

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 Tenth Sunday after Trinity †

August 16, 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.

Service of the Word

Hymn of the Day: 644 The Church's One Foundation *sung by the Pastor* sts. 1-5



1 The Church's one foun - da - tion Is Je - sus Christ, her Lord;
2 E - lect from ev - 'ry na - tion, Yet one o'er all the earth;
3 Though with a scorn - ful won - der The world sees her op - pressed,
4 Through toil and trib - u - la - tion And tu - mult of her war
5 Yet she on earth has u - nion With God, the Three in One,



She is His new cre - a - tion By wa - ter and the Word.
Her char - ter of sal - va - tion: One Lord, one faith, one birth.
By schisms rent a - sun - der, By her - e - sies dis - tressed,
She waits the con - sum - ma - tion Of peace for - ev - er - more
And mys - tic sweet com - mu - nion With those whose rest is won.



From heav'n He came and sought her To be His ho - ly bride;
One ho - ly name she bless - es, Par - takes one ho - ly food,
Yet saints their watch are keep - ing; Their cry goes up, "How long?"
Till with the vi - sion glo - rious Her long - ing eyes are blest,
O bless - ed heav'n - ly cho - rus! Lord, save us by Your grace



With His own blood He bought her, And for her life He died.
And to one hope she press - es With ev - 'ry grace en - dued.
And soon the night of weep - ing Shall be the morn of song.
And the great Church vic - to - rious Shall be the Church at rest.
That we, like saints be - fore us, May see You face to face.

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Introit

Psalm 55:1, 4-5, 16; antiphon: vv. 16a, 17b, 18a, 22a

I call to God, and he hears my voice;
he redeems my soul in safety.
Cast your burden on the LORD,
and he will sustain you.
Give ear to my prayer, O God,
and hide not yourself from my plea for mercy!
My heart is in anguish within me;
the terrors of death have fallen upon me.
Fear and trembling come upon me,
and horror overwhelms me.
But I call to God,
and the LORD will save me.

**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.

I call to God, and he hears my voice;
he redeems my soul in safety.
Cast your burden on the LORD,
and he will sustain you.

sung by the Pastor

G 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 *sung by the Pastor*

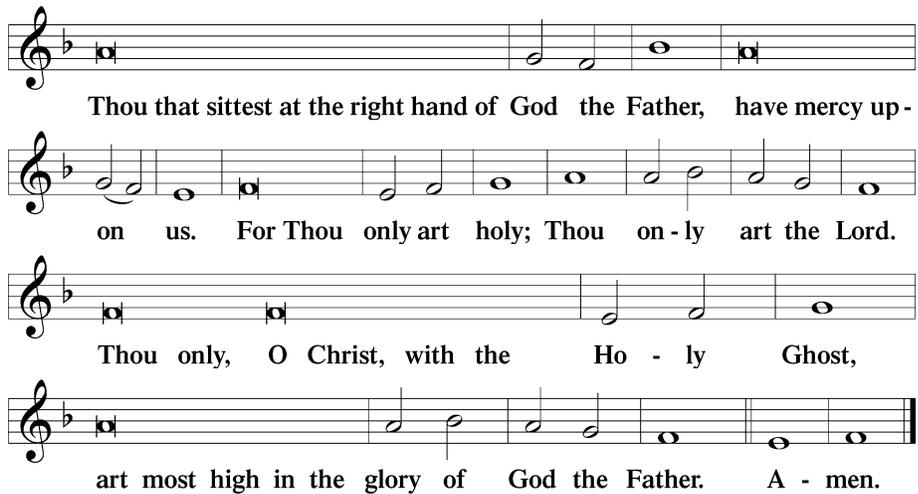
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G Lord, have mer-cy up-on us. Christ, have mer-cy up-on us.
on us. Lord, have mer-cy up-on us.

