

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

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# Important Announcements

## For those who attend Divine Services during the Coronavirus Pandemic

**Hand Washing:** While hand sanitizers will be provided and should be used when needed, please reserve them for those specific times. The best way to clean your hands is with frequent and thorough washing with soap and water in the restrooms.

**Coughing & Sneezing:** Please be careful to cover your mouth by coughing into your elbow or a facial tissue.

**Bulletin usage:** We will not provide hymnals until further direction regarding safe sanitization of such materials is provided. We do not need to reuse bulletins, please take them with you or recycle them in the green bin by the table where you picked them up.

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

**Singing:** At this time there are mixed studies on what effect singing may have on the spread of this disease. Due to this, the governor's office has made refraining from congregational singing a requirement. So we will speak the liturgy and the hymn of the day will be sung by the pastors. To make up for this deprivation in the Sunday Divine Service, we will add much music and singing to the Wednesday evening service which is still Live-Stream only. 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.

**Offering:** The offering plates will not be passed at this time. Please deposit your offering in the plate at the entrance or consider one of our electronic giving options.

**Holy Communion:** See the notes at that point in the Service Bulletin

**Departing:** When the service has ended the pastors will dismiss the congregation by pew. Please usher yourselves out to the parking lot. You should not congregate in the narthex or hallways. If you visit in the parking lot, keep it brief and maintain social distancing of six feet.

## † The Feast of Pentecost & Rite of Confirmation†

May 31, 2020

*Stand*

*The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.*

**P** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

**P** If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

**C** But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

*Stand*

*Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.*

- P** Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.
- C** **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. 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 justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.**
- P** Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the  $\text{†}$  Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C** **Amen.**

*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 won't normally Live Stream those portions of the Divine Service. For this Confirmation Service alone we will make that exception so family may witness the events of their loved ones. We must clarify the absolution and words of institution are not "magic words" that apply over airways and recordings. The only ones whom the pastor absolves are the penitents present whose confession he hears. Likewise, the only bread and wine that are consecrated during the Sacrament are those on the altar. If you desire a more detailed explanation of the status of the controversies in Christianity and the LCMS around these acts, your pastors are more than willing to discuss it with you.*

## Service of the Word

### Introit

*Psalm 68:1, 4a, c, 11a, 33b, 35a; antiphon: Liturgical Text; Psalm 68:3*

The Spirit of the Lord fills the world. Alleluia.

The righteous shall be glad.

They shall exult before God;

they shall be jubilant with joy! Alleluia.

**God shall arise, his enemies shall be scattered;  
and those who hate him shall flee before him!**

**Sing to God, sing praises to his name;  
exult before him!**

**The Lord gives the word;  
behold, he sends out his voice, his mighty voice.**

**Awesome is God from his sanctuary;  
the God of Israel—he is the one who gives power and strength to his people.**

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son  
and to the Holy Spirit;**

**as it was in the beginning,  
is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

The Spirit of the Lord fills the world. Alleluia.

The righteous shall be glad.

They shall exult before God;

they shall be jubilant with joy! Alleluia.

### Kyrie

*LSB 168*

**A** In peace let us pray to the Lord.

**C** **Lord, have mercy.**

**A** For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.

**C** **Lord, have mercy.**

**A** For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.

**C** **Lord, have mercy.**

**A** For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.

**C** **Lord, have mercy.**

**A** Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

**C** **Amen.**

## Salutation and Collect of the Day

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And also with you.

**P** Let us pray.

O God, on this day You once taught the hearts of Your faithful people by sending them the light of Your Holy Spirit. Grant us in our day by the same Spirit to have a right understanding in all things and evermore to rejoice in His holy consolation; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

*Sit*

## The Lesson

*Acts 2:1–24, 37–41*

<sup>1</sup>When the day of Pentecost arrived, they were all together in one place. <sup>2</sup>And suddenly there came from heaven a sound like a mighty rushing wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. <sup>3</sup>And divided tongues as of fire appeared to them and rested on each one of them. <sup>4</sup>And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance.

