Important Announcements

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

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 Feast of the Martyrdom of Saint John the Baptist
August 29, 2021

Preacher: Pr. Matthew Moss
Liturgist: Pr. Matthew Johnson
Organist: Dr. Katie Moss

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.

758 The Will of God Is Always Best

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Service of the Word

Introit

Psalm 31:1, 3, 5; antiphon: Revelation 7:14b

These are the ones coming out of the great tribulation.*

They have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

In you, O Lord, do I take refuge; let me never be put to shame;*
in your righteousness deliver me.
For you are my rock and my fortress;*
and for your name’s sake you lead me and guide me.
Into your hand I commit my spirit;*
you have redeemed me, O LORD, faithful God.

Kyrie

Gloria in Excelsis
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 upon 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-
Almighty God, You gave Your servant John the Baptist to be the forerunner of Your Son, Jesus Christ, in both his preaching of repentance and his innocent death. Grant that we, who have died and risen with Christ in Holy Baptism, may daily repent of our sins, patiently suffer for the sake of the truth, and fearlessly bear witness to His victory over death; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Sit
First Reading

Revelation 6:9–11

9When he opened the fifth seal, I saw under the altar the souls of those who had been slain for the word of God and for the witness they had borne. 10They cried out with a loud voice, “O Sovereign Lord, holy and true, how long before you will judge and avenge our blood on those who dwell on the earth?” 11Then they were each given a white robe and told to rest a little longer, until the number of their fellow servants and their brothers should be complete, who were to be killed as they themselves had been.

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

Gradual

Psalm 34:9, 19, alt.

Fear the LORD, | you his saints,*
for those who fear him lack | nothing!
Many are the afflictions of the | righteous,*
but the LORD delivers him out | of them all.

Epistle

Romans 6:1–5

1What shall we say then? Are we to continue in sin that grace may abound? 2By no means! How can we who died to sin still live in it? 3Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? 4We were buried therefore with him by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life. 5For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we shall certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his.

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

Stand

Alleluia

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Holy Gospel

Mark 6:14–29

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the sixth chapter.

14King Herod heard of it, for Jesus’ name had become known. Some said, “John the Baptist has been raised from the dead. That is why these miraculous powers are at work in him.” 15But others said, “He is Elijah.” And others said, “He is a prophet, like one of the prophets of old.” 16But when Herod heard of it, he said, “John, whom I beheaded, has been raised.” 17For it was Herod who had sent and seized John and bound him in prison for the sake of Herodias, his brother Philip’s wife, because he had married her. 18For John had been saying to Herod, “It is not lawful for you to have your brother’s wife.” 19And Herodias had a grudge against him and wanted to put him to death. But she could not, 20for Herod feared John, knowing that he was a righteous and holy man, and he kept him safe. When he heard him, he was greatly perplexed, and yet he heard him gladly.
But an opportunity came when Herod on his birthday gave a banquet for his nobles and military commanders and the leading men of Galilee. For when Herodias’s daughter came in and danced, she pleased Herod and his guests. And the king said to the girl, “Ask me for whatever you wish, and I will give it to you.” And he vowed to her, “Whatever you ask me, I will give you, up to half of my kingdom.” And she went out and said to her mother, “For what should I ask?” And she said, “The head of John the Baptist.” And she came in immediately with haste to the king and asked, saying, “I want you to give me at once the head of John the Baptist on a platter.” And the king was exceedingly sorry, but because of his oaths and his guests he did not want to break his word to her. And immediately the king sent an executioner with orders to bring John’s head. He went and beheaded him in the prison and brought his head on a platter and gave it to the girl, and the girl gave it to her mother. When his disciples heard of it, they came and took his body and laid it in a tomb.

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 of the world to come. Amen.

Sit
750 If Thou But Trust in God to Guide Thee

1 If thou but trust in God to guide thee And hope in Him through all thy ways, He'll give thee strength, what-e'er be-tide thee, And bear thee through the evil days. Who trusts in God’s un-changing love Builds on the rock that naught can move.

2 What can these anxious cares avail thee, These ne'er ceasing moans and sighs? What can it help if thou be-hope, with heart con-tent To take what-e'er thy Fa-ther's need-ful thing for thee. When He has tried thy soul with wail thee O’er each dark mo-ment as it flies? Our cross and pleas-ure And His dis-cern-ing love hath sent, Nor doubt our sad-ness And from all guile has found thee free, He comes to trials do but press The heav-ier for our bit-ter-ness. in-most wants are known To Him who chose us for His own. thee all un-a-ware And makes thee own His lov-ing care.

3 Be pa-tient and a-wait His lei-sure In cheer-ful time passes and much change doth bring And sets a bound to ev’ry-thing. All are alike before the Highest; ’Tis easy for our God, we know, To raise thee up, though low thou liest, To make the rich man poor and low. True wonders still by Him are wrought Who setteth up and brings to naught.

4 God knows full well when times of glad-ness Shall be the tide thee, And bear thee through the e-vil days. Who trusts in God’s un-changing love Builds on the rock that naught can move.

