

**St. John's Evangelical Lutheran
Church & School**



Preacher: Pr. Matthew Moss
Liturgist: Pr. Matthew Johnson
Kantor: Dr. Crystal Rossow

Thanks to all who serve this week:

Altar Guild: Vivian Radintz, Lisa Kolander

Worship Assistants:
8:00 am: Kevin Pomerence
10:30 am: Ed Kemna

Acolytes:
8:00 am: Bradley Kruse & Jackson Kruse
10:30 am: Alexander Vetsch & Evan Orth

Ushers:
8:00 am: Myron Cooper, Sam Kulberg,
Al Mazurowski, Mark Radintz,
Dennis Schwecke
10:30 am: Dan Picotte,
Ernest Underwood

Money Counters:
Dave Giefer, John Meyer,
Bob Radintz, Bill Walters

The Holy Gospel: St. Luke 7:11-17
P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke the 7th chapter.

C: [sung] Glory to You, O Lord
¹¹ Soon afterward he went to a town called Nain, and his disciples and a great crowd went with him. ¹² As he drew near to the gate of the town, behold, a man who had died was being carried out, the only son of his mother, and she was a widow, and a considerable crowd from the town was with her. ¹³ And when the Lord saw her, he had compassion on her and said to her, "Do not weep." ¹⁴ Then he came up and touched the bier, and the bearers stood still. And he said, "Young man, I say to you, arise." ¹⁵ And the dead man sat up and began to speak, and Jesus gave him to his mother. ¹⁶ Fear seized them all, and they glorified God, saying, "A great prophet has arisen among us!" and "God has visited his people!" ¹⁷ And this report about him spread through the whole of Judea and all the surrounding country.

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.
C: [sung] Praise to You, O Christ.

Hymn of the Day: *The Will of God Is Always Best* LSB 758

Sermon: "Christian Love Comforts the Mourning" (Luke 7, Eph 3, 1 Kings 17)

The Nicene Creed page 174

Prayer of the Church

Offering: Mitten wir im Leben sind (Helmut Walcha)

Offertory page 176

The Service of the Sacrament of the Altar page 177-181
Please review our statements about who may commune, found at the top of the strip on the front page of this bulletin.

Distribution Hymn: *Be Still, My Soul* LSB 752

Distribution Hymn: *Entrust Your Days and Burdens* LSB 754

Canticle: "Thank the Lord" page 181

Collect and Benediction page 183

Closing Hymn: *In the Very Midst of Life* LSB 755

Postlude: Toccata in Em (Johann Pachelbel)

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(LCMS)

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† Sixteenth Sunday after Trinity †
September 16, 2018

Pre-Service Verse, Prayer, and Music for Personal Preparation and Reflection

Verse: Alleluia. You who fear the LORD, trust in the LORD! He is their help and their shield. Alleluia. (Ps. 115:11)

Prayer: God of all comfort, our only help in time of need, strengthen Your Church in Your Word and Spirit that we may be prepared always to extend the comfort of Your Gospel to those suffering, dying, and grieving. In the name of Jesus. Amen.

Prelude: Sonata No. 1 in F, mvt. 1 (Felix Mendelssohn)

The Divine Service

Opening Hymn: *O Christ, Who Shared Our Mortal Life* LSB 552, vs. 1, 7-8, 4

Confession & Absolution page 167

Introit Ps. 86:1, 7, 12, 13; antiphon: Ps. 86:3, 5

Be gracious to me, | O Lord, *
for to you do I cry | all the day.
For you, O Lord, are good and for- | giving, *
abounding in steadfast love to all who call up- | on you.
Incline your ear, O LORD, and | answer me, *
for I am poor and | needy.
In the day of my trouble I call up- | on you, *
for you | answer me.
I give thanks to you, O Lord my God, with | my whole heart, *
and I will glorify your name for- | ever.
For great is your steadfast | love toward me; *
you have delivered my soul from the depths | of Sheol.
Glory be to the Father and | to the Son *
and to the Holy | Spirit;
as it was in the be- | ginning, *
is now, and will be forever. | Amen.
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Kyrie & Gloria in Excelsis page 168

