

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. 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 Fourteenth Sunday after Trinity †

September 13, 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 +

704 RENEW ME, O ETERNAL LIGHT



1 Re - new me, O e - ter - nal Light, And let my
2 Re - move the pow'r of sin from me And cleanse all
3 Cre - ate in me a new heart, Lord, That glad - ly
4 Grant that I on - ly You may love And seek those



heart and soul be bright, Il - lu - mined with the
my im - pu - ri - ty That I may have the
I o - bey Your Word. Let what You will be
things which are a - bove Till I be - hold You



light of grace That is - sues from Your ho - ly face.
strength and will Temp - ta - tions of the flesh to still.
my de - sire, And with new life my soul in - spire.
face to face, O Light e - ter - nal, through Your grace.

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INTROIT

Psalm 84:1–2a, 4, 10b, 11b; antiphon: vv. 9–10a

Behold our shield, O God;

look on the face of your anointed!

For a day in your courts

is better than a thousand elsewhere.

How lovely is your dwelling place, O LORD of hosts!

My soul longs, yes, faints for the courts of the LORD.

Blessèd are those who dwell in your house,

ever singing your praise!

I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God

than dwell in the tents of wickedness.

The LORD bestows favor and honor.

No good thing does he withhold from those who walk uprightly.

☐ 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

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

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.

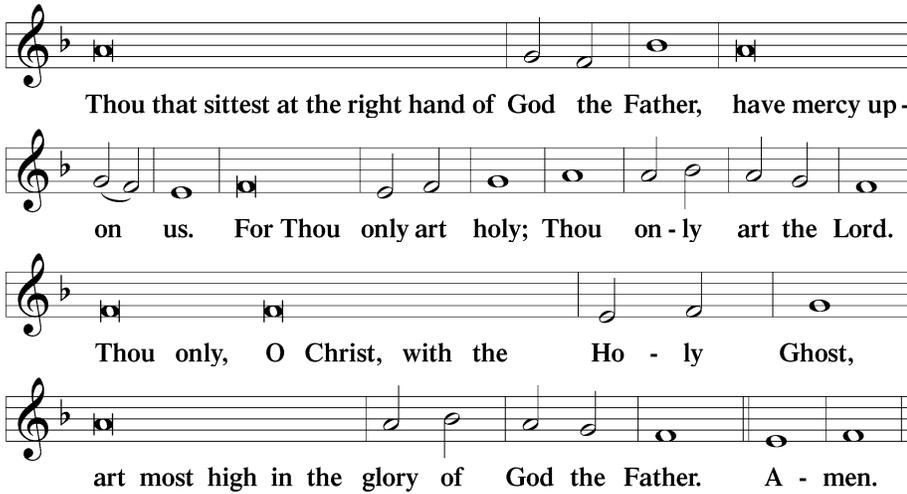
O Lord God, heav'n - ly King, God the Fa - ther Al - mighty.

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.

O Lord, keep Your Church with Your perpetual mercy; and because of our frailty we cannot but fall, keep us ever by Your help from all things hurtful and lead us to all things profitable to our salvation; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Proverbs 4:10–23

- ¹⁰Hear, my son, and accept my words,
 that the years of your life may be many.
- ¹¹I have taught you the way of wisdom;
 I have led you in the paths of uprightness.
- ¹²When you walk, your step will not be hampered,
 and if you run, you will not stumble.
- ¹³Keep hold of instruction; do not let go;
 guard her, for she is your life.
- ¹⁴Do not enter the path of the wicked,
 and do not walk in the way of the evil.
- ¹⁵Avoid it; do not go on it;
 turn away from it and pass on.
- ¹⁶For they cannot sleep unless they have done wrong;
 they are robbed of sleep unless they have made someone stumble.
- ¹⁷For they eat the bread of wickedness

and drink the wine of violence.

¹⁸But the path of the righteous is like the light of dawn,
which shines brighter and brighter until full day.

¹⁹The way of the wicked is like deep darkness;
they do not know over what they stumble.

²⁰My son, be attentive to my words;
incline your ear to my sayings.

²¹Let them not escape from your sight;
keep them within your heart.

²²For they are life to those who find them,
and healing to all their flesh.

