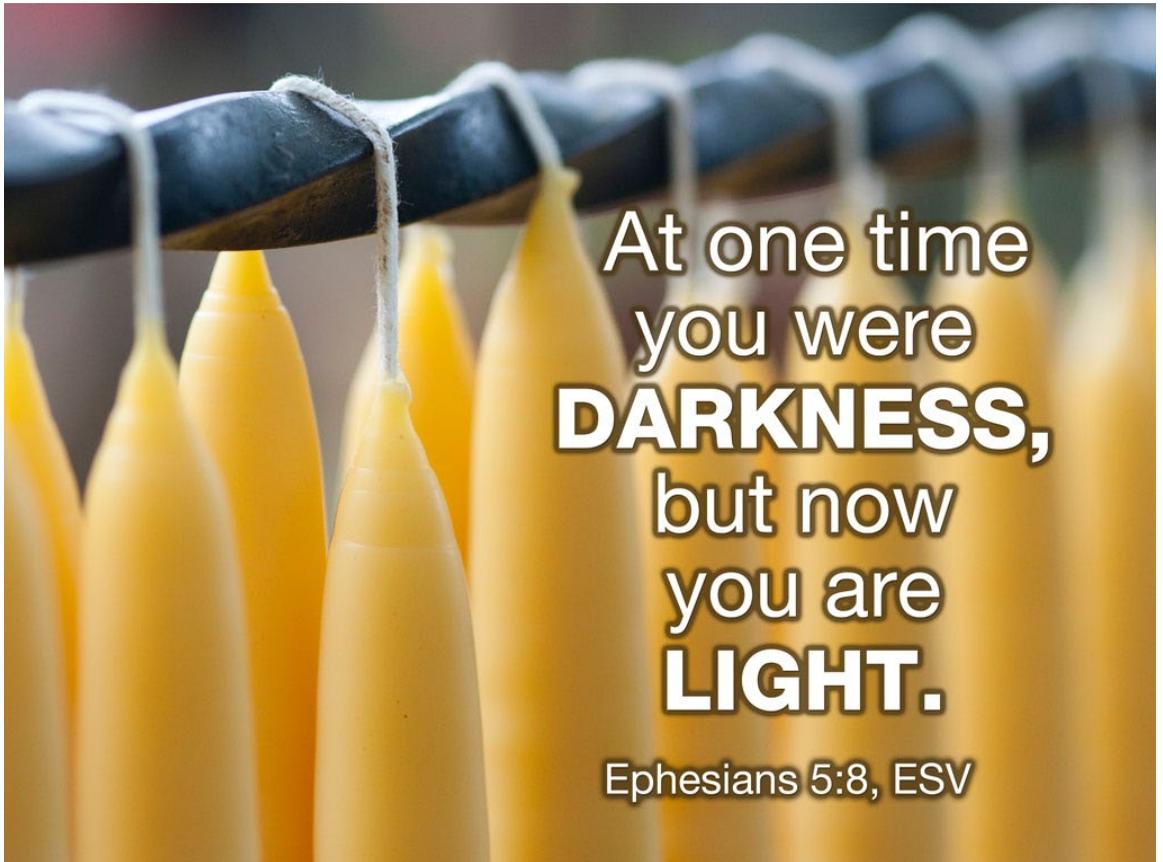


# Fourth Sunday in Lent



At one time  
you were  
**DARKNESS,**  
but now  
you are  
**LIGHT.**

Ephesians 5:8, ESV

**St. John's Ev. Lutheran Church**

Juneau

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Horicon

# Fourth Sunday in Lent

March 19, 2023

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Hymn 423

“The Power of the Cross”

*Stand*

In the name of the Father and of the T Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

## Confession

If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us.

**If we confess our sins, God is faithful and just**

**and will forgive us our sins**

**and purify us from all unrighteousness.**

Let us confess our sins to the Lord.