Collect of the Day

O Lord, we pray that Your grace may always go before and follow after us, that we may continually be given to all good works; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Old Testament Lesson: 1 Kings 17:17-24

¹⁷ After this the son of the woman, the mistress of the house, became ill. And his illness was so severe that there was no breath left in him. ¹⁸ And she said to Elijah, “What have you against me, O man of God? You have come to me to bring my sin to remembrance and to cause the death of my son!” ¹⁹ And he said to her, “Give me your son.” And he took him from her arms and carried him up into the upper chamber where he lodged, and laid him on his own bed. ²⁰ And he cried to the LORD, “O LORD my God, have you brought calamity even upon the widow with whom I sojourn, by killing her son?” ²¹ Then he stretched himself upon the child three times and cried to the LORD, “O LORD my God, let this child's life come into him again.” ²² And the LORD listened to the voice of Elijah. And the life of the child came into him again, and he revived. ²³ And Elijah took the child and brought him down from the upper chamber into the house and delivered him to his mother. And Elijah said, “See, your son lives.” ²⁴ And the woman said to Elijah, “Now I know that you are a man of God, and that the word of the LORD in your mouth is truth.”

P: This is the Word of the Lord

C: Thanks be to God

Gradual

Ps. 102:15-16

Nations will fear the name | of the LORD, *
and all the kings of the earth will fear your | glory.
For the LORD builds up | Zion; *
he appears in his | glory.

The Epistle: Ephesians 3:13-21

¹³ So I ask you not to lose heart over what I am suffering for you, which is your glory. ¹⁴ For this reason I bow my knees before the Father, ¹⁵ from whom every family in heaven and on earth is named, ¹⁶ that according to the riches of his glory he may grant you to be strengthened with power through his Spirit in your inner being, ¹⁷ so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith—that you, being rooted and grounded in love, ¹⁸ may have strength to comprehend with all the saints what is the breadth and length and height and depth, ¹⁹ and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, that you may be filled with all the fullness of God.

²⁰ Now to him who is able to do far more abundantly than all that we ask or think, according to the power at work within us, ²¹ to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever and ever. Amen.

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The Alleluia Verse

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- *Since the Lord's Supper is testimony of our unity in the faith, the Sacrament is reserved for members in good standing of congregations of the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod.*
- *Visitors from sister LCMS congregations who agree with our doctrine and practice should announce your desire to commune to a pastor before joining us at the Lord's Table.*
- *Members may prepare by reading Luther's "Questions & Answers for those who intend to go to the Sacrament" (LSB 329-330).*

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BOARD OF PARISH EDUCATION & YOUTH (Rich Oakland):



SUNDAY SCHOOL: Every year in Sunday School during our normal class time (9:15-10:15), Pastor Johnson presents our 2nd grade students with a Bible. This year, this special service will be held on Sunday Sept. 23rd.

Also on Sunday Sept. 23rd, we will be installing our Sunday School teachers during both services. Any questions, please contact Tara Eder at tara.eder@gmail.com



NURSERY HELP NEEDED: Do you love little kids? Would you like to help parents grow in faith? To encourage parents with small children to attend Bible class, the Board of Parish Education needs YOUR help to offer childcare in the nursery on Sunday mornings from 9:20-10:20am. Please use this link <http://signup.com/go/JqONGfX> if you are interested in helping with this vital church ministry. We are

looking for great volunteers (18-100 years old)! Those 18 and younger may volunteer as long as one parent is also volunteering. Please consider volunteering a week or several, to help make this ministry possible at St. John's. Questions contact Amy Becker at amy.becker@stjlutheran.org or at 920-207-4143.

