

# CONTRASTS

2<sup>ND</sup> SUNDAY IN LENT

St. John Evangelical Lutheran Church  
4911 Brauer Road - Sturgeon Bay, WI 54235

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Welcome to our worship service! In our services here at St. John we have two chief goals. Our first goal is to be built up in our faith through the only means God has given to us, the gospel found in God's Word and Sacraments. Our second goal is to give praise to God—Father, Son, & Holy Spirit—alone. As we seek these two goals we are equipped to carry out our mission—*Come, Grow, Live, and Share Christ!* May the Lord bless our worship today.

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### **Guests**

We welcome you to St. John with joy in our hearts that you chose to worship with us today! Instructions for worship are found in the bulletin and will be announced by pastor. There is a **cry room** in the back of church available for parents to calm and care for their children during the service. **Bathrooms** are located downstairs and to the left. A **changing table** is available in the women's bathroom. Should you have any other questions, please speak with one of the ushers or with pastor.

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### **Today's Service**

The order of service is called *Service of Word and Sacrament*. It begins on page 26 in the red pew hymnal: *Christian Worship*. The hymns and psalm today are found in the hymnal.

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### **Communion at St. John**

At St. John we practice membership communion. That means we invite to the altar those who have expressed their agreement with the biblical teachings of this church through current membership in our congregation or other WELS or ELS congregations. Some might have questions about our practice since not every Christian congregation today practices Close Communion. For this reason, we sincerely invite you to schedule a visit with our pastor so that he may talk with you about any questions or concerns you may have. He will be more than happy to sit down with you.

Use time before the service to prepare for Communion by turning to page 156 in the front of the hymnal.

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Lent is a season of contrasts. It begins with the godly sorrow of repentance on Ash Wednesday and ends with the exultant joy of Easter. During midweek Lenten services, churches often read the passion history and meditate on Jesus' suffering and death. Yet the Sundays in Lent are intended to be little Easters that give us hope through the Lenten journey.

Lent was also, historically, a time when new Christians would study the teachings of the Bible as they prepared for baptism or for becoming confirmed members of the church at Easter time.

This Lent season, we will also be learning about our Christian faith by focusing on the Epistle lessons appointed for the season of Lent as we prepare for Easter. Each of the Epistle lessons illuminates a sharp contrast (sometimes multiple contrasts). We will highlight these contrasts of Lent through preaching, teaching, and black and white art. Though somewhat simple art, pay close attention to the little details which help bring out the striking detail of the contrasts.

We will see that the contrasts are as opposite as death and life. This will help us to appreciate all the more what Christ has worked for us and in us so that we would have new life.

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## CONTRASTS



LENT 1 - ADAM & CHRIST



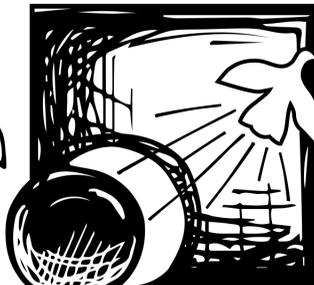
LENT 2 - WORKS & FAITH



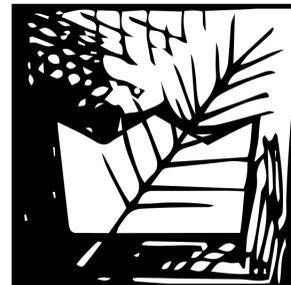
LENT 3 - DARK & LIGHT



LENT 4 - OLD & NEW SELF



LENT 5 - DEATH & LIFE



LENT 6 - EXALTATION & HUMILITY

## SERVICE OF WORD & SACRAMENT

**OPENING HYMN:** *Lord Jesus Christ, My Savior Blest* CW 362

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*Please stand and turn to page 26 in the front part of the hymnal.*

### PRAYER OF THE DAY

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Almighty God, look with favor on your humble servants and stretch out the right hand of your power to defend us against all our enemies; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