<sup>5</sup>Now there were dwelling in Jerusalem Jews, devout men from every nation under heaven. <sup>6</sup>And at this sound the multitude came together, and they were bewildered, because each one was hearing them speak in his own language. <sup>7</sup>And they were amazed and astonished, saying, “Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? <sup>8</sup>And how is it that we hear, each of us in his own native language? <sup>9</sup>Parthians and Medes and Elamites and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, <sup>10</sup>Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, <sup>11</sup>both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabians—we hear them telling in our own tongues the mighty works of God.” <sup>12</sup>And all were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, “What does this mean?” <sup>13</sup>But others mocking said, “They are filled with new wine.”

<sup>14</sup>But Peter, standing with the eleven, lifted up his voice and addressed them, “Men of Judea and all who dwell in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and give ear to my words. <sup>15</sup>For these men are not drunk, as you suppose, since it is only the third hour of the day. <sup>16</sup>But this is what was uttered through the prophet Joel:

<sup>17</sup>“And in the last days it shall be, God declares,  
that I will pour out my Spirit on all flesh,  
and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy,  
and your young men shall see visions,  
and your old men shall dream dreams;

<sup>18</sup>even on my male servants and female servants  
in those days I will pour out my Spirit, and they shall prophesy.

<sup>19</sup>And I will show wonders in the heavens above  
and signs on the earth below,  
blood, and fire, and vapor of smoke;

<sup>20</sup>the sun shall be turned to darkness  
and the moon to blood,

before the day of the Lord comes, the great and magnificent day.

<sup>21</sup>And it shall come to pass that everyone who calls upon the name of the Lord shall be saved.’

<sup>22</sup>“Men of Israel, hear these words: Jesus of Nazareth, a man attested to you by God with mighty works and wonders and signs that God did through him in your midst, as you yourselves know—<sup>23</sup>this Jesus, delivered up according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands of lawless men. <sup>24</sup>God raised him up, loosing the pangs of death, because it was not possible for him to be held by it...

<sup>37</sup>Now when they heard this they were cut to the heart, and said to Peter and the rest of the apostles, “Brothers, what shall we do?” <sup>38</sup>And Peter said to them, “Repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. <sup>39</sup>For the promise is for you and for your children and for all who are far off, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to himself.” <sup>40</sup>And with many other words he bore witness and continued to exhort them, saying, “Save yourselves from this crooked generation.” <sup>41</sup>So those who received his word were baptized, and there were added that day about three thousand souls.

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

*Stand*

**C** Alleluia.

Lord, to whom shall we go?  
You have the words of eternal life.  
Alleluia.

## Holy Gospel

John 14:23–31

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the fourteenth chapter.**C** Glory to You, O Lord.

<sup>23</sup>Jesus answered him, “If anyone loves me, he will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we will come to him and make our home with him. <sup>24</sup>Whoever does not love me does not keep my words. And the word that you hear is not mine but the Father’s who sent me.

<sup>25</sup>“These things I have spoken to you while I am still with you. <sup>26</sup>But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, he will teach you all things and bring to your remembrance all that I have said to you. <sup>27</sup>Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid. <sup>28</sup>You heard me say to you, ‘I am going away, and I will come to you.’ If you loved me, you would have rejoiced, because I am going to the Father, for the Father is greater than I. <sup>29</sup>And now I have told you before it takes place, so that when it does take place you may believe. <sup>30</sup>I will no longer talk much with you, for the ruler of this world is coming. He has no claim on me, <sup>31</sup>but I do as the Father has commanded me, so that the world may know that I love the Father. Rise, let us go from here.”

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.**C** Praise to You, O Christ.*Sit*

## Hymn of the Day: 497 Come, Holy Ghost, God and Lord

*Sung by pastors*


1 Come, Ho - ly Ghost, God and Lord, With all Your grac - es  
2 Come, ho - ly Light, guide di - vine, Now cause the Word of  
3 Come, ho - ly Fire, com - fort true, Grant us the will Your

now out-poured On each be - liev - er's mind and heart;  
life to shine. Teach us to know our God a - right  
work to do And in Your ser - vice to a - bide;

Your fer - vent love to them im - part. Lord, by the  
And call Him Fa - ther with de - light. From ev - 'ry  
Let tri - als turn us not a - side. Lord, by Your

bright-ness of Your light In ho - ly faith Your Church u - nite;  
er - ror keep us free; Let none but Christ our mas - ter be  
pow'r pre - pare each heart, And to our weak-ness strength im - part

