

# The **EAGLE CONNECTION**

ALL-SCHOOL WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

## **EVERYTHING YOU WANT TO KNOW ABOUT ESP**

Dear Families,

Over the past several months, the Board of Education has been engaged in thoughtful conversation and planning regarding the future of the Extended School Program (ESP). Through family surveys and other feedback, we have gathered valuable insight from our school community, and the Board has spent considerable time reviewing that information, discussing ideas, and exploring options that will help strengthen and sustain the program moving forward.

Because this process required careful review and discussion, we understand that updates regarding ESP have been slow. We sincerely appreciate the patience families have shown as this work has been taking place behind the scenes. Our goal has been to approach these decisions thoughtfully so that ESP can continue to serve our students and families well.

**We are pleased to share that Summer ESP for 2026 will move forward as planned.** We recognize how helpful this program is for many families, and we are grateful to be able to continue offering it this summer. Registration for Summer ESP 2026 will begin next week.

At the same time, **the search for our next ESP Director has been progressing.** We recently had the opportunity to interview two very strong candidates, and we have been encouraged by their enthusiasm for working with children as well as the fresh ideas they bring for the future of the program. **We are excited about the possibility of welcoming one of them as our next ESP director...hopefully in the near future!**

If for any reason those plans do not come together as anticipated, the Board remains fully committed to the continuation of ESP. In that case, we would continue the search for a director (knowing our Lord will provide) while still moving forward with Summer ESP 2026 and the regular ESP program for the 2026–2027 school year. We understand how vital this program is for many of our families and remain committed to ensuring that it continues.

As part of the Board's work, **we will also be introducing a new scheduling and fee structure** beginning with Summer ESP 2026. The goal of this updated structure is to help support the long-term sustainability of the program while also making scheduling simpler and more convenient for families.

We are grateful for the opportunity to serve the families of St. John's. As we continue this work, we trust that the Lord will continue to guide this process and bless the efforts of all those involved. Thank you for your partnership and continued support of our school.

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## **EVERYTHING...ESP continued**

Additional details about the new ESP scheduling and fee options may be found in this newsletter.

His servants,  
The St. John's Board of Education

## **NEW ESP SCHEDULING AND FEE OPTIONS**

Beginning with Summer ESP 2026, St. John's will introduce a new scheduling and fee structure designed to support the long-term sustainability of the program while also making ESP scheduling easier for families.

Families will now have two options for using ESP. The following is for academic year ESP.

### **Pay-As-You-Go**

- \$15 per day
- Sign up only for the days you need
- Continue using SignUpGenius to schedule weekly ESP usage
- The weekly sign-up deadline remains Thursday prior, as it is now
- This option is the same as our current scheduling

### **Subscription / Auto-Bill**

- \$12 per day
- Subscribe to a consistent weekly schedule (for example every Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday)
- Charges are automatically billed monthly through FACTS
- Weekly sign-ups are not required

- Additional days outside your subscription schedule may be added through SignUp Genius at the \$15 daily rate
- Changes to your subscription schedule during the year may be requested if needed

These two options allow families to choose the level of flexibility or consistency that works best for their schedule.

A complete list of frequently asked questions (FAQs) with additional details about ESP scheduling, billing, and policies is included with this newsletter.

## **SUMMER ESP 2026**

We are pleased to share that Summer ESP 2026 will be offered again this year. This program provides a safe and engaging environment for students during the summer months while also supporting families who need daytime care.

Like the upcoming academic year, families may choose the best of two scheduling options for Summer ESP:

- **Pay-As-You-Go**
  - \$50 per day, signing up only for the days needed.
- **Subscription/Auto-Bill**
  - \$40 per day for families who commit to a consistent weekly schedule.

Here is more helpful information regarding Summer ESP 2026

- A non-refundable \$50 registration fee per child will be charged.

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## **SUMMER ESP 2026 continued**

- Exact dates are TBA; they will be announced in the near future (our hope is to begin in late May after school is out and continue through late August)
- Children **MUST** at least be entering Kindergarten in September 2026 to be eligible (preschool children are ineligible)
- Hours will be
  - 7:30am-5:30pm Monday-Thursday
  - 7:30am-3pm Friday
- Children will be required to bring a packed lunch from home each day
- Registration for Summer ESP 2026 will be available next week.