5 Nor think amid the fiery trial That God hath cast thee off unheard, That he whose hopes meet no denial Must surely be of God preferred. Time passes and much change doth bring And sets a bound to ev’rything.

6 All are alike before the Highest; ’Tis easy for our God, we know, To raise thee up, though low thou liest, To make the rich man poor and low. True wonders still by Him are wrought Who setteth up and brings to naught.

7 Sing, pray, and keep His ways unswerving, Perform thy duties faithfully, And trust His Word; though undeserving, Thou yet shalt find it true for thee. God never yet forsook in need The soul that trusted Him indeed.

Sermon: Faithful Teachers Need Students to Bury Them (Mark 6:14-29)

Offertory

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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, Charice McDowell, Mavis Kalk, Joyce O’Hern, Justin Brynjulfson, Barb Grambart, Diane Haag, Sandy Meyer, Elwyn Manthei, Harlan Peterson, Tony Stadler, Sue Schutte, and Bob Abraham. 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 Dale Avenson, John Barrett, Joan Dolbec, Sue Erickson, Inez Koehler, Joyce O’Hern, Steve Orbin, Mark Pruhs, Lorena Remer, Amy Schalo, and Ilene Shepherd.

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

**Those who have lost loved ones during the past year**— the family of Vivian Kuns, Stephanie Haver & family (at the loss of her brother Brandon), Char Abraham & family (at the loss of her brother Russell), the family of Linda Bredenberg, the family of Tracey Rosso, Cindy Cook & family (at the loss of her brother, Daniel Anderson), the family of Gerald Oswald, Kyle Gaffaney & family (at the loss of his grandfather Bill Reese), Jim Day & family (at the loss of his sister), Heidi Brackeen & family (at the loss of her father Dennis Anderson), the family of Marlys Johnson, the family of Harold Grambart, the family of Courtney Meine, Marlys Kothrade & family (at the loss of her great-grandson Lukas Bouska), Bob and Char Abraham (at the loss of their daughter-in-law Debra Abraham), Tony Stadler & family (at the loss of his brother Ted), the family of Bruce Hansen, the family of Arleen Barrett, and Ty Holthus & family (at the loss of her father Patrick Oberle).

**And we remember those who have recently lost loved ones**— Deb Volberding & family (at the loss of her mother Carol Handberg), Karen Fussy & family (at the loss of her husband Eugene), Rick Foggia & family (at the loss of his father Vincent Foggia), Irene Rehmer & family (at the loss of her sister Marilyn), and Dana Rossow & family (at the loss of his wife Dr. Crystal Rossow).

**All expecting families and their unborn children**— especially Laura & Eric Kaiser, Rachel & Jeremy Costello, Katie & Matthew Moss, Abbie (MacMillan) and Kyle Gaffaney, and Lindsay and David Huth. 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 Concordia Theological Seminary (Fort Wayne, IN) and Concordia Seminary (St. Louis, MO).

**PRAYING FOR OUR CHURCH & SCHOOL:** This week we pray for Board of Spiritual Life Deacons Mark Elllinger, Sam Kulberg, Jerry Rogge, Phil Schutte, and the Board Members, and also for our Third Grade Teacher Ruth Droogsma.
† Announcements †

SPECIAL FEAST DAYS THIS WEEK: 29 — The Martyrdom of St. John the Baptist.

*NEW* SUNDAY BIBLE STUDY: We are learning about our Lord Jesus Christ through His faithful ancestress, Ruth the Moabitess. In this book we witness the frailty of human life. We see God allowing suffering and even death all the while He oversees the master plan for our salvation to come about in real history. We will behold and rejoice in our Lord’s grace being extended beyond the boundaries of Israel to Gentile nations. And we will hear of the work of Redemption. Join us at 9:30 A.M. in the Fellowship Hall.

August 29 – Ruth 3- The Risk
September 5 – Labor Day- End Summer Session- Ruth 4- The Solution

PREPARING FOR NEXT SUNDAY: Parents with hands full in the pews on Sunday morning sometimes need a little time with the texts in the week leading up to a Service. People new to Lutheranism sometimes need more context to the Service. Some members simply look for more in-depth study of the appointed readings. We encourage you to follow Issues, Etc. on your podcasting App or at their website, especially using Pastor David Peterson’s “Looking Ahead to Sunday Morning (the 1-Year Lectionary).” Next Sunday September 5th you will hear: Deuteronomy 26:1-11, 2 Corinthians 9:6-15, and Luke 12:13-21.

MONDAY EVENING DIVINE SERVICES are held at 7:00 p.m. Please encourage your friends and family who work on Sunday mornings or travel on the weekends to make use of this additional opportunity to hear God’s Word and receive His gifts. Be advised TOMORROW Monday the 30th of August is our final evening service at this time.

NOTICE OF CONGREGATIONAL SERVANT’S PASSING: It has pleased Our Heavenly Father to call home our beloved Kantor and devoted church member Dr. Crystal Rosso on August 17th, 2021. The Funeral Service and Christian Burial at St. John’s took place Saturday. Please keep her family in your prayers.