**Holy God, gracious Father,**

**I am sinful by nature**

**and have sinned against you in my thoughts, words, and actions.**

**I have not loved you with my whole heart;**

**I have not loved others as I should.**

**I deserve your punishment both now and forever.**

**But Jesus, my Savior, paid for my sins**

**with his innocent suffering and death.**

**Trusting in him, I pray: God, have mercy on me, a sinner.**

*Silence for meditation and reflection*

Our gracious Father in heaven has been merciful to us. He sent his only Son, Jesus Christ, who gave his life as the atoning sacrifice for the sins of the whole world. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

## **Lord, Have Mercy**

CW 174

In peace let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For the peace from above and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

**Amen.**

## **The Word**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

## **Prayer of the Day**

Let us pray.

O Lord Jesus Christ, by your almighty power you opened the eyes of the blind and showed yourself to them. Turn our eyes away from worthless things, and lead us to love you sincerely; for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

## First Reading

## Isaiah 42:14–21 (EHV)

I have been silent for a long time. I have kept still. I have restrained myself. But now, like a woman giving birth, I will scream. I will gasp and pant. <sup>15</sup>I will dry up mountains and hills. I will make all their grass wither. I will turn rivers into islands. I will dry up pools. <sup>16</sup>I will lead the blind on a way they do not know. Along paths they do not know I will direct them. Ahead of them I will turn darkness into light and rough places into level ground. These are the things I will accomplish for them. I will not abandon them. <sup>17</sup>They will be turned back and completely disgraced— those who trust in an idol, those who say to molten images, “You are our gods.” <sup>18</sup>You deaf ones, listen! You blind ones, watch carefully so that you can see! <sup>19</sup>Who is as blind as my servant? Who is as deaf as my messenger whom I sent? Who is as blind as my associate, as blind as the servant of the LORD? <sup>20</sup>You, Israel, see many things, but you do not observe. Israel opens his ears, but he does not hear. <sup>21</sup>Because of his own righteousness, the LORD was pleased to make his law great and glorious.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

# Psalm 27C

# “The LORD Is My Light and My Salvation”

## Refrain

The LORD is my light and my sal - va - tion— of  
whom shall I be a - fraid, of whom shall I be a - fraid?

## Tone

Hear my voice when I / call, LORD;  
be merciful to me and / answer me.  
Do not hide your / face from me,  
do not turn your servant away in anger; you have been my / helper.  
Do not reject me or for- / sake me,  
God my / Savior. *Refrain*

Though my father and mother for- / sake me,  
the LORD will re- / ceive me.  
I remain confi- / dent of this:  
I will see the goodness of the LORD in the land of the / living.  
Wait / for the LORD;  
be strong and take heart and wait / for the LORD.  
**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. *Refrain***

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## Second Reading

## Ephesians 5:8–14 (EHV)

For you were once darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Walk as children of light, <sup>9</sup>for the fruit of the light consists in all goodness, righteousness, and truth. <sup>10</sup>Try to learn what is pleasing to the Lord, <sup>11</sup>and do not participate in fruitless deeds of darkness. Instead, expose them. <sup>12</sup>For it is shameful even to mention the things that are done by people in secret. <sup>13</sup>But everything exposed by the light becomes visible, for it is light that makes things visible. <sup>14</sup>Therefore it is said, “Awake, sleeper, rise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you.”