## **PARENT EXPERIENCE & SATISFACTION SURVEY**

Parents, please take a few minutes to participate in our [Parent Experience & Satisfaction Survey](#). Your feedback helps us celebrate what is going well and thoughtfully identify areas where we can continue to grow and improve.

The survey takes just a few minutes to complete, and your participation helps ensure that our school continues to serve students and families well. We truly value the honest insights our families provide.

Thank you for taking the time to share your perspective and for being an important part of the St. John's community!

## **SAFE TRAVELS, 8TH GRADE!**

Next week, our 8th grade class will be heading to Washington, D.C. with Miss Preus for their class trip. We pray they have a safe journey, meaningful experiences as they explore our nation's history, and plenty of fun along the way. We look forward to hearing about all they learn and see! Please keep them in your prayers. Safe travels and may God bless you, 8th grade!

## **UPCOMING FLEX DAY**

Thursday, April 2<sup>nd</sup> has been designated a flex day to be used as a school day if we have accumulated too many snow days. We're sure you're anxious to learn if there will be school or not that day, but unfortunately it is too early to tell just yet. We hope to let you know before spring break. Thank you for your patience!

## **WHAT IS FUNDAY, EXACTLY?**

FUNDay is one of St. John's most beloved traditions—and a highlight of the school year for many! This exciting annual event is perfect for the entire family and is a day filled with games, prizes, giant inflatables, great food, and even a silent auction. The gym will be packed with carnival-style games and inflatables, the cafeteria will be serving up delicious food, and there will be plenty of amazing prizes to win. There might even be a llama or two!

Wristbands for unlimited games and inflatable use will be available for purchase both in advance and at the door. FUNDay T-shirts are also available for purchase now. It's a wonderful day of fun and community that you won't want to miss!



## **SPRING MUSICAL: IMPORTANT INFO**

- **Thursday, March 12 - 1pm performance**
  - Doors open at 12:30pm
  - K-4th grade parents: If you plan to take your child home after the performance, be sure to go to your child's classroom to check them out from there.
  
- **Friday, March 13 - 6pm performance**
  - Students arrive & doors open at 5:30pm
    - Middle school students: Meet in music room
    - K-4<sup>th</sup> students: Meet in cafeteria
      - Will be reunited with parents after their performance
    - Preschool: Meet in classroom
      - Parents, meet your child in the lobby after their performance to reunite

## **SPELLING BEE**

St. John's is excited to host the annual Spelling Bee competition on Friday, April 10<sup>th</sup> at 5:30pm.

This competition is for 3<sup>rd</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grade students who have successfully passed a qualifying test administered by their teacher. This test is a predetermined, randomized list of words that come from a larger list, which students are able to study. Check your email because some teachers have already sent out the study list.

Qualification testing will take place later this month and parents will be notified if their child is eligible to participate in the competition.

## **WORLD DOWN SYNDROME DAY - ROCK YOUR SOCKS!**

March 21<sup>st</sup> was chosen as World Down Syndrome Day because this date - 3/21 - matches the 3 copies of chromosome 21, which is a unique to people with Down syndrome. This special day was created to celebrate the lives of people with Down syndrome and to make sure they have the same freedoms and opportunities as everybody else.

Since March 21<sup>st</sup> is on a Saturday this year, St. John's will be celebrating World Down Syndrome Day on Friday, March 20<sup>th</sup>. Be sure to rock some crazy socks that day to show support! Socks are special on World Down Syndrome Day because they symbolize the 21st chromosome, which looks similar to a sock under a microscope. People wear bright, mismatched, or wild socks to represent the uniqueness of the extra chromosome that causes Down syndrome, promoting awareness and conversation.

## **SEND US YOUR PICTURES!**

Parents, do you have some awesome pictures from school events, such as field trips or athletics? Please considering sharing them for consideration in the yearbook. Photos may be emailed to [Tori.Kuehne@stjlutheran.org](mailto:Tori.Kuehne@stjlutheran.org). Thank you!