From ev - 'ry land and ev - 'ry tongue This to Your  
That we in liv - ing faith a - bide, In Him, our  
That brave - ly here we may con - tend, Through life and

praise, O Lord, our God, be sung: Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!  
Lord, with all our might con - fide. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!  
death to You, our Lord, as - cend. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

## Hymn: 768 To God the Holy Spirit Let Us Pray

*Sung by pastors*

1 To God the Ho - ly Spir - it let us pray  
 2 O sweet - est Love, Your grace on us be - stow;  
 3 Tran - scen - dent Com - fort in our ev - 'ry need,  
 4 Shine in our hearts, O Spir - it, pre - cious light;



For the true faith need - ed on our way  
 Set our hearts with sa - cred fire a - glow  
 Help us nei - ther scorn nor death to heed  
 Teach us Je - sus Christ to know a - right



That He may de - fend us when life is end - ing And from  
 That with hearts u - nit - ed we love each oth - er, Ev - 'ry  
 That we may not fal - ter nor cour - age fail us When the  
 That we may a - bide in the Lord who bought us, Till to



ex - ile home we are wend - ing. Lord, have mer - cy!  
 strang - er, sis - ter, and broth - er. Lord, have mer - cy!  
 foe shall taunt and as - sail us. Lord, have mer - cy!  
 our true home He has brought us. Lord, have mer - cy!

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## Confirmation

*The pastor addresses the catechumens.*

- P** Beloved in the Lord, our Lord Jesus Christ said to His apostles: “All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age.” You have been baptized and catechized in the Christian faith according to our Lord’s bidding. Jesus said, “Whoever confesses Me before men, I will also confess before My Father who is in heaven. But whoever denies Me before men, I will also deny before My Father who is in heaven.” Lift up your hearts, therefore, to the God of all grace and joyfully give answer to what I now ask you in the name of the Lord.
- P** Do you this day in the presence of God and of this congregation acknowledge the gifts that God gave you in your Baptism?
- R** *Yes, I do.*
- P** Do you renounce the devil?
- R** *Yes, I renounce him.*
- P** Do you renounce all his works?
- R** *Yes, I renounce them.*
- P** Do you renounce all his ways?
- R** *Yes, I renounce them.*
- P** Do you believe in God, the Father Almighty?
- R** *Yes, I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.*

**P** Do you believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord?

**R** *Yes, I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.*

**P** Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?

**R** *Yes, I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.*

**P** Do you hold all the prophetic and apostolic Scriptures to be the inspired Word of God?

**R** *I do.*

**P** Do you confess the doctrine of the Evangelical Lutheran Church, drawn from the Scriptures, as you have learned to know it from the Small Catechism, to be faithful and true?

**R** *I do.*

**P** Do you intend to hear the Word of God and receive the Lord's Supper faithfully?

**R** *I do, by the grace of God.*

**P** Do you intend to live according to the Word of God, and in faith, word, and deed to remain true to God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, even to death?

**R** *I do, by the grace of God.*

**P** Do you intend to continue steadfast in this confession and Church and to suffer all, even death, rather than fall away from it?

**R** *I do, by the grace of God.*

**P** We rejoice with thankful hearts that you have been baptized and have received the teaching of the Lord. You have confessed the faith and been absolved of your sins. As you continue to hear the Lord's Word and receive His blessed Sacrament, He who has begun a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ.

**C** **Amen.**

*The catechumens kneel to receive the confirmation blessing. The pastor makes the sign of the cross on the forehead while saying:*

**P** *[Name], the almighty God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has given you the new birth of water and of the Spirit and has forgiven you all your sins, strengthen you with His grace to life ✠ everlasting.*

**R** *Amen.*

*The pastor may read a text of Holy Scripture as a remembrance of confirmation. After all the catechumens have received the blessing, the following collect is prayed.*

