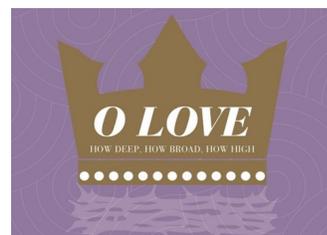




**Pastor’s Message: O Love**  
**How Deep, How Broad, How High**

God is “rich in mercy” (Eph 2:4) and “abounding in merciful love” (Ex 34:6). The enormity of God’s mercy drove Saint Paul to his knees, fervently praying that others, too, might “have strength to comprehend with all the saints what is the breadth and length and height and depth, and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge” (Eph 3:18-19). Such love and mercy stirred the souls of God’s Old Testament people as well, who exulted: “As high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him. . . . The steadfast love of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting” (Psalm 103:11, 17).



At the same time, the Bible teaches that all humanity will face a final judgment before God, and that apart from Jesus Christ there is no escape from the divine wrath that is coming upon the world because of human sin and wickedness. It is often noted that contemporary Western culture rejects this idea that God punishes. In a cultural setting like this, clearly the church must proclaim - and the church must clearly proclaim - the truth about God’s holiness and judgment. Without the preaching of the law, there is no real awareness of the need for and nature of the gospel.

But there is another, perhaps less obvious, challenge. Yes, the world around us casually acknowledges that God is loving and merciful, at least to the extent that God is acknowledged at all. However, we must not assume, regarding the gospel, that it is therefore obvious and easily known. The love of God in Jesus Christ is no generic, ordinary kind of love. The mercy of God for sinners in Jesus Christ is no everybody-knows-that kind of mercy.

This Lenten sermon series sets out to trace the enormous dimensions God’s merciful love for sinners in Christ. The primary goal is that you may more fully comprehend and rejoice in “the breadth and length and height and depth, and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge.” A second goal is that you would come to associate each of the many dimensions of God’s great love and mercy with the suffering and death of Christ, enriching your Lenten meditation and your ongoing understanding of the cross. A third goal is that God’s enormous love would move you to live in love and mercy toward others.

Revs. Gross and Stuehrenberg have agreed to assist; and we will once again be offering services at both 1:30pm and 7:00pm with a soup supper hosted by the youth at 6pm. Here is the schedule:

	St. John 1:30p & 7:00p	Preacher
March 2 <sup>nd</sup> Ash Wed.	High Love, Down in the Dust	Rev. Kletke
March 9 <sup>th</sup> Lent 1	Love So Rich in Provision	Rev. Gross
March 16 <sup>th</sup> Lent 2	Love That Spares No Cost	Rev. Kletke
March 23 <sup>rd</sup> Lent 3	Love That Comes in Many Ways	Rev. Stuehrenberg
March 30 <sup>th</sup> Lent 4	Love That Deals Thoroughly with Sin	Rev. Kletke
April 6 <sup>th</sup> Lent 5	Love So Broad	Rev. Gross
April 14 <sup>th</sup> Maundy Thurs	Deepest...Love at Our Lord’s Table	Rev. Kletke
April 15 <sup>th</sup> Good Friday	Jesus’ Love and the Meaning of Life	Rev. Stuehrenberg
April 17 <sup>th</sup> Easter	Love That Ends Our Fears	Rev. Kletke

Your Fellow Servant in Christ,

Pastor Dan



# ST. JOHN Outreach & Missions

MARCH, 2022 NEWS

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## Outreach: Witness Until Your End on Earth!

In Acts 1:8, Jesus tells us, *“You will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.”*

Jesus’ imperative in Acts 1:8 for us to be His witnesses does not have to end when we die! There is perhaps no better opportunity to witness to your faith in Jesus Christ than through your own funeral or memorial service. (Yes, that day will come...)

Think about this: People you know, who may not be inclined to visit a church, will come to your funeral or memorial service. Relatives, neighbors, co-workers, and that friend of your kids, are all likely to come out of respect for you and your family. I think of Dorothy Olsen’s memorial service and all the folks that were here at St. John! Her obituary, plus the beautiful service of comfort and hope were impressive to these visitors. A major witness from Dorothy!