## **ORDER YOUR YEARBOOK!**

Parents, have you ordered your child's yearbook yet? Many of you have not!! Be sure to do so before it's too late. Also, the deadline to create your two FREE personalized pages is **March 31st!**



## **ORDER YOUR FUNDAY T-SHIRTS NOW!**

Get ready to celebrate and support our school by helping us create safer, more comfortable, and more inspiring spaces where our kids learn, grow, play, worship, and discover new talents every day.

- Only \$12 per shirt (\$5 per shirt goes towards the fundraising total)
- 10 FUN colors to choose from
- Deadline to order: 3/20/26

Don't wait—grab your FUNDay tee and let your Eagle pride shine and help us reach our fundraising goals!! Visit the [FUNDay T-SHIRT STORE](#) today to place your order! There are 10 great colors available!!



## **THE SPIRIT STORE IS OPEN!!**

Our online [Spirit Store](#) is now open! This is a great opportunity to stock up on St. John's apparel and show your school spirit. The store will remain open until April 5 (Easter), and all purchases will be delivered to school around April 27.

## **PTL NOMINATIONS OPEN!**

Do you think St. John's teachers are AWESOME? Want your child to have memorable school experiences? Interested in connecting with other St. John's parents?

Then PTL might be the perfect place for you!

Our Parent Teacher League helps support the amazing teachers who pour into our children every day—while also adding fun events and opportunities that strengthen our school community.

Nominate yourself and/or a friend! Just click [HERE!](#)

PTL is accepting nominations for the 2026/27 school year through Mon., March 16<sup>th</sup>.

Questions? Text 612-247-8213 or email [PTL@stjlutherschool.org](mailto:PTL@stjlutherschool.org).

Help make great things happen at St. John's!

## **SPRING BREAK**

School and ESP will be closed Monday, March 23<sup>rd</sup> - Friday, March 27<sup>th</sup> for spring break!

## **LENTEN MIDWEEK SERVICES**

St. John's Lutheran Church holds special Lenten midweek services at 7pm each Wednesday during Lent. Please feel free to join us in worship as we await the triumphant resurrection of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ!



## **THIS WEEK'S EAGLE BOOST**

### **Heart-Healthy Connections: Community & Support**

Our hearts are strengthened not only by exercise and food, but by relationships, encouragement, and community. Connecting with others while being active helps our hearts in every sense of the word.

Ways to build heart-healthy connections this week:

- Invite another family to join you for a walk at the Sports Dome at Maple Grove High School.
- Organize a small group walk or park meetup after school or on a weekend. Try the Community Center in Maple Grove or the KUBE at Plymouth Community Center.
- Share a heart-healthy snack and conversation after your activity.
- Encourage one another with Scripture as you move – take turns reading a verse while walking.
- Pray together for the health of your community and loved ones.

“Carry each other’s burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ.” – Galatians 6:2

May your heart grow stronger through faithful friendships and shared encouragement.

– The Wellness Committee

## **“DON’T SWEAT IT...FUND IT!”**

Eagle Family FUNDay is coming on April 25, and this year’s fundraiser will support two exciting improvements that will benefit our entire school community for years to come: new trees to enhance our outdoor spaces and upgraded HVAC systems for more comfortable classrooms. Every donation, purchase, and volunteer hour helps create safer, more inspiring environments where our students learn, grow, play, and worship.

How You Can Help

- **Shop the Wish Lists**
  - [Amazon wish list](#)
  - [Target wish list](#)
- **Order FUNDay T-Shirts**
- **Volunteer**

Thank you for supporting St. John’s and helping make this year’s FUNDay the best yet!





## NEXT WEEK'S EVENTS

### Friday, March 13

- 8:15am Chapel
- 5:30pm Doors open & students arrive for musical
- 6pm All-school musical

### Monday, March 16

- 1pm Parent Survey closes

### Tuesday, March 17

- Band
- 8:45am 7<sup>th</sup> grade field trip
- 3:30pm A/B volleyball practice
- 7pm Board of Education meeting

### Wednesday, March 18

- Library
- 8:30am 5<sup>th</sup>/6<sup>th</sup> grade field trip
- 7pm Lenten mid-week service

### Thursday, March 19

- 3:30pm A/B volleyball practice

### Friday, March 20 - Rock Your Socks Day

- 8:15am Chapel

### Monday, March 23- Friday, March 27

- Spring Break! No school/No ESP

## COMING SOON

Mark your calendars now with these important dates.



