



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

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**Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod**

*Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost*  
*August 23, 2020*

**Pastor Daniel Sargent**

**Becky Marotz**

**Kevyn Lange, Brent Richlen, Michelle Sobeck**

**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.

**Prayer Requests** Please remember the following in your prayers:

\*Birthday and wedding anniversary celebrations this week.

\*Mila Olivia Schwittay, daughter of Brad and Meleah Schwittay, who received God's washing of Holy Baptism last Sunday. May the Lord bless and keep this child in his baptismal grace.

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](mailto:stjohn-grover@gmail.com) by Thursday mornings.

**Meditations** The new meditation books starting August 30, 2020, are available in the rack in back of church and on the table. A free-will offering is greatly appreciated to help defray the costs of production.

**St. John School** The school will be starting the new school year tomorrow, August 24. Opening service will be held at 8:30am in church. All members are invited to attend.

**Volunteers** As you all know we are live-streaming the 8:30am service. We will need volunteers to help with the live-streaming. If

you are interested, please contact Pastor Sargent.

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## 100th Anniversary Celebration of the Church Organ



A Committee for celebrating the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of our Church Organ is being assembled. They will help plan the program for this special Celebration to be scheduled in February, 2021. Erin Pape has volunteered to chair this organizing committee. If you would like to help with the planning and implementing of this celebration, please contact Erin at [erinpape@gmail.com](mailto:erinpape@gmail.com) or 262-352-8762.

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**2020 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](http://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 Grace Luther-

an, Crivitz. The daily devotions on WOCO AM (1260) & FM (107.1) this week (Monday-Friday at 9:05 am) are hosted by Zion Lutheran, Peshtigo, by Pastor Luke Myslik.

**Last Week at St. John Ev. Lutheran**

Those Who Joined Us in Worship (8/16/20) 61/61  
Average Sunday Attendance for the Year (23 weeks) 137  
(does not include the 10 weeks of no service)

**This Week at St. John Ev. Lutheran**

Monday 1st Day of School (8:30am Opening Service)  
6:30pm Zion Service (Myslik)  
Tuesday 6:30pm Board of Education  
Friday 8:20am School Chapel Devotion  
Sunday 8:30am Worship Service  
10:00am Worship Service

Next Sunday's Counting Team: Team "G" - Aaron & Erin Pape, Joel Rohde

**Offerings for the Lord's Work**

General Fund Income for 8/2/2020 \$ 4,170.02  
General Fund Income for 8/9/2020 \$ 6,003.25  
General Fund Income for 8/19/2020 \$ 25,234.75  
Total General Fund Income (7 weeks) \$ 54,703.82  
Budget Needs Weekly at \$6,932.46 (7 weeks) \$ 48,527.22  
Total **BUDGET SURPLUS** in Offerings \$ 6,176.60  
Borrowed Funds for Current Operating Expense \$ 42,097.74

**Included in General Fund Income Total:**

E-giving - \$1,426.75; Tuition - \$18,133; Tuition Assistance - \$810

**Special Gifts & Offerings**

CMO - \$1,025; School Gym - \$100

**Memorials & Special Gifts Received:**

School Gym Fund - In memory of Kevin Lee Nischke, who died 9 years ago, August 14, from Ken & Betty Nischke

Organ Fund - In memory of David Duescher from John & Vicki Duescher

**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).

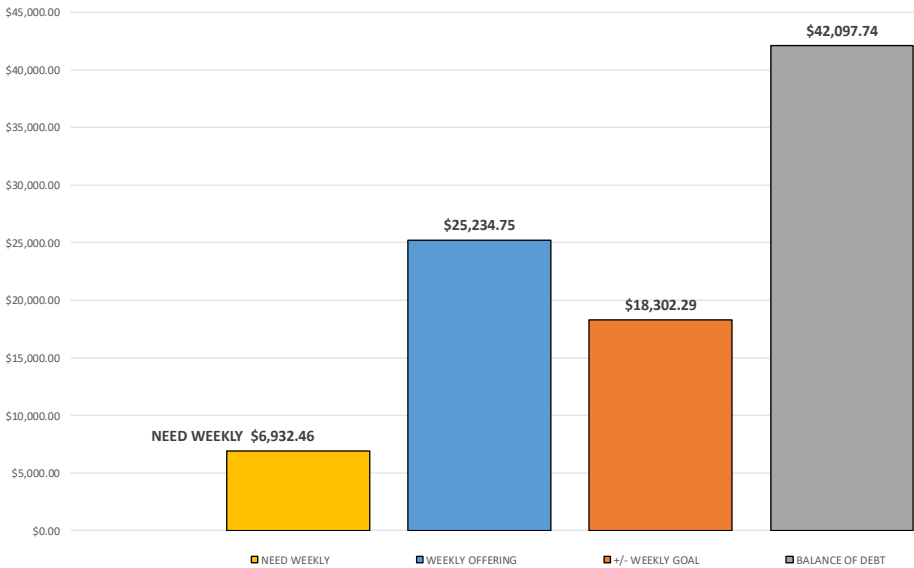
\*\*\*Smartphone thru a QR scan code. You must download any "QR code reader" app. Open the app and scan the QR code(to the right). It'll take you directly to our e-giving webpage. Create your online profile and follow steps for adding transaction.



