

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 Seventeenth Sunday after Trinity †

October 4, 2020

Preacher: 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 +

613 TO THEE, OMNISCIENT LORD OF ALL



1 To Thee, om - ni - scient Lord of all, In grief and shame I
2 O Lord, my God, to Thee I pray: O cast me not in
3 O Je - sus, let Thy pre - cious blood Be to my soul a



hum - bly call; I see my sins a - gainst Thee, Lord,
wrath a - way! Let Thy good Spir - it ne'er de - part,
cleans - ing flood. Turn not, O Lord, Thy guest a - way,



The sins of thought and deed and word. They press me
But let Him draw to Thee my heart That tru - ly
But grant that jus - ti - fied I may Go to my



sore; I cry to Thee: O God, be mer - ci - ful to me!
pen - i - tent I be: O God, be mer - ci - ful to me!
house at peace with Thee: O God, be mer - ci - ful to me!

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INTROIT

Psalm 119:1–2, 5–6; antiphon: vv. 137, 124

Righteous are you, O LORD,
and right are your just decrees.
Deal with your servant according to your steadfast love,
and teach me your statutes.

**Blessèd are those whose way is blameless,
who walk in the law of the LORD!**

**Blessèd are those who keep his testimonies,
who seek him with their whole heart.**

**Oh that my ways may be steadfast
in keeping your statutes!**

**Then I shall not be put to shame,
having my eyes fixed on all your commandments.**

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

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G 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

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.

Lord, we implore You, grant Your people grace to withstand the temptations of the devil and with pure hearts and minds to follow You, the only God; 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 25:6–14

⁶Do not put yourself forward in the king's presence
 or stand in the place of the great,
⁷for it is better to be told, "Come up here,"
 than to be put lower in the presence of a noble.
 What your eyes have seen
⁸do not hastily bring into court,
 for what will you do in the end,
 when your neighbor puts you to shame?
⁹Argue your case with your neighbor himself,
 and do not reveal another's secret,
¹⁰lest he who hears you bring shame upon you,
 and your ill repute have no end.
¹¹A word fitly spoken
 is like apples of gold in a setting of silver.
¹²Like a gold ring or an ornament of gold
 is a wise reprover to a listening ear.
¹³Like the cold of snow in the time of harvest
 is a faithful messenger to those who send him;
 he refreshes the soul of his masters.
¹⁴Like clouds and wind without rain
 is a man who boasts of a gift he does not give.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

GRADUAL

Psalm 33:12, 6

**Blessèd is the nation whose God is the LORD,
 the people whom he has chosen as his heritage!
 By the word of the LORD the heavens were made,
 and by the breath of his mouth all their host.**

EPISTLE

Ephesians 4:1–6

¹I therefore, a prisoner for the Lord, urge you to walk in a manner worthy of the calling to which you have been called, ²with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, ³eager to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. ⁴There is one body and one Spirit—just as you were called to the one hope that belongs to your call— ⁵one Lord, one faith, one baptism, ⁶one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all.

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.

HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 14:1–11

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

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

¹One Sabbath, when [Jesus] went to dine at the house of a ruler of the Pharisees, they were watching him carefully. ²And behold, there was a man before him who had dropsy. ³And Jesus responded to the lawyers and Pharisees, saying, “Is it lawful to heal on the Sabbath, or not?” ⁴But they remained silent. Then he took him and healed him and sent him away. ⁵And he said to them, “Which of you, having a son or an ox that has fallen into a well on a Sabbath day, will not immediately pull him out?” ⁶And they could not reply to these things.

⁷Now he told a parable to those who were invited, when he noticed how they chose the places of honor, saying to them, ⁸“When you are invited by someone to a wedding feast, do not sit down in a place of honor, lest someone more distinguished than you be invited by him, ⁹and he who invited you both will come and say to you, ‘Give your place to this person,’ and then you will begin with shame to take the lowest place. ¹⁰But when you are invited, go and sit in the lowest place, so that when your host comes he may say to you, ‘Friend, move up higher.’ Then you will be honored in the presence of all who sit at table with you. ¹¹For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and he who humbles himself will be exalted.”

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,

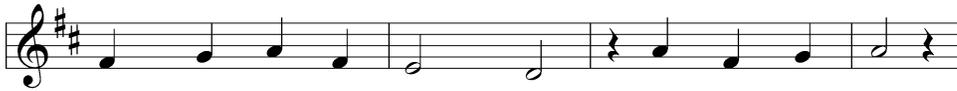
being of one substance with the Father,
 by whom all things were made;
 who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven
 and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary
 and was made man;
 and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.
 He suffered and was buried.
 And the third 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.

