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***PRELUDE***

***WELCOME***

***HYMN*** #435 “Come to Calvary’s Holy Mountain”

**Come to Calv'ry's holy mountain,  
Sinners, ruined by the fall;  
Here a pure and healing fountain  
Flows for you, for me, for all,  
In a full, perpetual tide,  
Opened when our Savior died.**

**Come in poverty and meanness,  
Come defiled, without, within;  
From infection and uncleanness,  
From the leprosy of sin,  
Wash your robes and make them white;  
Ye shall walk with God in light.**

**Come in sorrow and contrition,  
Wounded, impotent, and blind;  
Here the guilty, free remission,  
Here the troubled, peace may find.  
Health this fountain will restore;  
They that drink shall thirst no more.**

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## ***CONFESSION and ABSOLUTION***

**Pastor:** In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit

**Cong: (Sung) AMEN**

**Pastor:** Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the Name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

**Pastor:** Our help is in the name of the Lord,

**Cong: (Sung) who made heaven and earth.**

**Pastor:** I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,

**Cong; (Sung) and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.**

**Pastor:** Almighty God, our maker and redeemer, we poor sinners confess unto You that we are by nature sinful and unclean and that we have sinned against You by thought, word, and deed. Wherefore we flee for refuge to Your infinite mercy, seeking and imploring Your grace for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ.

**Cong. O most merciful God, who has given Your only-begotten Son to die for us, have mercy upon us and for His sake grant us remission of all our sins; and by Your Holy Spirit increase in us true knowledge of You and of Your will and true obedience to Your Word, to the end that by Your grace we may come to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

**Pastor:** Almighty God, our heavenly Father, has had mercy upon us and has given His only Son to die for us and for His sake forgives us all our sins. To those who believe on His name He gives power to become the children of God and has promised them His Holy Spirit. He that believes and is baptized shall be saved. Grant this, Lord, unto us all.

**Cong: (Sung) AMEN**

**INTROIT:** (TLH #64) (Sung)

**Rejoice now with Jerusalem,  
All you that love her glorious fame!  
Rejoice for joy; be glad with them,  
All you that mourn her holy name!**

**What gladness filled my heart and soul  
To hear the invitation soar:  
“Come, God’s own house will; be our goal.”  
Praise to His name forevermore!**

**Now praise we Christ, our God and Lord,  
With Father and with Spirit one.  
By all His Church be He adored,  
While everlasting ages run.**

**KYRIE (Sung)**

**Lord, have mercy upon us.  
Christ, have mercy upon us.  
Lord, have mercy upon us.**

***GLORIA IN EXCELSIS***

**Pastor:** All glory be to God on High

**Cong: (Sung)**

**All glory be to God on high,  
Who hath our race befriended!  
To us no harm shall now come nigh,  
The strife at last is ended.  
God showeth His good will to men,  
And peace shall reign on earth again;  
Oh, thank Him for His goodness!**

**Pastor:** The Lord be with you

**Cong: (Sung) And with thy spirit**

**Pastor:** Let us pray:

***COLLECT:*** (Spoken in unison)

**Almighty God, our heavenly Father, Your mercies are new every morning; and though we deserve only punishment, You receive us as Your children and provide for all our needs of body and soul. Grant that we may heartily acknowledge Your merciful goodness, give thanks for all Your benefits, and serve you in willing obedience; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

***OLD TESTAMENT:*** Isaiah 42:14-21

**Reader:** This is the Word of the Lord

**Cong.:** “Thanks be to God”

**EPISTLE:** Ephesians 5:8-14

**Cong: (Sung) Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah!**

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

**Cong: (Sung) Glory be to Thee, O Lord**

*The Gospel is read*

**Pastor:** This is the Gospel of the Lord

**Cong: (Sung) Praise be to Thee, O Christ**

**APOSTLES' CREED**

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.**

**And 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 sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence 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.**

**SERMON HYMN #744 “Amazing Grace”**

**Amazing grace, how sweet the sound  
That saved a wretch like me!  
I once was lost but now am found,  
Was blind but now I see!**

**The Lord has promised good to me,  
His Word my hope secures;  
He will my shield and portion be  
As long as life endures.**

**Through many dangers, toils and snares  
I have already come;  
His grace has brought me safe thus far,  
His grace will lead me home.**

**Yes, when this flesh and heart shall fail  
And mortal life shall cease,  
Amazing grace shall then prevail  
In heaven’s joy and peace .**

**When we’ve been there ten thousand years  
Bright shining as the sun,  
We’ve no less days to sing God’s praise  
Than when we’d first begun.**

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**SERMON “Was Blind But Now I See”  
Isaiah 42:14ff**

**OFFERTORY:** (Sung) #956 “Create in Me”

**Create in me a clean heart, O God,  
And renew a right spirit with-in me.  
Cast me not away from Thy presence;  
And take not Thy Holy Spirit from me.  
Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation;  
And uphold me with Thy free spirit. Amen.**

