

St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church and School (LCMS)

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Important Announcements

For those who watch services on Live-Stream during the Coronavirus Pandemic

Stay Home when Sick: If you are sick or exhibiting symptoms of COVID-19 please stay home. If you start to experience symptoms while in attendance at a service or out anywhere else, please go home immediately. If at a service, notify a Safety Team member on your way out so we may direct our cleaning and communication efforts.

Singing (updated): MDH has gone from requiring no congregational singing to “not recommended” but does say that if a congregation sings masks and distancing are required. Please tune in early and stay late for the preludes, postludes, and sing with us the hymns that will be provided in the online bulletins.

Maintaining Piety when Worshiping at Home: The best way to get the most out of this temporary set-up is to keep things in your household as regular as possible:

- Print the bulletin or use your hymnals
- Dress like you would dress for church
- Stand when we stand, sit when we sit
- Sing along with the hymns
- Watch at the live time, Sunday morning, setting it aside as first priority instead of looking for whatever time is most convenient for you
- Limit the distractions, toys, and tech so that the time is truly "sacred" (set-apart) for Christ and His means of grace

These ideas can help you focus on the Service of the Word and will also help you prevent bad habits from developing during our temporary suspension of Divine Services

Reminiscere

February 28, 2021

Preacher: Pr. Matthew Moss

Liturgist: Pr. Matthew Johnson

Kantor: Dr. Crystal Rossow

Special Note for the Live Stream: Because the Absolution and Communion are sacramental acts that require the in-person interaction of penitent & pastor and communicant & pastor, we will not Live Stream those portions of the Divine Service. If you desire a more detailed explanation of the status of the controversies in Christianity and the LCMS around these acts that have led us to this decision on this practice, your pastors are more than willing to discuss it with you.

Service of the Word

734 I Trust, O Lord, Your Holy Name



1 I trust, O Lord, Your ho - ly name; O let me not be
2 Bow down Your gra - cious ear to me And hear my cry, my
3 You are my strength, my shield, my rock, My for - tress that with -
4 With You, O Lord, I cast my lot; O faith - ful God, for -
△ 5 All hon - or, praise, and maj - es - ty To Fa - ther, Son, and



put to shame Nor let me be con - found - ed. My faith, O
prayer, my plea; Make haste for my pro - tec - tion, For woes and
stands each shock, My help, my life, my tow - er, My bat - tle
sake me not, To You my soul com - mend - ing. Lord, be my
Spir - it be, Our God for - ev - er glo - rious, In whose rich



Lord, Be in Your Word For - ev - er firm - ly ground - ed.
fear Sur - round me here. Help me in my af - flic - tion.
sword, Al - might - y Lord— Who can re - sist Your pow - er?
stay, And lead the way Now and when life is end - ing.
grace We run our race Till we de - part vic - to - rious.

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Introit

Psalm 25:1–2a, 7–8, 11; antiphon: vv. 6, 2b, 22

Remember your mercy, O LORD, and your | steadfast love,*
for they have been | from of old.
Let not my enemies exult | over me.*
Redeem Israel, O God, out of all his | troubles.
To you, O LORD, I lift | up my soul.*
O my God, in you I trust; let me not be | put to shame.
Remember not the sins of my youth or my trans - | gressions,*
according to your steadfast love remember me, for the sake of your goodness, | O LORD!
Good and upright | is the LORD;*
therefore he instructs sinners | in the way.
For your name's sake, | O LORD,*
pardon my guilt, for | it is great.
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.
Remember your mercy, O LORD, and your | steadfast love,*

for they have been | from of old.
 Let not my enemies exult | over me.*
 Redeem Israel, O God, out of all his | troubles.

☐ Glo - ry be to the Fa - ther and to the Son and to the Ho - ly Ghost;

as it was in the be - gin - ning, is now, and ev - er shall be, world with - out end. A - men.

Kyrie

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☐ Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -

on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

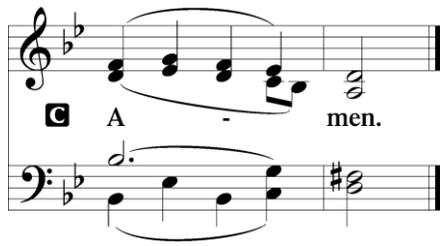
Salutation and Collect of the Day

☐ The Lord be with you.

☐ And with thy spir - it.

☐ Let us pray.

