

# 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:** 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.

**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

# † The Eighth Sunday after Trinity †

August 2, 2020

*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.*

Stand

Hymn: 745 In God, My Faithful God

*sung by the Pastors*



1 In God, my faith - ful God, I trust when dark my road;  
2 My sins fill me with care, Yet I will not de - spair.  
3 If death my por - tion be, It brings great gain to me;  
4 O Je - sus Christ, my Lord, So meek in deed and word,  
5 "So be it," then, I say With all my heart each day.



Great woes may o - ver - take me, Yet He will not for - sake me.  
I build on Christ, who loves me; From this rock noth - ing moves me.  
It speeds my life's en - deav - or To live with Christ for - ev - er.  
You suf - fered death to save us Be - cause Your love would have us  
Dear Lord, we all a - dore You, We sing for joy be - fore You.



My trou - bles He can al - ter; His hand lets noth - ing fal - ter.  
To Him I will sur - ren - der, To Him, my soul's de - fend - er.  
He gives me joy in sor - row, Come death now or to - mor - row.  
Be heirs of heav'n - ly glad - ness When ends this life of sad - ness.  
Guide us while here we wan - der Un - til we praise You yon - der.

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## Service of the Word

Introit

*Psalm 48:1, 3, 11, 14; antiphon: vv. 9–10*

We have thought on your steadfast love, O God,  
in the midst of your temple.

As your name, O God, so your praise reaches to the ends of the earth.

Your right hand is filled with righteousness.

**Great is the LORD and greatly to be praised  
in the city of our God, his holy mountain.**

**Within her citadels**

**God has made himself known as a fortress.**

**Let Mount Zion be glad!**

**Let the daughters of Judah rejoice because of your judgments!**

**This is God, our God forever and ever.**

**He will guide us forever.**

**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.**

We have thought on your steadfast love, O God,  
in the midst of your temple.

As your name, O God, so your praise reaches to the ends of the earth.

Your right hand is filled with righteousness.

Kyrie *sung by the Pastors*

LSB 186



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

Gloria in Excelsis *sung by the Pastors*

LSB 187



Glory be to God on high: and on earth peace, good - will toward  
men. We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we wor - ship Thee,  
we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory.  
O Lord God, heav'n-ly King, God the Fa-ther Al - mighty.  
O Lord, the only begotten Son, Je - sus Christ;  
O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,  
that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy up-on us.  
Thou that takest away the sin of the world, re-ceive our prayer.  
Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy up-  
on us. For Thou only art holy; Thou on - ly art the Lord.  
Thou only, O Christ, with the Ho - ly Ghost,  
art most high in the glory of God the Father. A - men.

## Salutation and Collect of the Day

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** **And with thy spirit.**

**P** Let us pray.

Grant to us, Lord, the Spirit to think and do always such things as are right, that we, who cannot do anything that is good without You, may be enabled by You to live according to Your will; 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*

## Old Testament Reading

*Jeremiah 23:16–29*

<sup>16</sup>Thus says the LORD of hosts: “Do not listen to the words of the prophets who prophesy to you, filling you with vain hopes. They speak visions of their own minds, not from the mouth of the LORD. <sup>17</sup>They say continually to those who despise the word of the LORD, ‘It shall be well with you’; and to everyone who stubbornly follows his own heart, they say, ‘No disaster shall come upon you.’”

<sup>18</sup>For who among them has stood in the council of the LORD  
to see and to hear his word,  
or who has paid attention to his word and listened?

<sup>19</sup>Behold, the storm of the LORD!

Wrath has gone forth,  
a whirling tempest;  
it will burst upon the head of the wicked.

<sup>20</sup>The anger of the LORD will not turn back  
until he has executed and accomplished  
the intents of his heart.

In the latter days you will understand it clearly.

<sup>21</sup>“I did not send the prophets,  
yet they ran;

I did not speak to them,  
yet they prophesied.

<sup>22</sup>But if they had stood in my council,  
then they would have proclaimed my words to my people,  
and they would have turned them from their evil way,  
and from the evil of their deeds.

<sup>23</sup>“Am I a God at hand, declares the LORD, and not a God afar off? <sup>24</sup>Can a man hide himself in secret places so that I cannot see him? declares the LORD. Do I not fill heaven and earth? declares the LORD. <sup>25</sup>I have heard what the prophets have said who prophesy lies in my name, saying, ‘I have dreamed, I have dreamed!’ <sup>26</sup>How long shall there be lies in the heart of the prophets who prophesy lies, and who prophesy the deceit of their own heart, <sup>27</sup>who think to make my people forget my name by their dreams that they tell one another, even as their fathers forgot my name for Baal? <sup>28</sup>Let the prophet who has a dream tell the dream, but let him who has my word speak my word faithfully. What has straw in common with wheat? declares the LORD. <sup>29</sup>Is not my word like fire, declares the LORD, and like a hammer that breaks the rock in pieces?”