*Stand*

**P** Let us pray.

Almighty and most merciful Father, in the waters of Holy Baptism You have united Your children in the suffering and death of Your Son Jesus Christ, cleansing them by His blood. Renew in them the gift of Your Holy Spirit, that they may live in daily contrition and repentance with a faith that ever clings to their Savior. Deliver them from the power of Satan and preserve them from false and dangerous doctrines, that they may remain faithful in hearing Christ's Word and receiving His body and blood. By the Lord's Supper strengthen them to believe that no one can make satisfaction for sin but Christ alone. Enable them to find joy and comfort only in Him, learning from this Sacrament to love You and their neighbor and to bear the cross with patience and joy until the day of the resurrection of their bodies to life immortal; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** **Amen.**

**P** Peace ✠ be with you.

**C** **Amen.**

## Service of the Sacrament

- **Who May Commune**- *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).*
- **How Will We Commune**- *We will follow a "walk through" format where one Pastor with the bread/body stands at the step of the chancel. The other pastor will stand with either chalice or individual cups (depending on the service) at the pulpit. The pastor will motion for families to exit their pew and proceed, walking through from one to the next and back to their pew. Hand sanitizers are available for those who are moving and replacing their masks during Communion. After the pulpit side has communed the pastor with the chalice/cups will move to the baptismal font and the font side will commune in the same manner.*
- **Receiving Communion**- *You will receive the host in your hand and not directly on the lips, per your pastors' request and out of respect for your fellow communicants. This is temporary and a request we make knowing the piety with which many desire to receive the body of Christ directly on the tongue. We ask you to forgo this temporarily and perhaps consider this pious description of an early Church Father, St. Cyril, "placing thy left hand as a throne for thy right, which is to receive so great a King, and in the hollow of the palm receive the body of Christ, saying, Amen." When receiving the Chalice, please place your hands on the bottom of the cup, not around the rim. When taking an individual glass cup, be extra careful not to touch other cups in the tray.*

### Preface

LSB 177

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** **And also with you.**

**P** Lift up your hearts.

**C** **We lift them to the Lord.**

**P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**C** **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

**P** It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who ascended above the heavens and, sitting at Your right hand, poured out on this day the promised Holy Spirit on His chosen disciples. For all this the whole earth rejoices with exceeding joy. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

### Sanctus

LSB 178

**C** **Holy, holy, holy Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might:  
Heav'n 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.**

### Prayer of Thanksgiving

LSB 178

**P** Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross.

Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** **Amen.**

### Lord's Prayer

LSB 179

**P** Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

**C** **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 Words of Our Lord

**P** Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: “Take, eat; this is My  $\text{†}$  body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me.”

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: “Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My  $\text{†}$  blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me.”

## Pax Domini

LSB 180

**P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.  
**C** Amen.

## Agnus Dei

LSB 180

**C** Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.  
Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.  
Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

*Sit*

## Distribution

*Stand*

## Thank the Lord

LSB 181

**C** Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell ev'ryone what He has done.  
Let ev'ryone who seeks the Lord rejoice and proudly bear His name.  
He recalls His promises and leads His people forth in joy  
with shouts of thanksgiving. Alleluia, alleluia.

## Post-Communion Collect

**A** Let us pray.  
*[after the prayer]*  
**C** Amen.

## Benediction

LSB 183

**P** The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.  
The Lord look upon you with favor and  $\text{†}$  give you peace.  
**C** Amen.

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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, Diane Lawrence, Dr. Crystal Rossow, Charice McDowell, Mavis Kalk, Joyce O’Hern, Melvin Haag, and Carol Kappel (mother of Dan Kappel). 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, Linda Bredenberg, Sue Erickson, Marlys Johnson, Inez Koehler, Vivian Kuns, Steve Orbin, Gerald Oswald, Mark Pruhs, Amy Schalo, and Ilene Shepherd.

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

**Those who have lost loved ones during the past year**—the family of Audrey Bauermeister, Shirley Holthus & family (at the loss of her sister, Sharon Berndt), the family of Dorothy Cooper, the family of Pr. Roger Dramstad (former Circuit Pr.-Eternal Hope, Brooklyn Park), Jerry Rogge & family (at the loss of his father Merlyn), Katie Moss & family (at the loss of her grandmother Barbara Behling), Rob Essig & family (at the loss of his brother-in-law Barry Schramel), Mark Ellinger & family (at the loss of his mother Ruth), the family of Robert Malwitz, the family of Alvin Cook, and the family of Betty Schmiede.