P O God, You see that of ourselves we have no strength. By Your mighty power defend us from all adversities that may happen to the body and from all evil thoughts that may assault and hurt the soul; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



Sit

Old Testament Reading

Genesis 32:22–32

²²The same night he arose and took his two wives, his two female servants, and his eleven children, and crossed the ford of the Jabbok. ²³He took them and sent them across the stream, and everything else that he had. ²⁴And Jacob was left alone. And a man wrestled with him until the breaking of the day. ²⁵When the man saw that he did not prevail against Jacob, he touched his hip socket, and Jacob's hip was put out of joint as he wrestled with him. ²⁶Then he said, "Let me go, for the day has broken." But Jacob said, "I will not let you go unless you bless me." ²⁷And he said to him, "What is your name?" And he said, "Jacob." ²⁸Then he said, "Your name shall no longer be called Jacob, but Israel, for you have striven with God and with men, and have prevailed." ²⁹Then Jacob asked him, "Please tell me your name." But he said, "Why is it that you ask my name?" And there he blessed him. ³⁰So Jacob called the name of the place Peniel, saying, "For I have seen God face to face, and yet my life has been delivered." ³¹The sun rose upon him as he passed Peniel, limping because of his hip. ³²Therefore to this day the people of Israel do not eat the sinew of the thigh that is on the hip socket, because he touched the socket of Jacob's hip on the sinew of the thigh.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Gradual

Psalm 25:17–18

The troubles of my heart | are enlarged; *
bring me out of my dis- | tresses.
Consider my affliction and my | trouble, *
and forgive | all my sins.

Epistle

1 Thessalonians 4:1–7

¹Finally, then, brothers, we ask and urge you in the Lord Jesus, that as you received from us how you ought to live and to please God, just as you are doing, that you do so more and more. ²For you know what instructions we gave you through the Lord Jesus. ³For this is the will of God, your sanctification: that you abstain from sexual immorality; ⁴that each one of you know how to control his own body in holiness and honor, ⁵not in the passion of lust like the Gentiles who do not know God; ⁶that no one transgress and wrong his brother in this matter, because the Lord is an avenger in all these things, as we told you beforehand and solemnly warned you. ⁷For God has not called us for impurity, but in holiness.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Stand

Tract

Psalm 106:1–4

Oh give thanks to the LORD, for | he is good, *
for his steadfast love endures for- | ever!
Who can utter the mighty deeds | of the LORD, *
or declare | all his praise?
Blessèd are they who observe | justice, *
who do righteousness | at all times!

**And I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord and giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified,
who spoke by the prophets.
And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,
and I look for the resurrection of the dead
and the life \dagger of the world to come. Amen.**

Sit

615 When in the Hour of Deepest Need



1 When in the hour of deep - est need We know not
2 Then is our com - fort this a - lone That we may
3 For You have prom - ised, Lord, to heed Your chil - dren's
4 And so we come, O God, to - day And all our



where to look for aid; When days and nights of
meet be - fore Your throne; To You, O faith - ful
cries in time of need Through Him whose name a -
woes be - fore You lay; For sore - ly tried, cast



anx - ious thought No help or coun - sel yet have brought,
God, we cry For res - cue in our mis - er - y.
lone is great, Our Sav - ior and our ad - vo - cate.
down, we stand, Per - plexed by fears on ev - 'ry hand.

- 5 O from our sins, Lord, turn Your face;
Absolve us through Your boundless grace.
Be with us in our anguish still;
Free us at last from ev'ry ill.
- 6 So we with all our hearts each day
To You our glad thanksgiving pay,
Then walk obedient to Your Word,
And now and ever praise You, Lord.

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Sermon: Faith Prays Without Ceasing

The Small Catechism Recitation: Commandments 1 - 3

The First Commandment

You shall have no other gods.

What does this mean?

We should fear, love, and trust in God above all things.

The Second Commandment

You shall not misuse the name of the Lord your God.

What does this mean?

We should fear and love God so that we do not curse, swear, use satanic arts, lie, or deceive by His name, but call upon it in every trouble, pray, praise, and give thanks.

The Third Commandment

Remember the Sabbath day by keeping it holy.

What does this mean?

We should fear and love God so that we do not despise preaching and His Word, but hold it sacred and gladly hear and learn it.

P The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.

C Amen.

Stand

Offertory

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C Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -
new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a -
way from Thy pres - ence, and take not Thy Ho - ly Spir - it
from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of Thy sal - va -
tion, and up - hold me with Thy free spir - it. A - men.

Prayer of the Church

Following the prayers, the Live Stream ends and the Service of the Sacrament begins.

Acknowledgments

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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), Ilene Shepherd, Brigitte Ritter, Dr. Crystal Rossow, Charice McDowell, Mavis Kalk, Joyce O'Hern, Melvin Haag, Patrick Oberle, Ramona Von Ende, Bruce Hansen, Justin Brynjulfson, Doris Gangelhoff, Barb Grambart, Dick Rau, Randy Goerke, Diane Haag, and Sandy Meyer. 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 John and Arleen Barrett, Sue Erickson, Inez Koehler, Steve Orbin, Mark Pruhs, Amy Schalo, and Ilene Shepherd.