NURSERY CARE will be provided during the Education hour each Sunday from 9:20-10:20am starting September 9. Adult volunteers will provide care for infants 6 months to 3 years of age. The nursery is located to the west of the sanctuary, just past the Auxiliary Room. We encourage you to leave your child in our care while you attend Bible study. Contact Amy Becker at amy.becker@stjlutheran.org or at 920-207-4143 if there are any other questions.



Youth Group

GET CONNECTED: We have many Youth Group events throughout the year and we want to make sure YOU know about them. Keep an eye on your email, the Church bulletin and the School newsletter for info on the events. Contact Jayme Kruse with questions on how to get connected - jayme.kruse@gmail.com/612-807-6526.

YOUTH GROUP SUNDAY BIBLE STUDY (grades 5-12): The STJL Youth Group program is geared towards 6th-12th graders; however, beginning this year, we have invited 5th graders to attend Youth Group Bible Study on Sunday mornings. This gives them an opportunity to start getting to know the other kids in Youth Group as well as take advantage of age-appropriate topics we discuss. Each Sunday, between services, 5th and 6th graders will meet in the Auxiliary Room and 7th-12th graders will meet in the Youth Group/ESP room downstairs. We have some great topics planned, you won't want to miss it!

~ UPCOMING EVENTS (6th-12th graders) ~

YOUTH GROUP KICK-OFF: Friday, September 21 from 6:30-8:30pm, St. John's. Bring a friend and a snack to share and come join us for games, fun and fellowship!

LCMS NATIONAL YOUTH GATHERING INFO MEETING: Sunday, September 23 at 9:20am, Mrs. Dolan's classroom (end of the hall upstairs). Next summer (July 11-15, 2019), the LCMS Gathering will be held in Minneapolis and our Youth Group (Confirmads - 12th grade) is looking forward to attending! If your youth is considering attending the Gathering, please attend the meeting or contact Jayme Kruse if you can't make it.

BABYSITTING FOR CONGREGATIONAL ASSEMBLY MEETING: Sunday, September 23 from 12:00-3:00pm, St. Johns. Babysit the kiddos while adults go to the meeting. Lunch will be provided.

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REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:

Members who are sick and in need of healing and comfort— Rick Bymark (wife Jackie, son Hank), Lynn Slauson, Pam Linton (daughter of LaVerne & Arlene Bagne), Katie Titler (daughter of Joe & Cilla Nadeau), Kristine Eversman, Bob Malwitz, Ron Conley, and Alvin Cook. Our Lord Jesus, who reached out to heal and comfort the sick and dying, continues to reach out with His healing Word through us. Cards, phone calls, and prayers are always appreciated. If you know of someone who is sick or hospitalized, please inform your pastors.

Our homebound members are Linda Bredenberg, Dorothy Cooper, Sue Erickson, Audrey Hansen, Marlys Johnson, Inez Koehler, Steve Orbin, Gerald Oswald, Mark Pruhs, Amy Schalo, Betty Schmiede, and Ilene Shepherd.

All those serving in our Armed Forces— Agena Christophersen (Belgium), Nicholas Malikowski (California), Kevin Mazurowski (Idaho), Nathan Mazurowski (Texas), Brian and Veronica Pruhs (Hawaii), Joseph Radintz (home), Marty Schiltz (home), and Andrew Zupfer (home).

Those who have lost loved ones during the past year—Karen MacMillan & family (at the loss of her mother Yvonne Johnson), Scott Gehl & family (at the loss of his father William), the family of Alex Hansen, the family of William Dodds, the family of Caroline Lucht, and the family of Dorothy Schutte, Paul & Diane Radintz (at the loss of their son Bill), John Malikowski & family (at the loss of his mother Frances), Cindy Cook & family (at the loss of her sister Jackie), the family of William Cahlander, and Kathleen Cooper & family (at the loss of her father John Giguere).

And we remember those who have recently lost loved ones —

THIS WEEK: The congregations in our circuit are praying for Concordia Theological Seminary (Fort Wayne, IN) and Concordia Seminary (St Louis, MO).

