With Us

March 10 Attendance: 28

March 14 Attendance: 73

Offerings for March 14

Current envelopes (Excel in Giving and loose plate): \$3550

Weekly amount needed to meet budget: \$3500

Mission: \$163; M & I: \$62; Lent: \$365

General Fund Memorials: \$50; School Tuition: \$10,648.64

Immanuel Share B/C & Retirement: \$851

Please fill out the Record of Fellowship Sheet

Including a note about whether you participated
in the Service of Holy Communion on Communion days.

Fifth Sunday in Lent

March 21, 2021



INTROIT *Ps. 116:1–4, 8; antiphon: Ps. 43:1*

Vindicate me, O God, and defend my cause against
an ungodly | people,*

from the deceitful and unjust man de- | liver me!

I love the LORD, because | he has heard*

my voice and my pleas for | mercy.

Because he inclined his | ear to me,*

therefore I will call on him as long | as I live.

The snares of death encompassed me; the pangs of Sheol laid | hold on me;*

I suffered distress and | anguish.

Then I called on the name | of the LORD:*

“O LORD, I pray, deliv- | er my soul!”

For you have delivered my | soul from death,*

my eyes from tears, my feet from | stumbling.

Glorify 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.

Vindicate me, O God, and defend my cause against an ungodly | people,*

from the deceitful and unjust man de- | liver me!

COLLECT OF THE DAY

Almighty God, by Your great goodness mercifully look upon Your people that we may be governed and preserved evermore in body and soul; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

GRADUAL *Heb. 12:2*

[O come, let us fix our eyes on] | Jesus,*

the founder and perfecter | of our faith,

who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despis- | ing the shame,*

and is seated at the right hand of the | throne of God.

DAILY READINGS

March 21: Ex. 1:1–22; Mark 14:12–31; **22:** Ex. 2:1–22; Mark 14:32–52; **23:** Ex. 2:23–3:22; Mark 14:53–72; **24:** Ex. 4:1–18; Mark 15:1–15; **25:** Ex. 4:19–31; Mark 15:16–32; **26:** Ex. 5:1–6:1; Mark 15:33–47; **27:** Ex. 7:1–25; Mark 16:1–20.

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In Our Prayers the Week of March 21

If you have a prayer request you would like included on our public prayer list or on our private prayer chain, make sure the person gives approval to be included on one or the other and then call or send the request to Pastor Weirauch. You may also use the Prayer Request Form.

Service Men & Women

Alexa Quaine, Megan Quaine
Carissa Lantz, Elizabeth Wickersham

Shut-in Orchard Manor

Shirley Wenzel

Shut-in Sally's Care

Betty Rusch

Shut-ins Birch Lane

Adult Foster Care

Ralph Kreft
Royce Grulke

Shut-in at Home

Mark Bruning

St. John Calendar March 21-28



Sunday/21	9:00a	Communion
	10:00a	Sunday School
Monday/22	3:00p	Scrip Orders Due
	3:30p	Confirmation
Tuesday/23	3:45p	Trustees Meeting
Wednesday/24	9:00a	Chapel Service
Sunday/28	9:00a	Palm Sunday Worship
	10:00a	Sunday School

SPRING BREAK is March 27-April 4

Office will be closed that week. Please have bulletin information for the April 4 Worship Service to the secretary by March 24.

Ladies Aid Welcome!

Ladies Aid would like to welcome our new member, Candace Kowalski. Welcome, Candace!

Attention Trustees:

There will be a Trustees Meeting held on Tuesday, March 23 at 3:45pm.

In Loving Memory of Stephen Hein

*A gift was given by Edward Hein
to the St. John School Memorial Fund*



In Loving Memory of Charles Horn

*A gift was given by Nancy Horn
to the St. John School Memorial Fund*



In Loving Memory of Allan Grulke

*Gifts were given by Lenny & Barb LaTulip
Steve & Barb Heilmann, Harv & Elaine Ostrander
Dave & Becky Lijewski, Brian & Kathy Boulis & Family
and Jim & Linda Reisner to the Church General Fund*

LWML Thanks & Mission Grant Highlight

LWML Mites: Thank you so much to all who supported the work of the LWML last year. Your giving supports many grants this organization votes to help. As of this last LWML Quarterly all but three out of 21 have been fully paid. We collected for the recorded year \$773.50. The Thanksgiving mites of \$584.50 were not sent until January so will be recorded for 2021.

Preparing Leaders for Tomorrow, School Ministries – \$80,000

To address the critical shortage of school administrators, the School Leadership Development program has been redesigned to better equip educators with the tools needed to lead Lutheran schools in the 21st century, directly affecting thousands of students to grow as disciples of Christ. This will provide training to equip 30 qualified candidates for placement as administrators in LCMS schools.

Scrip Cards for Sale

Gift cards will be on sale at church on April 11. Also, next orders will be placed on the following Mondays: March 22, April 12 & April 26. You can locate the order form in the school office, on the church bulletin board or on our web site. There will be a gift card sale at school on Friday, April 9 from 2:30-3:30pm, and cards are available for purchase in the office, during school hours. Questions, call 766-8114.