All those serving in our Armed Forces— Agena Christophersen (Belgium), Emily Giefer (Georgia), Kevin Mazurowski (Alaska), Nathan Mazurowski (Arizona), Isak Preus (Florida), Brian Pruhs (Germany), Joseph Radintz (home), and Danny Schilling (home).

Those who have lost loved ones during the past year— the family of Betty Schmiege, Justin Bermel & family (at the loss of his father Douglas, and his brother Jeffrey), Rob Borcharding & family (at the loss of his mother Carol), the family of Rev. Greg Tyler (Pastor at St. Paul Lutheran in Osseo), Lisa Kolander & family (at the loss of her mother Lucy Fairchild), Jan Stadler & family (at the loss of her sister, JoAnne Hackbarth), John Meyer & family (at the loss of his brother Jeff), the family of Larry Jobs, Dan Kappel & family (at the loss of his father Francis), Joellyn Wicht & family (at the loss of her mother Frances Spielman), Larissa Alvarez & family (at the loss of her grandmother Luci Correa), the family of Fred Hunt, the family of Diane Lawrence, Gerald Anderson & family (at the loss of his father Dale), Joyce O'Hern & family (at the loss of her father-in-law Marland), Arlene Rogge & family (at the loss of her father George Hackler), Lois Foggia & family (at the loss of her brother-in-law Tom Hooker), the family of Vivian Kuns, Stephanie Haver & family (at the loss of her brother Brandon), Char Abraham & family (at the loss of her brother Russell), the family of Linda Bredenberg, the family of Tracey Rosso, Cindy Cook & family (at the loss of her brother, Daniel Anderson), and the family of Gerald Oswald.

And we remember those who have recently lost loved ones— Kyle Gaffaney & family (at the loss of his grandfather Bill Reese), Jim Day & family (at the loss of his sister), Heidi Brackeen & family (at the loss of her father Dennis Anderson), the family of Marlys Johnson, the family of Harold Grambart, the family of Courtney Meine, and Marlys Kothrade & family (at the loss of her great-grandson Lukas Bouska).

All expecting families and their unborn children— especially Stephanie & Noah Heidorn, Martha & Aaron Reseburg, Jenna & Leighton Spaulding, and Ashley & Nick Baltas. If you would like to announce your pregnancy to the Church that we might pray for you, please contact one of our pastors.

NEW ARRIVAL: We pray with thanks to God for the healthy birth of a baby girl, Sophia Strohschein, born to Brittany & Adam Strohschein on February 24th. May God Almighty bless mother, father, and child as together they grow in all wisdom and strength, and in God's Word.

THIS WEEK: The congregations in our circuit are praying for Peace Lutheran, Robbinsdale, and Pastor Steven Mayo Jones.

PRAYING FOR OUR CHURCH & SCHOOL: This week we pray for our many Church Volunteers including Accounting Professionals, Funeral Workers, Fundraisers, Cleaners, and Those Who Serve at our worship services, and also for our Fourth Grade Teacher Miriam Armstrong.

† Announcements †

SPECIAL FEAST DAYS THIS WEEK: *no special feast days this week.*

SUNDAY BIBLE STUDY (1st Peter): Faithful Christians should expect trials and suffering in this life. Our Lord promised it. In Peter's first epistle he strengthens the Church for such suffering and trials. It is a message of great hope and the promises of glory for those who endure the fiery trials. Join us at 9:30 A.M. in the Fellowship Hall as we take up this great Book of Holy Scripture.

Feb. 28 – 1 Peter 4:7-19 – *The Sobriety of Hope: The Coming Judgment Gives Us Joy amid Suffering*

Mar. 7 – 1 Peter 5:1-14 – *Humility & Trust Define the Christian Community*

PREPARING FOR NEXT SUNDAY: Parents with hands full in the pews on Sunday morning sometimes need a little *time with the texts* in the week leading up to a Service. People new to Lutheranism sometimes need more context to the Service. Some members simply look for more in-depth study of the appointed readings. We encourage you to follow Issues, Etc. on your podcasting App or at their website, especially using Pastor David Peterson's "Looking Ahead to Sunday Morning (the 1-Year Lectionary)." Next Sunday March 7th you will hear: *Exodus 8:16-24, Ephesians 5:1-9, Luke 11:14-28.*

TUESDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY has resumed as we take up again the Book of Acts. We meet via Facebook Live at 9:45 am each Tuesday. This format will allow any questions you might have, simply post a comment and if it is seen it will be answered. We will continue our overhearing of Paul's Old Testament quotations in his sermons in Pisidian Antioch, anno domini 46.

