

**GOOD NEIGHBOR PARADE:** We received an application form for the Saturday, May 2nd Lansing Good Neighbor Parade. This year, the theme is “Superheroes.” If your organization is interested in “heading” up this event, please see Doug in the office for the form and more information

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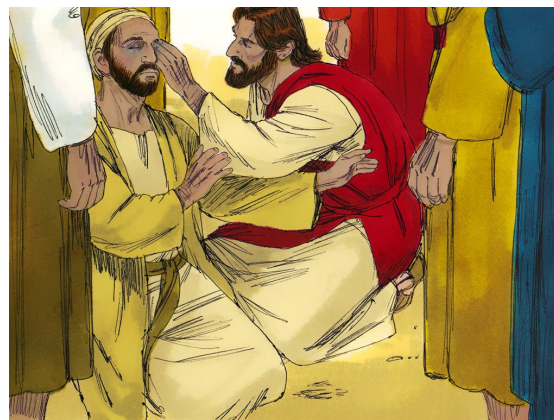
## **FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT March 22, 2020**

### **“Loving People to Christ”**

Welcome to God’s Holy House!

May this worship service be an uplifting and spiritual blessing for you and your family.

***PRAYER AS WE GATHER:*** “*Savior, as we travel through this Lenten season, give to us a full appreciation of what you went through during the last days of your life. It was my sin and my wickedness that made it necessary for you to go through so much. I am genuinely sorry for my transgressions. I hang my head in shame over what I have done. Without you, I have no hope. Despair would be my lot. Yet Lent reminds me that there is hope for all who trust in you. You willingly took upon yourself my iniquities. You carried my sorrows. Your sacrifice wiped away all sin, Thank you, dearest Redeemer, for suffering in my place. Lord, hear me, a contrite sinner. Amen.*”



<sup>14</sup> Now it was a Sabbath day when Jesus made the mud and opened his eyes.

<sup>15</sup> So the Pharisees again asked him how he had received his sight. And he said to them, “He put mud on my eyes, and I washed, and I see.”

John 9: 14-15

**NOTES TO SHARE:**

- Please silence/turn off all cell phones and devices to focus on prayer and praise of God in our worship.
- **March Church Newsletters**, “Portals of Prayer, Children’s Worship Bulletin” and “Lutheran Engage” magazines are available at either church entrance.
- Before the service begins, the Elder on duty will make announcements.
- The 2020 Altar Flower Chart is now up in the narthex.
- Cover clipart from freebibleimages.org.

**THOSE SERVING IN GOD’S HOUSE**

**March 22 Lent IV    March 29 Lent V**

OFFICIANT:	-----Pastor John Richy-----	
PIANIST/ORGANIST	-----Kyle Castillo-----	
MUSIC DIRECTOR:	-----Sue Olson-----	
ACOLTYES:	Naomi Labahn	Alan Kuzmar
ELDERS:	Al Erke	Duane Schultz
	Mike Kuzmar	
LECTORS:	Norma Vierk	Mary Wells
USHERS:	Bill Albrecht	Ray Biederstadt
	Wayne Douma Sr.	Hal Gronewold
	Rich Gleim	Chuck Labahn
	Paul Kolarczyk	Ray Nommensen
	Joe Scanlon	
GREETERS:	The Kreger’s	The Schultz’

*DATES TO REMEMBER*

**CORONAVIRUS: Older adults and people who have severe underlying chronic medical conditions like heart or lung disease or diabetes seem to be at higher risk for developing more serious complications from COVID-19 illness. Please consult with your health care provider about additional steps you may be able to take to protect yourself.**

**The President’s Coronavirus Guidelines for America: Go to <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prepare/prevention.html> for complete information.**

**PIE FUNDRAISER** Get your pies for Easter and support St. John's at the same time! Delicious pies from Marilyn's Bakery are offered for purchase. We make \$5 for every pie sold. Ask your neighbors, friends, family! Forms available at both entrances. Payment due at the time of ordering—deadline is the 24th. Orders can be turned into the office or given to Shirley Niven or Diane Scanlon. Questions? Contact Shirley Niven 219-808-5741.

**“DO WELL” BIBLICAL FINANCIAL STUDY** is a workshop designed to help people to

- Reduce their personal debt by 38%
- Increasing their savings by 58%
- Strengthening their marriages
- Devoting more time to prayer and Bible Study.

