



**The Evangelical Lutheran Church
of St. John**

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Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod

*3rd Sunday of Easter
April 18, 2021*

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*Pastor
Organist
Counting Team*

Welcome to All Thank you for joining us in worship today, and a special welcome to our guests who are with us. May the Word and promise of our Lord's love for us in Jesus fill your heart and soul with his peace. If you are a guest with us today, please sign our guest book in the entrance area.

Large Print Bulletins Large print editions of today's bulletin and Scripture lessons are available from one of the ushers. Please request one if it is needed.

Important Information - Special Announcement:

The Church Council has voted to start making some changes to our worship times to allow us to begin returning to normal operations at the church. Starting Sunday, April 25, we will have a change in our service times to allow for in person Sunday School and Bible Study to start again in the church. We will continue having two services with the first starting at 8:00am and the second being held at 10:00am. There will be Bible Study in the church at 9:00am and Sunday School in the basement of the church at the same time.

We will be placing the hymnals back in the pews for the April 25 service and the tape separating the pews will be removed. Those wishing to not use the hymnal will be able to see the liturgy and the hymns on the television. We will still have the recommended every other pew signs and mask wearing will be encouraged but not required. We will continue to distribute communion in the pews and take the offering as we come into church. The plan is to have this new system in place until the end of May.

I encourage all our members to take note of the change in the time of services. The Live Stream service will also be broadcasted at 8:00am starting April 25.

Prayer Requests Please remember the following in your prayers:
*Birthday and wedding anniversary celebrations this week.
Contact Pastor Sargent for any prayer requests and to inform him of any family members entering the hospital.
Also, if you would like a special prayer put in the bulletin, please contact Brenda Polzin or email the request to stjohn-grover@gmail.com by Thursday mornings.

Communion Announcements Those who desire to attend the Lord's Supper are asked to announce by having the ushers sign up for you. We follow the Bible based practice of communing those who are communicant members of our congregation and those who are members of a congregation in fellowship with the Wisconsin Synod. If you have any questions about attending the Lord's Supper with us, please ask to speak with our pastor before the time of service.

Voters' Meeting On Sunday, April 25, we will be having our quarterly voters' meeting with Open Forum after the 10:00am service. It will be held in the church. ALL voters are encouraged to attend this meeting.

Council Members Saturday, May 8, we will be having our preliminary budget meeting. Council members are asked to attend if they are available. It will be held at 9:00 am in the school.

Altar Flowers Altar flowers are given in honor of the 71st wedding anniversary of Leo and Cecile Seefeldt by their family.

Spring Clean-Up Day The Church Council have set this Saturday, April 24 as a yard day for the church, school, and parsonage. Weather-permitting, please join us beginning at 9:00am to help spruce up the lawn and yard.



Bible Study Our Bible Study is called **Jesus' Parables and the "I am Statements"** Copies of the lessons are available from the ushers at church and can be found

on the church webpage www.stjohnpeshtigo.org in the News Letter section. The lesson will be posted on our YouTube page on **Sunday, April 18**. Please join us for this 19 Minute study where we will visit with the Messiah. The lesson is titled; **“The Weeds”** (Matthew 13:24-30,36-43)

Special Note: *In person Bible Study will begin again on Sunday, April 25. It will be held between services at 9:00. The study will be recorded and posted on our YouTube page for those who are not able to attend.*



Sunday School

Attention Parents! *In person Bible Study will begin again on Sunday April 25. It will be held between services at 9:00. Please have your child bring their study sheet packet to Sunday School for the lessons.*

The Lesson for **Sunday, April 18** is **“The Pharisee and the Tax Collector”** found in **Luke 18**. The online course will continue through the Spring Lessons for those who are not able to attend. **Click on <https://online.nph.net/ss-remote> to view the videos.**

2021 Altar Flowers Sign Up A sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board to donate flowers for special dates in memory of a loved one or for another special occasion.

Weekly Bulletins You can now find the weekly bulletins on our website(stjohnpeshtigo.org). Go to the website, click on “weekly bulletins”, then click on the link for the bulletin.

Changes To better help us keep our records up to date (address changes, landline disconnection, cell phone numbers, family members move, etc), it would be greatly appreciated if you could fill out a form which is located in the rack in back of church. You may return to any usher, Brenda Polzin, or Pastor.

