

Sunday, March 23
Third Sunday of Lent



Pastor Chris Schoon Phone: 815-498-3810 • Cell: 815-768-7452 • Email: pastor@elcastjohns.org

Worship Services: Saturdays at 5:00pm • Sundays at 9:45am

*Parish Education: Sunday School - Grades Pre-K to 6th - 8:30am • Adult Forum - 8:30am
Confirmation - Grades 7 & 8 - Wednesdays 6:30pm*

Church Office Hours: Tues-Thurs 9am-2pm • Fri 9am-12pm

235 S Green Street | PO Box 245 | Somonauk, IL 60552 | 815-498-3667

office@elcastjohns.org | www.elcastjohns.org

UPCOMING EVENTS

for the week of
March 23 - 30



Sunday	8:30am Sunday School & Adult Forum 9:45am Worship
Wednesday	9am Lenten Breakfast at Federated Church 5:00-6:00pm Lenten Meal 6:30pm Lenten Worship Service
Thursday	9:00am Bible Study
Saturday	7:00am Men's Prayer Breakfast 5:00pm Worship
Sunday	8:30am Sunday School & Adult Forum 9:45am Worship

Wednesday Morning Lenten Breakfasts
Federated Church
403 N. Main - Sandwich
9:00 am
March 26 April 2, 9

The **Sharing Pantry** needs help with their **Easter Dinner** packages
 Requests:
 box potatoes, mushroom soup, box cereal, box dessert, muffin mix, canned pineapple, financial donation
Donations may be put in the container marked Pantry Easter Dinners in the Welcome Center.

Offering 3/2 through 3/16	Received	Received YTD
General Fund	\$33,814.95	\$60,404.49
Capital Fund	\$3,452.41	\$5,044.32
Good Samaritan Fund	\$200.00	\$300.00
Utilities-Sharing Pantry	\$150.00	\$600.00
Sunday School	\$381.58	\$383.58
Community Feast	\$80.00	\$330.00
Cusco Lutheran Churches	\$185.74	\$432.89
Feed My Starving Children	\$10.00	\$10.00
Men's Breakfast Book Reimbursement	\$38.00	\$38.00
Habitat for Humanity	\$8.00	\$8.00
Sharing Pantry	\$118.00	\$138.00



If you'd like to order an Easter Lily, please sign up in the Welcome Center. They are \$18.00 each. Sign up by March 30th.



Prayer Requests

Mary Bark	Sharon Goode	James Moris
Lance Davenport	Mary Ann Hulon	Lonnie Murray
Marion Gaffney	Jen	Sharon Rhea's son, Jeff
Lee Gehrke	Karen	Larry Rogers
Gianna	Rhea Lumsden	Shelly
Dean Gibson	Linda Martin	Lynn Skryzpiec
Jim Gletty		Jack & Evelyn Smith
		Jackie Wendland
		Susan White

Dates to Remember

Month	Date	Occasion
APRIL	17	MAUNDY-THURSDAY WORSHIP
APRIL	18	GOOD FRIDAY WORSHIP-SALEM
APRIL	20	EASTER

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

Please stand as you are able.

Confession and Forgiveness

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever.

C: **Amen.**

P: Let us return to God, confessing our sin in the assurance of God's abiding love.
Silence is kept for reflection.

P: Compassionate One,

C: **you are slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love, but our lives do not always reflect you and your love for the world. We do not show others the tender compassion you have shown to us. We do not welcome others with the radical hospitality you grant to all people. We oppress others, even though you have set us free again and again. We squander the abundant gifts of the earth. Transform our lives and guide us again in the way of the cross. Amen.**

P: Beloved in Christ, God's arms are always stretched open wide to welcome the wandering ones home. In † Christ your sins are forgiven. You have a place in God's house forever.

C: **Amen.**

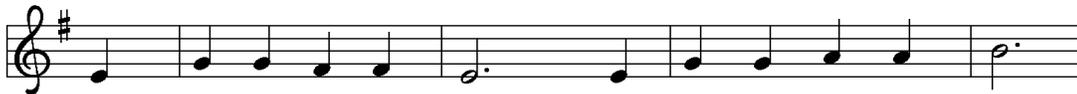
Gathering Hymn ELW 445 Wash, O God, Our Sons and Daughters

Greeting

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: **And also with you.**

Kyrie



1 Have mer - cy on us, Lord, and hear our sol - emn prayer.

2 Have mer - cy on us, Christ, and wash a - way our sin.

3 Have mer - cy on us, Lord; make sin and shame de - part.



We come to hear your liv - ing word; it saves us from de - spair.

Pour out your grace and make us whole that new life may be - gin.

