

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 Eleventh Sunday after Trinity †

August 23, 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: 616 Baptismal Waters Cover Me

sung by the Pastor



1 Bap - tis - mal wa - ters cov - er me As I ap -
2 I look to Christ up - on the tree, His bod - y
3 Lord, may Your wound - ed hand im - part Your heal - ing
4 From Your own mouth comes forth a word; Your shep - herd
5 Bap - tis - mal wa - ters cov - er me; Christ's wound - ed



proach on bend - ed knee; My Fa - ther's mer - cy
bro - ken there for me; I lay be - fore Him
to my bro - ken heart; Your love a - lone can
speaks, but You are heard; Through him Your hand now
hand has set me free. Held in my Fa - ther's



here I plead, For griev - ous sins of thought and deed.
all my sin, My dark - est se - crets from with - in.
form in me A heart that serves You joy - ful - ly.
stretch - es out, For - giv - ing sin, de - stroy - ing doubt.
strong em - brace, With joy I praise Him for His grace.

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Introit

Psalm 68:1, 3, 7a, 10b, 19; antiphon: vv. 5b, 6a, 35b

God is in his holy habitation;
[he] settles the solitary in a home.
The God of Israel—he is the one
who gives power and strength to his people.
**God shall arise, his enemies shall be scattered;
and those who hate him shall flee before him!**
**But the righteous shall be glad; they shall exult before God;
they shall be jubilant with joy!**
O God, when you went out before your people,
in your goodness, O God, you provided for the needy.
**Blessèd be the Lord, who daily bears us up;
God is our salvation.**

sung by the Pastor



☐ 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*

LSB 186

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

The musical notation for the Kyrie is written on two staves. The first staff begins with a treble clef, a key signature of one flat (B-flat), and a common time signature (C). The melody consists of quarter and eighth notes. The lyrics are printed below the staff, with a square box containing a 'C' time signature above the first line of text. The second staff continues the melody and lyrics, ending with a double bar line.

Gloria in Excelsis *sung by the Pastor*

LSB 187

Glory be to God on high: **C** 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.

The musical notation for the Gloria in Excelsis is written on ten staves. The first staff begins with a treble clef, a key signature of one flat (B-flat), and a common time signature (C). The melody is primarily composed of quarter and eighth notes, with some rests. The lyrics are printed below the staff, with a square box containing a 'C' time signature above the first line of text. The second staff continues the melody and lyrics. The third staff continues the melody and lyrics. The fourth staff continues the melody and lyrics. The fifth staff continues the melody and lyrics. The sixth staff continues the melody and lyrics. The seventh staff continues the melody and lyrics. The eighth staff continues the melody and lyrics. The ninth staff continues the melody and lyrics. The tenth staff continues the melody and lyrics, ending with a double bar line.

Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

C **And with thy spirit.**

P Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, always more ready to hear than we to pray and to give more than we either desire or deserve, pour down upon us the abundance of Your mercy, forgiving those things of which our conscience is afraid and giving us those good things that we are not worthy to ask, except through the merits and mediation of Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

Sit

Old Testament Reading

Genesis 4:1–15

¹Now Adam knew Eve his wife, and she conceived and bore Cain, saying, “I have gotten a man with the help of the LORD.” ²And again, she bore his brother Abel. Now Abel was a keeper of sheep, and Cain a worker of the ground. ³In the course of time Cain brought to the LORD an offering of the fruit of the ground, ⁴and Abel also brought of the firstborn of his flock and of their fat portions. And the LORD had regard for Abel and his offering, ⁵but for Cain and his offering he had no regard. So Cain was very angry, and his face fell. ⁶The LORD said to Cain, “Why are you angry, and why has your face fallen? ⁷If you do well, will you not be accepted? And if you do not do well, sin is crouching at the door. Its desire is for you, but you must rule over it.”