A funeral service at St. John will declare God’s Word and Jesus’ promises. The Holy Spirit uses the Gospel proclamation to create and sustain faith. What a great way to say that Jesus is your hope and you invite all your friends and family to trust in Him! The Spirit takes it from there...

Put it in writing as a statement in your obituary. Let it be known that you want your funeral or memorial service to be at St. John for a reason, along with the statement of your trust and faith that this is NOT the end - by God’s grace. That’s what He has done through His Son, Jesus!

Pick hymns that are close to you and an expression of your faith and let Pastor Dan know your wishes, your “witness”, after this part of your life is over! He’ll take it from there, using the Gospel in his sermon as well!

Gordon Gross,  
Outreach Leader

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## Missions

This is a letter from the seminarian that we support. (He sent us a handwritten copy. It is on the bulletin board on the left as you enter the Fellowship Hall. This is a typed copy of his letter.):

11/21/2021

To my brothers and sisters in Christ at St. John,

Thank you so much for supporting me here at the seminary through the adopt a student program. The help of our brothers and sisters in Christ is a blessing to all of us here at the seminary.

Since I am unable to thank you in person, I would like to tell you a bit about myself now. I am originally from Fayetteville, Arkansas which is where I graduated from the University of Arkansas. My fiancé, Brooke, is finishing up school at the U of A. I look forward to her joining me in St. Louis after our wedding in June!

In Christ,  
Brock Stockland

*“Just as the mountains surround Jerusalem, the Lord shall surround his people, from this time forth and forever more.”* Psalm 125:2

Julie Barrett,  
Missions



# ST. JOHN Sunday School News

MARCH, 2022 NEWS

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## Sunday School News: Growing Pains

It is great to have a problem of rooms being too small to hold our classes. That is the present challenge going on with our growing Sunday School.

You may have noticed that the High School and Junior High classes switched classrooms about a month ago. The High school teachers were concerned about the noise level and potential disruption to the adult class from the laughter their class was regularly generating and coordinated with Junior High teachers to swap rooms. Unfortunately, the couch allocated for use by the high school class, did not fit through the doorway of the back hall classroom, so it was returned to the now Junior High classroom. Early thoughts had started as to how to make this room unique for the Junior High students, something they could identify as theirs. However, those plans were abruptly curtailed when the classroom of 1<sup>st</sup> -5<sup>th</sup> graders jumped from a core base of six regularly attending students to eight, with a total potential for ten students if everyone attended on the same Sunday. Eight students plus two teachers in the classrooms at the back of the Sanctuary is beyond capacity. So, a plan to swap the Junior High and the Elementary classes is now under way. In order to have enough room for two tables to accommodate 10-12 people, the couch has to move. At present the suggestion by Chris Pape, our congregation president, is to put it in the fellowship hall, until a more permanent location / use can be found.

The impetus for the last change was the return of Dakota and Morgan. Both had attended our Sunday School two years ago, before the COVID shutdown, and unfortunately their contact information was not available when we started this year's Sunday School. By the grace of God, their grandparents decided to return to worship services, and brought both of them for the past three weeks.

Dakota and Morgan, welcome back to St. John, it is good to have you with us again!  
Lori

## Congregational Meeting



A Congregational Voters' Meeting will be on Sunday, March 27<sup>th</sup> at 10:30am. The largest item of discussion will be how to move forward with new pews.



Daylight Savings Time begins on Sunday March 13<sup>th</sup>. Before you go to bed Saturday night, don't forget to *SPRING FORWARD* and set your clocks 1 hour ahead.



## Attendance

January 30 - 83  
February 6 - 70  
February 13 - 100  
February 20 - 90



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### Introducing Our New Office Manager

Hello! I'm Sarah Bedford and I'm excited to start my position as office manager for the church. My husband and I moved to Florence about a year ago. Before that we lived in Divide, CO for 25 years. While we loved being in the mountains, we are enjoying being in a more temperate climate with less snow to shovel! We are empty nesters and have 3 grown children - one in Denver, one in New York, and one in Japan! In my free time I enjoy hiking, camping, and traveling (especially to see our kids).

### St. John Youth Lenten Soup Suppers

Hello everyone!