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

*Stand*

## Gospel

## John 9:1–7, 13–17, 34–39 (EHV)

As Jesus was passing by, he saw a man blind from birth. <sup>2</sup>His disciples asked him, “Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?” <sup>3</sup>Jesus answered, “It was not that this man sinned, or his parents, but that God’s works might be revealed in connection with him. <sup>4</sup>I must do the works of him who sent me while it is day. Night is coming when no one can work. <sup>5</sup>As long as I am in the world, I am the Light of the World.” <sup>6</sup>After saying this, Jesus spit on the ground, made some mud with the saliva, and spread the mud on the man’s eyes. <sup>7</sup>“Go,” Jesus told him, “wash in the pool of Siloam” (which means “Sent”). So he went and washed, and came back seeing. ... <sup>13</sup>They brought this man who had been blind to the Pharisees. <sup>14</sup>Now it was a Sabbath day when Jesus made the mud and opened his eyes. <sup>15</sup>So the Pharisees also asked him how he received his sight. “He put mud on my eyes,” the man told them. “I washed, and now I see.” <sup>16</sup>Then some of the Pharisees said, “This man is not from God because he does not keep the Sabbath.” Others were saying, “How can a sinful man work such miraculous signs?” There was division among them, <sup>17</sup>so they said to the blind man again, “What do you say about him, because he opened your eyes?” The man replied, “He is a prophet.” ... <sup>34</sup>They answered him, “You were entirely born in sinfulness! Yet you presume to teach us?” And they threw him out. <sup>35</sup>Jesus heard that they had thrown him out. When he found him, he asked, “Do you believe in the Son of God?” <sup>36</sup>“Who is he, sir,” the man replied, “that I may believe in him?” <sup>37</sup>Jesus answered, “You have seen him, and he is the very one who is speaking with you.” <sup>38</sup>Then he said, “Lord, I believe!” and he knelt down and worshipped him. <sup>39</sup>Jesus said, “For judgment I came into this world, in order that those who do not see will see, and those who do see will become blind.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise be to you, O Christ!**

Hymn CW'93 343

“Christ Is the World’s Light”



1 Christ is the world's light, Christ and none oth - er;  
2 Christ is the world's peace, Christ and none oth - er;  
3 Christ is the world's life, Christ and none oth - er;  
4 Give God the glo - ry, God and none oth - er;



Born in our dark - ness, he be - came our broth - er.  
No one can serve him and de - spise an - oth - er.  
Sold once for sil - ver, mur - dered here, our broth - er.  
Give God the glo - ry, Spir - it, Son, and Fa - ther;



If we have seen him, we have seen the  
Who else u - nites us, one with God the  
He who re - deemed us reigns with God the  
Give God the glo - ry, God with us, my



Fa - ther: Glo - ry to God on high!  
Fa - ther? Glo - ry to God on high!  
Fa - ther: Glo - ry to God on high!  
broth - er: Glo - ry to God on high!

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*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*

## Profession of Faith / Adult Confirmation

5:00 PM Phillip & Michel Dahnert and Bruce Wiese

10:30 AM Adam & Britney Passig and their son Vincent

## Prayer of the Church

Heavenly Father, you loved the world and gave your Son to free us from sin and death by his obedient death on the cross.

**We confess that without your love we are lost.**

Lord of the Church, we thank you for the treasure of the gospel. By your Spirit, keep our eyes fixed on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of our faith.

**Strengthen our determination to do what pleases you, no matter what the danger or the cost.**

Guard and guide 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 values as Christians.

**By your Spirit, O Lord, grant them patience and endurance.**

Keep in your care 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, and those victimized by war and injustice. [We pray especially for...*here name the person and the cause of the petition.*] Comfort all who face the terrors of life with a heavy heart.

**Grant them peace, O Lord, and in your mercy, be their guardian and friend, their comfort and hope.**

Watch over 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.

**Strengthen them in their work, O Lord, and do not let them become weary in doing good.**

Hear us as we pray in silence.

*Silent prayer*

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.

**Amen.**

## **Lord's Prayer**

**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.**

## Offering / WELS Connection

*Stand*

### Offering Hymn 748 v. 1

**“Brothers, Sisters, Let Us Gladly”**

1 Brothers, sisters, let us gladly  
give to God our all, our best:  
service hearty, thorough, honest,  
with a living love impressed.  
All our duty, all our striving,  
all our time to him belong;  
praise him, then, with true devotion,  
come before him with a song.

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### Blessing

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.

**Amen.**

*Be seated*

### Hymn 518

**“Christ Be My Leader”**

### Acknowledgments

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Liturgist: John Baumann

Organist: Ruth Affeld / Matthew Lober

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# Announcements

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**New Members:** St. John's welcomes its newest members! We are so happy that you are here! May you continue to grow in your knowledge and love of the LORD! Phillip & Michel Dahnert, Bruce Wiese, and Adam & Britney Passig and their son Vincent.