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*If, however, you would like to make a contribution to SJN you may do so as above.*

***PRAYERS/LORD’S PRAYER***

***HYMN #763 “When Peace, Like a River”***

**When peace, like a river, attendeth my way;  
When sorrows, like sea billows, roll;  
Whatever my lot, Thou hast taught me to say,  
It is well, it is well with my soul.**

**REFRAIN: It is well -- with my soul,  
It is well, it is well with my soul.**

**Though Satan should buffet,  
Though trials should come,  
Let this blest assurance control,  
That Christ hath regarded my helpless estate  
And hath shed His own blood for my soul.**

**REFRAIN:**

**And, Lord, haste the day  
When our faith shall be sight,  
The clouds be rolled back as a scroll,  
The trumpet shall sound and the Lord shall descend;  
Even so it is well with my soul. REFRAIN:**

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***BENEDICTION:***

**Pastor:** The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord make His face shine upon you and be  
gracious unto you.  
The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and  
give you peace.

**Cong: (Sung) Amen, amen, amen.**

***HYMN:*** #922 “Go, My Children, with My Blessing”

**Go, My children with My blessing,  
Never alone,  
Waking, sleeping, I am with you;  
You are My own.  
In My love’s baptismal river  
I have made you Mine forever.  
Go, My children, with My blessing –  
You are my own.**

**Go, My children sins forgiven,  
At peace and pure.  
Here you learned how much I love you,  
What I can cure.  
Here you heard My dear Son’s story;**

**Here you touched Him, saw His glory.  
Go, My children, sins forgiven,  
At peace and pure.**

**I the Lord will bless and keep you  
And give you peace;  
I the Lord will smile upon you  
And give you peace:  
I the Lord will be your Father,  
Savior, Comforter, and Brother.  
Go My children; I will keep you  
And give you peace.**

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***POSTLUDE:*** .....

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## **MEMORIALS**

### **General Fund**

In memory of William Vollman  
from Gordon & Dolores Jagusch, Pastor & Judy Marcis

**Life Thoughts:** Jesus clearly instructs us not to regard physical impairment as reason for condemnation to death (John 9:3). Yet our culture often uses disability as excuse for abortion and euthanasia. The Lord our God works wonders through our neighbors' brokennesses just as He does through our own. So we cheerfully, compassionately, courageously persuade our communities to turn away from doctor-assisted deaths.

**From Lutherans for Life**

### Prayer Chain



PRAYER is an important part of the Christian life. The prophet Jeremiah (29:12) writes for us – “Then you will call upon Me and come and pray to Me, and I will listen to you.” You are invited to call the prayer chain – Marla at (216.289.4870) or Joanne at (440.585.2312) with your special require, or email Marla: [mmc484@att.net](mailto:mmc484@att.net). Also, if you wish a prayer in worship, call the Church at (216.531.1156). We will pray in the worship service for you. What a blessing God gives us to call upon Him in our very special needs.

## Calendar

TODAY 3/19	9:45	Worship Service Sunday School
	11:05	Adult Bible Study
Monday 3/20	6:45p	Open Prayer
Wednesday 3/22	9:55	Chapel (Grades K-4th )
	7:00P	<b>SJSE</b> Lenten Worship Service
<b>Saturday 3/25</b>	<b>4:30-6:30p</b>	<b>Spaghetti Dinner and Chinese Auction Fundraiser</b>

## Announcements

The annual Easter Egg Hunt is Saturday, April 1st . If you would be willing to donate wrapped candy to put in the eggs, please place it in the back of church no later than March 26<sup>th</sup> - Thank You, Mrs. Sieger

### Prayer requests:

\* Birthdays this Week: Ellis Heinrichs – 3/20,  
Margie Fischer – 3/24, Barb Sieger – 3/24,  
Robert Donona – 3/25, Susan Gatzke – 3/25;

- \* Continued prayers for those that are sick or recovering:  
Graham Heinrichs, Charles Lavalley, Cliff Walton,  
Don Weber, Fred Pfizenmaier, Rich Fredricks,  
Paul Walton, Randy Essel, Don Weber,  
Geraldine Mandau, Dorothy Neugebauer, Barb Sieger,  
Jane Reinker, Mike Ulizza, Dale Griffiths,  
Melissa Martin, J.D.White, Butch Luzier,  
Bob Vollman Jr., John Wittenmyer, Edna Witkowski,  
Linda Lupton;
- \* Our church and school;
- \* Prayers for all shut-ins; those in therapy; those that are absent;
- \* Our Country, President, Congress, Judges, Armed Services, and Safety Forces



### Serving Today

**Preacher:** Pastor Rollins

**Liturgist:** Pastor Marcis

**Organist:** Dolores Jagusch



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