Topics covered are:

- Getting out of debt
- Spending
- Saving and investing
- Budgeting
- Giving
- Earning money
- Training children

The workshops meet once a week for two hours each week for 10 weeks total. Please contact Kerri or Mike Kuzmar for details. Cost of \$30 for materials. Looking for a start by April, day of the week to be determined. If interested, call Kerri @ 219 545-1370 or Mike @ 219 545-1369.

P Let us bless the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

**BENEDICTION**

P The Lord bless you and keep you.

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

The Lord look upon you with favor and + give you  
peace.

C **Amen.**

**HYMN "Jesus Refuge of the Weary" LSB 423**

**PRAYERS FOR OUR ST. JOHN'S FAMILY (\*shut-ins)**

Andy Banas Jr.*	Shirley Campbell*	Irma Deichen*
Ruth Ann Eicke	Harvey Jensen*	Shirley Odegaard*
Linda Poppe*	Marge Zoellick	

**FROM AMONG OUR FRIENDS AND FAMILIES**

Patricia Bubness	George W. Butler	Yolanda Butler
Joe LeClaire	Kevin Pflanze	Joanne Schaub
Jennifer Schwingendorf		
Olivia Billstrand & Richard Lively and infant daughter Aurora		

**THOSE CELEBRATING A BIRTHDAY THIS WEEK**

*Sarah Niven 3/29*

**WEEKLY CONTRIBUTIONS REPORT (3/1/2020)**

Envelopes:	\$4356.00
Sunday Collections:	\$127.00
Adopt-a-Bill:	\$1166.55
LWML Cookie Walk:	\$500.00
<u>Ash Wednesday:</u>	<u>\$843.00</u>
<b>Grand Total:</b>	<b>\$6992.55</b>

**SERVICE OF PRAYER AND PREACHING LSB 260**  
**Found in the Lutheran Service Book (LSB)**



**Sharing of the Peace**

All may greet one another in peace  
with a handshake and the words,  
"The peace of the Lord be with you."



**HYMN "Go to Dark Gethsemane" LSB 436**

**INVOCATION**

P In the name of the Father and of the +Son and of the  
Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

**OPENING VERSICLES (use third column) LSB 260**

**OLD TESTAMENT CANTICLE  LSB 261**

**DECLARATION OF GRACE**

P In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given  
to die for us, and for His sake God forgives us all our  
sins. To those who believe in Jesus Christ He gives  
the power to become the children of God and  
bestows on them the Holy Spirit. May the Lord, who  
has begun this good work in us, bring it to  
completion in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.

C **Amen.**



**READINGS FROM  
HOLY SCRIPTURE**



**OLD TESTAMENT (INSERT) Isaiah 42: 14-21 ESV**

**P** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

**INTROIT (INSERT) Psalm 142**

**SECOND READING (INSERT) Ephesians 5: 8-14 ESV**

**P** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

**GOSPEL READING (INSERT) John 9: 1-41 ESV**

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. John at the 9th chapter, verses 1-41.

**C** Glory to You, O Lord.

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C** Praise to You, O Christ.

**RESPONSORY**      **♪ (use third column)**      **LSB 263**

**APOSTLES' CREED**      **LSB 264**

*SUNDAY SCHOOL STUDENTS ARE  
DISMISSED TO THEIR CLASSES*



**HYMN "Lamb of God"**      **LSB 550**

**SERMON** *"Here's Mud in Your Eye" based on Gospel Reading*

**GATHERING OF THE OFFERINGS**

We ask all members and visitors to please sign our "Friendship Folder" located at the center aisle end of each pew in the red vinyl folder. As you sign it, make sure everyone in your pew has a chance to sign it and record their church & communion attendance.

**PRAYER**

Let us pray for the whole Church of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

*Brief silence*

**P** Lord, in Your mercy,      **C** hear our prayer.

**COLLECT (INSERT)**

**C** Amen

**POST COMMUNION CANTICLE "Oh My Heart Imprint Your Image" LSB 422**

**On my heart imprint Your image,  
Blessèd Jesus, King of grace,  
That life's riches, cares, and pleasures  
Never may Your work erase;  
Let the clear inscription be:  
Jesus, crucified for me,  
Is my life, my hope's foundation,  
And my glory and salvation!**

**LORD'S PRAYER**      **LSB 264**

**BLESSINGS**