Worship & Daily Devotions on WOCO The worship broadcast on WOCO AM 1260 today (11:00 am) is hosted by Zion, Peshtigo. The daily devotions on WOCO AM (1260) & FM (107.1) this week

(Monday-Friday at 9:05 am) are hosted by First Ev. Lutheran, Green Bay, by Pastor Paul Schleis.

Last Week at St. John Ev. Lutheran

Those Who Joined Us in Worship (4/11/2021)	66/50
Live Stream Service 4/11/2021 (Households Logged in)	25
Average Sunday Attendance for the Year (15 weeks)	118

This Week at St. John Ev. Lutheran

Monday	6:30pm	Zion Service (Sargent)
Wednesday	4:30pm	Confirmation Class (4:30-6:00pm)
	5:45pm	Lutheran Pioneers at Zion (5:45-7:00pm)
Friday	8:20am	School Chapel Devotion
Saturday	9:00am	Spring Clean-up
Sunday	8:00am	Worship Service (WELS Connection)
(NEW	9:00am	Sunday School/Bible Study
CHURCH	10:00am	Worship Service (WELS Connection)
TIMES)	11:00am	Quarterly Voters' Meeting w/open forum
Next Sunday's Counting Team: Team "F" - Kevyn Lange, Brent & Wanda Richlen		

Offerings for the Lord's Work

General Fund Income for 3/28/2021	\$ 7,661.50
General Fund Income for 4/1, 4/2, 4/4/2021	\$ 12,271.68
General Fund Income for 4/11/2021	\$ 5,151.75
Total General Fund Income (41 weeks)	\$296,900.71
Budget Needs Weekly at \$6,932.46 (41 weeks)	\$284,230.86
Total BUDGET SURPLUS in Offerings	\$ 12,669.85
Borrowed Funds for Current Operating Expense	\$ 0.00

Included in General Fund Income Total:

E-giving - \$2,201.75; Thrivent Choice Gifts (Sunday School, Parsonage Remodeling Fund, general) - \$644

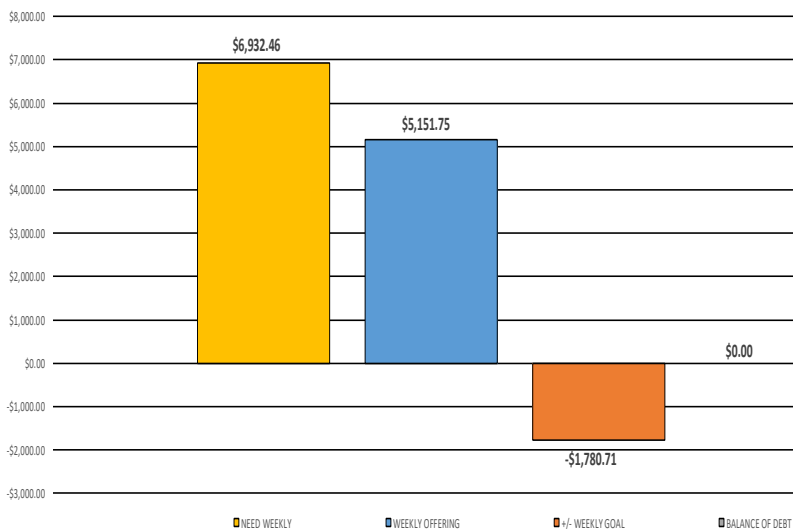
Special Gifts & Offerings

CMO - \$50; School Undesignated - \$655

Memorials & Special Gifts Received:

LARGER VIEW OF THIS BAR GRAPH IS ON THE BULLETIN BOARD

WEEKLY OFFERING & DEBT
4/11/2021



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Office hours @ St. John School

Wednesday 7:30am-2:30pm

Thursday 7:30am-12pm(subject to change)



School News

- ⇒ This week was Tornado and Severe Weather Awareness week. A tornado drill was conducted on Thursday to help students know where to shelter during severe weather.
- ⇒ Lutheran Pioneers will meet on Wednesday, April 21 at Zion Lutheran Church in Peshtigo from 5:45 - 7:30 pm. Children from our congregation in Grades 1-8 are invited to attend.
- ⇒ The ACT Aspire testing will take place the week of April 26 - 30 for our students Grades 3 - 8.