- **Apr. 2:** Flex day - we may or may not have school this day - we'll let you know
- **Apr. 3 & 6:** Easter break - no school
- **Apr. 5:** Spirit Store closes
- **Apr. 8:** Student Council meeting
- **Apr. 9:** Wellness Committee meeting
- **Apr. 10:** Spelling Bee; Term 3 mid-term
- **Apr. 13:** 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> grade field trip
- **Apr. 17:** K-2<sup>nd</sup> singing in chapel
- **Apr. 25:** Eagle Family FUNDay!!
- Check out the school calendar for all the special dates in May, including Track & Field and Softball!



*Mrs. Anderson says...*

I can't wait for you to see the Spring musical today!! It's fabulous!!





## STJL BOARD OF EDUCATION

The St. John's Lutheran School Board of Education consists of the the following:

- Chairperson: Bonnie Radintz
- Deacon & Vice Chair: Grant Birznieks
- Deacon: Gary Volberding
- Deacon: Stu Glock
- Secretary: Brenna Koehler
- Candace Fisher
- Davey Kulberg
- Jim Peterson
- Jamie Radintz
- Ex officio: Kristen Skura
- Ex officio: Tori Kuehne

Board meetings are typically held the third Tuesday of each month at 7pm.

BOE agendas and approved minutes are available in FACTS.

## WHERE DO I FIND...?

- [FACTS family portal](#) (Use code SJL-MN)
- [School calendars](#)
- [Hot lunch menu](#)
- [ESP sign up](#)
- [Continuous Connection survey](#)
- [St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church](#)

## JOIN US FOR WORSHIP

Join us for worship each Sunday at St. John's Lutheran Church!

- Divine Service 8:00 & 10:30am
- Adult Bible study 9:30am
- Sunday school 9:30am

## QUICK REFERENCE

- Report absences, early dismissals, and late arrivals to [attendance@stjluthेरanschool.org](mailto:attendance@stjluthेरanschool.org)
- Share your STJ pictures for use in the yearbook and social media to [pictures@stjluthेरanschool.org](mailto:pictures@stjluthेरanschool.org)
- Request library book holds, ask our librarians questions, or request a new book to [library@stjluthेरan.org](mailto:library@stjluthेरan.org)
- Volunteer to help in the library by clicking [HERE](#).

## BE SURE TO FOLLOW US!



## OUR MISSION

The mission of St. John's Lutheran School & Preschool is to nurture young people through God's Word, sound Lutheran doctrine and worship, and a strong academic foundation. Our goal is to equip students to lead their lives as God's baptized children in this world and to carry out Christ's command to "make disciples of all nations."

(Matthew 28:19)

# Extended School Program (ESP) – Frequently Asked Questions

## K-8 ACADEMIC YEAR ESP

### 1. What ESP options are available during the school year?

Families may choose between two options:

#### **Pay-As-You-Go**

- \$15 per day
- Sign up only for the days you need – use ESP as much or as little as you please
- Requires parents to schedule their usage via Sign Up Genius by each Thursday evening for the upcoming week
- This option works just like our current system and is best for families who do not have a specific need for after school care or only use need ESP occasionally

#### **Subscription / Auto-Bill**

- \$12 per day
- Families choose specific weekly ESP days at the beginning of the school year
  - For example: Monday, Wednesday, and Friday.
- Those days will be billed monthly through FACTS.
  - For example: If you subscribe for three specific days each week, you'll be billed \$36 for each week that month
- No weekly sign-ups are required.
- Best for families who have a set work schedule and rely on ESP regularly.

### 2. How does the subscription option work?

Families who select the subscription option will choose their regular, specific ESP days at the start of the school year (for example, every Monday and Wednesday). These days will automatically be scheduled and billed monthly through FACTS.

This option allows families to “set it and forget it” without needing to sign up each week.