PRAYING FOR OUR CHURCH & SCHOOL: This week we pray for our Board of Parish Ed Deacon Rich Oakland and the Board Members, and Jr/Sr Youth Coordinator Jayme Kruse, and also for our Bus Driver Marsha Meine.

THE SERVICE OF INDIVIDUAL CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION is available by individual appointment through the summer. Take advantage of this opportunity to hear God's Word of forgiveness spoken to you individually in Jesus' Name. "If we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness" (1 John 1:9).

FROM THE PASTORS:

SPECIAL FEAST DAYS THIS WEEK: 9/21- *The Feast of St. Matthew, Apostle & Evangelist (Ezek. 2:8—3:11; Eph. 4:7-16; Matt. 9:9-13)*

TRINITY SEASON: – From ancient times the Church Year has had two halves: Festival Time (Advent - Pentecost) and Ordinary Time (Trinity Sunday - the Last Sunday of the Church Year). Our Historic Lectionary takes the Ordinary Time to group lessons together to teach on main topics related to the major festivals that occur during this half of the Church Year.

The Fruit of Faith- We have finished our series on Christian Faith and now our historic lectionary takes us through seven weeks that teach us about the fruit of faith in Christ, namely Christian Love: *Comforts the Mourning (9/16), Is Free (9/23), Loves Christ (9/30)*



SUNDAY BIBLE STUDY WITH PASTOR MOSS: This Fall we will take up a different theological topic each week. In the wake of Luther’s death theological controversies shook the Evangelical Lutheran Church down to its very foundation: the Gospel of Jesus Christ. We will study these various controversial topics, see their connection to the Gospel, and learn how to speak clearly in accord with God’s Holy Word.

This week: How Bad Are You? (Original Sin)

Next week: Is Human Will *Free* or *Bound*? (Free Will and Conversion)

Video Recordings Available at: <http://tinyurl.com/lutheranbiblestudy>

TUESDAY BIBLE STUDY: We study the *Book of Proverbs*, meeting Tuesdays in the Auxiliary Room. Although we normally meet each week at our new time of 9:45 am, **there will be no Bible Study this week.** You can also watch live online using Facebook Live; just go to St. John’s Facebook page. Join us next time as we reflect on Jesus Christ, the Wisdom from on High. All knowledge *begins* with the Fear of the Lord and many practical insights flow from that knowledge- the saving knowledge of Jesus Christ.



This Week at St. John’s Lutheran

TODAY	8:00 am:	Divine Service with Lord's Supper
	9:15 am:	Sunday School
	9:30 am:	Bible Study
	10:30 am:	Divine Service with Lord's Supper
MON:		
TUES:	9:45 am:	NO Adult Bible Study this week
	6:00 pm:	Usher/Worship Assistant Training/Refresher
	7:00 pm:	Board Meetings
WED:	6:00 pm:	PS Catechism
	7:00 pm:	Choir Practice
THUR:		
FRI:	8:00 am:	Chapel ~ 7 th & 8 th Grades sing
SAT:		
SUN:	8:00 am:	Divine Service with Lord's Supper
	9:15 am:	Sunday School
	9:30 am:	Bible Study
	10:30 am:	Divine Service with Lord's Supper
	11:30 am:	Annual lunch served prior to Assembly Mtg
	12:00 pm:	Fall Congregational Assembly Meeting

Those Serving Next Week, Sunday, September 23rd:

Altar Guild:		Vivian Radintz and Lisa Kolander
Worship Assistants:	8:00 am:	Dan Kolander
	10:30 am:	Barron Cate
Acolytes:	8:00 am:	Jenna Vogt & Isaac Vogt
	10:30 am:	Miranda Blanck & Mason Brastad
Ushers:	8:00 am:	Myron Cooper, Sam Kulberg, Al Mazurowski, Mark Radintz, Dennis Schwecke
	10:30 am:	Dan Picotte, Ernest Underwood
Money Counters:		Mike Desplinter, Paul Dolan, Russ Reznecheck, <i>Craig Schutte</i>

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If you unlock to enter, please lock as you leave!**

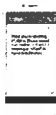
BOARD OF ADMINISTRATION (Tom Eversman, Mike Gaffer):

Ways to Give ~~



In Person...