Gloria in Excelsis *sung by the Pastor*

LSB 187

P Glory be to God on high: **G** 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.
O God, You declare Your almighty power above all in showing mercy and pity. Mercifully grant us such a measure of Your grace that we may obtain Your gracious promises and be made partakers of Your heavenly treasures; 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 8:4-12

⁴“You shall say to them, Thus says the LORD:
When men fall, do they not rise again?
If one turns away, does he not return?
⁵Why then has this people turned away
in perpetual backsliding?
They hold fast to deceit;
they refuse to return.
⁶I have paid attention and listened,
but they have not spoken rightly;
no man relents of his evil,
saying, ‘What have I done?’
Everyone turns to his own course,
like a horse plunging headlong into battle.
⁷Even the stork in the heavens
knows her times,
and the turtledove, swallow, and crane
keep the time of their coming,
but my people know not
the just decrees of the LORD.
⁸“How can you say, ‘We are wise,
and the law of the LORD is with us’?
But behold, the lying pen of the scribes
has made it into a lie.
⁹The wise men shall be put to shame;
they shall be dismayed and taken;
behold, they have rejected the word of the LORD,

so what wisdom is in them?
¹⁰Therefore I will give their wives to others
 and their fields to conquerors,
 because from the least to the greatest
 everyone is greedy for unjust gain;
 from prophet to priest,
 everyone deals falsely.
¹¹They have healed the wound of my people lightly,
 saying, ‘Peace, peace,’
 when there is no peace.
¹²Were they ashamed when they committed abomination?
 No, they were not at all ashamed;
 they did not know how to blush.
 Therefore they shall fall among the fallen;
 when I punish them, they shall be overthrown,
 says the LORD”.

- A** This is the Word of the Lord.
- C** Thanks be to God.

Gradual

Psalm 17:8, 2

Keep me as the apple of your eye;
 hide me in the shadow of your wings.
 From your presence let my vindication come!
 Let your eyes behold the right!

Epistle

Romans 9:30—10:4

³⁰What shall we say, then? That Gentiles who did not pursue righteousness have attained it, that is, a righteousness that is by faith; ³¹but that Israel who pursued a law that would lead to righteousness did not succeed in reaching that law. ³²Why? Because they did not pursue it by faith, but as if it were based on works. They have stumbled over the stumbling stone, ³³as it is written,

“Behold, I am laying in Zion a stone of stumbling, and a rock of offense;
 and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame.”

¹Brothers, my heart’s desire and prayer to God for them is that they may be saved. ²I bear them witness that they have a zeal for God, but not according to knowledge. ³For, being ignorant of the righteousness that comes from God, and seeking to establish their own, they did not submit to God’s righteousness. ⁴For Christ is the end of the law for righteousness to everyone who believes.

- A** This is the Word of the Lord.
- C** Thanks be to God.

Stand

Alleluia *sung by the Pastor*

LSB 190



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

Holy Gospel

Luke 19:41–48

- P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the nineteenth chapter.
- C** Glory be to Thee, O Lord.

⁴¹When [Jesus] drew near and saw the city, he wept over it, ⁴²saying, “Would that you, even you, had known on this day the things that make for peace! But now they are hidden from your eyes. ⁴³For the days will come upon you, when

your enemies will set up a barricade around you and surround you and hem you in on every side⁴⁴and tear you down to the ground, you and your children within you. And they will not leave one stone upon another in you, because you did not know the time of your visitation.”

⁴⁵And he entered the temple and began to drive out those who sold, ⁴⁶saying to them, “It is written, ‘My house shall be a house of prayer,’ but you have made it a den of robbers.”

⁴⁷And he was teaching daily in the temple. The chief priests and the scribes and the principal men of the people were seeking to destroy him, ⁴⁸but they did not find anything they could do, for all the people were hanging on his words.