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

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

## Gradual

*Psalms 31:2b, 1a*

**Be a rock of refuge for me,  
a strong fortress to save me!  
In you, O LORD, do I take refuge;  
let me never be put to shame.**

## Epistle

Romans 8:12–17

<sup>12</sup>So then, brothers, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh. <sup>13</sup>For if you live according to the flesh you will die, but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. <sup>14</sup>For all who are led by the Spirit of God are sons of God. <sup>15</sup>For you did not receive the spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received the Spirit of adoption as sons, by whom we cry, “Abba! Father!” <sup>16</sup>The Spirit himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, <sup>17</sup>and if children, then heirs—heirs of God and fellow heirs with Christ, provided we suffer with him in order that we may also be glorified with him.

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

Stand

## Alleluia *sung by the Pastors*

LSB 190



**C** Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia.

## Holy Gospel

Matthew 7:15–23

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the seventh chapter.

**C** Glory be to Thee, O Lord.

<sup>15</sup>[Jesus said:] “Beware of false prophets, who come to you in sheep’s clothing but inwardly are ravenous wolves. <sup>16</sup>You will recognize them by their fruits. Are grapes gathered from thornbushes, or figs from thistles? <sup>17</sup>So, every healthy tree bears good fruit, but the diseased tree bears bad fruit. <sup>18</sup>A healthy tree cannot bear bad fruit, nor can a diseased tree bear good fruit. <sup>19</sup>Every tree that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire. <sup>20</sup>Thus you will recognize them by their fruits.

<sup>21</sup>“Not everyone who says to me, ‘Lord, Lord,’ will enter the kingdom of heaven, but the one who does the will of my Father who is in heaven. <sup>22</sup>On that day many will say to me, ‘Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in your name, and cast out demons in your name, and do many mighty works in your name?’ <sup>23</sup>And then will I declare to them, ‘I never knew you; depart from me, you workers of lawlessness.’”

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C** Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

## Nicene Creed

**C** I believe in one God,  
the Father Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth  
and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ,  
the only-begotten Son of God,  
begotten of His Father before all worlds,  
God of God, Light of Light,  
very God of very God,  
begotten, not made,  
being of one substance with the Father,  
by whom all things were made;  
who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven  
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary  
and was made man;  
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.  
He suffered and was buried.  
And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures  
and ascended into heaven  
and sits at the right hand of the Father.  
And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead,

whose kingdom will have no end.

**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*

**Hymn of the Day: 689 Let Me Be Thine Forever**

*sung by the Pastors*



1 Let me be Thine for - ev - er, My faith - ful God and Lord;  
2 Lord Je - sus, my sal - va - tion, My light, my life di - vine,  
3 And Thou, O Ho - ly Spir - it, My com - fort - er and guide,



Let me for - sake Thee nev - er Nor wan - der from Thy Word.  
My on - ly con - so - la - tion, O make me whol - ly Thine!  
Grant that in Je - sus' mer - it I al - ways may con - fide,



Lord, do not let me wa - ver, But give me stead - fast - ness,  
For Thou hast dear - ly bought me With blood and bit - ter pain.  
Him to the end con - fess - ing Whom I have known by faith.



And for such grace for - ev - er Thy ho - ly name I'll bless.  
Let me, since Thou hast sought me, E - ter - nal life ob - tain.  
Give me Thy con - stant bless - ing And grant a Chris - tian death.

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**Sermon: "Two Forms of Identification" --Matthew 7:21**

*Stand*

**Prayer of the Church**

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

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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, Carol Kappel (mother of Dan Kappel), Patrick Oberle, and Ramona Von Ende. 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 (Idaho), 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**— Mark Ellinger & family (at the loss of his mother Ruth), the family of Robert Malwitz, the family of Alvin Cook, 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 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).

**And we remember those who have recently lost loved ones**— 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), and Lois Foggia & family (at the sudden death of her brother-in-law Tom Hooker).

**All expecting families and their unborn children**— especially Kyle & Abbie (MacMillan) Gaffaney, and Sarah & Luke Wiley. 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 Shepherd of the Grove Lutheran & Childcare Center, Maple Grove, and Pastor Tim Lamkin, Sr.

