

# 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 Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity †

September 20, 2020

**Preacher:** Pr. Matthew Moss

**Liturgist:** Pr. Matthew Johnson

**Kantor:** Dr. Crystal Rossow

*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 +

### 972 I TRUST, O CHRIST, IN YOU ALONE

1 I trust, O Christ, in You a-lone; No earth-ly hope a -  
2 My sin and guilt are plagu - ing me; O grant me true con -  
3 Con-firm in us Your Gos - pel, Lord, Your prom-ise of sal -

vails me. You will not see me o - ver - thrown  
tri - tion And by Your death up - on the tree  
va - tion. And make us long to hear Your Word

When Sa - tan's host as - sails me. No hu - man strength, no  
Your par - don and re - mis - sion. Be - fore the Fa - ther's  
And fol - low our vo - ca - tion: To spend our lives in

earth - ly pow'r Can see me through the e - vil hour,  
throne a - bove Re - call Your match - less deed of love  
love for You And show Your love in all we do.

For You a - lone my strength re - new. I cry to You!  
That He may lift my dread - ful load, O Son of God!  
And then, at last, when death shall loom, O Sav - ior, come

I trust, O Lord, Your prom - ise true.  
I plead the grace Your death be - stowed.  
And bear Your loved ones safe - ly home.

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# INTROIT

Psalm 86:4, 6, 15a, 16; antiphon: vv. 1a, 2b, 3

Incline your ear, O LORD, and answer me,  
save your servant, who trusts in you—you are my God.  
Be gracious to me, O Lord,  
for to you do I cry all the day.  
**Gladden the soul of your servant,**  
for to you, O Lord, do I lift up my soul.  
**Give ear, O LORD, to my prayer;**  
listen to my plea for grace.  
**But you, O Lord, are a God merciful and gracious;**  
turn to me and be gracious to me;  
**give your strength to your servant,**  
and save the son of your maidservant.

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.  
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, we implore You, let Your continual pity cleanse and defend Your Church; and because she cannot continue in safety without Your aid, preserve her evermore by Your help and goodness; 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

1 Kings 17:8–16

<sup>8</sup>Then the word of the LORD came to [Elijah], <sup>9</sup>“Arise, go to Zarephath, which belongs to Sidon, and dwell there. Behold, I have commanded a widow there to feed you.” <sup>10</sup>So he arose and went to Zarephath. And when he came to the gate of the city, behold, a widow was there gathering sticks. And he called to her and said, “Bring me a little water in a vessel, that I may drink.” <sup>11</sup>And as she was going to bring it, he called to her and said, “Bring me a morsel of bread in your hand.” <sup>12</sup>And she said, “As the LORD your God lives, I have nothing baked, only a

handful of flour in a jar and a little oil in a jug. And now I am gathering a couple of sticks that I may go in and prepare it for myself and my son, that we may eat it and die.” <sup>13</sup>And Elijah said to her, “Do not fear; go and do as you have said. But first make me a little cake of it and bring it to me, and afterward make something for yourself and your son. <sup>14</sup>For thus says the LORD the God of Israel, ‘The jar of flour shall not be spent, and the jug of oil shall not be empty, until the day that the LORD sends rain upon the earth.’” <sup>15</sup>And she went and did as Elijah said. And she and he and her household ate for many days. <sup>16</sup>The jar of flour was not spent, neither did the jug of oil become empty, according to the word of the LORD that he spoke by Elijah.

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

## GRADUAL

Psalm 118:8–9

**It is better to take refuge in the LORD  
than to trust in man.**

**It is better to take refuge in the LORD  
than to trust in princes.**

## EPISTLE

Galatians 5:25—6:10

<sup>25</sup>If we live by the Spirit, let us also walk by the Spirit. <sup>26</sup>Let us not become conceited, provoking one another, envying one another.

<sup>1</sup>Brothers, if anyone is caught in any transgression, you who are spiritual should restore him in a spirit of gentleness. Keep watch on yourself, lest you too be tempted. <sup>2</sup>Bear one another’s burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ. <sup>3</sup>For if anyone thinks he is something, when he is nothing, he deceives himself. <sup>4</sup>But let each one test his own work, and then his reason to boast will be in himself alone and not in his neighbor. <sup>5</sup>For each will have to bear his own load.

<sup>6</sup>One who is taught the word must share all good things with the one who teaches. <sup>7</sup>Do not be deceived: God is not mocked, for whatever one sows, that will he also reap. <sup>8</sup>For the one who sows to his own flesh will from the flesh reap corruption, but the one who sows to the Spirit will from the Spirit reap eternal life. <sup>9</sup>And let us not grow weary of doing good, for in due season we will reap, if we do not give up. <sup>10</sup>So then, as we have opportunity, let us do good to everyone, and especially to those who are of the household of faith.

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

## ALLELUIA

LSB 190



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

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

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

<sup>24</sup>[Jesus said:] “No one can serve two masters, for either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and money.

<sup>25</sup>“Therefore I tell you, do not be anxious about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, nor about your body, what you will put on. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing? <sup>26</sup>Look at the birds of the air: they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? <sup>27</sup>And which of you by being anxious can add a single hour to his span of life? <sup>28</sup>And why are you anxious about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow: they neither toil nor spin, <sup>29</sup>yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these. <sup>30</sup>But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which today is alive and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you, O you of little faith? <sup>31</sup>Therefore do not be anxious, saying, ‘What shall we eat?’ or ‘What shall we drink?’ or ‘What shall we wear?’ <sup>32</sup>For the Gentiles seek after all these things, and your heavenly Father knows that you need them all. <sup>33</sup>But seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be added to you.

