

St. John's Episcopal Church



March 31, 2019

The Fourth Sunday in Lent

Sam Eucharist in Chapel

10am Eucharist, followed by coffee hour

Today's Service Leaders

The Rev Vickie Natzke

8am

Reader – Kate Kipp

Prayers – Patti Schaal

Acolyte/Chalice – Ruth Schuette

Usher – Ron Alexander

10am

Reader – Will Fowle

Prayers – Shelley Miller

Chalice – Vickie Richmond Hawkins

Crucifer – Leon Veldhuizen

Acolyte – Sue Gallant

Ushers – Joan Hannes & Steve Miller

Counting – Vickie Richmond Hawkins & Brad Bollmann

Organist – Cathy Veldhuizen

Coffee Hour – *Needed*

Close Building – *Needed*

March Altar Guild – Vickie Richmond Hawkins & Julie Bollmann

Service Leaders for April 7

The Rev Jim Trainor

9am

Reader – Greg Lamansky

Prayers – Tom Gallant

Chalice – Shelley Miller

Crucifer – Sue Gallant

Acolyte – Andy Glennon

Ushers – Will & Ginny Fowle

Counting – Tyler McCormack & Julie Bliss

Organist – Pat Metter

Coffee Hour – *Needed*

Close Building – *Needed*

April Altar Guild –

Prelude

Once the organist begins the prelude, we respectfully ask that you keep a period of silence and take this time to prepare yourself for participating in the Eucharistic feast.

Penitential Order

(At the 8am Eucharist “Glory to God” is said. At the 10am Eucharist the hymn is sung.)

Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to his people on earth.
Lord God, heavenly King,
almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.
Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world:
have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:
receive our prayer.
For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High,
Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

ENTRANCE HYMN *Come, thou fount of every blessing (H 686)*

The people standing, the Celebrant says

<i>Celebrant</i>	Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.
<i>People</i>	His mercy endures for ever.

DECALOGUE

Hear the commandments of God to his people:

I am the Lord your God who brought you out of bondage.

You shall have no other gods but me.

Amen. Lord have mercy.

You shall not make for yourself any idol.

Amen. Lord have mercy.

You shall not invoke with malice the Name of the Lord your God.

Amen. Lord have mercy.

Remember the Sabbath Day and keep it holy.

Amen. Lord have mercy.

Honor your father and your mother.

Amen. Lord have mercy.

You shall not commit murder.

Amen. Lord have mercy.

You shall not commit adultery.

Amen. Lord have mercy.

You shall not steal.

Amen. Lord have mercy.

You shall not be a false witness.

Amen. Lord have mercy.

You shall not covet anything that belongs to your neighbor.

Amen. Lord have mercy.

The Celebrant says

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence may be kept.

Minister and People

Most merciful God,

we confess that we have sinned against you

in thought, word, and deed,

by what we have done,

and by what we have left undone.

We have not loved you with our whole heart;

we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.

We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.

For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,

have mercy on us and forgive us;
that we may delight in your will,
and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your Name. Amen.

The Priest stands and says

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins
through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and
by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. *Amen.*

The following is said, all standing

Kyrie eleison.

Christe eleison.

Kyrie eleison.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray.

Gracious Father, whose blessed Son Jesus Christ came down from
heaven to be the true bread which gives life to the world: Evermore
give us this bread, that he may live in us, and we in him; who lives
and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for
ever. *Amen.*

FIRST READING: Joshua 5:9-12

The people sit.

A Reading from the book of Joshua.

⁹The LORD said to Joshua, “Today I have rolled away from you the
disgrace of Egypt.” And so that place is called Gilgal to this day.

¹⁰While the Israelites were camped in Gilgal they kept the
passover in the evening on the fourteenth day of the month in the
plains of Jericho. ¹¹On the day after the passover, on that very day,
they ate the produce of the land, unleavened cakes and parched
grain. ¹²The manna ceased on the day they ate the produce of the

land, and the Israelites no longer had manna; they ate the crops of the land of Canaan that year.

Reader The Word of the Lord.
People Thanks be to God.

Silence may follow.