557 SEEK WHERE YOU MAY TO FIND A WAY



1 Seek where you may To find a way That
 2 Seek whom you may To be your stay, None
 3 Seek Him a - lone Who did a - tone, Who
 4 My heart's de - light, My crown most bright, O



leads to your sal - va - tion. My heart is stilled,
 can re - deem his broth - er. All help - ers failed;
 did your souls de - liv - er. O seek Him first,
 Christ, my joy for - ev - er. Not wealth nor pride



On Christ I build, He is the one foun - da - tion.
 This man pre - vailed, The God-man and none oth - er,
 All you who thirst For grace that fails you nev - er.
 Nor for-tune's tide Our bonds of love shall sev - er.



His Word is sure, His works en - dure; He o - ver - throws
 Our Ser - vant - King Of whom we sing. We're jus - ti - fied
 In ev - 'ry need Seek Him in - deed; To ev - 'ry heart
 You are my Lord; Your pre - cious Word Shall guide my way



All e - vil foes; Through Him I more than con - quer.
 Be - cause He died, The guilt - y be - ing guilt - less.
 He will im - part His bless - ings with - out mea - sure.
 And help me stay For - ev - er in Your pres - ence.

SERMON: *The Offensive Jesus Goes on the Offensive with Divine Grace and Teaching (Luke 14:1-11)*

OFFERTORY

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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, Patrick Oberle, Ramona Von Ende, Bruce Hansen, Marlys Johnson, Justin Brynjulfson, Rev. David Steege, and Pat Ellinger. 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, 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— 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), Larissa Alvarez & family (at the loss of her grandmother Luci Correa), the family of Fred Hunt, and the family of Diane Lawrence.

And we remember those who have recently lost loved ones— 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 Bredenber, the family of Tracey Rosso, Cindy Cook & family (at the loss of her brother, Daniel Anderson), and the family of Gerald Oswald.

All expecting families and their unborn children— especially Kyle & Abbie (MacMillan) Gaffaney, Adam & Brittany Strohschein, and Stephanie & Noah Heidorn. 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 Beautiful Savior Lutheran, Plymouth, and Pastor Tom Stoebig and Pastor Joe Behnke.

PRAYING FOR OUR CHURCH & SCHOOL: This week we pray for Deacon Chairman Chris Kruse and Deacon Secretary Joel Johnson, and also for Teachers Stacy Humbert (Pre-K) and Jeremy Koosman (2nd).

† 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.*

NOTICE OF CHURCH MEMBER'S PASSING: It has pleased Our Heavenly Father to call home devoted church member Gerald Oswald on September 28, 2020. Funeral arrangement plans will be posted once determined. Please keep his family in your prayers.

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!

October 4: Daniel 2- The Crushing Stone

October 11: Daniel 3- Saved from the Fires of Hell

TUESDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY has resumed as we take up again the Book of Acts. We 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 25 and Paul's use of his rights as a Roman citizen to undo the political machinations levied against him, even using his small stature in the eyes of the rich and powerful to advance his testimony to the Gospel.

THE COUNCIL OF DEACONS would like to thank Tom Eversman, Mike Gaffer, Stu Glock, and Dan Holthus for their service as Deacons. Additionally, we'd like to welcome Rob Borcharding, Leif Briel, Todd Haag, and Dennis Schwecke as new Deacons.

FINANCIAL UPDATE

	<u>Last Week</u> 09/27/20	<u>Year-to-date</u> since 07/01/20
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Total General Fund Receipts-All Sources	\$ 33,789	\$ 423,316
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Amount Needed	\$ 48,793	\$ 487,508
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Amount Ahead (Behind)	\$ (15,004)	\$ (64,191)
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% Ahead (-Behind)		-13%
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Current Building Mortgage Balance (September 30, 2020): \$243,562

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 27th) Total: 156 CM: 118

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.

THANK YOU to Pr. Moss and Pr. Johnson for all the visits, cards from the church ladies, letters from the school children, and the countless prayers and wishes from so many. Linda appreciated them all. ~ The family of Linda Bredenberg

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: (October 4 – October 10) **Sunday-** Joshua Glock/Nichole Schilling, **Monday-** Abel Orbin, **Tuesday-** Riley Gehl/Richard Haver/Emma Kanz/Stephen Kruse, **Wednesday-** Sandra Scott, **Thursday-** Sadie Say, **Friday-** Kristi Bode, **Saturday-** Aaron Cook/Joseph Ims/Tim Kanz/Lisa Radintz