Easter Lilies

IN LOVING MEMORY OF...

In memory of Larry & Claryce Rohde from Rob & Joy Rohde

In memory of Gottlieb & Alice Gannigan from Rob & Joy Rohde

In memory of Terry Gannigan from Rob & Joy Rohde

In memory of Loved Ones from Lange Family

In memory of Delwyn Wagner & parents from Archie & Charlene Hurley & Rita Wagner

In memory of Russell Schonfeld from Lucille Schonfeld & Family

In memory of Christopher Mylener from Lucille Schonfeld & Family

In memory of Don Barker from Lucille Schonfeld & Family

In memory of Tymber VanSleet from Lucille Schonfeld & Family

In memory of Mr & Mrs Carl Polzin and Gail Giesfeldt from Mark Polzin & Family

In memory of Gerald Sargent, Elroy & Carole Siebert from Pastor & Lisa Sargent

In memory of Anita Kaus from Dave Kaus & Family

In memory of Ann Lemke from Lemke Family



E-giving(Online Giving) This is an optional program and you can opt in or out at any time. There will be three methods to donate to our church. Here's how:

****Go to our website-stjohnpeshtigo.org.** Click on the "Online Giving" tab (right side of screen). That'll take you directly to our E-giving webpage. Click on "create profile" and follow steps for adding transaction. The church incurs fees for debit/credit cards. You can help offset those fees by clicking on the button "help offset" (first time setup transaction only). These amounts will be added to your annual contribution statement.

NEW FEATURE!! On donation page, under optional - select from dropdown menu and put in name/message you wish to have applied to the donation.

****GivePlus Church (smartphone app) -** Download the app through "apple store (i-phone)" or "play store (android)". Create your online profile and follow the steps for adding a transaction. Search for our church by either typing the zip code (54157), typing "Ev. Lutheran Church of St. John, Grover, WI", or turn your locations on and "search for churches near me". With this method you can also help offset fees the church incurs for ACH transactions ONLY(bank routing) by clicking on the button "help offset"(first time setup transaction only).

*****Smartphone thru a QR scan code.** You must download any "QR code reader" app. Open the app and scan the QR code(to the right). It'll take you directly to our e-giving webpage. Create your online profile and follow steps for adding transaction.



If you are a participant in this program already, THANK YOU! Information is in the back of church to help guide you. Please don't hesitate to contact Brenda Polzin(920-660-5801) or Dave Kaus(715-923-9494) if you have any questions or need help setting it up.

LITURGY—Service of the Word and Sacrament-page 26
April 18, 2021

OPENING HYMN: CW 561 - Lord, Speak to Us that We May Speak

1 Lord, speak to us that we may speak
In living echoes of your tone.

As you have sought, so let us seek
Your straying children, lost and lone.

2 Oh, lead us, Lord, that we may lead
The wand'ring and the wav'ring feet.
Oh, feed us, Lord, that we may feed
Your hung'ring ones with manna sweet.

3 Oh, teach us, Lord, that we may teach
The precious truths which you impart,
And wing our words that they may reach
The hidden depths of many a heart.

4 Oh, fill us with your fullness, Lord,
Until our very hearts o'erflow
In kindling thought and glowing word
Your love to tell, your praise to show.

Stand

INVOCATION

M: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

CONFESSION OF SINS

M: God invites us to come into his presence and worship him with humble and penitent hearts. Therefore, let us acknowledge our sinfulness and ask him to forgive us.

C: **Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful, and that I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words, and ac-**

tions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. For this I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior Jesus Christ, I pray: Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner.

M: God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given his only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Therefore, as a called and ordained servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

PRAYER AND PRAISE

M: For all that we need in life and for the wisdom to use all your gifts with gratitude and joy, hear our prayer, O Lord.

C: ♪ Lord, have mercy.

M: For the steadfast assurance that nothing can separate us from your love and for the courage to stand firm against the assaults of Satan and every evil, hear our prayer, O Christ.

C: ♪ Christ, have mercy.

M: For the well-being of your holy Church in all the world and for those who offer here their worship and praise, hear our prayer, O Lord.