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.

# LARGER VIEW OF THIS BAR GRAPH IS ON THE BULLETIN BOARD

WEEKLY OFFERING & DEBT  
8/16/2020



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Wednesday 7:30am-2:30pm

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

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## **HYMN: CW 384 - By Grace I'm Saved**

1 By grace I'm saved, grace free and boundless;  
My soul, believe and doubt it not.  
Why waver at this word of promise?  
Has Scripture ever falsehood taught?  
So then this word must true remain:  
By grace you, too, shall heav'n obtain.

2 By grace God's Son, our only Savior,  
Came down to earth to bear our sin.  
Was it because of your own merit  
That Jesus died, your soul to win?  
No, it was grace, and grace alone,  
That brought him from his heav'nly throne.

3 By grace! Oh, mark this word of promise  
When you are by your sins oppressed,  
When Satan plagues your troubled conscience,  
And when your heart is seeking rest.  
What reason cannot comprehend  
God by his grace to you did send.

4 By grace to timid hearts that tremble,  
In tribulation's furnace tried --  
By grace, despite all fear and trouble,  
The Father's heart is open wide.  
Where could I help and strength secure  
If grace were not my anchor sure?

5 By grace! On this I'll rest when dying;  
In Jesus' promise I rejoice.  
For though I know my heart's condition,  
I also know my Savior's voice.  
My heart is glad; all grief has flown  
Since I am saved by grace alone.

**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: We have come into the presence of God, who created us to love and serve him as his dear children. But we have disobeyed him and deserve only his wrath and punishment. Therefore, let us confess our sins to him and plead for his mercy.

C: **Merciful Father in heaven, I am altogether sinful from birth. In countless ways I have sinned against you and do not deserve to be called your child. But trusting in Jesus, my Savior, I pray: Have mercy on me according to your unfailing love. Cleanse me from my sin, and take away my guilt.**

M: God, our heavenly Father, has forgiven all your sins. By the perfect life and innocent death of our Lord Jesus Christ, he has removed your guilt forever. You are his own dear child. May God give you strength to live according to his will.

C: **Amen.**

## PRAYER AND PRAISE

M: In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord.

## OH, TASTE AND SEE

♪ **Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good.**

**Blessed are they who take refuge in him.**

**Your Word, O Lord, is eternal;**

**it stands firm in the heavens.**

**Your faithfulness continues forever.**

**Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good.**

**Blessed are they who take refuge in him.**



## **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

M: Let us pray.

M: Almighty and everlasting God, you are always more ready to hear than we to pray, and to give more than we either desire or deserve. Pour upon us the abundance of your mercy, forgiving us those things of which our conscience is afraid, and giving us those good things for which we are not worthy to ask, except through the merits and mediation of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C:  Amen.

## **BE SEATED**

### **FIRST LESSON**

### **1 Kings 19:9-18**

9He came to a cave and spent the night there. Then the word of the LORD suddenly came to him, saying, "Why are you here, Elijah?" 10He said, "I have been very zealous for the LORD, the God of Armies, but the people of Israel have abandoned your covenant. They have torn down your altars and killed your prophets with the sword. I alone am left, and they are seeking to take my life." 11Then the LORD said, "Go out and stand on the mountain in the presence of the LORD, for the LORD is passing by." Then a great and powerful wind tore the mountains and shattered rocks before the LORD, but the LORD was not in the wind. After the wind came an earthquake, but the LORD was not in the earthquake. 12After the earthquake there was a fire, but the LORD was not in the fire. After the fire there was a soft, whispering voice. 13When Elijah heard it, he wrapped his face in his cloak, and he went out and stood at the entrance to the cave. Then a voice came to him and said, "Why are you here, Elijah?" 14He said, "I have been very zealous for the LORD, the God of Armies, but the people of Israel have abandoned your covenant. They have torn down your altars and killed your prophets with the sword. I alone am left, and they are seeking to take my life."

15Then the LORD said to him, "Go back the way you came and go to the Wilderness of Damascus. When you get there, you are to anoint Hazael as king over Aram. 16You will also anoint Jehu son of Nimshi as king over Israel and Elisha son of Shaphat from Abel Meholah as prophet in your place. 17Whoever escapes the sword of Hazael, Jehu will kill, and whoever escapes the sword of Jehu, Elisha will kill. 18But I have preserved in Israel seven thousand whose knees have not bent to Baal and whose lips have not kissed him."