### 3. What if I need ESP on a day that isn't part of my subscription schedule?

You may request an additional drop-in day if space is available. Drop-in days are billed at the \$15/day Pay-As-You-Go rate.

Drop-in days may be scheduled via Sign Up Genius or by emailing the ESP director.

### 4. Can my subscription days change during the school year?

Yes. If your family's needs change, you may request a subscription adjustment. Changes will be reviewed and approved as space and staffing allow.

## Extended School Program (ESP) – Frequently Asked Questions

**5. My child participates in athletics and/or afterschool clubs/events. How will this affect my subscription?**

If your child's schedule changes significantly during a sports season or activity period, you may request an adjustment to your subscription schedule as needed.

**6. What happens if my child doesn't attend on a day he/she has been scheduled for ESP (either subscription or pay-as-you-go option)?**

Because staff were scheduled based on the schedules provided by families, a \$5 no show fee will apply for any child who does not attend on his/her scheduled days.

If families notify the ESP Director a minimum of two weeks (14 calendar days minimum) in advance of their child's absence on a scheduled day then the \$15 no show fee will be waived.

**7. Do I still need to sign up for ESP if I choose the subscription option?**

No. Families using the subscription option will **not need to sign up weekly**. Your child's schedule will already be set.

Families using **Pay-As-You-Go** will continue signing up for the days ESP are needed.

**8. What if I have multiple children with different afterschool needs?**

You may choose separate plans for separate children. If you have a set schedule for ESP for one child but only need ESP occasionally for the other child, feel free to choose the subscription option for the one and the pay-as-you-go option for the other.

**9. What is the deadline to select the subscription option?**

Families will be asked to choose their ESP plan before the start of the school year. The exact deadline will be communicated prior to the school year so we can plan staffing appropriately.

### PRESCHOOL ACADEMIC YEAR ESP

**10. How does ESP work for preschool students?**

Preschool ESP is **\$15 per day**, regardless of whether families choose the Pay-As-You-Go or Subscription option. Otherwise, the program operates the same as the K-8 ESP program.

While the subscription option does not reduce the daily rate for preschool families, it still provides the convenience of a consistent weekly schedule without needing to sign up each week through SignUp Genius.

# Extended School Program (ESP) – Frequently Asked Questions

## 11. Why is the subscription price higher for preschool children?

Preschool children require closer supervision and smaller staff-to-student ratios. In addition, preschool ESP must be kept separate from the K-8 ESP in order to meet licensing requirements. Because more staff are needed to safely care for younger children, the cost of preschool ESP is slightly higher.

## NO SCHOOL DAY ESP OPTIONS

### 12. Will ESP be available on school days when school is closed (excluding weather-related closures)?

Our goal is to offer full-day ESP on most scheduled non-school days. However, availability will depend on adequate staffing and a minimum number of students registered in advance. The cost for these days is \$40 per child.

### 13. What are the minimum enrollment requirements for no-school day ESP?

At least **12 students must be registered two weeks in advance** for ESP to be offered on a no-school day.

If fewer than 12 students register by the deadline, families will be notified immediately and ESP will not be offered.

### 14. Which no-school days may be offered in ESP for the 2026/27 school year?

For the upcoming school year, potential ESP days include:

- Wednesday, November 25, 2026 – Registration deadline: Wednesday, November 11
- Monday, December 21, 2026, – Registration deadline: Monday, December 7
- Tuesday, December 22, 2026 - Registration deadline: Tuesday, December 8
- Monday, January 18, 2027 - Registration deadline: Monday, January 4
- Monday, February 15, 2027 - Registration deadline: Monday, February 1

Additional dates may be added if needed and if staffing is available.

## SUMMER ESP

### 15. What are the summer ESP options?

Summer ESP offers two choices:

#### **Pay-As-You-Go**

- \$50 per day

# Extended School Program (ESP) – Frequently Asked Questions

- Families sign up for the days they need using Sign Up Genius

## **Subscription / Auto-Bill**

- \$40 per day
- Families select their regular specific weekly days at the start of summer.
- Those days are automatically scheduled and billed monthly through FACTS.

## **16. How does the summer subscription option work?**

Families choose their consistent weekly days at the beginning of summer.