C: ♪ Lord, have mercy.

M: Merciful God, maker and preserver of life, uphold us by your power and keep us in your tender care:

C: ♪ Amen.

M: The works of the Lord are great and glorious; his name is worthy of praise.

SONG OF PRAISE

C: ♪ **O Lord, our Lord, how glorious is your name in all the earth.**

**Almighty God, merciful Father,
you crown our life with your love.**

**You take away our sin; you comfort our spirit;
you make us pure and holy in your sight.**

You did not spare your only Son, but gave him up for us all.

O Lord, our Lord, how glorious is your name in all the earth.

O Son of God, eternal Word of the Father, you came to live with us; you made your Father known; you washed us from our sins in your own blood.

You are the King of glory; you are the Lord!

O Lord, our Lord, how glorious is your name in all the earth.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

M: Let us pray.

M: O God, by the humiliation of your Son you lifted up this fallen world from the despair of death. By his resurrection to life, grant your faithful people gladness of heart and the hope of eternal joys; through your Son, Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: ♪ **Amen.**

Be Seated

FIRST LESSON

Acts 4:8–12

8 Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, “Rulers of the people and elders of Israel, 9 if we are being questioned to-

day for a kind act that was done for the lame man, as to how this man has been healed, 10 let it be known to all of you and to all the people of Israel that it was by the name of Jesus Christ the Nazarene, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead! By him this man stands before you healed. 11 This Jesus is the stone that was rejected by you builders, which has become the cornerstone. 12 "There is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given to people by which we must be saved."

PSALM OF THE DAY

Psalm: 118 (page 108)

♪ **Refrain: This is the day the Lord has made, let us rejoice and be glad! This is the day the Lord has made, let us rejoice and be glad!**

♪ The LORD is my strength and my song;*
he has become my salvation.

The LORD'S right hand is lifted high;*
the LORD'S right hand has done mighty things!

I will not die but live,*
and will proclaim what the LORD has done.

Refrain: This is the day the Lord has made, let us rejoice and be glad! This is the day the Lord has made, let us rejoice and be glad!

I will give you thanks, for you answered me;*
you have become my salvation.

The stone the builders rejected has become the capstone;*
the LORD has done this, and it is marvelous in our eyes.

This is the day the LORD has made;*
let us rejoice and be glad in it.

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.

Refrain: This is the day the Lord has made, let us rejoice and be glad! This is the day the Lord has made, let us rejoice and be glad!

SECOND LESSON

1 JOHN 1:1–10; 2:1-2

That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we have observed and our hands have touched regarding the Word of Life— 2 the life appeared, and we have seen it. We testify and proclaim to you the eternal life, which was with the Father and has appeared to us. 3 We are proclaiming what we have seen and heard also to you, so that you may have fellowship with us. Our fellowship is with the Father and his Son Jesus Christ. 4 We write these things to you so that our joy may be complete. 5 This is the message we heard from him and proclaim to you: God is light. In him there is no darkness at all. 6 If we say we have fellowship with him but still walk in darkness, we are lying and do not put the truth into practice. 7 But if we walk in the light, just as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus Christ, his Son, cleanses us from all sin. 8 If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. 9 If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. 10 If we say we have not sinned, we make him out to be a liar, and his Word is not in us. 2:1 My children, I write these things to you so that you will not sin. If anyone does sin, we have an Advocate before the Father: Jesus Christ, the Righteous One. 2 He is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not only for ours but also for the whole world.

VERSE OF THE DAY Alleluia. Alleluia. Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! Alleluia. Our hearts were burning within us while he talked with us on the road and opened the Scriptures to us. Alleluia. (Luke 24:32 cf. NIV)

C: ♪ Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! These words are written that we may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God. Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Stand

GOSPEL LESSON

LUKE 24:36–49

36 As they were talking about these things, Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, "Peace be with you." 37 But they were terrified and frightened and thought they were looking at a ghost. 38 He said to them, "Why are you troubled? Why do doubts arise in your hearts? 39 Look at my hands and my feet. It is I myself. Touch me and see, because a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have." 40 When he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. 41 While they still did not believe it (because of their joy), and while they were still wondering, he said to them, "Do you have anything here to eat?" 42 They gave him a piece of broiled fish and some honeycomb. 43 He took it and ate in front of them. 44 He said to them, "These are my words, which I spoke to you while I was still with you: Everything must be fulfilled that is written about me in the Law of Moses, the Prophets, and the Psalms." 45 Then he opened their minds to understand the Scriptures. 46 He said to them, "This is what is written and so it must be: The Christ will suffer and rise from the dead on the third day, 47 and repentance and forgiveness of sins will be preached in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. 48 You are witnesses of these things. 49 Look, I am sending you what my Father promised. But stay in the city until you are clothed with power from on high."

