

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 Twenty-third Sunday after Trinity

November 15, 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

734 I Trust, O Lord, Your Holy Name



1 I trust, O Lord, Your ho - ly name; O let me not be
2 Bow down Your gra - cious ear to me And hear my cry, my
3 You are my strength, my shield, my rock, My for-tress that with -
4 With You, O Lord, I cast my lot; O faith-ful God, for -
△ 5 All hon - or, praise, and maj - es - ty To Fa-ther, Son, and



put to shame Nor let me be con-found - ed. My faith, O
prayer, my plea; Make haste for my pro - tec - tion, For woes and
stands each shock, My help, my life, my tow - er, My bat - tle
sake me not, To You my soul com-mend - ing. Lord, be my
Spir - it be, Our God for - ev - er glo - rious, In whose rich



Lord, Be in Your Word For - ev - er firm-ly ground - ed.
fear Sur-round me here. Help me in my af - flic - tion.
sword, Al - might-y Lord— Who can re - sist Your pow - er?
stay, And lead the way Now and when life is end - ing.
grace We run our race Till we de - part vic - to - rious.

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Introit

Psalms 85:1, 7, 9, 11; antiphon: Jeremiah 29:11a, 12

I know the plans I have for you, de- | clares the LORD,*
plans for wholeness and not for | evil.
Then you will call upon me and come and | pray to me,*
and I will | hear you.
LORD, you were favorable | to your land;*
you restored the fortunes of | Jacob.
Show us your steadfast love, | O LORD,*
and grant us your sal- | vation.
Surely his salvation is near to those who | fear him,*
that glory may dwell | in our land.
Faithfulness springs up | from the ground,*
and righteousness looks down | from the sky.
Glory be to the Father and | to the Son*
and to the Holy | Spirit;
as it was in the be- | ginning,*
is now, and will be forever. | Amen.

I know the plans I have for you, de- | clares the LORD,*
 plans for wholeness and not for | evil.
 Then you will call upon me and come and | pray to me,*
 and I will | hear you.

Kyrie

LSB 168

- 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.
O Lord, absolve Your people from their offenses that from the bonds of our sins, which by reason of our frailty we have brought upon ourselves, we may be delivered by Your bountiful 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.

Sit

Old Testament Reading

Proverbs 8:11–22

- ¹¹For wisdom is better than jewels,
and all that you may desire cannot compare with her.
- ¹²“I, wisdom, dwell with prudence,
and I find knowledge and discretion.
- ¹³The fear of the LORD is hatred of evil.
Pride and arrogance and the way of evil
and perverted speech I hate.
- ¹⁴I have counsel and sound wisdom;
I have insight; I have strength.
- ¹⁵By me kings reign,
and rulers decree what is just;
- ¹⁶by me princes rule,
and nobles, all who govern justly.
- ¹⁷I love those who love me,
and those who seek me diligently find me.
- ¹⁸Riches and honor are with me,
enduring wealth and righteousness.
- ¹⁹My fruit is better than gold, even fine gold,
and my yield than choice silver.
- ²⁰I walk in the way of righteousness,
in the paths of justice,
- ²¹granting an inheritance to those who love me,
and filling their treasuries.
- ²²“The LORD possessed me at the beginning of his work,
the first of his acts of old.”

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

Gradual

Psalm 44:7–8

You have saved us | from our foes*
 and have put to shame those who | hate us.
 In God we have boasted con- | tinually,*
 and we will give thanks to your name for- | ever.

Epistle

Philippians 3:17–21

¹⁷Brothers, join in imitating me, and keep your eyes on those who walk according to the example you have in us. ¹⁸For many, of whom I have often told you and now tell you even with tears, walk as enemies of the cross of Christ. ¹⁹Their end is destruction, their god is their belly, and they glory in their shame, with minds set on earthly things. ²⁰But our citizenship is in heaven, and from it we await a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ, ²¹who will transform our lowly body to be like his glorious body, by the power that enables him even to subject all things to himself.

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

Stand

Alleluia and Verse

LSB 173

C Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?
 You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

Holy Gospel

Matthew 22:15–22

- P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the twenty-second chapter.
- C** Glory to You, O Lord.