⁸Cain spoke to Abel his brother. And when they were in the field, Cain rose up against his brother Abel and killed him. ⁹Then the LORD said to Cain, “Where is Abel your brother?” He said, “I do not know; am I my brother’s keeper?” ¹⁰And the LORD said, “What have you done? The voice of your brother’s blood is crying to me from the ground. ¹¹And now you are cursed from the ground, which has opened its mouth to receive your brother’s blood from your hand. ¹²When you work the ground, it shall no longer yield to you its strength. You shall be a fugitive and a wanderer on the earth.” ¹³Cain said to the LORD, “My punishment is greater than I can bear. ¹⁴Behold, you have driven me today away from the ground, and from your face I shall be hidden. I shall be a fugitive and a wanderer on the earth, and whoever finds me will kill me.” ¹⁵Then the LORD said to him, “Not so! If anyone kills Cain, vengeance shall be taken on him sevenfold.” And the LORD put a mark on Cain, lest any who found him should attack him.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Gradual

Psalms 28:7b, 1a, 2a

**In [God] my heart trusts, and I am helped;
my heart exults, and with my song I give thanks to him.
To you, O LORD, I call; my rock, be not deaf to me,
hear the voice of my pleas for mercy, when I cry to you for help.**

Epistle

Ephesians 2:1–10

¹And you were dead in the trespasses and sins ²in which you once walked, following the course of this world, following the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work in the sons of disobedience— ³among whom we all once lived in the passions of our flesh, carrying out the desires of the body and the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, like the rest of mankind. ⁴But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us, ⁵even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved— ⁶and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, ⁷so that in the coming ages he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. ⁸For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, ⁹not a result of works, so that no one may boast. ¹⁰For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Stand

Alleluia *sung by the Pastor*

LSB 190



☐ Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia.

Holy Gospel

Luke 18:9–14

☐ The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the eighteenth chapter.

☑ **Glory be to Thee, O Lord.**

⁹[Jesus] also told this parable to some who trusted in themselves that they were righteous, and treated others with contempt: ¹⁰“Two men went up into the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. ¹¹The Pharisee, standing by himself, prayed thus: ‘God, I thank you that I am not like other men, extortioners, unjust, adulterers, or even like this tax collector. ¹²I fast twice a week; I give tithes of all that I get.’ ¹³But the tax collector, standing far off, would not even lift up his eyes to heaven, but beat his breast, saying, ‘God, be merciful to me, a sinner!’ ¹⁴I tell you, this man went down to his house justified, rather than the other. For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, but the one who humbles himself will be exalted.”

☐ This is the Gospel of the Lord.

☑ **Praise be to Thee, O Christ.**

Nicene Creed

☑ **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: 559 Oh, How Great Is Your Compassion *sung by the Pastor*



1 Oh, how great is Your com - pas - sion, Faith - ful Fa - ther,
 2 Your great love for this has striv - en That we may, from
 3 Firm - ly to our soul's sal - va - tion Wit - ness - es Your
 4 Lord, Your mer - cy will not leave me; Ev - er will Your
 5 I will praise Your great com - pas - sion, Faith - ful Fa - ther,



God of grace, That with all our fall - en race
 sin made free, Live with You e - ter - nal - ly.
 Spir - it, Lord, In Your Sac - ra - ments and Word.
 truth a - bide. Then in You I will con - fide.
 God of grace, That with all our fall - en race



In our depth of deg - ra - da - tion You had mer - cy
 Your dear Son Him - self has giv - en And ex - tends His
 There He sends true con - so - la - tion, Giv - ing us the
 Since Your Word can - not de - ceive me, My sal - va - tion
 In our depth of deg - ra - da - tion You had mer - cy



so that we Might be saved e - ter - nal - ly!
 gra - cious call, To His sup - per leads us all.
 gift of faith That we fear not hell nor death.
 is to me Safe and sure e - ter - nal - ly.
 so that we Might be saved e - ter - nal - ly.

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Sermon

"Only One Is Humble and He Justifies the Sinner"

Stand

Offertory *sung by the Pastor*

LSB 192



☐ 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.

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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, Brigette Ritter, Dr. Crystal Rossow, Charice McDowell, Mavis Kalk, Joyce O’Hern, Melvin Haag, Carol Kappel (mother of Dan Kappel), Patrick Oberle, Ramona Von Ende, and Bruce Hansen. 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 Jobs, 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), the family of Vivian Kuns, and Stephanie Haver & family (at the loss of her brother Brandon).

