



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

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Town of Grover – Peshtigo, Wisconsin

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Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod

Tenth Sunday of Pentecost
August 9, 2020

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Jim Seefeldt

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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.

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.

Church Softball Join fellow brothers and sisters in Christ in the area for a day of fun and friendly competition. Men, women, and teens (6th grade and up) are invited for church softball **TODAY**, August 9th at 2 p.m. at St. John. You don't have to be good! This is an opportunity to have some fun and gather together. Just bring a glove, and we will split into teams on this day.

"Dear St. John family, thank you so much for your generous gift of money toward my pantry and move-in expenses this past week. I thank God that I am a member of a congregation that has shown me so much love since I've moved here. I look forward to serving the congregation with the start of a new school year.

-Wes Aguilar"

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.

100th Anniversary Celebration of the Church Organ



A Committee for celebrating the 100th 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 or 262-352-8762.

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). 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 Our Savior, Lena. The daily devotions on WOCO AM (1260) & FM (107.1) this week (Monday-Friday at 9:05 am) are hosted by Our Savior/St. Mark, Lena/Spruce, by Pastor Ryan Landwehr.

Last Week at St. John Ev. Lutheran

Those Who Joined Us in Worship (8/2/20)	36/23
Average Sunday Attendance for the Year (21 weeks)	141
(does not include the 10 weeks of no service)	

This Week at St. John Ev. Lutheran

TODAY 2:00pm Area Church Softball (St. John)

Monday 6:00pm Church Council

6:30pm Zion Service (Myslik)

Sunday 8:30am Worship Service & Holy Communion

10:00am Worship Service & Holy Communion

Next Sunday's Counting Team: Team "E" - Scott & Sue Schonfeld, Dave Bornick

Offerings for the Lord's Work

General Fund Income for 7/19/2020	\$ 3,700.69
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General Fund Income for 7/26/2020	\$ 4,221.19
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General Fund Income for 8/2/2020	\$ 4,170.02
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Total General Fund Income (5 weeks)	\$ 23,465.82
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Budget Needs Weekly at \$6,932.46 (5 weeks)	\$ 34,662.30
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Total Budget Deficit in Offerings	\$ 11,196.48
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Borrowed Funds for Current Operating Expense	\$ 42,197.74
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Included in General Fund Income Total:

E-giving - \$1,387.02;

Special Gifts & Offerings

Church Organ Fund - \$15; CMO - \$10; Debt Reduction - \$15; LYG

- \$18; Gym/Fellowship/Building - \$15

Memorials & Special Gifts Received:

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.

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August 9, 2020

HYMN: CW 221 - Blessed Jesus, at Your Word

1 Blessed Jesus, at your Word

We are gathered all to hear you.

Let our hearts and souls be stirred

Now to seek and love and fear you,

By your teachings, sweet and holy,

Drawn from earth to love you solely.

2 All our knowledge, sense, and sight

Lie in deepest darkness shrouded

Till your Spirit breaks our night

With the beams of truth unclouded.

You alone to God can win us;

You must work all good within us.

3 Gracious Savior, good and kind,

Light from Light, from God proceeding,

Open now our heart and mind;

Help us by your Spirit's pleading.

Hear the cry your people raises;

Hear and bless our prayers and praises.

4 Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,

Praise to you and adoration!

Grant that we your Word may trust,

Confident of our salvation,

While we here below must wander,

Till we sing your praises yonder.

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: O Lord your ears are always open to the prayers of your humble servants, who come to you in Jesus' name. Teach us

always to ask according to your will, that we may never fail to obtain the blessings you have promised, through Jesus Christ, your Son 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 3:5-12

5 The LORD appeared to Solomon in Gibeon in a dream at night. God said, "Ask for whatever you want me to give you." 6 Solomon said, "You have shown great mercy and faithfulness to your servant, my father David, just as he walked before you in truth, righteousness, and uprightness of heart toward you. You have shown this great mercy and faithfulness to him and have given him a son who is seated on his throne to this very day. 7 O LORD my God, now you have made your servant king in the place of my father David, but I am a little child. I do not know how to go out or come in. 8 And I, your servant, am among your people whom you have chosen, a great people, who cannot be counted or numbered because they are so many. 9 Now give to your servant a perceptive heart to judge your people, to distinguish between good and evil, for who is able to judge this great people of yours?" 10 In the eyes of the LORD, Solomon's request was good. 11 So God said to him, "Because you have asked for this, and you have not asked for a long life, nor have you asked for riches, nor have you asked for the lives of your enemies, but you have asked for discernment to reach just verdicts, 12 therefore I will act according to your words. Yes, I will give you a wise and discerning heart, so that there will never have been anyone like you before you, nor will anyone like you rise up after you.

