

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 Feast of All Saints

November 1, 2020

Preacher: Pr. Matthew Johnson

Liturgist: Pr. Matthew Moss

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

677 For All the Saints



1 For all the saints who from their la - bors rest,
2 Thou wast their rock, their for - tress, and their might;
3 Oh, may Thy sol - diers, faith - ful, true, and bold,
4 Oh, blest com - mu - nion, fel - low - ship di - vine!



Who Thee by faith be - fore the world con - fessed, Thy
Thou, Lord, their cap - tain in the well - fought fight;
Fight as the saints who no - bly fought of old And
We fee - bly strug - gle, they in glo - ry shine; Yet



name, O Je - sus, be for - ev - er blest.
Thou, in the dark - ness drear, their one true light.
win with them the vic - tor's crown of gold!
all are one in Thee, for all are Thine.



Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!
Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!
Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!
Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

5 And when the fight is fierce, the warfare long,
Steals on the ear the distant triumph song,
And hearts are brave again, and arms are strong.
Alleluia! Alleluia!

6 The golden evening brightens in the west;
Soon, soon to faithful warriors cometh rest;
Sweet is the calm of paradise the blest.
Alleluia! Alleluia!

7 But, lo, there breaks a yet more glorious day:
The saints triumphant rise in bright array;
The King of Glory passes on His way.
Alleluia! Alleluia!

△ 8 From earth's wide bounds, from ocean's farthest coast,
 Through gates of pearl streams in the countless host,
 Singing to Father, Son, and Holy Ghost:
 Alleluia! Alleluia!

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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.**
**Glory be to the Father and to the Son
 and to the Holy Spirit;
 as it was in the beginning,
 is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

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Kyrie

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- A** In peace let us pray to the Lord.
- C** **Lord, have mercy.**
- A** For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.
- C** **Lord, have mercy.**
- A** For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.
- C** **Lord, have mercy.**
- A** For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.
- C** **Lord, have mercy.**
- A** Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.
- C** **Amen.**

THIS IS THE FEAST

LSB 171

A This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia.

C Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain,
 whose blood set us free to be peo-ple of God.
 Pow - er and rich - es and wis - dom and strength and

hon - or and bless-ing and glo - ry are His.
 This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al - le -
 lu - ia. Sing with all the peo - ple of
 God, and join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion:
 Bless - ing and hon - or and glo - ry and might be to
 God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.
 This is the feast of vic - to-ry for our God,
 for the Lamb who was slain has be - gun His reign.
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, You knit together Your faithful people of all times and places into one holy communion, the mystical body of Your Son, Jesus Christ. Grant us so to follow Your blessed saints in all virtuous and godly living that, together with them, we may come to the unspeakable joys You have prepared for those who love You; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

First Reading

Revelation 7:9–17

⁹After this I looked, and behold, a great multitude that no one could number, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed in white robes, with palm branches in their hands, ¹⁰and crying out with a loud voice, “Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!”

¹¹And all the angels were standing around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, ¹²saying, “Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen.”

¹³Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, “Who are these, clothed in white robes, and from where have they come?” ¹⁴I said to him, “Sir, you know.” And he said to me, “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.

¹⁵“Therefore they are before the throne of God,
and serve him day and night in his temple;
and he who sits on the throne will shelter them with his presence.

¹⁶They shall hunger no more, neither thirst anymore;
the sun shall not strike them,
nor any scorching heat.

¹⁷For the Lamb in the midst of the throne will be their shepherd,
and he will guide them to springs of living water,
and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.”

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Gradual

Revelation 7:14b; Psalm 84:5

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.

**Blessèd are those whose strength is in you,
in whose heart are the highways to Zion.**

Epistle

1 John 3:1–3

¹See what kind of love the Father has given to us, that we should be called children of God; and so we are. The reason why the world does not know us is that it did not know him. ²Beloved, we are God’s children now, and what we will be has not yet appeared; but we know that when he appears we shall be like him, because we shall see him as he is. ³And everyone who thus hopes in him purifies himself as he is pure.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Stand

Alleluia and Verse

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Holy Gospel

Matthew 5:1–12

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

C Glory to You, O Lord.

¹Seeing the crowds, [Jesus] went up on the mountain, and when he sat down, his disciples came to him.

²And he opened his mouth and taught them, saying:

³“Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

4“Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted.
5“Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth.
6“Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied.
7“Blessed are the merciful, for they shall receive mercy.
8“Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God.
9“Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God.
10“Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness’ sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
11“Blessed are you when others revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. 12Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for so they persecuted the prophets who were before you.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, 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.

Commemoration of the Faithful Departed

676 Behold a Host, Arrayed in White

1 Be - hold a host, ar - rayed in white, Like thou - sand
2 De - spised and scorned, they so - journed here; But now, how
3 O bless - ed saints in bright ar - ray Now safe - ly

snow - clad moun - tains bright! With palms they stand; Who
glo - rious they ap - pear! Those mar - tyrs stand, A
home in end - less day, Ex - tol the Lord, Who

is this band Be - fore the throne of light? These are the
priest - ly band, God's throne for - ev - er near. On earth they
with His Word Sus - tained you on the way. The steep and

saints of glo - rious fame, Who from the great af -
wept through bit - ter years; Now God has wiped a -
nar - row path you trod; You toiled and sowed the

flic - tion came And in the flood Of Je - sus' blood
way their tears, Trans - formed their strife To heav'n - ly life,
Word a - broad; Re - jice and bring Your fruits and sing

Are cleansed from guilt and shame. They now serve God both
And freed them from their fears. They now en - joy the
Be - fore the throne of God. The myr - iad an - gels

day and night; They sing their songs in end - less light. Their
Sab - bath rest, The heav'n - ly ban - quet of the blest; The
raise their song; O saints, sing with that hap - py throng! Lift

an - thems ring As they all sing With an - gels shin - ing bright.
Lamb, their Lord, At fes - tive board Him - self is host and guest.
up one voice; Let heav'n re - jice In our Re - deem - er's song!