Example: A family may select Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays each week. Those days will automatically be scheduled and billed monthly through FACTS.

No weekly sign-ups are needed.

## **17. What happens if my child doesn't attend on a day he/she has been scheduled for Summer ESP (either subscription or pay-as-you-go option)?**

Because staff were scheduled based on the schedules provided by families, a \$10 no show fee will apply for any child who does not attend on his/her scheduled days.

If families notify the ESP Director a minimum of two weeks (14 calendar days minimum) in advance of their child's absence on a scheduled day, then the \$10 no show fee will be waived.

## **18. When is summer registration due?**

Summer registration will remain open until **May 15**. This deadline helps us plan staffing and programming.

Late registrations may be accepted if space and staffing allow.

## **19. Who should I contact with questions?**

Please direct all questions to Tori Kuehne at [tori.kuehne@stjlutheran.org](mailto:tori.kuehne@stjlutheran.org) at this time.

# EXTRA EXTRA

WASHINGTON D.C. EDITION!!

# BAKE SALE

FUNDRAISER

Friday, March 12th & 13th

Indulge in a delicious selection of homemade treats and snacks at our bake sale! Your support helps

## SEND 8TH GRADERS TO WASHINGTON DC - ONE TREAT AT A TIME!

We invite you to contribute what feels right to you with our 'Free Will Donation'.

**BAKERS  
NEEDED!!**

We need your help! Please donate your favorite homemade cookies, bars, sweet treats, or savory snacks to help us stock our bake sale. Package them however works best for you. Your generosity helps bring history to life for our students. Thank you for being part of their journey!

## AFTER THE SCHOOL MUSICAL



**MARCH 12<sup>TH</sup>  
@ 1:00 PM**

**MARCH 13<sup>TH</sup>  
@ 6:00 PM**

St. John's Lutheran School | 9141 County Road 101 Corcoran, MN 55340

Text or Call Darcie @ 612-462-0093 with any questions

# EXTRA EXTRA

WASHINGTON D.C. EDITION!!

# BAKE SALE

FUNDRAISER



# BAKERS



# NEEDED

Our 7th & 8th graders are raising funds for their 8th Grade Washington, D.C. trip — and we need your help!

Donate your favorite homemade cookies, bars, sweet treats, or savory snacks to help us stock our bake sale. Package them however works best for you.

Your generosity helps bring history to life for our students. Thank you for being part of their journey!

**PLEASE DROP OFF BAKED  
GOODS AT THE OFFICE BEFORE  
EITHER PERFORMANCE**

**12** @1 PM  
MARCH

**13** @6 PM  
MARCH

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Text or Call Darcie @ 612-462-0093 with any questions

**SAVE THE DATE**



**SATURDAY  
APRIL 25, 2026**



10 FUN COLORS!



# T-SHIRTS

This year, our school is raising funds to support upgraded HVAC systems to keep students focused and comfortable in every season, as well as new trees that bring shade, beauty, and greener spaces for outdoor learning and play. Together, these improvements will enhance each student's school day from the moment they arrive to the moment they head home.

Ordering Available From

February 12<sup>th</sup> to March 20<sup>th</sup>



## Order Now!

1. Scan the QR code or go online to <https://sjf25.itemorder.com>
2. Choose your items and add them to your cart
3. Securely checkout with your credit card
4. T-shirts will be handed out to students prior to FUNDay.

YOUTH SIZES S-XL  
ADULT SIZES S-5XL



### Other ways you can Support

↓ SEE BELOW ↓

Donate items from our Amazon Wish-List. Scan the QR Code or Click [HERE](#)



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ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH & SCHOOL

LEARN. PRAY. GROW.

The Week of Laetare(Lent IV): Mar. 16 - Mar. 21, 2026



**LEARN-BY-HEART**

MEMORIZE TOGETHER AS A FAMILY  
SCHOOL STUDENTS EXPECTED TO RECITE ON FRIDAY

**Classic Bible Memory for Primary Grades**

K.+ **1 John 1:7-** If we walk in the light, as He is in the light,  
We have fellowship with one another,  
And the blood of Jesus His Son cleanses us from all sin.