### FIRST LESSON: *Isaiah 42:14-21*

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<sup>14</sup>“For a long time I have kept  
silent,  
I have been quiet and held  
myself back.  
But now, like a woman in  
childbirth,  
I cry out, I gasp and pant.  
<sup>15</sup>I will lay waste the mountains  
and hills  
and dry up all their  
vegetation;  
I will turn rivers into islands  
and dry up the pools.  
<sup>16</sup>I will lead the blind by ways  
they have not known,  
along unfamiliar paths I  
will guide them;  
I will turn the darkness into  
light before them  
and make the rough places  
smooth.  
These are the things I will do;  
I will not forsake them.  
<sup>17</sup>But those who trust in idols,

who say to images, ‘You are  
our gods,’  
will be turned back in utter  
shame.  
<sup>18</sup>“Hear, you deaf;  
look, you blind, and see!  
<sup>19</sup>Who is blind but my servant,  
and deaf like the messenger  
I send?  
Who is blind like the one  
committed to me,  
blind like the servant of the  
LORD?  
<sup>20</sup>You have seen many things, but  
have paid no  
attention;  
your ears are open, but you  
hear nothing.”  
<sup>21</sup>It pleased the LORD  
for the sake of his  
righteousness  
to make his law great and  
glorious.

**SECOND LESSON:** Ephesians 5:8-14

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<sup>8</sup>For you were once darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Live as children of light <sup>9</sup>(for the fruit of the light consists in all goodness, righteousness and truth) <sup>10</sup>and find out what pleases the Lord. <sup>11</sup>Have nothing to do with the fruitless deeds of darkness, but rather expose them. <sup>12</sup>For it is shameful even to mention what the

disobedient do in secret. <sup>13</sup>But everything exposed by the light becomes visible, <sup>14</sup>for it is light that makes everything visible. This is why it is said:

“Wake up, O sleeper,  
rise from the dead,  
and Christ will shine on you.”

**VERSE OF THE DAY:** *John 3:14,15*

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Just as Moses lifted up the snake in the desert, so the Son of Man must be lifted up, that everyone who believes in him may have eternal life.

**GOSPEL:** *John 9:1-7, 13-17, 34-39*

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<sup>1</sup>As he went along, 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>“Neither this man nor his parents sinned,” said Jesus, “but this happened so that the work of God might be displayed in his life. <sup>4</sup>As long as it is day, we must do the work of him who sent me. Night is coming, when no one can work. <sup>5</sup>While I am in the world, I am the light of the world.”

<sup>6</sup>Having said this, he spit on the ground, made some mud with the saliva, and put it on the man’s eyes. <sup>7</sup>“Go,” he told him, “wash in the Pool of Siloam” (this word means Sent). So

the man went and washed, and came home seeing.

<sup>13</sup>They brought to the Pharisees the man who had been blind. <sup>14</sup>Now the day on which Jesus had made the mud and opened the man’s eyes was a Sabbath. <sup>15</sup>Therefore the Pharisees also asked him how he had received his sight. “He put mud on my eyes,” the man replied, “and I washed, and now I see.”

<sup>16</sup>Some of the Pharisees said, “This man is not from God, for he does not keep the Sabbath.”

But others asked, “How can a sinner do such miraculous signs?” So they were divided.

<sup>17</sup>Finally they turned again to the blind man, "What have you to say about him? It was your eyes he opened."

The man replied, "He is a prophet."

<sup>34</sup>To this they replied, "You were steeped in sin at birth; how dare you lecture us!" And they threw him out.

<sup>35</sup>Jesus heard that they had thrown him out, and when he found him, he said, "Do you believe in the Son of Man?"

<sup>36</sup>"Who is he, sir?" the man asked. "Tell me so that I may believe in him."

<sup>37</sup>Jesus said, "You have now seen him; in fact, he is the one speaking with you."

<sup>38</sup>Then the man said, "Lord, I believe," and he worshiped him.

<sup>39</sup>Jesus said, "For judgment I have come into this world, so that the blind will see and those who see will become blind."

**SERMON HYMN:** *Christ Is the World's Light* CW 343:1-2

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**CHILDREN'S MESSAGE:** In front of the sanctuary

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**SERMON HYMN:** *Christ Is the World's Light* CW 343:3-4

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**SERMON TEXT:** *Ephesians 5:8-14*

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### **CONTRAST OF DARKNESS & LIGHT**

*After the sermon, please stand and turn to page 31 in the hymnal as we confess our faith with the words of the Nicene Creed.*

**COMMUNION HYMN:** *Soul, Adorn Yourself with Gladness* CW 311

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**CLOSING HYMN:** *The Day Full of Grace* CW 254

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## **REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS**

**Sharon Gulley**, who is recovering from knee-replacement surgery.

**Ted Teddleton**, whose bladder cancer has returned.

**Diane Teddleton**, whose knee-replacement surgery was delayed.

**Jeff Peterson**, who recently underwent abdominal surgery.

**Norman Luedtke**, who is struggling with intestinal problems.

**Sandy Hillmer**, who recently had successful knee replacement surgery.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **Attention All Ladies**