**PSALM OF THE DAY**

**Psalm 73 (Read responsively)**

**Refrain: Surrely it is God who saves me; I will trust in him and not be afraid. For the Lord is my strong-hold and my sure defense, and he will be my Savior.**

I am always with 'you, O LORD ;\*  
**you hold me by my 'right hand.**

You guide me with your' counsel,\*  
**and afterward you will take me into 'glory.**

Whom have I in heaven' but you?\*

**And earth has nothing I desire 'besides you.**

My flesh and my heart' may fail,\*  
**but God is the strength of my heart and my portion 'forever.**

**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: Surrely it is God who saves me; I will trust in him and not be afraid. For the Lord is my strong-hold and my sure defense, and he will be my Savior.**

**SECOND LESSON**

**Romans 9:1–5**

I am speaking the truth in Christ—I am not lying—my conscience testifies with me in the Holy Spirit 2 that I have great sorrow and continuous pain in my heart. 3For I almost wish that I myself could be cursed and separated from Christ in place of my brothers, my relatives according to the flesh, 4 those who are Israel-

ites. Theirs are the adoption as sons, the glory, the covenants, the giving of the law, the worship, and the promises. 5Theirs are the patriarchs, and from them, according to the flesh, came the Christ, who is God over all, eternally blessed. Amen.

### **VERSE OF THE DAY**

Alleluia. Now faith is being sure of what we hope for and certain of what we do not see. Alleluia. (Hebrews 11:1)

**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**

#### **Matthew 14:22–33**

22Immediately Jesus urged the disciples to get into the boat and to go ahead of him to the other side, while he dismissed the crowd. 23After he had dismissed the crowd, he went up onto the mountain by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone. 24By then the boat was quite a distance from shore, being pounded by the waves because the wind was against it. 25In the fourth watch of the night, Jesus came toward them, walking on the sea. 26When the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were terrified and cried out in fear, “It’s a ghost!” 27But Jesus spoke to them at once, saying, “Take heart! It is I! Do not be afraid.” 28Peter answered him and said, “Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water.” 29Jesus said, “Come!” Peter stepped down from the boat, walked on the water, and went toward Jesus. 30But when he saw the strong wind, he was afraid. As he began to sink, he cried out, “Lord, save me!” 31Immediately Jesus stretched out his hand, took hold of him, and said to him, “You of little faith, why did you doubt?” 32When they got into the boat, the wind stopped. 33Those who were in the boat worshipped him, saying, “Truly you are the Son of God!”

M: This is the Gospel of our Lord.

**C: ♪ Praise be to you, O Christ!**

**BE SEATED**

**HYMN: CW 416 - How Firm a Foundation**

1 How firm a foundation, O saints of the Lord,  
Is laid for your faith in his excellent Word!  
What more can he say than to you he has said  
Who unto the Savior for refuge have fled?

2 In ev'ry condition, in sickness, in health,  
In poverty's vale, or abounding in wealth,  
At home and abroad, on the land, on the sea --  
The Lord, the Almighty, your strength e'er shall be.

3 "Fear not, I am with you. Oh, be not dismayed,  
For I am your God and will still give you aid;  
I'll strengthen you, help you, and cause you to stand,  
Upheld by my righteous, omnipotent hand.

4 "When through the deep waters I call you to go,  
The rivers of sorrow shall not overflow,  
For I will be with you your troubles to bless  
And sanctify to you your deepest distress.

5 "Throughout all their lifetime my people shall prove  
My sov'reign, eternal, unchangeable love,  
And then, when gray hair shall their temples adorn,  
Like lambs they shall still on my shoulders be borne."

**SERMON TEXT: MATTHEW 14:22-33**

**THEME: KEEP YOUR EYES ON JESUS!**

**STAND**

**APOSTLES' CREED**

I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,

born of the virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried.

He descended into hell.

The third day he rose again from the dead.

He ascended into heaven

and is seated on the right hand of God the Father almighty.

From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,

the holy Christian Church,

the communion of saints,

the forgiveness of sins

the resurrection of the body,

and the life everlasting. 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: 446 CW I Am Trusting You, Lord Jesus**

1 I am trusting you, Lord Jesus,

Trusting only you,

Trusting you for full salvation,

Free and true.

2 I am trusting you for pardon;

At your feet I bow,

For your grace and tender mercy

Trusting now.

3 I am trusting you for cleansing  
In the crimson flood,  
Trusting you who made me holy  
By your blood.

4 I am trusting you to guide me;  
You alone shall lead,  
Ev'ry day and hour supplying  
All my need.

5 I am trusting you for power;  
You can never fail.  
Words which you yourself shall give me  
Must prevail.

6 I am trusting you, Lord Jesus;  
Never let me fall.  
I am trusting you forever  
And for all.

### **Stand**

M: O Lord God, our heavenly Father, pour out the Holy Spirit on your faithful people. Keep us strong in your grace and truth, protect and comfort us in all temptation, and bestow on us your saving peace, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C: ♪ Amen.**

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.**

## **BE SEATED**

### **HYMN: CW 457 - Fight the Good Fight**

1 Fight the good fight

With all your might;

Christ is your strength and Christ your light.

Lay hold on life, and it shall be

Your joy and crown eternally.

2 Run the straight race

Through God's good grace;

Lift up your eyes and seek his face.

Life with its way before us lies;

Christ is the path and Christ the prize.

3 Cast care aside,

Lean on your guide;

His boundless mercy will provide.

Lean, and the trusting soul shall prove

Christ is its life and Christ its love.

4 Faint not nor fear;

His arms are near.

He changes not, and you are dear.

Only believe, and you will see

That Christ is Lord eternally.

# Have A Blessed Week!