PSALM: Psalm 32

Remain seated.

¹Happy are they whose transgressions are forgiven, *
and whose sin is put away!

²Happy are they to whom the LORD imputes no guilt, *
and in whose spirit there is no guile!

³While I held my tongue, my bones withered away, *
because of my groaning all day long.

⁴For your hand was heavy upon me day and night; *
my moisture was dried up as in the heat of summer.

⁵Then I acknowledged my sin to you, *
and did not conceal my guilt.

⁶I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the LORD." *
Then you forgave me the guilt of my sin.

⁷Therefore all the faithful will make their prayers to you in time
of trouble; *
when the great waters overflow, they shall not reach them.

⁸You are my hiding-place;
you preserve me from trouble; *
you surround me with shouts of deliverance.

⁹"I will instruct you and teach you in the way that you should
go; *
I will guide you with my eye.

¹⁰Do not be like horse or mule, which have no understanding; *
who must be fitted with bit and bridle,
or else they will not stay near you."

¹¹Great are the tribulations of the wicked; *
but mercy embraces those who trust in the LORD.

¹²Be glad, you righteous, and rejoice in the LORD; *
shout for joy, all who are true of heart.

SECOND READING: 2 Corinthians 5:16-21

The people sit.

A Reading from Paul's Second letter to the Church in Corinth.

¹⁶From now on, we regard no one from a human point of view; even though we once knew Christ from a human point of view, we know him no longer in that way. ¹⁷So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new! ¹⁸All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation; ¹⁹that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting the message of reconciliation to us. ²⁰So we are ambassadors for Christ, since God is making his appeal through us; we entreat you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. ²¹For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Silence may follow.

SEQUENCE HYMN *The great Creator of the worlds* (H 489)

All stand.

GOSPEL: Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32

All stand.

Celebrant The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

¹Now all the tax collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to him. ²And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, "This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them."

³So he told them this parable: ^{11b}"There was a man who had two

sons. ¹²The younger of them said to his father, ‘Father, give me the share of the property that will belong to me.’ So he divided his property between them. ¹³A few days later the younger son gathered all he had and traveled to a distant country, and there he squandered his property in dissolute living. ¹⁴When he had spent everything, a severe famine took place throughout that country, and he began to be in need. ¹⁵So he went and hired himself out to one of the citizens of that country, who sent him to his fields to feed the pigs. ¹⁶He would gladly have filled himself with the pods that the pigs were eating; and no one gave him anything. ¹⁷But when he came to himself he said, ‘How many of my father’s hired hands have bread enough and to spare, but here I am dying of hunger! ¹⁸I will get up and go to my father, and I will say to him, “Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; ¹⁹I am no longer worthy to be called your son; treat me like one of your hired hands.”’ ²⁰So he set off and went to his father. But while he was still far off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion; he ran and put his arms around him and kissed him. ²¹Then the son said to him, ‘Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son.’ ²²But the father said to his slaves, ‘Quickly, bring out a robe—the best one—and put it on him; put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. ²³And get the fatted calf and kill it, and let us eat and celebrate; ²⁴for this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found!’ And they began to celebrate.

²⁵“Now his elder son was in the field; and when he came and approached the house, he heard music and dancing. ²⁶He called one of the slaves and asked what was going on. ²⁷He replied, ‘Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fatted calf, because he has got him back safe and sound.’ ²⁸Then he became angry and refused to go in. His father came out and began to plead with him. ²⁹But he answered his father, ‘Listen! For all these years I have been working like a slave for you, and I have never disobeyed your command; yet you have never given me even a young goat so that I might celebrate with my friends. ³⁰But when this son of yours came back, who has devoured your property with prostitutes, you killed the fatted calf for him!’ ³¹Then the father said to him, ‘Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours. ³²But we had to celebrate and rejoice, because this brother of

yours was dead and has come to life; he was lost and has been found.’”

Priest The Gospel of the Lord.
People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

THE SERMON – The Rev Vickie Natzke

THE NICENE CREED

All stand.

