Welcome: What a joy it is that you have joined us today as we worship our Savior Jesus Christ. His perfect life, death and resurrection have won for us forgiveness of sins, life and salvation. We extend a warm welcome to everyone attending our worship service today, especially to you who are guests. Please sign the guest book at the entrance and join us again soon! If there is any way we can serve you, please speak to the Pastor.

ORDER OF WORSHIP

TODAY'S HYMNS: ...221...343...338 (560 if needed)...379...

Organist: Smiths Mill - David Bilitz; Alma City – David Bilitz

FIRST LESSON: Isaiah 42:14-21

PSALM OF THE DAY: Psalm 143 (p. 118)

SECOND LESSON: Ephesians 5:8-14

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

SERMON: John 9:1-7,13-17,34-39

JESUS GIVES TWO MIRACLES OF SIGHT

1. To the physically blind
2. To the spiritual blind

Hearing God's Word

Sunday: Smiths Mill: 38  St. Clair: 38  Alma City: 51
Wednesday: Smiths Mill: 19  St. Clair: 45  Alma City: 29

Offerings to Our Lord

Sunday: Smiths Mill: $567.55  Alma City: $927.00
Wednesday: Smiths Mill: $140.00  Alma City: $557.00

This Week at a Glance

Sunday: 8:00 AM – Worship with Holy Communion – St. Clair
9:15 AM – Sunday School Classes - Smiths Mill
9:30 AM – Worship with Holy Communion – St. Clair
10:00 AM – Sunday School Classes – Alma City
11:00 AM – Worship with Holy Communion – Alma City

Tuesday: 6:30 PM – Fellowship Club at Smiths Mill

Wednesday: 9:30 AM – Bible Study – Janesville Nursing Home
6:00 PM – Soup Supper – Alma City
6:00 PM – Lenten Worship – St. Clair
7:00 PM – Lenten Worship – Smiths Mill
7:30 PM – Lenten Worship – Alma City

Thursday: 10:00 AM – Pastors' Study Club – St. Mark’s, Mankato
6:30 PM – Joint Catechism Class in Alma City

Next Sunday: 8:00 AM – Worship Service – St. Clair
8:30 AM – Sunday School Classes - Smiths Mill
9:15 AM – Sunday School & 4th Sunday Friends – St. Clair
9:30 AM – Worship Service – Smiths Mill
10:00 AM – Sunday School Classes – Alma City
11:00 AM – Worship Service – Alma City

Announcements:

Holy Communion will be offered in our services today. We practice Close Communion. Visitors from our sister congregations in the WELS and ELS are welcome to commune with us. If you are a guest and wish to commune, please speak to the Pastor before the service.

After careful and prayerful deliberation, the Lord has led Pastor Apt to decline the Call to St. John’s, St. Clair. May God continue to bless Pastor Apt and his ministry in Liberty Hill, TX.

Our Tuesday Bible Studies in Smiths Mill and Alma City will not meet this week. The Classes will resume on March 24th.

We hope you will join us for our mid-week Lenten services this Wednesday. Our theme: The Son of God Goes Forth to War. Pastor Phil Gieschen of St. Peter will preach at Smiths Mill’s 7 pm service with the theme: The Warrior Rejected by Many Followers. Pastor Bilitz will preach at St. Clair’s 6:00 and Alma City’s 7:30 service with the theme: Reconnaissance Report: Know Your Enemy.
Alma City will have spaghetti and bars this Wednesday from 6-7 pm organized by the Ladies’ Aid. A meal will be served by the Evangelism Committee after Wednesday’s service in St. Clair. Smiths Mill will have a coffee hour following their service.

Catechism class will meet on Thursday at 6:30 pm in Alma City.

We thank Alma City’s Sunday School for singing last Sunday.

St. Clair’s Ladies’ Aid will meet on Saturday, March 28th.

_Easter for Kids_, a one day Bible School in St Clair, will be held on Saturday, April 4 from 1-4 pm. Registration forms are in the back of church. Please turn them in by Sunday, March 29. If you have questions or would like to help, please contact Pam Warner: 507-720-8997.

St. Clair’s Sunday School students will be singing during the Palm Sunday Worship Service on April 5 at 8 AM. Please have the students meet in their Sunday School classroom at 7:45. After they have finished singing, they will sit with their parents.

The Sunday School Students in St. Clair will present an Easter Program during the 9 am service on Easter Sunday. Please have students here by 8:15 am. After they have presented their part of the service, they will sit with their parents for the remainder of it.

Anyone at St. Clair wishing to donate an Easter Lily to help beautify our church may sign the sheet in back of church on the bulletin board. You may order a plant or bring your own. Please sign up by March 29 if you would like to donate. If you have questions, call Cindy Glamm: 381-8221. Checks may be given to her.

Free crosses are available in the entryway. We thank Paul Snyder (St. Clair) for making and donating them.

March calendars, _Forward in Christ_ magazines, and new _Meditations_ are available. We thank Tom Marzinske for forwarding old _Meditations_ to the Prison Ministry. Please drop yours off.
The LWMS Spring Rally will be held on April 18th at St. Paul's in North Mankato. Please see the insert for more information.

Please see the insert for a Statement from our Synod about Coronavirus. Please use good hygiene practices; wash your hands often. Hand-sanitizer is available at Smiths Mill and St. Clair. If you are sick or at risk, stay home. We will continue to have worship services. If you can’t attend, you can watch Alma City’s service on our webpage and the sermon on Facebook. The addresses are on front of the bulletin.

We are looking for staff at Jesus Loves Me Learning Center in North Mankato and would love to train you to work with us. We are looking for a person to fill a full-time position. Please email directorjlm@stpaulsnorthmankato.com or call 507 508-2041 with any questions.

Make a difference and volunteer to build churches in AZ, TX, or NC. Sign up for any length of time and help these congregations reach more people in their community. No experience? No problem Training is provided. Volunteers are especially needed March-April. Learn more: www.kingdomworkers.com/volunteer or call Kingdom Workers: 414-771-6848

**Prayer List:** Clark Koplen (Waseca Swingbed)