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

Sermon Hymn: 419 O'er Jerusalem Thou Weepest *sung by the Pastor* TLH 419



1 O'er Je - ru - sa - lem Thou weep - est In com - pas - sion, dear -
 2 By the love Thy tears are tell - ing, O Thou Lamb for sin -
 3 O Thou Lord of my sal - va - tion, Grant my soul Thy blood -



- est Lord. Love di - vine, of love the deep - est, O'er Thine
 - ners slain, Make my heart Thy tem - ple dwell - ing, Purged from
 - bo't peace. By Thy tears of lam - en - ta - tion Bid my



err - ing Is - rael poured, Cri - eth out in bit - ter moan:
 ev - 'ry guilt - y stain. Oh, for - give, for - give, my sin!
 faith and love in - crease. Grant me grace to love Thy Word,



"O loved cit - y, hadst thou known This thy day of
 Cleanse me, cleanse me, Lord, with - in! I am Thine since
 Grace to keep the mes - sage heard, Grace to own Thee



vis - i - ta - tion, Thou wouldst not re - ject sal - va - tion."
 Thou hast sought me, Since Thy pre - cious blood hath bo't me.
 as my Trea - sure, Grace to love Thee with - out mea - sure.

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Sermon

"Jesus Weeps, Fights, and Teaches"

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

Stand

Offertory *sung by the Pastor*

LSB 192



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.

Sit

Offering

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, Steve Orbin, Gerald Oswald, Mark Pruhs, Amy Schalo, and Ilene Shepherd.

All those serving in our Armed Forces— Agena Christophersen (Belgium), Kevin Mazurowski (Arizona), 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 Schmiede, 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), Lois Foggia & family (at the loss of her brother-in-law Tom Hooker), and the family of Vivian Kuns.

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 Rev. Lucas Woodford, our District President, and all of our elected officers and board members in the MN South District.

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 for our Fourth Grade Teacher Miriam Preus.

† 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 required 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: *no special feast days 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 16- Order as a Gift of the Spirit and an Image of Christ and the Church (Eph. 5:21b-33)
 August 23- Order as a Gift...parents and children, masters and slaves (Eph. 6:1-9)

BAPTISED on *Saturday* was Daphne Rae Schumann, daughter of Daniel and Jocelin Schumann born on May 25th 2016. May our gracious Lord Jesus keep Daphne safe in the holy Ark of the Church until she reaches her new home in heaven. "Let the little children come to me and do not hinder them, for to such belongs the kingdom of God." Matthew 19:14

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. We will not have normal class this coming Tuesday, but will resume next week (August 25) at our normal time of 9:45 am on Facebook Live. This Tuesday at 9:45 am we will have a brief, pre-recorded segment looking at some of the larger commentaries given on Acts in the history of the Church.

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 19th, 2020, Rush Creek Golf Club, Maple Grove. Details to follow. Tell your friends, neighbors, relatives and coworkers to join us!

ATTENTION FAMILIES OF COLLEGE AGE STUDENTS: Please send us your college age student's address (even if they are living at home) so that St. John's may keep in touch with them throughout the year. Email addresses to: parished@stjlutheran.org OR sjmabrockberg@yahoo.com.

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK: (August 16 – August 22) *Sunday*- Abbie MacMillan Gaffaney, *Monday*- Brodie Ellavsky/James Lynch, *Tuesday*- ..., *Wednesday*- Joey Heisler/Delina Magnuson/Dean Noren, *Thursday*- Gretchen Kliche/Ramona Von Ende/Tifanne Wolter, *Friday*- ..., *Saturday*- Rebecca Brantner/Carol Jobses/Justin Maurer

FINANCIAL UPDATE	<u>Last Week</u> 08/09/20	<u>Year-to-date</u> since 07/01/20
Total General Fund Receipts-All Sources	\$ 13,142	\$ 140,284
Amount Needed	\$ 17,192	\$ 140,760
Amount Ahead (Behind)	\$ (4,050)	\$ (477)
% Ahead (-Behind)		0%
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 (August 9th) Total: 140 CM: 111

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.