**And we remember those who have recently lost loved ones**—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 Jobes, Dan Kappel & family (at the loss of his father Francis), Joellyn Wicht & family (at the loss of her mother Frances Spielman), and Larissa Alvarez & family (at the loss of her grandmother Luci Correa).

**All expecting families and their unborn children**—especially Maria & Jeremy Koosman, Megan & Zach Stewart, Paige & Andrew Windsperger, and Kyle & Abbie (MacMillan) Gaffaney. If you would like to announce your pregnancy to the Church that we might pray for you, please contact one of our pastors.

**THIS WEEK:** The congregations in our circuit are praying for Lutheran Church of the Triune God, Brooklyn Center, and Pastor Bill Sabol.

**PRAYING FOR OUR CHURCH & SCHOOL:** This week we pray for our Maintenance Team of Noah Walton and Manager John Draskovich, and our Extended School Program (ESP) Director Tori Kuehne and all of the program Assistants.

† Announcements †

**COVID-19 Preparedness Plan, Phased-Reopening:** *All St. John's events and activities have been cancelled or postponed until further notice, however, we now are able to hold Divine Services, weddings, and funerals that adhere to our protocols, as published in the pastoral letter of May 24, and available in our church's "Covid-19 Preparedness Plan". Please visit our website for the link to these documents and to stay informed as updates can happen quickly.*

**SOCIAL DISTANCING:** Please keep in mind your social distancing awareness and hygiene guidelines when entering the building and encountering other individuals; you are encouraged to wear a mask as you enter, exit, or at any time when not social distancing. Our Custodial Staff has been working diligently maintaining disinfection measures throughout the building to help keep our limited staff & visitors safe.

**WEDNESDAY EVENING PRAYER SERVICES** are being live-streamed on Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m. Since our Sunday services will have a reduced liturgy and hymnody, our Kantor has agreed to come on Wednesdays to add music and hymns to this service. New bulletins will be uploaded to our website each week to include the hymns to be sung.

**VIDEO BIBLE STUDY:** Ephesians: An Epistle for the One Holy Church- in adult Bible study this summer we will study Saint Paul's letter to the Ephesians, one of the most important Epistles in the New Testament and important for our understanding of what the Church is and is here to do. A video recording will be uploaded to the YouTube Channel "STJL Admissions" and shared on Facebook and our website. Enjoy!

May 31- What do I need to know about the Ephesians before reading Paul's letter?

June 7 - Election and Unity in Christ (Eph. 1:1-14)

**VBS:** We regret to inform you that Vacation Bible School has been cancelled for this summer due to COVID-19. It saddens us to do this because many look forward to this week of ministry to share in God's love and word.

**CONGREGATIONAL ASSEMBLY:** We will reschedule the meeting as soon as practical once the current social distancing policies associated with the Coronavirus pandemic are loosened. We plan to use the same packets that have already been distributed for the meeting. Please continue to keep St. John's, our members, our community and our country in your prayers as we deal with this crisis.

**CHURCH WORKER SCHOLARSHIP FUND:** This St. John's fund assists students with a career path towards being a full-time church worker (future pastors, teachers, DCEs and deaconesses) with their college tuition. Disbursements are awarded each year from the interest earned on this fund. The application is available on our St. John's website; *the deadline for submission has been extended to June 30th.* Email completed applications to any member of the SEWAC Board or the Church Secretary. To make a donation to this important fund, write "Church Worker Scholarship Fund" on your offering envelope.

**RECOGNIZING OUR 2020 HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES:** We have several St. John's members graduating this year; please keep these young members in your prayers: Ashlee Eder, Lucas Kiesow, Christina Kolstad, Kelsey Latterell, Mitchell Schmidt, Luke Walton, Jack Wicklund, and Alexa Zupfer. (If you are a graduating high school senior this year and your name was not listed, please contact the office so we may make the correction and include you in the recognition.)

**CONFIRMANDS:** The Risen Lord Jesus taught His disciples to see the fulfillment of all the writings of the Old Testament in Him (see Luke 24). May His teaching continue to be passed on to the confirmands of this congregation as they publicly confess their faith in Christ and their confidence in God's Word--and Luther's doctrine drawn from it. Please keep the following youth in your prayers: Miranda Blanck, Micah Davis, Leah Gordon, Bradley Kruse, Gabriel Lodholz, Evan Pulju, Alexander Vetsch, Isaac Vogt, Samuel Vogt, and Andrew Wandersee.