Place checks or cash in an offering envelope and drop it in the offering plate as it goes by.



Text... St. John's New "Text to Give" # 763-225-2689

Set up a one time or recurring donation by texting the amount you wish to give.



Giving App...

Download the 'GivePlus Church' app to set up one-time or recurring donations. You can also manage and view your giving from the convenience of your smartphone!



Online...

Visit www.stjlutheran.org to set up and manage your one-time and recurring gifts.

ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK Sunday, September 9th ~ 8:00 am: CT: 165 CM: 133
10:30 am: CT: 163 CM: 101



	<i>Last Week</i> 09/09/18	<i>Year-to-date</i> since 07/01/18
FINANCIAL UPDATE		
Total General Fund Receipts-All Sources	\$ 66,147	\$ 311,476
Amount Needed	\$ 33,340	\$ 477,827
Amount Ahead (Behind)	\$ 32,808	\$ (166,351)
% Ahead (-Behind)		-35%
Current Building Mortgage Balance (August 31)	\$601,615	

Important Notes:
Amount Needed above includes the prior years' cumulative deficit of \$131,500 at June 30, 2018, plus the pro-rated portion of the \$53,217 Congregation-approved deficit for the current budget year beginning July 1, 2018.

Please contact Board of Admin Deacons Mike Gaffer (mtgaff@comcast.net) or Tom Eversman (Theversman@gmail.com) if you have any questions.

CONGREGATION PRESIDENT / DEACON CHAIRMAN (Peter MacMillan, Greg Christopher):

CONSTITUTION & HANDBOOKS: Members of St. John's, At the request of the Constitution Committee, the Council of Deacons has decided to form a committee to study several issues addressed in a document developed by a legal firm associated with our Synod called "Protect Your Ministry". Our goal in this endeavor is to clarify proactively what we believe and teach at St. John's, thus avoiding possible future misunderstandings and or legal issues surrounding questions of sexual orientation and gender identity. This would involve updating handbooks and documents of both the church and school including the Constitution. Anyone interested in serving on this committee should please notify Greg Christopher or any one of the deacons. For more specific information please view this link on the LCMS website <https://www.lcms.org/resources/church-and-school-administration/legal-resources>, ... or contact Pastor Moss (pastor.moss@stjlutheran.org), or Phil Schutte (phil_schutte@hotmail.com).

SELECTION OF DEACONS: At the Fall Assembly meeting (9/23) four new deacons will be selected... Mark Ellinger, Joel Johnson, Dan Kollander, Chris Kruse, and Sam Kulberg. If anyone has concerns about the fitness of these men to service St. John's in the office of Deacon, that person must contact one of the pastors or the Deacon Chairman, Greg Christopher, prior to September 23rd. The congregation gives thanks to God for those willing to serve in this capacity, especially those whose term of service is coming to an end: Greg Christopher, Tom Gardner, Dave Huth, and Steve Kruse.

CONGREGATIONAL ASSEMBLY: The Fall Congregational Assembly meeting will be held **NEXT** Sunday, September 23rd. A lunch will be served beginning shortly after the end of the last service (lunch and babysitting will be provided by the St. John's Youth Group). The Congregational Assembly meeting will start as lunch winds down.



BOARD OF EDUCATION (Dave Huth, Stu Glock):

PT JOB OPPORTUNITY: ESP will be hiring at least three new assistants for the new school year. Responsibilities will include supervising children after school with homework and playtime. Availability Mon-Fri 2:15-5:30; flexible days & hrs. Please contact Julie Zemke for more information: 612-940-6065, julie@zemke.com



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: The Administrator Call Committee is starting up again and we need your help. If you have names of individuals we should be considering, or if you would like to join us to find the next Administrator for our School, please contact Brian Callahan, Committee Chair, for more information or to volunteer. 763-242-3837, Brian.callahan@centurylink.com.