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Sermon: The Kingdom of God is Found in the Teaching that Blesses (Matthew 5:1-12)

Prayer of the Church

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

Blessing and Dismissal

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**THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED OF
ST. JOHN'S EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH
NOVEMBER 1, 2019 - NOVEMBER 1, 2020**

† **Betty Ruth (Waschek) Schmiede** †

Received into Glory on December 5, 2019
Funeral Service and Christian Burial on December 14, 2019

† **Larry Gordon Jobs** †

Received into Glory on March 22, 2020
Funeral Service and Christian Burial on March 25, 2020

† **Fred Henry Hunt** †

Received into Glory on May 28, 2020
Funeral Service and Christian Burial on June 12, 2020

† **Diane June Lawrence** †

Received into Glory on June 6, 2020
Funeral Service and Christian Burial on June 15, 2020

† **Vivian Ella Kuns** †

Received into Glory on August 2, 2020
Funeral Service and Christian Burial on August 5, 2020

† **Linda Marie Bredenberg** †

Received into Glory on September 2, 2020
Funeral Service and Christian Burial on September 6, 2020

† **Tracey Marie Rosso** †

Received into Glory on September 6, 2020
Funeral Service and Christian Burial on November 1, 2020

† **Gerald Carl Oswald** †

Received into Glory on September 28, 2020

"I heard a voice from heaven saying, Write this: Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord from now on. Yes, says the Spirit, that they may rest from their labors, for their deeds follow them." (Revelation 14:13)

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, 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 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), Larissa Alvarez & family (at the loss of her grandmother Luci Correa), 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), and Lois Foggia & family (at the loss of her brother-in-law Tom Hooker).

And we remember those who have recently lost loved ones— 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), and the family of Gerald Oswald.

All expecting families and their unborn children— especially 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 Peace Lutheran, Robbinsdale, and Pastor Steven Mayo Jones.

PRAYING FOR OUR CHURCH & SCHOOL: This week we pray for our BOA Deacons, BOA Board Members, and Treasurer Mike Gaffer, and also for our Teachers Deb Volberding (First Grade) and Gary Volberding (Middle School).

† 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: *Today, November 1st, The Feast of All Saints.*

BAPTISED TODAY is Louis Peter Gaffaney, infant son of Kyle and Abbie Gaffaney. May our gracious Lord Jesus keep Louis safe in the holy Ark of the Church until he reaches his new home in heaven. “Let the little children come to me and do not hinder them, for to such belongs the kingdom of God.”
Matthew 19:14

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

November 1: Daniel 6- God’s Faithful Servant Is Saved from the Lions’ Mouth

November 8: Daniel 7- Daniel’s Vision of Four Kingdoms and the Kingdom of God

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 not have class this week, but I will be posting a brief video reviewing our study of the book of Acts. Next week (November 10) we will begin a study of some of the Psalms found in the book of Acts.

TIRED OF POLITICS? Has this election season been draining you? Have differing philosophies of Government left you weary with this world? Good news! Your citizenship is in heaven! The final three weeks of the 2019-2020 Church Year give us a wonderful opportunity to put the U.S. election behind us and focus on the Kingdom of God. Our sermons over the final three weeks will focus on several of the ways we witness God reigning now in our world and in the Age to come. You won't want to miss it!

November 8- Trinity 22: The Kingdom of Grace (Matthew 18:21-35)

November 15- Trinity 23: The Kingdom of Power (Matthew 22:15-22)

November 22- The Last Sunday: The Kingdom of Glory (Matthew 25:1-13)

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)

PLEDGE CARDS: Thank you to the households who have submitted pledge cards to assist your Boards and Council in the budget formation process. Your participation reflects a congregation of good stewards in budget responsibly.

FINANCIAL UPDATE	<u>Last Week</u> 10/25/20	<u>Year-to-date</u> since 07/01/20
Total General Fund Receipts-All Sources	\$ 86,610	\$ 565,170
Amount Needed	\$ 26,450	\$ 593,308
Amount Ahead (Behind)	\$ 60,160	\$ (28,138)
% Ahead (-Behind)		-5%
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 (October 25th) Total: 190 CM: 142

Note: The pastors and cantor 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.

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.

SCHEDULING CHURCH AND SCHOOL EVENTS AT ST. JOHN'S: We are not scheduling member events at this time. Please direct any questions to 763-420-2426.

BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS: Items received by *noon* Wednesday are considered for inclusion in the Sunday bulletin; kindly please submit your request timely to ensure your announcement gets published as needed.

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK: (November 1 – November 7) **Sunday-** Alanna Robinson/John Robinson, **Monday-** Justin Bermel/Daniel Bussing/Diana Cahlander/Paul Dolan, **Tuesday-** Megan Hebert/Sam Schutte, **Wednesday-** Ryan Maurer/Patty Picotte/Everett Radintz, **Thursday-** Casey Sumstad, **Friday ..., Saturday-** Robert Abraham/Peter Day/Phil Koehler/Samantha Orth/Colin Vetsch

Watch for details to come from the Gala committee next week!