All expecting families and their unborn children— especially 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.

NEW ARRIVALS: We pray with thanks to God for the healthy birth of twin baby girls, Elianna Grace and Abigail Ruth Wiley, born to Sarah & Luke Wiley on August 11th. May God Almighty bless mother, father, and daughters as together they grow in all wisdom and strength, and in God's Word.

THIS WEEK: The congregations in our circuit are praying for Rev. John Fehrmann and his work with Confessional Lutheran Educational Foundation (CLEF) in other nations.

PRAYING FOR OUR CHURCH & SCHOOL: This week we pray for Tech Board Deacon Sam Kulberg & the Tech Board Members, and also for our Teachers Elizabeth Crawford (Fifth) and Linda Kalk (Educational Resource).

† 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.

SERVICE SCHEDULE CHANGE: Please be aware the last Monday 7pm service for the summer will be tomorrow evening, August 24th. We will also resume the Saturday 5pm service beginning this coming weekend, August 29th.

SPECIAL FEAST DAYS THIS WEEK: *Monday Aug. 24- The Feast of St. Bartholomew (Prov. 3:1-8; 2 Cor. 4:7-10; Luke 22:24-30), Saturday Aug. 29- The Martyrdom of St. John the Baptist (Rev. 6:9-11; Rom 6:1-5; Mark 6:14-29).*

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 23- Order as a Gift...parents and children, masters and slaves (Eph. 6:1-9)

August 30- The Armor of God: Baptismally Enclosed in Christ (Eph. 6:10-17)

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 take up Acts 19 and continue along with Paul on his "Third Missionary Journey" (occurring during the years between 52 and 57 AD).

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>>>Please mark your calendars: On Sunday, September 20th, there will be two Congregational Assembly meetings. We will have the Spring meeting, which is typically held in March, for the primary purpose of approving our budget. Immediately thereafter, we will have our Fall meeting for the primarily purpose of electing officers and selecting Deacons. Please be on the lookout for a future announcement that will specify the time of the meeting and the protocols we will be following due to the pandemic.

ST. JOHN'S GOLF TOURNAMENT: Saturday September 19th, 2020, Rush Creek Golf Club, Maple Grove. See details outlined in the enclosed poster page. 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 23 – August 29) **Sunday-** Amos Kuehne, **Monday-** Jake Eckard/Mara Robinson, **Tuesday-** Leonie Meyer/Alexa Zupfer, **Wednesday-** Greg Brantner/Daniel Kappel/Inez Koehler/Katherine Rogge/Debra Weinand, **Thursday-** Linda Eckard/Nate Wicklund, **Friday-** Duane Abraham/Gina Dorethy/Joel Magnuson/Steve Nelson/Jerry Rogge/James Wicht, **Saturday-** Garrett Kothrade/Jayme Kruse/Robert Kruse/Bette Lynch/Marcia Schalo

| FINANCIAL UPDATE | <u>Last Week</u> 08/16/20 | <u>Year-to-date</u> since 07/01/20 |
|---|------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| Total General Fund Receipts-All Sources | \$ 14,914 | \$ 155,198 |
| Amount Needed | \$ 77,192 | \$ 217,952 |
| Amount Ahead (Behind) | \$ (62,277) | \$ (62,754) |
| % Ahead (-Behind) | | -29% |

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 16th) Total: 115 CM: 91

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.

SEVENTH ANNUAL CHARITY
GOLF TOURNAMENT
RUSH CREEK GOLF CLUB
MAPLE GROVE



SATURDAY,
SEPTEMBER

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COVID
PRECAUTIONS:

No Contact
Social Distance
No Games
No Dinner

REGISTRATION

\$125 per golfer

for 18 holes of golf & cart

DEADLINE AUG 26th for online registration and payment. You **MUST** pre-pay as there will be no check-in table at the event. Go to tinyurl.com/stjohnsgolf2020.

TIMING

The event will be a shotgun scramble at 2pm
OR tee times will be assigned starting at 11am. Exact timing will be communicated 3 weeks prior to the event.

QUESTIONS?

Contact Stu Glock lizzystu@aol.com or
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