Did you know, St. John ladies Aid is inclusive of ALL ladies in the congregation? If you're a member of St. John, you're also a member of the ladies' aide—congratulations! All ladies are welcome to join meetings or take part in activities of our ladies group. This includes LWMS! Our congregation is now a member of the Lutheran Women's Missionary Society. This will give us opportunities to pray for and serve the missionaries in our synod. Look for info on the spring rally in your church mailbox. The rally is being held at **Riverview Lutheran Church - Appleton on Saturday, April 18.**

### **UPDATE: Receipts & Labels**

We now collect ONLY Econo Foods receipts. Boxtops, milk lids, and other receipts or labels are no longer being collected.

### **New Hymnal Funding**

In the fall of 2021 our church body will be releasing a new hymnal. The new hymnal will offer a comprehensive set of resources to cultivate a rich worship life in Lutheran churches, schools, and homes. Now is the time for us to start saving for that expense. To give to the **New Hymnal Fund**, in the "Other" line of your regular Sunday offering envelopes simply write "New Hymnal" and the amount from your offering you want designated to the purchase of the new hymnal and its resources for that week. Discover more about the new hymnal by grabbing a copy of the preview on the shelf below the mailboxes or by visiting [christianworship.com](http://christianworship.com)

### **Inclement Weather**

In the event of bad weather, please check our church website and/or WDOR for cancellation of worship or other activities at church. Cancellations will be posted as soon as reasonable.

### **Midweek Lent**

Midweek Lent services will be held at **10:00am and 6:30pm.** A circuit rotation of our pastors will preach on the theme: *The Son of God Goes Forth to War.*

(Zion @ 11:00am; Christ @ 6:00pm — St. Peter's @ 10:00am & 6:30pm — Salem @ 6:00pm)

### **Spring Cleaning**

Indoor spring cleaning will be on **April 2 starting at 10am.** A potluck lunch will be hosted by the Ladies' Aide. If you'd like to bring a dish to share, go right ahead! We'll continue cleaning after lunch.

### **New Beginnings Collection**

Please take a bottle home and fill it with your change, or whatever money you want to help support New Beginnings—a program and home that provides care, support and housing for young

pregnant women who are escaping bad, even dangerous situations in their lives. **The collection will end on Sunday, April 12 (Easter).**

### **Easter Potluck Breakfast**

Easter will be here before we know it! Let's have a wonderful celebration of our Lord's Resurrection with some fellowship time with food. Please see the sign up sheet for our annual Easter potluck breakfast. Also, we need help cleaning up after the second service, so please sign up to help with that also on the other sheet.

### **New Lent Cross**

You've probably noticed our new Lent cross. We've been blessed to have Mark Cote make use of his woodworking skills to create something beautiful for our sanctuary. Next time you see him, thank him for his work. He also made the custom base!

## **ST. JOHN WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**March 15, 2020**

### **Schedule**

Monday	7:00 p.m. - Church Council Meeting
Tuesday	7:00 p.m. - Choir Rehearsal
Wednesday	6:30 a.m. - DC WELS Bible Class @ Wanda Jeans 10:00 a.m. - Midweek Lenten Service 3:30 p.m. - Catechism Class 6:30 p.m. - Midweek Lenten Service
Sunday	8:45 a.m. - Sunday School 9:00 a.m. - Bible Study 10:00 a.m. - Worship

### **Birthdays**

March 16-Preston Haen; 18th-Paul Wiedenhoef

### **Anniversaries**

None

### **Atar Guild**

March 15th-Mary Kramer; April 5-Judy Christiansen; 9th-Barb Schaefer; 10th-1 pm-Amber Enstad; 10th-6:30-Carrie Petersilka; 12th-Jane Goggins

### **Ushering**

March - Brian Schram & Chuck Ott  
April - Dean Schumacher & Scott Andreae

### **Communion Server**

March - Gene Dennis  
April - Mike Nolte

### **Church Cleaning**

Week beginning: March 16th-Schumacher/Ott Families; 23rd-Barb Schaefer, Dixie Luedtke & Christine Polster; 30th-Annie Gilbert, Mary Kramer & Phyllis Simon; April 6E-Andreae/Staats Family; 6thL-Paul Magle family; 13th-Enstad Family; 20th-Gordon Magle Family; 27th-Elmer Tanck Family  
Holiday weeks with multiple services, one family cleans first part of week, another the second part of week.