Our youth group is truly flourishing and we owe a lot of that to the amazing support of our phenomenal congregation. As you all know, the youth group has been working on raising money so that we can attend the National Youth Gathering in July. With all this snow and winter weather the summer in Houston is sounding better and better! During this Lenten season the youth will be serving at all soup suppers. Since there are so many soup suppers this season, the youth group will be providing one soup each week so there will be a sign up sheet in the fellowship hall for soups and bread. We have a wonderful group of 6 youth and 2 adult leaders who have all committed to attending. We will be accepting free-will donations every Wednesday night to continue to raise money for this amazing event that is only held once every three years. If you have any questions or would like to learn more about the National Youth Gathering please feel free to ask our youth or you can ask Pastor, Kay Pape, or Carla Lehmpuhl. As always, thank you all for your support as we continue to grow our high school ministry.

Pastor Dan





# ST. JOHN Music News

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## Music News: Sometimes Change is Good

March 2<sup>nd</sup> marks the beginning of the season of Lent with mid-week Ash Wednesday services. You may notice the different designation of the Sunday on the front of the bulletin. During Lent, Sundays are referred to as Sundays *in* Lent, as compared to all of the other seasons which are Sundays *of* or *after*. The reason for this is subtle and often times overlooked.

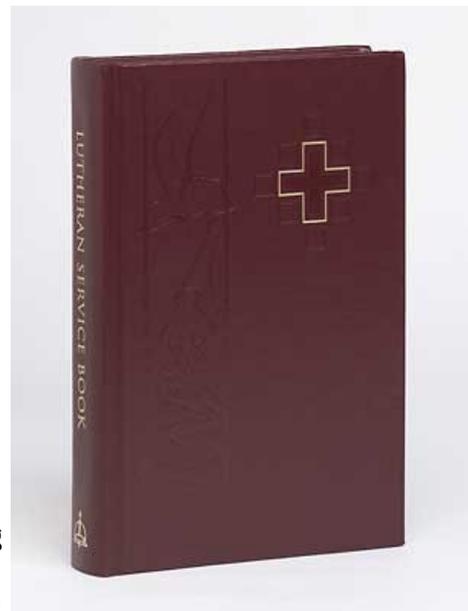
The very first hymn in the Lent section of our hymnal, hymn 418 declares "O Lord, throughout These Forty Days" but if you look on the calendar, the number of days from Ash Wednesday to Easter are 47. This is not a mistake. Sundays during the season of Lent are **not** considered in the 40-day count. The reason is that the early church leaders felt that the Sabbath, or day of worship, should celebrate Christ's resurrection, and every Sunday worship should be a reminder of this foundation to our faith.

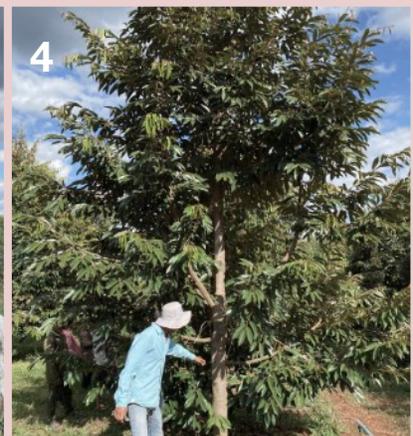
Being happy and penitent at the same time is very hard to accomplish, so the 40 days of the season of Lent excluded the Sundays that occurred during this time, hence the designation Sundays *in* Lent as they were not celebrated as penitent. Mid-week services were the time and place to sing the songs of Lent. However, over the past 50 years our culture and participation in church services has changed. While St. John still celebrates Lent with our mid-week services, many other denominations no longer have mid-week services. Within our LCMS, attendance of mid-week services has dramatically dropped off from having as many people on Wednesday night as a Sunday morning which I remember as a teenager in my home church in Missouri.

This brings the discussion to the point of how to plan music for worship services during Lent. The planning for our upcoming worship services is our best attempt at being happy and penitent at the same time. The mid-week services will follow the familiar outline of using the same opening, closing and versicle hymn, with the sermon hymn changing each week to reflect the sermon's focus. On Sunday's a Lenten hymn will be used during the service in varying locations. As we get closer to Holy Week, the use of Lenten hymns increase, until we solely use Lenten or penitent hymns for Maundy Thursday and Good Friday.