**BOARD OF STEWARDSHIP, EVANGELISM, WORSHIP,
and ALTAR CARE (Steve Kruse, Phil Schutte):**



ALTAR FLOWERS are from the Bredenberg/Cleaveland families in memory of loved ones.

REFRESHER/ TRAINING SESSIONS:

All Worship Assistants and All Ushers meet in the sanctuary at 6pm **THIS** Tuesday, September 18th. Consider serving in one of these capacities for St. John's. We especially have need for more ushers at the 10:30am services. Please contact Ed Kemna 612-834-4485 for more information.

CHOIR... has begun, but you can still join us on Wednesday evenings, 7-8. Come to the sanctuary, bring friends, and prepare to have a fun time and let the day's stress go. Choir is open to all adults, high schoolers, and those who've been confirmed.

BRASS ENSEMBLE will begin October 3rd, 6:15-6:55.

CROSS...FOOD NEEDS: Each month CROSS collects food items to be donated to the needy. Items desired from STJL during the month of **SEPTEMBER** are: Cereal and Shampoo/Conditioner. Thank you for helping when you can; your contributions placed in the narthex area are greatly appreciated.



LUTHERAN WITNESS: Our monthly subscription has **changed**...please note the magazine will no longer be mailed to individuals at their home address; St. John's will receive a monthly supply that will be made available in the narthex beginning in October.

**BOARD OF PROPERTY & GROUNDS (Kevin Pomeranke,
Dan Holthus):**

BOARD OF TECHNOLOGY (Tom Gardner):

FROM THE CONGREGATION AT LARGE:

FROM OTHER CONGREGATIONS:

MAYER LUTHERAN: Mayer Lutheran High School would like to invite everyone to the dedication of our new addition to be held **Today**, Sunday, September 16 at 4 p.m. at the new north entrance of the school. Join us for a brief service of dedication and an open house. A free, light meal will be served as well. We hope you can join the entire Mayer Lutheran family on this historic day! To God All Praise and Glory!

FROM THE SECRETARIES:

EACH QUARTER: FIVE COPIES OF LARGE PRINT PORTALS OF PRAYER will be available to share with those who need this magazine in larger print.

"LUTHERAN HOUR" this week on WCCO 830 AM at 6:00 a.m., WWJO 98.1 FM at 7:30 a.m., and KRWC AM Buffalo at 9:30 a.m.

SCHEDULING CHURCH AND SCHOOL EVENTS AT ST. JOHN'S:

Please remember to check with the church/school secretary about scheduling any event; all church and school events need to be coordinated through this main calendar. Thank you! 763-420-2426 Julie A.: secretary@stjlutheran.org

BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS: Items received by midnight Wednesday will be included in the Sunday bulletin. Kindly please submit your request timely to ensure your announcement gets published as needed. Ruth D.: secretary2@stjlutheran.org

**BIRTHDAYS THE WEEK OF
September 16 - September 22**

SUNDAY	WEDNESDAY
Cory Cooper Debora Koehler Harlan Peterson	Robert Bryant Shanna Eastbourne Lois Nelson Nina Phomphakdy
MONDAY	THURSDAY
Eric Toelle Laura Wandersee	Dale Avenson Renaye Day Richard Fritz Elisabeth Lieske Sarah Schmidt
TUESDAY	FRIDAY
Sarah Wicks	Charles Ballou Sophia Beck Brigette Miest Jake Miest Nate Miest
	SATURDAY
	Troy Miest Wyatt Thurber Donna Toelle Zach Zupfer

If you notice an update is needed, kindly advise the church secretary to make sure we have the correct information to publish.