**Adopt a Bill:** The new March Adopt a Bill Envelopes are in the narthex! St. John's is thankful for the **many** members who took advance of contributing to this program through their prayers and gifts last month. These updated March envelopes have the new March bills notated on them. Please pray that God would continue to bless this program!

## **Lent is here!**

- Services are Wednesdays at 3:30 and 6:30 pm
- A meal will be served between services (4:30-6:00pm) with donations accepted to help offset the cost of the meal and to support the ministries of the groups hosting the meal
- Worship services and meals are at our Juneau Campus

**School Musical Tickets:** St. John's School is performing a musical and you are invited! This year's production is "Into the Woods, Jr." Tickets will be sold between Sunday services at our Juneau Campus on March 19th and 26th. Tickets may also be purchased in the school office on Mondays-Fridays from 7:30-3:30 or email [school@stjohnsjuneau.org](mailto:school@stjohnsjuneau.org). Tickets are \$4/advance and \$5/door. Showtimes are Friday, March 31<sup>st</sup> at 7pm and Saturday, April 1<sup>st</sup> at 2pm.

**Easter for Kids:** Please join us for our upcoming Easter for Kids on Saturday, April 8<sup>th</sup> from 9-10:30 AM at our St. John's School! Easter for Kids is a fun-filled morning complete with an egg hunt and games for ages 0-12. The morning is designed for children and their parents/caregivers to participate in together. Please register on our app or website if you are interested in attending. Also, if you have any questions or would like to volunteer for this event, please contact Char at 920-219-0122 or email [volunteer@stjohnsjuneau.org](mailto:volunteer@stjohnsjuneau.org). Also, we are looking for donations of individually wrapped Easter candy. If you are willing to donate candy, please bring it to any campus by April 2<sup>nd</sup>. Thank you!

**Easter Lilies in Juneau:** 33 Easter Lilies have been pre-ordered from Robin's Countryside Gardens for our Juneau Campus. The cost is \$15.00/plant. If you are interested in ordering an Easter Lily, please see the signup sheet in the Juneau narthex.



**2022 Offering Statements:** If you haven't already done so, please pick up your 2022 Offering Statements and Offering Envelopes. They are available at our St. John's church office. Also, if you would like your statement emailed to you, please contact Jen at [contributionmanager@stjohnsjuneau.org](mailto:contributionmanager@stjohnsjuneau.org) Thank you!

**Voter's Meeting News:**

St. John's has called Pastor Nicholas R. Mount. Please keep Pastor Mount, his wife Diana, and their 5 children in your prayers as they deliberate where best to serve our Savior. Pastor Mount currently serves in a dual parish with Grace Lutheran and Trinity Lutheran Churches in Geneva, Nebraska.

**Volunteers** (3/19)

**Greeters:**

8:00 AM Carol Soldner, Lexi Voigt  
10:30 AM Carol Leissing, Linda Tonn

**Ushers:**

8:00 AM Chuck Wolfram, Bruce Soldner, Nick Voigt, Rick Cody  
9:30 AM Ken Leistico, Larry Westenberg, Wyatt Stowell, Oscar Stowell  
10:30 AM Rick Leissing, Blake Tonn, Blake Tonn II

**Snow Removal:** (Week of 3/20)

Team 2: Luke and Evan Hirschfeld



# Vacation Bible School!

June 12-15<sup>th</sup> (12:15-3:30PM)

Juneau Campus

Ages: 3K - 6<sup>th</sup> Grade

## Time & Talent Survey

**Thank you** to those who completed the Time & Talent Surveys! These surveys are crucial to help St. John's know *how* our members wish to give back to our Lord. If you did not complete a survey, please pick one up in the narthex, complete it, and return it to an usher or place it in the offering plate. Thank you!