PALM SUNDAY is March 28th and we would love to have your children process in with palm branches. We will meet right outside the sanctuary in the narthex 10 minutes before the service starts. Your children may attend one or both services. Questions or concerns: please contact Erika Rossow at erossow17@gmail.com

CONGREGATIONAL ASSEMBLY: We will have our spring Congregational Assembly meeting on Sunday, March 21st, at 1:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall. The primary items on the agenda, in addition to our standard board reports, will include the approval of our 2021-22 annual budget, discussion of our revised Gifting and Endowment Fund Operating Plan, and a review of our new Board structure. We ask that members wear masks to the meeting and respect Covid social distancing protocols. In the event that attendance makes social distancing in the Fellowship Hall difficult, we will move the meeting to the gymnasium. Materials will be made available two weeks prior to the meeting.

THE SERVICE OF INDIVIDUAL CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION is available this month by appointment only. 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)

	<u>Last Week</u>	<u>Year-to-date</u>
	<i>02/21/21</i>	<i>since 07/01/20</i>
FINANCIAL UPDATE		
<i>Total General Fund Receipts-All Sources</i>	\$ 22,385	\$ 1,075,121
<i>Amount Needed</i>	\$ 36,001	\$ 1,136,500
<i>Amount Ahead (Behind)</i>	\$ (13,616)	\$ (61,379)
<i>% Ahead (-Behind)</i>		-5%
<i>Current Building Mortgage Balance (January 31, 2021):</i>	\$ 208,179	

Amount Needed above includes all budgeted revenues, including offerings, school tuition and third-source income, for the current budget year beginning July 1, 2020. There was no cumulative deficit as of July 1. Questions can be directed to Church Treasurer Mike Gaffer (mtgaff@comcast.net)

ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK... Ash Wed, February 17th: Total 83 CM 59
Sunday, February 21st: Total 199 CM 129
Invocabit Wed, February 24th: Total 69

POSITIONS AVAILABLE: St. John's Lutheran School is seeking to hire individuals for the following positions to start in the 2021-2022 school year:

- Resource/Special Education Teacher (contracted with LSEM)
- Hot Lunch Coordinator (part-time or full-time)
- Teacher Assistants (potential part-time or full-time help in PreK, 1st grade, 3rd grade)
- ESP Aides (after-school care positions available)
- Music Teacher (part-time, primarily grades 5-8)
- Substitute Teachers (any availability)
- We are also interested to know if anyone has or is willing to attain a bus driving license to be hired as needed for help with school activities and transportation.

If you or anyone you know has interest in one of these roles, please contact Gretchen Dolan at the school office 763-420-2426 or gretchen.dolan@stjlutheranschool.org.

CANDIDATES: A call committee has been formed to fill the Pre-K teacher position at St. Johns. The following candidates are currently being considered: Katie Gulley, Gina Bossow, and Christina Warnier. If you have concerns about any of these candidates, please contact Jayme Kruse.

NEW STUDENT APPLICATIONS: St. John's School is now accepting new student applications for the 2021-22 school year. Please contact admissions@stjlutheran.org if you are interested in registering your student at St. John's. There are a limited number of spots for additional students and our waitlist is beginning to fill so please contact us ASAP.

WEST LUTHERAN is hosting these recruitment events for the 2021-2022 school year: ***Tuesday March 2***, 7:30 - 9:00 am “Jump Start Your Day”...Coffee and Conversation with West Lutheran faculty and staff.

Sunday March 7, 4:00 - 5:30 pm “Parent Information Night”...Presentation followed by a question and answer session. Visit www.wlhs.net for more information.

PLEASE CALL FIRST: In order to better protect you, our students and staff, we are limiting foot traffic through the building during the day. Please make an appointment with one of our secretaries to pick up any church items. Your materials can be placed in a holding bin located in the vestibule, between the double doorway for pick up at your designated appointment.

SCHEDULING CHURCH AND SCHOOL EVENTS AT ST. JOHN'S: We are not scheduling member events at this time. Please direct any questions to 763-420-2426.

BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS: Items received by *noon* on Wednesday are considered for inclusion in the Sunday bulletin; kindly please submit your request timely to ensure your announcement gets published as needed.

EMAIL ADDRESS REQUESTED: If you are not already getting weekly emails from church, please submit your email address so we can communicate notices such as upcoming church services, funerals, weather closures, etc. Please provide your email address to secretary@stjlutheran.org.

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK: (February 28 – March 6) ***Sunday***- Maria Koosman/Noah Walton/Bella Briel/Jeffrey Schlueter, ***Monday***- Laurie Bredenberg/Josiah Brynjulfson/Jennifer Day/Karen Lucht, ***Tuesday***- William Wandersee, ***Wednesday***- Samantha Carter/Jill Christopher/Ron Eastbourne/Gretchen Haver/Ethan Matteson/Lois Mellum/Chrys Tarvin, ***Thursday***- John Meine, ***Friday***- Janine Foggia/Amelia Kaiser, ***Saturday***- Joyce O'Hern