**OUR HEARTFELT SYMPATHIES** to the Kappel family as they prepare funeral arrangements for Dan's father, Francis T. Kappel: Visitation- Sunday, June 7<sup>th</sup> 4pm-8pm, Chilson Funeral Home, Winsted, MN  
Reviewal- Monday, June 8<sup>th</sup>, 9:30am-10:30am; ...Funeral Service- Monday, June 8<sup>th</sup>, 11:00am, Holy Trinity Catholic Church, Winsted, MN

**BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK:** (May 31 - June 6) **Sunday-** ..., **Monday-** Karen Fussy/Darlean Goskey/Diane Radintz/Diane Schwecke, **Tuesday-** Pat Ellinger, **Wednesday-** Alexander Paguio, **Thursday-** Collin Day/ Ed Kemna/Kristina Kothrade/Erin Oakland, **Friday-** Kaylyn Robinson, **Saturday-** Melvin Haag/Lydia Howey/Josef Johnson/William Schutte/A.J. Volberding.

FINANCIAL UPDATE	<u>Last Week</u>	<u>Year-to-date</u>	
	05/24/20	since 07/01/19	Current Building Mortgage Balance (April 30, 2020): \$321,681
Total General Fund Receipts-All Sources	\$ 9,187	\$ 1,385,175	
Amount Needed	\$ 21,479	\$ 1,503,530	
Amount Ahead (Behind)	\$ (12,292)	\$ (118,355)	
% Ahead (-Behind)		-8%	

## 2020 Confirmands

### Miranda Lois Blanck

Parents: Gerry & Tracey Blanck

Born: 06/20/2005

Baptized: 07/10/2005

Sponsors: Todd & Angela Headlee

Confirmation Verse: Psalm 73:26

### Micah John Davis

Parents: Tim & Rhoda Davis

Born: 10/16/2005

Baptized: 10/23/2005

Sponsors: Dave & Ruth Olson;  
Mark Ambrecht

Confirmation Verse: Psalm 73:26

### Leah Rebecca Gordon

Parents: Timothy & Christine  
Gordon

Born: 03/09/2006

Baptized: 04/23/2006

Sponsors: Rebecca Ford

Confirmation Verse: Isaiah 54:10

### Bradley Christopher Kruse

Parents: Chris & Angie Kruse

Born: 10/11/2005

Baptized: 10/30/2005

Sponsors: Matt Kruse;  
Danielle LaPlant

Confirmation Verse: John 15:5

### Gabriel Scott Lodholz

Parents: Tim Lodholz  
Ally Lodholz

Born: 03/17/2006

Baptized: 04/23/2006

Sponsors: Dave & Gretchen Kliche

Confirmation Verse: Psalm 31:5

### Evan Joseph Pulju

Parents: Bruce & Laura Wilson;  
Amanda Pulju

Born: 06/22/2006

Baptized: 04/08/2017

Sponsors: Ed Kemna

Confirmation Verse: John 10:27-28

### Alexander Johnathon Vetsch

Parents: Jonathon & Heather  
Vetsch

Born: 09/10/2005

Baptized: 09/25/2005

Sponsors: Troy Boettcher;  
Celeste Cummins

Confirmation Verse: John 8:12

### Isaac Thomas Vogt

Parents: Thomas & Tracy Vogt

Born: 06/11/2006

Baptized: 06/16/2006

Sponsors: Paul & Gayle Schlueter

Confirmation Verse: Psalm 32:10-11

### Samuel Rodney Vogt

Parents: Thomas & Tracy Vogt

Born: 06/11/2006

Baptized: 06/16/2006

Sponsors: Paul & Gayle Schlueter

Confirmation Verse: Luke 11:28

### Andrew Richard Wandersee

Parents: Darcy & Laura Wandersee

Born: 02/05/2006

Baptized: 03/25/2006

Sponsors: Ted & Sarah Schmidt;  
Darin & Lisa Wandersee

Confirmation Verse: Psalm 55:22