In addition to the hymn selection and the removal of singing Alleluia during Lent, I will be playing shorter Preludes and will eliminate the Postlude (music played after the service). My hope is that this slight change in format will be noticed and hopefully the mood of the Lenten season, be it during mid-week or on Sundays, is noted by those attending.

Your Musical Servant in Christ,  
Lori





1. Aimee with Vietnamese-speaking Cambodian participants.
2. Newly planted durian.
3. Durian tree at 3 years.
4. Durian tree at 5 years.
5. Harvested durian.
6. Durian ready to eat.
7. Common hotel sign.

Aimee was invited by Concordia Welfare & Education Foundation (CWEF) to join an agricultural seminar with participants from their H.E.A.L. training program. The workshop took place in Ratanakiri, the northernmost province in Cambodia, which also borders Vietnam. During the two-day training, led by a local pastor named Saron, participants (including one pastor of the Cambodia Lutheran Church; CLC), learned about composting, key nutrients in the growing cycle, and detailed information about growing durian, considered the “king of fruit” in Southeast Asia. If the trees are cared for properly, only one durian tree can yield around 50 fruit per year, providing up to \$450 in income for a family. In an area where day laborers earn just \$5-10 for a full day's work, this could be a significant help! Durian trees start out as seedlings and are later transferred to the field for growing. Maintaining soil and pruning are the keys to caring for the tree in its early years. After 4 years, the tree will bear fruit. When the flowers start to produce fruit some of the buds are cut off, allowing more energy to go into the remaining fruit. This practice results in fewer durian, but of a higher quality. Ideally the fruit are harvested when they reach around 3kg in size. Mature trees of 10 years of age grow to be so tall that the farmers must wait until the fruit are ripe and fall naturally. Durian is prized throughout Asia, selling on Cambodia’s market for \$20 for an average sized fruit. People love its aggressively strong taste (even in ice cream!). However, its pungent smell causes it to be banned in most public spaces, including on airplanes! After the training, participants returned to their villages where they will share the knowledge they gained in their communities, alongside sharing the Gospel. This agricultural knowledge can be a critical opportunity even for church leaders, since most churches are unable to fully provide financially for their leaders, resulting in a struggle for leaders to provide for their families. Please pray for the continued cooperation between CWEF and the CLC.

### IN OTHER NEWS:

- J.P. taught the Book of Concord and Small Catechism again.
- Bella’s Khmer handwriting is much better than her parents’.
- J.P. preached in-person 100% in Khmer for the first time.
- We participated in a wedding and had one inflicted on us.

## SQUARE TWO

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### WANNA HELP us impact the people of

**Cambodia?** Give online [here](#), or mail a check to 1) P.O. Box 66861, St. Louis, MO 63166-6861 (payable to The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod), OR 2) 40718 Highway E-116, Mapleton, IA 51034 (payable to Mission Central). For ALL checks, in the memo line write “Cima family-Cambodia.”

**PRAYER:** for the start of a program of intentional visitation to all CLC churches; for three Asia missionary families deploying or redeploying to the field this month; for Isaac’s fifth birthday on February 16.



# MARCH 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	
 <p><b>ST. JOHN LUTHERAN CHURCH</b> CAÑON CITY, COLORADO 790 Greystone Ave., Cañon City, CO, 81212 <a href="http://www.StJohnCanonCity.org">http://www.StJohnCanonCity.org</a> 719-275-0111</p>		1	2 1:30p Lent Srvc.  5:00p Youth Group 6:00p Soup Supper 7:00p Lent Srvc.  <u>ASH</u> <u>WEDNESDAY</u>	3 9:00 Quilters  6:30p BOOKClub	4	5	
		6 1 <sup>ST</sup> SUNDAY IN LENT 9:00 Divine Service 10:30 Sunday School & Adult Bible Class 11:30 Elder's Meeting	7 4:00p Children's Chorale  6:30p Confirmation	8 <b>Circuit Pastors' Meeting – Office Closed</b>	9 1:30p Lent Srvc.  5:00p Youth Group 6:00p Soup Supper 7:00p Lent Srvc.	10 7:00 Men's Breakfast 9:00 Quilters	11 <b>Prison Ministry – Office Closed</b>
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