²³Keep your heart with all vigilance,
for from it flow the springs of life.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

GRADUAL

Psalm 92:1–2

It is good to give thanks to the LORD,
to sing praises to your name, O Most High;
to declare your steadfast love in the morning,
and your faithfulness by night.

EPISTLE

Galatians 5:16–24

¹⁶But I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the flesh. ¹⁷For the desires of the flesh are against the Spirit, and the desires of the Spirit are against the flesh, for these are opposed to each other, to keep you from doing the things you want to do. ¹⁸But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not under the law. ¹⁹Now the works of the flesh are evident: sexual immorality, impurity, sensuality, ²⁰idolatry, sorcery, enmity, strife, jealousy, fits of anger, rivalries, dissensions, divisions, ²¹envy, drunkenness, orgies, and things like these. I warn you, as I warned you before, that those who do such things will not inherit the kingdom of God. ²²But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, ²³gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law. ²⁴And those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

ALLELUIA

LSB 190



HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 17:11–19

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the seventeenth chapter.

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

¹¹On the way to Jerusalem [Jesus] was passing along between Samaria and Galilee. ¹²And as he entered a village, he was met by ten lepers, who stood at a distance ¹³and lifted up their voices, saying, “Jesus, Master, have mercy on us.” ¹⁴When he saw them he said to them, “Go and show yourselves to the priests.” And as they went they were cleansed. ¹⁵Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice; ¹⁶and he fell on his face at Jesus’ feet, giving him thanks. Now he was a Samaritan. ¹⁷Then Jesus answered, “Were not ten cleansed? Where are the nine? ¹⁸Was no one found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?” ¹⁹And he said to him, “Rise and go your way; your faith has made you well.”

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.

820 MY SOUL, NOW PRAISE YOUR MAKER



1 My soul, now praise your Mak - er! Let all with - in me
 2 He of - fers all His trea - sure Of jus - tice, truth, and
 3 For as a ten - der fa - ther Has pit - y on his
 4 His grace re - mains for - ev - er, And chil - dren's chil - dren



bless His name Who makes you full par - tak - er Of
 righ - teous - ness, His love be - yond all mea - sure, His
 chil - dren here, God in His arms will gath - er All
 yet shall prove That God for - sakes them nev - er Who



mer - cies more than you dare claim. For - get Him not whose
 yearn - ing pit - y o'er dis - tress; Nor treats us as we
 who are His in child - like fear. He knows how frail our
 in true fear shall seek His love. In heav'n is fixed His



meek - ness Still bears with all your sin, Who heals your ev - 'ry
 mer - it But sets His an - ger by. The poor and con - trite
 pow - ers, Who but from dust are made. We flour - ish like the
 dwell - ing, His rule is o - ver all; O hosts with might ex -



weak - ness, Re - news your life with - in; Whose grace and
 spir - it Finds His com - pas - sion nigh; And high as
 flow - ers, And e - ven so we fade; The wind but
 cel - ling, With praise be - fore Him fall. Praise Him for -

care are end - less And saved you through the past; Who
 heav'n a - bove us, As dawn from close of day, So
 through them pass - es, And all their bloom is o'er. We
 ev - er reign - ing, All you who hear His Word— Our
 leaves no suf - f'rer friend - less But rights the wronged at last.
 far, since He has loved us, He puts our sins a - way.
 with - er like the grass - es; Our place knows us no more.
 life and all sus - tain - ing. My soul, O praise the Lord!

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SERMON "Walk This Way; Talk This Way; Worship This Way" (Proverbs 4:20-23)

OFFERTORY

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.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

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

APOSTOLIC BENEDECTION

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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, Patrick Oberle, Ramona Von Ende, Bruce Hansen, Marlys Johnson, and Justin Brynjulfson. 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, 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, 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, and the family of Tracey Rosso.

All expecting families and their unborn children— especially Kyle & Abbie (MacMillan) Gaffaney, and Adam & Brittany Strohschein. 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 St. Timothy Society for Lutheran Seminary Scholarship, and their Chaplain, Rev. Dr. Gordon Bynum.

PRAYING FOR OUR CHURCH & SCHOOL: This week we pray for our Safety Team, our PTL Members, and our Eighth Grade Language Arts Teacher/School Administrator-Principal Gretchen Dolan.