**Catechism: The Sacrament of the Altar**

1st gr+ *What is the benefit of this eating and drinking?*  
These words,  
**Given and shed for you for the forgiveness of sins,**  
Show us that in the Sacrament  
Forgiveness of sins, life, and salvation  
Are given us through these words.  
For where there is forgiveness of sins,  
There is also life and salvation.

2nd gr+ *How can bodily eating and drinking do such great things?*  
Certainly not just eating and drinking do these things,  
But the words written here:  
**Given and shed for you for the forgiveness of sins.**  
These words, along with the bodily eating and drinking,  
Are the main thing in the Sacrament.  
Whoever believes these words has exactly what they say:  
**Forgiveness of sins.**

**Catechism Verse**

3rd gr+ **John 6:35-** And Jesus said to them, "I am the bread of life.  
He who comes to Me shall never hunger, and he who believes in Me shall never thirst."



**PRAYERS**

MANY CHRISTIANS STRUGGLE TO PRAY BECAUSE THEY DON'T KNOW WHO OR WHAT TO  
PRAY FOR. USE THIS GUIDE TO PRAY FOR DIFFERENT NEIGHBORS IN THEIR VARIOUS NEEDS.  
LET US PRAY...

- Sun ...for all who attend the Divine Service today, that they may be fed with His Word and Sacrament  
...for all who do not know the joy of the Resurrection, that they hear and believe the Gospel
- Mon ...for all who begin a new week of work, for the unemployed, for our government, & for our teachers &  
students who begin a new week of school
- Tues ...for rescue from temptation and sin, for repentance for those who have fallen away, for the guilty to be  
comforted with the Gospel
- Wed ...for all husbands & wives, parents & children, that all families may live in peace according to God's Word
- Thu ...for our Church, our pastors, our teachers, our missionaries, all who serve and volunteer at St. John's

Fri ...for all who preach Christ crucified this week, for Christians who are persecuted, for all who are sick & dying

Sat ... for the Holy Spirit to preserve our faith to the End, for our hearts to be ready to hear God's Word at the Divine Service tomorrow



## SCRIPTURE LESSONS

STUDY TO HEAR NEXT SUNDAY

### March 15 - Judica- Fifth Sunday in Lent

Genesis 22:1-14 - God Tests Abraham

Hebrews 9:11-15 - Redemption through the Blood of Christ

John 8:42-59 - Jesus Disputes with the Jews



## HYMNS

Church Hymn of the Day for Judica (Lent V)- "Christ the Life of All the Living" (*LSB* 420)

School Hymn of the Month (Lent): "Glory Be to Jesus" (*LSB* 433)

School Year Theme Hymn: "With High Delight, Let Us Unite" (*LSB* 483)



## FAMILY DEVOTION

Here is a short order you may follow for family devotions around the dinner table or in the living room.

**Invocation** - In the Name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit - **Amen.**

**Recite** - the Apostles' Creed and the Learn-by-Heart Bible Verse & Catechism

**Read and Discuss** - one of the Scripture readings from this past Sunday, from school, or the coming Sunday

**Pray** - the Lord's Prayer, Luther's morning or evening prayers, and the topical prayers for the day of the week

**Sing a hymn** - use one of the hymns from the past Sunday, the coming Sunday, or the school year

**Benediction**

L: Let us bless the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

L: The Lord bless us, defend us from all evil, and bring us to everlasting life.

**C: Amen.**

### Luther's Morning & Evening Prayers

I thank you, my heavenly Father,  
through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son,  
that You have kept me this night  
from all harm and danger;  
and I pray that You would keep me  
this day also from sin and every evil,  
that all my doings and life may please You.  
For into Your hands I commend myself,  
my body and soul, and all things.  
Let Your holy angel be with me,  
That the evil foe may have no power over me. Amen

I thank you, my heavenly Father,  
through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son,  
that You have graciously kept me this day;  
and I pray that You would forgive me all my sins  
where I have done wrong,  
and graciously keep me this night.  
For into Your hands I commend myself,  
my body and soul, and all things.  
Let Your holy angel be with me,  
that the evil foe may have no power over me. Amen