¹⁵Then the Pharisees went and plotted how to entangle [Jesus] in his talk. ¹⁶And they sent their disciples to him, along with the Herodians, saying, “Teacher, we know that you are true and teach the way of God truthfully, and you do not care about anyone’s opinion, for you are not swayed by appearances. ¹⁷Tell us, then, what you think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to Caesar, or not?” ¹⁸But Jesus, aware of their malice, said, “Why put me to the test, you hypocrites? ¹⁹Show me the coin for the tax.” And they brought him a denarius. ²⁰And Jesus said to them, “Whose likeness and inscription is this?” ²¹They said, “Caesar’s.” Then he said to them, “Therefore render to Caesar the things that are Caesar’s, and to God the things that are God’s.” ²²When they heard it, they marveled. And they left him and went away.

- P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.
- C** Praise to You, O Christ.

Sit

714 Who Trusts in God a Strong Abode



1 Who trusts in God A strong a - bode In heav'n and
 2 Though Sa - tan's wrath Be - set our path And world - ly
 3 In all the strife Of mor - tal life Our feet will



earth pos - sess - es; Who looks in
 scorn as - sail us, While You are
 stand se - cure - ly; Temp - ta - tion's



love To Christ a - bove, No fear that heart op -
 near, We shall not fear; Your strength will nev - er
 hour Will lose its pow'r, For You will guard us



press - es. In You a - lone, Dear Lord, we own Sweet
 fail us. Your rod and staff Will keep us safe And
 sure - ly. O God, re - new With heav'n - ly dew Our



hope and con - so - la - tion, Our shield from foes, Our balm for
 guide our steps for - ev - er; Nor shades of death Nor hell be -
 bod - y, soul, and spir - it Un - til we stand At Your right



woes, Our great and sure sal - va - tion.
 neath Our lives from You will sev - er.
 hand Through Je - sus' sav - ing mer - it.

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Sermon:

Render to God What Jesus Has Bought with His Blood

Stand

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.**

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, Pat Ellinger, and Doris Gangelhoff. 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), the family of Gerald Oswald, and Kyle Gaffaney & family (at the loss of his grandfather Bill Reese).

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 St. John’s Evangelical Lutheran Church and School, Corcoran, and Pastor Matthew Moss and Pastor Matthew Johnson.

PRAYING FOR OUR CHURCH & SCHOOL: This week we pray for Board of Parish Ed Deacon Mark Dorethy and the Board Members, and Jr/Sr Youth Coordinator Jayme Kruse.

† 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.*

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 15: Daniel 8- The Ram and the Goat

November 22: Daniel 9- Daniel Prays from Scripture

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 complete our two-week look at Psalm 69 and Psalm 109, paired together as the first Old Testament Scriptural quotations by Luke 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 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)

	<u>Last Week</u>	<u>Year-to-date</u>
	<i>11/08/20</i>	<i>since 07/01/20</i>
FINANCIAL UPDATE		
Total General Fund Receipts-All Sources	\$ 28,625	\$ 621,191
Amount Needed	\$ 24,266	\$ 641,841
Amount Ahead (Behind)	\$ 4,359	\$ (20,649)
% Ahead (-Behind)		-3%
Current Building Mortgage Balance (October 31, 2020):	\$235,653	

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 (November 8th) Total: 131 CM: 106

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.

ALTAR GUILD: The Altar Guild’s next meeting is Thursday, November 19th at 7 pm. The meeting will be held at church in the lunchroom (Fellowship Hall). All Altar Guild members are encouraged to attend and anyone else who would like to find out more about the Altar Guild is also very welcome to attend (everyone please remember to wear your mask).

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* on Wednesday are considered for inclusion in the Sunday bulletin; kindly please submit your request timely to ensure your announcement gets published as needed.

EMAIL ADDRESS REQUESTED: If you are not already getting weekly emails from church, please submit your email address so we can communicate notices such as upcoming church services, funerals, weather closures, etc. Please provide your email address to secretary@stjlutheran.org.

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK: (November 15 – November 21) **Sunday-** Arthur Howey/Breanna Ostwald, **Monday-** Karen Howey/Eric Kaiser/Lori Kiesow, **Tuesday-** Ellenna Baltes/Kim Brustuen/Mark Schutte, **Wednesday-** Zachary Kappel/Eric Nelson/Julie Winsor/Jack Wold, **Thursday-** Katie Timm Moss/Bodin Weinand, **Friday** Nora Jaster, **Saturday-** Jim Giefer/Kaitlyn Giefer/Ryan Klein/Mary Pozarski