**PRAYING FOR OUR CHURCH & SCHOOL:** This week we pray for SEWAC Deacons Mark Ellinger & Jerry Rogge and the Board Members, and also for our Third Grade Teacher Ruth Droogsma.

### † 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 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.

**SPECIAL FEAST DAYS THIS WEEK:** *none this week.*

**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 “Matthew Moss” and shared on Facebook and our website. Enjoy!

August 2- Once You Were Darkness, but Now You are Light in the Lord (Eph. 5: 3-14)

August 9- The Liturgy of the Spirit-filled Baptized (Eph. 5:15-21a)

**GOLDEN WEDDING ANNIVERSARY:** Joined in Holy Matrimony 50 years ago January 7, 1970 were Tony and Jan Stadler. An anniversary service commemorating the occasion was held yesterday including the renewal of their vows. May God grant them many more happy years together. May their love and commitment for each other always reflect the deep love and commitment that Christ Jesus, our heavenly Bridegroom, has for His holy Bride, the Church. *“Gracious Savior, grant Your blessing to this husband and this wife . . . Make their love a living picture showing how You loved Your bride”* (LSB 860).

**TUESDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY** has resumed as we take up again the Book of Acts. We will 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. This Tuesday we will take up Acts 18 and the beginnings of Paul's "Third Missionary Journey" that centered in the major metropolis of Ephesus.

**MIDWEEK 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.

**CONGREGATIONAL ASSEMBLY:** The deacons have decided to enter Fiscal Year 2020-21 with the budget that was approved by the Deacon Council and presented in the packets provided previously. We hope to hold an Assembly to ratify this as soon as possible. Please direct your questions or concerns to Congregational President Erik Preus or contact our Church Secretary if you need another copy of the packet previously published.

**ST. JOHN'S GOLF TOURNAMENT:** SAVE THE DATE!! Saturday September 19<sup>th</sup>, 2020, Rush Creek Golf Club, Maple Grove. Details to follow. Tell your friends, neighbors, relatives and coworkers to join us!

**ESP IS HIRING!** Just as St. John's school is intending to resume in-person classes this upcoming school year, ESP is also working to resume! If you are someone you know is interested in learning more or applying for this joy-filled position please contact Tori Kuehne (tori.kuehne@stjlutheran.org or 763-244-7711) by August 12, 2020. Applicants must be at least 17 years old; previous child care experience is preferred. This is an hourly position that includes a tuition discount for dependent children in grades K-8.

**YOUTH GROUP** trip to Boundary Waters...tomorrow (Monday, August 3) five senior youth and their trip leaders - Gary Volberding, Chris Kruse and AJ Volberding - will be traveling to the Boundary Waters for this year's summer trip. They will return on Saturday, August 8. The group will enjoy a week filled with camping, canoeing, swimming, fishing, hiking, and fun while they appreciate the beautiful world God gave us and bond with their fellow brothers and sisters in Christ. Thank you for the continued prayers and monetary support that helped make this trip, and other trips, possible for our youth group!

**BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK:** (August 2 – August 8) ***Sunday-*** Andrew Lieske/Christine Wood, ***Monday-*** Julie Christophersen/Joy Koosman, ***Tuesday-*** Lois Anderson/John Barrett/Ray Kaiser/Gayle Schlueter, ***Wednesday-*** Landon Essig, ***Thursday-*** Janine DeSplinter/David Kalk/Daniel Orbin, ***Friday-*** Steve Lucas, ***Saturday-*** Sarah Bahr/Rebecca Gaffer/Cadence Kliche/Laura Kothrade/Tori Kuehne/Andrew Toelle/Haley Wagner

<b>FINANCIAL UPDATE</b>	<u>Last Week</u> 07/26/20	<u>Year-to-date</u> since 07/01/20
Total General Fund Receipts-All Sources	\$ 17,827	\$ 76,126
Amount Needed	\$ 26,594	\$ 106,377
Amount Ahead (Behind)	\$ (8,767)	\$ (30,251)
% Ahead (-Behind)		-28%

Current Building Mortgage Balance (July 31, 2020): \$258,733

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 (July 26<sup>th</sup>)** Total: 135 CM: 99

*Note: The pastors and kantor are only counted once in both figures above, but take up three of the 75 slots at each service. Also, Safety Team members are positioned in the halls, and do not count against the 75 available spots in the sanctuary, however they are included in the numbers of those present for worship and communing if they communed.*