† 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: *September 14 - The Feast of the Holy Cross (Num. 21:4-9; 1 Corinthians 1:18-25; John 12:20-33).*

NOTICE OF CHURCH MEMBER’S PASSING: It has pleased Our Heavenly Father to call home devoted church member Tracey Rosso on September 6, 2020. Funeral arrangement plans will be posted once determined; expected in late October. Please keep her family in your prayers.

VIDEO BIBLE STUDY: We begin study of The Book of Daniel this week. A video recording will be uploaded to the YouTube Channel “Matthew Moss” and shared on Facebook and our website. Enjoy!
September 13- *Getting Ready for the Book of Daniel*
September 20- Introduction to the Book of Daniel

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 22 and see Paul’s defense before the people of Jerusalem (recounting his conversion and call on the road to Damascus—an account given here for the second time in Acts, but this time from Paul’s perspective).

CONGREGATIONAL ASSEMBLY: There will be two Congregational Assembly meetings *NEXT Sunday, September 20th*, beginning at 1:30 pm. 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 primary purpose of electing officers and selecting Deacons. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, we are taking a number of precautions to ensure members can attend and feel safe while doing so. Following are the procedures we will follow:

- Both meetings will be held outside - social distancing will be required
- In the event of inclement weather, we will hold the meetings in the gymnasium and masks will be required
- Each meeting will be limited to 30 minutes to limit the amount of time we are gathered as a large group
- The agendas will be limited to standard board reports and essential business; we will limit extraneous business/discussions
- Materials for both meetings will be made available in the narthex for two Sundays before the meeting
- All written board reports will be addressed at once
- There will be no oral board reports, but there will be an opportunity for questions on the written reports
- We will not be setting up tables or chairs for the meeting; if you wish to sit during the meeting please bring your own chair

For the Spring Meeting:

- In addition to the written board reports, there will be a 10 - 15 minute overview of the FY 20-21 budget
- We will vote on the FY 20-21 budget as presented in the March materials

For the Fall Meeting:

- In addition to the written board reports, there will be a 10 - 15 minute overview of the variance we have to the budget due to the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic
- We will elect the new officers (President, Treasurer, and Secretary)
- We will select the new Deacons

We appreciate everyone’s understanding on these precautions and your assistance in helping us work through our essential business in a prompt and safe manner.

NOTICE OF CANDIDATES FOR DEACON COUNCIL: Per the Constitution & By-Laws of this congregation a Nomination Committee of both pastors, congregational president, deacon chairman, and an at-large member of the congregation have met and nominated qualified men to serve as deacons. These nominees were contacted and given the option to accept or decline their nomination. We may now praise God and share with the congregation two weeks before the selection is to take place that the following men have allowed their names to stand for selection:

Rob Borcharding, Leif Briel, Todd Haag, Andrew Heinen, Dave Kiesow, Jessie Mathwig, Mark Radintz, Ted Schmidt, Phil Schutte, and Dennis Schwecke.

If anyone has reason why one of these men is disqualified from the office of Deacon, let that person contact one of the pastors, deacon chairman, or congregational president as soon as possible for any investigation into the claims. Otherwise, let us thank God for raising up these men and their willingness to serve, especially those whose term of service is coming to an end: *Tom Eversman, Mike Gaffer, Stu Glock, and Dan Holthus.*

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: (September 13 – September 19) **Sunday-** ..., **Monday-** Andrew Honsey/Emery Radintz/Sue Reznecheck/Alan Stromback, **Tuesday-** Calvin Thompson/Sabrina Vetsch, **Wednesday-** Cory Cooper/Rochelle Hansen/Debra Koehler/Harlan Peterson, **Thursday-** Eric Toelle/Laura Wandersee, **Friday-** ..., **Saturday-** Lois Nelson

FINANCIAL UPDATE	<u>Last Week</u>	<u>Year-to-date</u>
	<i>09/06/20</i>	<i>since 07/01/20</i>
Total General Fund Receipts-All Sources	\$ 7,926	\$ 257,710
Amount Needed	\$ 48,793	\$ 341,128
Amount Ahead (Behind)	\$ (40,867)	\$ (83,419)
% Ahead (-Behind)		-24%
Current Building Mortgage Balance (August 31, 2020):	\$251,412	

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 (September 6th) Total: 158 CM: 115

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.