Re - new us with your sav - ing pow'r; cre - ate in us new hearts!

Prayer of the Day

P: Eternal God,

C: **your kingdom has broken into our troubled world through the life, death, and resurrection of your Son. Help us to hear your word and obey it, and bring your saving love to fruition in our lives, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

Please be seated.

A: The **First Reading** for this 3rd Sunday in Lent comes from the Book of Isaiah Chapter 55 verses 1-9

A: Word of God, Word of Life.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

A: Our Psalm today is **Psalm 63** verses 1-8

¹O God, you are my God; eagerly I seek you;

my soul thirsts for you, my flesh faints for you,
as in a dry and weary land where there is no water.
**2 Therefore I have gazed upon you in your holy place,
that I might behold your power and your glory.**
3 For your steadfast love is better than life itself;
my lips shall give you praise.
**4 So will I bless you as long as I live
and lift up my hands in your name.**
5 My spirit is content, as with the richest of foods,
and my mouth praises you with joyful lips,
**6 when I remember you upon my bed,
and meditate on you in the night watches.**
7 For you have been my helper,
and under the shadow of your wings I will rejoice.
**8 My whole being clings to you;
your right hand holds me fast.**

A: The **Second Reading** comes from 1st Corinthians Chapter 10 verses 1-13

A: Word of God, Word of Life.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand as you are able for the reading of the Gospel.

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke the 13th Chapter

C: **Glory to you O Lord.**

Gospel: Luke 13:1-9

P: The Gospel of our Lord.

C: **Praise to you O Christ.**

Please be seated.

Sermon

Hymn of the Day ELW 624 Jesus, Still Lead On

Apostle's Creed

P: God has made us his people through our Baptism into Christ. Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith.

C: **I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ,
God's 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 to the dead.**

**On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of
the Father, and he will come to judge
the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

Prayers of Intercession

P: Led by the Spirit, let us turn to God in prayer for the church, the world, and all those in need.

A brief silence.

A: ... God, in your mercy,

C: **receive our prayer.**

P: Receive the prayers of your people and draw all things together in your love, in the name of Jesus, who leads us from death to life.

C: **Amen.**

The Peace

P: The peace of the Lord be with you all.

C: **And also with you.**

P: Let us offer each other the sign of peace.

The congregation may shake one another's hand. If you do not wish to shake hands, please hold your hands in a prayer position and bow to the other person.

Offering

Please stand as you are able.

Offering Prayer

P: Gracious Provider, you set your immense treasures among us, opening your heart to the world. As we prepare to feast on your bountiful love, deepen our commitment to sharing those treasures with others, through our Savior, Jesus Christ.

C: **Amen.**

Dialogue

P: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: **We lift them to the Lord.**

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ.

You call your people to cleanse their hearts and prepare with joy for the paschal feast, that, renewed in the gift of baptism, we may come to the fullness of your grace.

And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might,



heav'n and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho-san - na in the high - est.



Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -



san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

Eucharistic Prayer

P: Blessed are you, O God of the universe. Your mercy is everlasting and your faithfulness endures from age to age.

Praise to you for creating the heavens and the earth.
Praise to you for saving the earth from the waters of the flood.
Praise to you for bringing the Israelites safely through the sea.
Praise to you for leading your people through the wilderness
to the land of milk and honey.
Praise to you for the words and deeds of Jesus, your anointed one.
Praise to you for the death and resurrection of Christ.
Praise to you for your Spirit poured out on all nations.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

The Lord's Prayer

P: Let us pray with confidence in the words our Savior gave us:

C: **Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever.
Amen.**

Invitation to Communion

P: All who are hungry, come! A feast of grace is spread before you.

Please be seated. The usher will direct you when to come forward for Holy Communion.

Holy Communion is served

Communion Hymns ELW 623 Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me
W&P 78 Jesus, Remember Me

Please stand as you are able.

Prayer after Communion

A: Generous Host, you have shared your feast with us and made us new. Send us now to set tables of love and grace in our communities, that your liberating love might nourish the world into freedom, in the name of the crucified one, Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: **Amen.**

Blessing

P: God our tender parent, God the crucified one, God the reconciling Spirit, ✝ bless you now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

Sending Hymn ELW 726 Light Dawns on a Dreary World

Dismissal

A: Go in peace. Care for others as God cares for you.

C: **Thanks be to God!**



**Evangelical Lutheran
Church in America**

God's work. Our hands.

COPYRIGHT INFORMATION

From Sundays and Seasons.com. Copyright 2015 Augsburg Fortress. All rights reserved. Reprinted by permission under Augsburg Fortress Liturgies Annual License #28510

Duplication in any form prohibited without permission or valid license from copyright administrator.