School News



Your AmazonSmile Impact

You can benefit the school by making your Amazon purchases via smile.amazon.com. There is no extra cost to you, but the school receives a percentage back from Amazon, \$692.70 so far.

Easy to Give and Receive with Thrivent

Thrivent Choice—our member-advised charitable grant program—gives eligible clients (YOU) with membership the opportunity to influence how Thrivent distributes some of its charitable funding. Thrivent clients who have designated Choice Dollars[®] can direct them to OUR organization, St. John Lutheran Church and School. However, some clients may not know our organization is enrolled in the Thrivent Choice program. Please realize how even a small Choice Dollars direction can add up to make a powerful impact. Thrivent Choice Dollars[®] helps St. John Lutheran School specifically by offsetting hot lunch and breakfast expenses for low income families who attend our school. Please direct your donation by Mar. 31, 2021.

Thrivent Donators: *Katherine G Bruning, Donna Marie Genord, Mary Grulke, Jesse & Julie Kleiber, Vernon & Jacquelyn Langlois, Bette J Rhode and Dennis, Susan & Robert Rhode*

Italian Dinner Chef Needed

This position is not a solo endeavor. Several kitchen staff and auction volunteers will be assisting the Chef. Additionally, the Chef will be working with our previous Chef, Heidi Pilarski, as she mentors the new Chef.

Duties include:

- ◆ *Being responsible for creating the menu for our Annual Italian Dinner/Auction*
- ◆ *Cooking Italian dishes at Annual Italian Dinner/Auction*
- ◆ *Coordinating kitchen volunteers*
- ◆ *Developing a master shopping list*
- ◆ *Retrieving grocery items from list*
- ◆ *Preparing food*
- ◆ *Storing food properly*
- ◆ *Respecting safety standards*
- ◆ *Working with Senior Chef, Heidi Fleming, as a mentor*

Please prayerfully consider this important role for our event's continued success!

A decorative border surrounds the page, featuring various cleaning supplies such as a bucket, gloves, a broom, a mop, a spray bottle, a scrub brush, a vacuum cleaner, and a dustpan. The items are arranged in a circular pattern around the central text.

Service Project

So...new year, new project! In partnership with our sister congregations Peace and Immanuel, the members of St. John's will be collecting cleaning items for the Franklin Avenue Mission in Flint.

If you are able, please take one of the brown paper sacks (located by the Hygiene Pantry) and fill it with cleaning items such as:

toilet bowl cleaner
Spic & Span
paper towels

Comet cleanser
window cleaner
sponges, etc.

To make it easier, you can opt to pick up one item each time you go shopping and just add it to your sack!

The bags need to be returned by May 9. Shortly thereafter, members of the mission will pick the items up for delivery to Flint.

For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, not a result of works, so that no one may boast. For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them. (Ephesians 2:8-10)

Thank you for your support in this Mission Project!

About Franklin Avenue Mission

In the summer of 2014, the Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod pastors of Flint’s Tri-circuit took a prayerful look at transforming one of its member churches on Flint’s east side into an urban mission center to meet the needs of a neighborhood in disrepair. The Michigan District LCMS agreed to support an attainable plan to preserve a meaningful presence in the community. A Flint Eastside Mission task force of LCMS pastors set goals and strategies to recruit congregational support. The plan required a 5-year financial and servanthood commitment from interested individuals and congregations. A video and brochure were developed and presented to member congregations to recruit support. By April of 2015, members from nine congregations committed to perform Operation Clean Up in cooperation with the Genesee County Land Bank. This “clean and green” effort resulted in mowing and clearing debris from more than 175 vacant lots on numerous weekends throughout the summer by more than 500 faithful servants.

IMAGINE a city where 62% of the children live below poverty, where 40% of the housing are abandons – where life for many is one big dumpster burn. Then imagine that some of these people in this urban setting (80%) hope for things we take for granted. They hope for a warm home, a roof over their head, health care, transportation, food and drinking water. Such a place exists.

It is Flint’s east side where the Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod (LCMS) has planted Franklin Avenue Mission (FAM) to serve the poor, hungry and homeless. God’s Holy Spirit has IGNITED the missional servants of FAM to be the hands, the feet, the face and the voice of Jesus Christ to the poor ones – to be a boots-on-ground church.



HOLY WEEK WORSHIP SCHEDULE

March 31, 10:00am
BIBLE STUDY
at St. John

April 1, 6:30pm
MAUNDY THURSDAY COMMUNION SERVICE
at Immanuel

April 2, 1:00pm
GOOD FRIDAY WORSHIP
at St. John & Broadcast on 99.9 FM

April 4, 9:00am
EASTER SUNDAY WORSHIP
at St. John & Broadcast on 99.9 FM

April 4, 10:30am
EASTER SUNDAY WORSHIP
at Immanuel

MORNING COMMUNION INVITATION

We have a time slot sign-up available for those wishing to receive communion on Maundy Thursday, who are uncomfortable attending the public worship due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

To be scheduled for a Communion time, add your name to the online sign-up, using the provided link, or call us in the office. Maundy Thursday is April 1.

Time slots for Communion are available between the hours of 10am & noon.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0C49A8A629A2FEC61-family>