We believe in one God,
 the Father, the Almighty,
 maker of heaven and earth,
 of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
 the only Son of God,
 eternally begotten of the Father,
 God from God, Light from Light,
 true God from true God,
 begotten, not made,
 of one Being with the Father.
 Through him all things were made.
 For us and for our salvation
 he came down from heaven:
 by the power of the Holy Spirit
 he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,
 and was made man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
 he suffered death and was buried.
 On the third day he rose again
 in accordance with the Scriptures;
 he ascended into heaven
 and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
 and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
 who proceeds from the Father and the Son.

With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.
He has spoken through the Prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

All remain standing.

Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your Name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy
Hear our prayer.

Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace; that we may honor one another and serve the common good.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy
Hear our prayer.

Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy
Hear our prayer.

Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as he loves us.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy
Hear our prayer.

Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy
Hear our prayer.

We commend to your mercy all who have died, that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy
Hear our prayer.

God our Creator: During this transitional period in our congregation, open our hearts to Your Holy Spirit, and help us to discern Your call. Guide each of us to realize our importance in the process. Help us to identify and use our individual spiritual gifts to develop the purpose and mission. You have entrusted to us in your love and mercy. Sustain us as a vibrant, welcoming, and patient community that is ready to invite a new priest to share our journey. We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

PEACE

All stand.

<i>Celebrant</i>	The peace of the Lord be always with you.
<i>People</i>	And also with you.

Then the Ministers and the People may greet one another in the name of the Lord.

BIRTHDAY AND ANNIVERSARY PRAYERS

Prayers may be found on the bookmarks in the pews.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Holy Communion

OFFERTORY HYMN *There's a wideness in God's mercy* (H 470)

The Great Thanksgiving

The People remain standing.

Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People And also with you.
Celebrant Lift up your hearts.
People We lift them to the Lord.
Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People It is right to give him thanks and praise.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord, who was tempted in every way as we are, yet did not sin. By his grace we are able to triumph over every evil, and to live no longer for ourselves alone, but for him who died for us and rose again.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

SANCTUS (*said at 8am, sung at 10am*)

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Celebrant and People

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

The People stand or kneel.

The Celebrant continues

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Celebrant and People

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

The Celebrant continues

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. *AMEN.*

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

People and Celebrant

Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy Name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread.

And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.

And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
forever and ever. Amen.

The Breaking of the Bread

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:
have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:
have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:
grant us peace

THE GIFTS OF GOD FOR THE PEOPLE OF GOD

This is God's table and it is God's meal we all share in as God's children. Please feel free to join us for Communion. If you have questions, please speak to an usher or someone serving communion.

COMMUNION HYMN *This is the hour of banquet & of song (H 316)*

After Communion, the Celebrant says

Let us pray.

Celebrant and People

Almighty and everliving God,
we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food
of the most precious Body and Blood
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ;
and for assuring us in these holy mysteries
that we are living members of the Body of your Son,
and heirs of your eternal kingdom.
And now, Father, send us out
to do the work you have given us to do,
to love and serve you
as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord.
To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit,
be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

BLESSING

The Priest blesses the people, saying

The blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. *Amen.*

RECESSIONAL HYMN *Guide me, O thou great Jehovah* (H 690)

DISMISSAL

Let us go forth in the name of Christ.
People Thanks be to God.

A Note on Today's Readings

Welcome to our parish. This Fourth Sunday in Lent has often been called "Refreshment Sunday." It always includes the theme of eating and drinking as signs of God's love and of the rejoicing of God's people in the Eucharist and in God's kingdom.

In the reading from the Hebrew Scriptures, we hear about the first Passover celebrated by the Israelites in the Promised Land. On that occasion, the manna, which sustained them in their wilderness journey, ceased and they lived on the "fruit of the land." God's people, washed and adopted in baptism and sustained in this world by Holy Communion, will likewise enter into God's Kingdom and be nourished by God's life.

In the second reading, we learn from Paul that not only has Christ reconciled us to God, but in baptism God makes us agents of reconciliation to the world. and we become the new creation of the Kingdom of God.