M: This is the Gospel of our Lord.

C: ♪ Praise be to you, O Christ!

Be Seated

HYMN OF THE DAY: CW 567 - Awake, O Spirit, Who Inspired

1 Awake, O Spirit, who inspired
The watchmen of the Church's youth,
Who faced the foe's envenomed ire,
Who witnessed day and night your truth,
Whose voices loud are ringing still
And bringing hosts to know your will.

2 Lord, let our earnest prayer be heard,

The prayer your Son taught us to pray;
For lo, your children's hearts are stirred
In ev'ry land in this our day,
To you with fervent soul to plead,
"Lord, help us in our time of need."

3 Oh, haste to help or we are lost!
Send preachers forth in spirit strong,
Armed with your Word, a dauntless host,
Bold to attack the rule of wrong.
Let them the earth for you reclaim,
Your heritage, to know your name.

4 And let your Word have speedy course,
Through ev'ry land be glorified,
Till all the heathen know its force
And fill your churches far and wide.
Oh, spread the conquest of your Word
And let your kingdom come, dear Lord!

SERMON TEXT: Luke 24:36-49

Theme: Believe the unbelievable!

NICENE CREED

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation, he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary, and became fully human.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate. He suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who in unity with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

PRAYER

LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

Be Seated

HYMN: CW 158 - I Am Content! My Jesus Lives Again

1 I am content! My Jesus lives again,
In whom my heart is pleased.
He has fulfilled the law of God for me;
God's wrath he has appeased.
Since he in death could perish never,
I also shall not die forever.
I am content! I am content!

2 I am content! My Jesus is my head;
His member I will be.
He bowed his head when on the cross
he died With cries of agony.
Now death is brought into subjection
For me, too, by his resurrection.
I am content! I am content!

3 I am content! My Jesus is my Light,
My radiant sun of grace.
His cheering rays beam blessings forth for all:

Sweet comfort, hope, and peace.
This Easter sun has brought salvation
And everlasting exultation.
I am content! I am content!

4 I am content! Lord, set me ever free
And wake me from the dead
That I may rise forevermore to be
With you, my living head.
The chains that hold my body, sever;
Then shall my soul rejoice forever.
I am content! I am content!

M: Brothers and sisters, go in peace. Live in harmony with one another. Serve the Lord with gladness.

The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look on you with favor and give you peace.

C: ♪ Amen. Amen. Amen.

Those who are not receiving the Lord's Supper can be dismissed.

THE SACRAMENT

M: The Lord be with you.

C: ♪ And also with you.

M: Lift up your hearts.

C: ♪ We lift them up to the Lord.

M: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: ♪ It is right to give him thanks and praise.

M: Praise to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In love he has blessed us with every spiritual blessing. He made his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins, not only our sins but the sins of the whole world. Now have come the salvation and the power and the kingdom of our God and the authority of his Christ. To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be praise and thanks and honor and glory for ever and ever.


WORDS OF INSTITUTION

M: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins, Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

M: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C:  Amen.

C:  **O Christ, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.**

O Christ, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

O Christ, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; grant us your peace. Amen.

Be Seated

Distribution of Communion

Stand

THANK THE LORD

C: ♪ Thank the Lord and sing his praise. Tell ev'ryone what he has done.

Let all who seek the Lord rejoice and proudly bear his name.

He renews his promises and leads his people forth in joy with shouts of thanksgiving. Alleluia! Alleluia!

M: Hear the prayer of your people, O Lord, that the lips which have praised you here may glorify you in the world, that the eyes which have seen the coming of your Son may long for his coming again, and that all who have received in his true body and blood the pledge of your forgiveness may be restored to live a new and holy life, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

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Have A Blessed Week!