## Statistics 3/1-3/5

### *Offerings given to our Lord*

General	\$14,802.53
Debt	\$230.00
Improvement	\$85.00
Lakeside	\$224.95
Missions	\$1,341.90
Total	\$16,684.38
LLHS Free-Will Offering	\$511.00
Adopt-a-Bill	\$410.00

### *Attendance*

2/22	100 (71, 29)
2/25-2/26	346 (38, 131, 90, 87)

*At our Voter's Meeting, our congregation approved a weekly budget with an average total of \$20,246 (includes General, Lakeside and Missions) needed every week. **Since the beginning of 2022, our congregation has gone from zero debt to drawing a total of \$102,197.38 from the line of credit.** Please continue to support St. John's through your time, talents, treasures, and prayers. Thank you!*

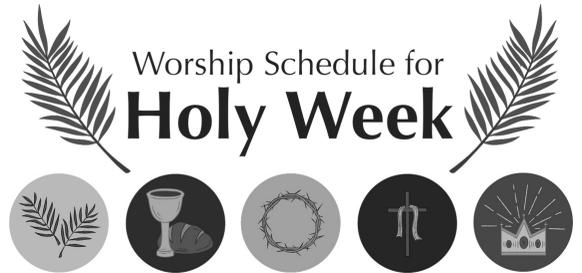
***Maundy Thursday*** April 6<sup>th</sup>  
3:30 PM & 6:30 PM Juneau Campus  
includes Lord's Supper

***Good Friday*** April 7<sup>th</sup>  
1:30 PM Juneau Campus  
Service of Darkness  
6:30 PM Salem-Lowell Campus  
Choir-led Service

***Easter Vigil*** April 8<sup>th</sup>  
5:00 PM Horicon Campus

***Easter*** April 9<sup>th</sup>  
6:30 AM Juneau Campus  
Sunrise Service with Lord's Supper  
9:00 AM Juneau Campus  
Festival Service  
9:30 AM Salem-Lowell Campus  
Easter Service with Lord's Supper

***Easter Breakfast***  
*Juneau 7:30 AM – 9:00 AM*  
*Salem-Lowell Campus 8:00 AM – 9:00 AM*



# **This Week at St. John's**

## **Sunday (3/19)**

**Worship** 8:00 & 10:30 AM – J  
**Worship** 9:30 AM – SL  
Bible Class 8:15 AM – SL; 9:30 AM - J  
Sunday School 8:30 AM – SL; 9:15 AM – J  
Blood Pressure Checks 9:00 AM - J

## **Monday (3/20)**

Readings Bible Class 6:30 PM – J

## **Tuesday (3/21)**

Jesus Cares 1:30 PM - C

## **Wednesday (3/22)**

**Lenten Worship** 3:30 PM & 6:30 PM - J  
Lenten Meal 4:30 – 6:00 PM - J  
Confirmation 5:00 PM – J  
Adult Choir 7:15 PM - J

## **Thursday (3/23)**

Church Council 6:30 PM – SL

## **Saturday (3/25)**

**Worship** 5:00 PM - H

## **Sunday (3/26)**

**Worship** 8:00 & 10:30 AM – J  
**Worship** 9:30 AM – SL  
Bible Class 8:15 AM – SL; 9:30 AM - J  
Sunday School 8:30 AM – SL; 9:15 AM – J

# Welcome to St. John's

## WELCOME

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 at any of our campuses. Please join us again soon!

## PERSONAL PRAYER AFTER WORSHIP

Good Shepherd, I was glad to be here, gathered with your flock to worship you. Cause the Word I have heard to take root in my heart and bear fruit in my life. Guide me in paths of righteousness, that my words and actions might lead others to glorify you. Amen.

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### Worship Services

*(same service at all locations)*

**Wednesday** *(during Lent)*

3:30pm & 6:30pm Juneau

**Saturday**

5:00pm Horicon

**Sunday**

8:00am & 10:30 Juneau

9:30am Lowell

### Bible Classes

#### **Sunday**

Juneau Campus

9:30-10:15

Salem-Lowell Campus

8:15-9:00 AM

#### **Monday**

Juneau Campus

6:30 PM

#### **Tuesday** (2nd, 4th, 5th)

Juneau Campus

6:30 PM

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