<sup>34</sup>“Therefore do not be anxious about tomorrow, for tomorrow will be anxious for itself. Sufficient for the day is its own trouble.”

**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 † of the world to come. Amen.

### 760 WHAT GOD ORDAINS IS ALWAYS GOOD



1 What God or - dains is al - ways good: His will is  
2 What God or - dains is al - ways good: He nev - er  
3 What God or - dains is al - ways good: His lov - ing  
4 What God or - dains is al - ways good: He is my



just and ho - ly. As He di - rects my life for me,  
will de - ceive me; He leads me in His righ - teous way,  
thought at - tends me; No poi - son can be in the cup  
friend and Fa - ther; He suf - fers naught to do me harm



I fol - low meek and low - ly. My God in - deed  
And nev - er will He leave me. I take con - tent  
That my phy - si - cian sends me. My God is true;  
Though man - y storms may gath - er. Now I may know



In ev - 'ry need Knows well how He will shield me;  
What He has sent; His hand that sends me sad - ness  
Each morn - ing new I trust His grace un - end - ing,  
Both joy and woe; Some - day I shall see clear - ly



To Him, then, I will yield me.  
Will turn my tears to glad - ness.  
My life to Him com - mend - ing.  
That He has loved me dear - ly.

5 What God ordains is always good:  
Though I the cup am drinking  
Which savors now of bitterness,  
I take it without shrinking.  
For after grief  
God gives relief,



My heart with comfort filling  
And all my sorrow stilling.

6 What God ordains is always good:  
This truth remains unshaken.  
Though sorrow, need, or death be mine,  
I shall not be forsaken.  
I fear no harm,  
For with His arm  
He shall embrace and shield me;  
So to my God I yield me.

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## SERMON: "God's Righteous Reign Calms Your Anxious Heart"

### OFFERTORY

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.*

### BENEDICTION

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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 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 Jobses, 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 Grace Lutheran Church, Brooklyn Park, and Pastor Vance Milbrath.

**PRAYING FOR OUR CHURCH & SCHOOL:** This week we pray for our Office Secretaries, and for our many appreciated members of school support including Teacher Aides, Subs, Retirees, Admin Assistants, and Library Volunteers.

### † 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 21 — St. Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist (Ezek. 2:8—3:11; Eph. 4:7-16; Matt. 9:9-13).*

**MARRIED LAST WEEKEND:** David Huth and Lindsay Fletcher were united in Holy Matrimony on Sunday, September 13th. May our Lord Jesus bless David and Lindsay as they begin their life together as husband and wife.

**VIDEO BIBLE STUDY:** We have begun study of The Book of Daniel. A video recording will be uploaded to the YouTube Channel "Matthew Moss" and shared on Facebook and our website. Enjoy!

September 20- Introduction to the Book of Daniel

September 27- Daniel 1- The Judeans are Steadfast in Practicing their Faith

**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 23 and see Paul's defense before the Jerusalem council (like Jesus before him, though much more verbal), as well as Paul's harrowing extraction from the city by the governing authorities.

**CONGREGATIONAL ASSEMBLY:** There will be two Congregational Assembly meetings *TODAY 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](mailto:parished@stjlutheran.org) OR [sjmabrockberg@yahoo.com](mailto:sjmabrockberg@yahoo.com).

**PLEASE CALL FIRST:** In order to better protect you, our students and staff, we are limiting foot traffic through the building during the day. Please make an appointment with one of our secretaries to pick up any church items. Your materials can be placed in a holding bin located in the vestibule, between the double doorway for pick up at your designated appointment.

**BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK:** (September 20 – September 26) **Sunday-** Renaye Day/Elisabeth Lieske/Sarah Schmidt, **Monday-** Charles Ballou/ Sophia Beck/Jake Miest/Nate Miest/Brigette Ritter, **Tuesday-** Troy Miest/Wyatt Thurber/ Donna Toelle/Zach Zupfer, **Wednesday-** Isaac Kuehne/Connor Mattter, **Thursday-** Pr. Steven Briel/Dalton Holovnia/Curtis McDowell/Ross Robinson, **Friday-** Jason Priebe, **Saturday-** Tanya O'Hern/Paighton Thompson

<b>FINANCIAL UPDATE</b>	<u>Last Week</u> <i>09/13/20</i>	<u>Year-to-date</u> <i>since 07/01/20</i>
Total General Fund Receipts-All Sources	\$ 30,449	\$ 288,158
Amount Needed	\$ 48,793	\$ 389,922
Amount Ahead (Behind)	\$ (18,344)	\$ (101,763)
% Ahead (-Behind)		-26%

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](mailto:mtgaff@comcast.net))

**ALTAR FLOWERS** are provided by the Bredenberg/Cleveland family in memory of loved ones.

**ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK (September 13<sup>th</sup>)** Total: 188 CM: 125

*Note: The pastors and kantor are only counted once in both figures above, but take up three of the 100 slots at each service. Also, Safety Team members are positioned in the halls, and do not count against the 100 available spots in the sanctuary, however they are included in the numbers of those present for worship and communing if they communed.*