Thus, in today's gospel reading of the story of the Prodigal Son, the culmination of forgiveness is reconciliation celebrated in a banquet and feast. This parable describes the totality of forgiveness and God's eagerness to be reconciled with us rebellious children, which is fulfilled in our celebration of Holy Eucharist and, above all, in our Easter rejoicing.

This sacred meal is the sign of our return to God, of God's unlimited forgiveness, and of the feasting of God with all the redeemed in the Kingdom. In our Lenten self-denial, we are reminded that our pilgrimage in this life is like Israel's journey through the wilderness, and that our ultimate goal is the Promised Land of God's Kingdom, foreshadowed in the Holy Eucharist.

IN NEED OF PRAYER....IN NEED OF CARE?

Please let us know when you are in need of prayer and care.

Vickie Richmond Hawkins, Sr. Warden

Email: warden@stjohnswausau.org

The Church Office: 715.845.6947

WHEN SHOULD YOU CALL?

When you become seriously ill, are dealing with a newly diagnosed disease or condition, or are hospitalized for treatment, surgery or rehabilitation. When you are experiencing a spiritual, physical, emotional or financial crisis. When you become concerned for the person who usually shares the pew with you because he or she has not been in church.

When you experience one of life's many transitions: a birth, a death, a job loss/change, a move, an empty nest, retirement, etc. When you need prayer and care but don't want to "bother" anyone with your troubles – please contact us anyway; you will not be "bothering" us!

Intercession List

Parish Members:

Betty Smith, John Sukup, Barb Knutson, Peter and Betty Nielsen, Tatiana Ewenko, Jeff Buchholz, Evelyn Sommi, Carl & Sally Hertting, Tom Gallant, Jim Lapointe, Richard Hawkins

For the repose of the soul of Pat Evenson

Our seminarian: Erik Evenson

Others to Pray For:

Taffy, Joyce, Keegan, Marina, Jack, Michele, David, Krista, Ruth, Richard, Terrie, Beth, Diane, Sally, Cullen, Mary, John, Pat Carolyn & Elmer, Elizabeth, Erin
Bishop Godfrey and the Anglican Diocese of Masvingo, Zimbabwe (our companion diocese)

CALENDAR THIS WEEK

31 SUNDAY

The Fourth Sunday in Lent

8am Eucharist in Chapel

10am Eucharist followed by coffee hour

1 MONDAY

Frederick Denison Maurice

Office Closed

Cindy Marquis (bday)

2 TUESDAY

James Lloyd Breck

7:30am Men's Breakfast at the Mint Café

5:45pm Choir Practice

Doug Aziz (bday)

3 WEDNESDAY

Richard

10am Adult Study

7pm Roof Fundraiser Committee Mtg

Duane & Sara Vetter (bday)

4 THURSDAY

Martin Luther King, Jr.

5 FRIDAY

Pandita Mary Ramabai

5:30pm Evening prayer followed by fish fry at TBD

Joan Hannes (bday)

6 SATURDAY

Daniel G. C. Wu

7 SUNDAY

The Third Sunday in Lent

8am Eucharist in Chapel

10am Eucharist followed by coffee hour

Welcome to St. John's Church

If you are a regular worshiper or do not currently have a church home and would like to join our congregation, please contact us today with your name and address at communications@stjohnswausau.org

OR fill out the form below and place it in the plate at offertory, or give to any usher. We also welcome you to join us at coffee hour in Memorial Hall every Sunday after service.

Our Mission

To restore all people to God and each other in Christ.

Name: _____

Family Members: (including children and ages _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Home Cell

Email: _____

New to the area? Yes No

I'd like you to know that:

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OUR VESTRY MEMBERS:

Sr Warden: Vickie Richmond Hawkins

Jr Warden: Steve Miller

Clerk of Vestry: Dixie Terrell Wilhite

Vestry: Julie Bliss (2020), Brad Bollmann (2020), Tom Gallant (2020),
Travis Jensen (2019), Tyler McCormack (2019), Patti Schaal (2019),
Pamela Glennon (2019), Georgia Moen (2019), Dixie Terrell Wilhite (2019),

Treasurer: Beverly Royer (since 2013)