PSALM OF THE DAY

Psalm: 119b (page 110)



Refrain: Lord, you have the words of everlasting life.



Teach me, O Lord, to follow 'your decrees,*
that I may follow it 'to the end.

Give me understanding, and I will 'keep your law*
and obey it with 'all my heart.

Direct me in the path of 'your commands,*
for there I 'find delight.

Refrain: Lord, you have the words of everlasting life.

Turn my eyes away from 'worthless things,*
preserve my life according 'to your word.

Fulfill your promise to your 'servant,*
so that you 'may be feared.

How I long for your 'precepts!*

Preserve my life in your 'righteousness

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: Lord, you have the words of everlasting life.

SECOND LESSON

ROMANS 8:28–30

28 We know that all things work together for the good of those who love God, for those who are called according to his purpose, 29 because those God foreknew, he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, so that he would be the firstborn among many brothers. 30 And those he predestined, he also called. Those he called, he also justified. And those he justified, he also glorified.

VERSE OF THE DAY

M: Alleluia. Lord to who shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia! (John 6:68)

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 13:44–52

44 “The kingdom of heaven is like a treasure hidden in a field, which a man found and hid again. In his joy, he goes away and sells all that he has and buys that field. 45 “Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant seeking fine pearls. 46 When he found one very valuable pearl, he went and sold all that he had and bought it. 47 “Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a dragnet that was cast into the sea and gathered fish of every kind. 48 When the net was filled, they pulled it onto the shore. They sat down and gathered the good fish into containers, but threw the bad ones away. 49 That is how it will be at the end of the world. The angels will go out and separate the wicked from the righteous who are among them. 50 And they will throw the wicked into the fiery furnace where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.” 51 Jesus said to them, “Did you understand all these things?” They answered him, “Yes.” 52 He said to them, “Therefore every expert in the law who has been trained as a disciple in the kingdom of heaven is like the owner of a house who brings out of his treasure both new things and old things.”

M: This is the Gospel of our Lord.

C: 🎵 **Praise be to you, O Christ!**

BE SEATED

HYMN: CW 468 - MY GOD MY FATHER MAKE ME STRONG

1 My God, my Father, make me strong,
When tasks of life seem hard and long,
To greet them with this triumph song:
Your will be done.

2 Draw from my timid eyes the veil
To show, where earthly forces fail,
Your pow’r and love must still prevail--
Your will be done.

3 With confident and humble mind

In service freedom I will find,
Praying through ev'ry toil assigned:
Your will be done.

4 What seems impossible I dare;
Yours is the call and yours the care.
Your wisdom shall the way prepare--
Your will be done.

5 Heav'n's music chimes the glad days in;
Hope soars beyond death, pain, and sin;
Faith shouts in triumph, Love must win--
Your will be done!

SERMON TEXT: ROMANS 8:28-30
THEME: GOD WORKS IT FOR GOOD?

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 al-
mighty.

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: CW203 - LORD KEEP US STEADFAST IN YOUR WORD

1 Lord, keep us steadfast in your Word;
Curb those who by deceit or sword
Would seek to overthrow your Son
And to destroy what he has done.

2 Lord Jesus Christ, your pow'r make known,
For you are Lord of lords alone;
Defend your Christendom that we
May sing your praise eternally.

3 O Comforter of priceless worth,
Send peace and unity on earth.
Support us in our final strife,
And lead us out of death to life.

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 207 - THE DAY IS SURELY DRAWING NEAR (V1-4)

1 The day is surely drawing near
When God's Son, the Anointed,
Shall with great majesty appear
As judge of all appointed.
All mirth and laughter then shall cease
When flames on flames will still increase,
As Scripture truly teaches.

2 A trumpet loud shall then resound
And all the earth be shaken.
Then all who in their graves are found
Shall from their sleep awaken
And with the living in that hour
By the Almighty's boundless pow'r
Be changed at his commanding.

3 A book is opened then to all,
A record truly telling
What each has done, both great and small,
When he on earth was dwelling,
And ev'ry heart be clearly seen,
And all be known as they have been
In thoughts and words and actions.

4 Then woe to those who scorned the Lord
And sought but carnal pleasures,
Who here despised his precious Word

And loved their earthly treasures!
With shame and trembling they will stand
And at the judge's stern command
To Satan be delivered.

Have A Blessed Week!