ADULT CATECHISM CLASS: If you know someone who would like to learn about our Lutheran confession of the faith, encourage them to join our Adult Catechism Class. We will begin meeting Saturday, September 11 from 9:00 – 10:30 AM in the Fellowship Hall. Members who want to review our teachings are always welcome to join. Please notify Pastor Moss of your intent to attend.

THE SERVICE OF INDIVIDUAL CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION is available this month by appointment only. Take advantage of this opportunity to hear God’s Word of forgiveness spoken to you individually in Jesus’ Name. “If we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.” (1 John 1:9)

ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK… Sun-Mon, Aug 22nd, 23rd: Total 224 CM 166

FINANCIAL UPDATE

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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)

SUNDAY SCHOOL resumes September 12th (Pre-K through 4th grade). Register your children online at https://forms.gle/r3pe9mbco486A7w86 Please contact Erika Rosso if you would like to teach lessons or if you have any questions. Parents with Sunday School-aged children (3-year-olds who are potty-trained through Fourth Graders) should expect either a mail or email letter with important additional information.

NURSERY: We would like to revive having a staffed nursery available for parents who want to attend Bible study and/or whose older siblings are attending Sunday School. Ideally, we would have two rooms: infants and toddlers. Whether you have children that age or not if you would like to help watch the little ones, please email Pastor Moss as soon as you’re able.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: Great fellowship opportunity – we are looking for both men & women to serve our congregation in assisting with funeral luncheons. Currently there are two teams that rotate between each funeral luncheon. It is very useful to have a list of names on which to call upon for availability to help out. Please contact Sue Reznecheck or Diane Radintz with any questions or to be added to the list! Thank you!
NEW ST. JOHN'S LEADERSHIP POSTION: At the July 11th Assembly the voters decided to proceed with hiring a full-time Business Manager for our Church & School. This position will serve St. John's by providing leadership on business issues including financial, accounting, office, human resources, property and grounds, and strategy. Please pray that our search committee finds the right person for our needs. See stjlutheranchurch.org/jobs for further information or to apply.

POSITIONS AVAILABLE: St. John's Lutheran School is seeking to hire individuals for the following positions to start in the 2021-2022 school year:
- Resource/Special Education Teacher (contracted with LSEM)
- ESP Aides (after-school care positions available)
- We are also interested to know if anyone has or is willing to attain a bus driving license to be hired as needed for help with school activities and transportation.

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

SCHOOL ENROLLMENT UNDERWAY: *Invite your friends and family to check out St. John's Lutheran School!* We are actively enrolling students at St. John’s for the 2021-22 school year and are especially eager to expand our Pre-Kindergarten and Kindergarten classes. Please spread the word to your family and friends! Some classes currently have waitlists, but call us to learn about availability in grades 1-8. We’d love to grow our St. John’s family! Contact admissions@stjlutheran.org or call 763-420-2426 for more information.

CONGRATULATIONS to Gary and Deb Volberding, both of whom are celebrating 40 years of teaching in Lutheran schools! We are looking forward to a more formal recognition of their contribution to our synod with a reception this fall. We praise God for such faithful servants!

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. This includes college students, military and young adults who have chosen to work.

PART-TIME CUSTODIAL POSITION AVAILABLE: St. John’s Lutheran Church & School is seeking to hire a permanent part-time individual beginning the school year 2021-2022, working 20-25 hours per week in the weekday afternoons. Responsibilities will include: Light Cleaning (Vacuuming, Sweeping, Mopping, Carpet Extraction, Windows etc.), Snow Shoveling, and Chairs/Tables set-up help for Church & School Events. Contact John Draskovich or Phil Koehler with inquiries.

SAVE THE DATE!! St. John’s 8th Annual Golf Tournament is Saturday, September 18th, 2021 at Rush Creek Golf Club, Maple Grove, MN. Invite friends, neighbors, relatives and coworkers...let’s fill it up!


PLANNING TO STOP IN? Please call the office first as we have many construction and maintenance projects in the works this summer. Notice of your arrival will help us coordinate and better accommodate your visit. Summer office hours are 8-noon, Monday - Friday 763-420-2426 (secretary@stjlutheran.org)
What does “worship” really mean?

Most people use the word “worship” to mean something we do to honor God. Because of this misunderstanding, many people believe that a church service is what we do for God. The word “worship” comes from the root words “worth” and “ship.” These two words describe God rather than the ones praising Him. These words describe a God who is worthy of being honored and adored because of His love for us. God gives us His love through His Word and Sacraments. Worship is not something we do, but rather something that God does for us!

What makes the Divine Service so important?

The Divine Service is not about what we are doing for God, but who God is and what He does for us in the ways He has promised: His Word and Sacraments. That’s why Lutherans call it Divine Service. God is serving us! What a wonderful God we have!

Parents: The Divine Service is like listening to one long reading from the Bible. Everything in the Divine Service has been given to us through God’s Word. Explain this to your children, reminding them that it is God’s Word that delivers God’s salvation to us!