

2021 Confirmands

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Confirmation Sunday

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| Hymns | 444, 452, 462 |
| First Lesson | Leviticus 26:1-13 |
| School Children Song (Shown on screen) | Psalm 91 |
| Gospel Lesson | Luke 24:13-35 |
| Confession of Faith | Nicene Creed |
| Sermon Text | Luke 24:13-35 |
| Worship Theme | “Come Walk With Jesus!” |

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:

*The seven members of this year’s confirmation class.

*Birthday and wedding anniversary celebrations this week for members and loved ones.

Please 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 stjohngrover@gmail.com by Thursday mornings.

Communion Announcements Those who desire to attend the Lord’s Supper are asked

A Special Note to Visitors Regarding Holy Communion

The Bible tells us that those who take Communion together must:

1. Recognize that Christ’s true body and blood are present in the Sacrament (1 Cor. 11:29),
2. Examine themselves (1 Cor. 11:28)
3. Be perfectly united in faith with the congregation with which they commune (1 Cor. 1:10; 10:17). For these reasons, we ask:

1. That only communicant members belonging to either this or another congregation within our (WELS or ELS) fellowship come forward to commune with us.
2. That all who come forward be properly prepared to receive the sacrament. (See page 156 in the front of our Christian Worship Hymnal as an example of such preparation.)

If you are interested in learning more about our teaching and practices, or want to join our fellowship, please speak to the pastor after the service.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

M: Blessed are you, O God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. By his victory over the grave, our Savior declared death’s reign ended, the door to heaven open, and the payment for sin complete. We celebrate with joy the glorious resurrection of your Son. We marvel at the depth of your love. We stand in awe of your power. We are humbled by the compassion you have shown our fallen race. Lead us to rejoice in the pardon offered and sealed in this Sacrament and to live a life worthy of your name. The Lord Jesus lives! Alleluia.

C: Amen.

LORD’S BLESSING

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.

CLOSING HYMN

Oh, That the Lord Would Guide My Ways - CW 462

Confirmation

Today our Confirmands were confirmed in their faith. We ask that you keep them in your prayers as they live their life for the Lord.

(8:00 Am Service)

PRAYERS

LORD’S PRAYER

C: 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

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

M: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you. (Spoken)

M: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them up to the Lord. (Spoken)

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

C: It is good and right so to do. (Spoken)

M: It is truly good and right that we should at all times and in all places give you thanks, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who rose from the dead in glorious triumph to bring forgiveness to the world and everlasting life to all who believe.

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.” The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: Amen.

DISTRIBUTION

This year’s Confirmation Class will be ushered forward to receive the sacrament first.

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.



Flowers The altar flowers are given in thanks to the Lord from the parents of the confirmation class.

Council Members This 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.



Bible Study Special Note: There will not be a Bible Study lesson this Sunday because of the Confirmation Questioning at 9:00 am. The next lesson will be held between services on **May 9**.

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 **May 9**. Please join us for this 19 Minute study where we will visit with the Messiah. The lesson is titled; **“The Mustard Seed ”** (Matthew 13:31,32)



Sunday School

Attention Parents! In person Bible Study on **Sunday May 2** will be held between services at **9:00**. **Because of the confirmation testing, the classes will be held over at the School.** Please have your child bring their study sheet packet to Sunday School for the lessons.

The Lesson for **Sunday May 9** is “**Zacchaeus**” found in **Luke 19:1-10**. 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 St. John, Grover. The daily devotions on WOCO AM (1260) & FM (107.1) this week (Monday-Friday at 9:05 am) are hosted by Trinity, Marinette, by Pastor Jon Tesch.

Last Week at St. John Ev. Lutheran

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| Those Who Joined Us in Worship (4/25/2021) | 54/81 |
| Live Stream Service 4/25/2021 (Households Logged in) | 18 |
| Average Sunday Attendance for the Year (17 weeks) | 119 |
| Sunday School/Bible Study | 16/11 |

This Week at St. John Ev. Lutheran

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| Monday | 6:30pm | Zion Service (Sargent) |
| Friday | 8:20am | School Chapel Devotion |
| | 9:00am | St. John Track Meet |
| Saturday | 9:00am | Preliminary Budget Meeting (in school) |
| Sunday | 8:00am | Worship Service |
| | 9:00am | Sunday School/Bible Study |
| | 10:00am | Worship Service |

M: Do you intend faithfully to conform all your life to the teachings of God's Word; to be faithful in the use of the Word and Sacrament; and in faith and action remain true to God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, as long as you live?

C: I do and I ask God to help me.

M: Since it is God alone who enables us both to will and to do his good pleasure, it is right for us, dear friends in Christ, to call on him on behalf of our confirmands, that he would graciously complete the good work which he has begun in them. Let us, therefore, bow our heads and pray.

M: Lord God, heavenly Father, we thank and praise you for your great goodness in bringing your servants to the knowledge of your Son, Jesus Christ, and in giving them both the heart to believe and the mouth to confess your saving name. Enable them to bring forth the fruits of faith and to continue steadfast and victorious until the day comes when all who have fought the good fight of faith shall receive the crown of righteousness, through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen. (Spoken by Confirmands and Congregation)

(The Confirmands kneel while the Pastor pronounces the blessing)

(STAND)

M: Your church now invites you to partake of the Sacrament of the Lord's body and blood. Accept this invitation with deep reverence and holy joy. Regard your communing at the Lord's Table as a precious privilege given you by God through his church; receive this sacrament thankfully and often. The almighty and most merciful God: Father, Son (†), and Holy Spirit, bless and keep you.

PRAYER

M: Gracious Father, you have adopted these young men and women through Baptism and anointed them with your Holy Spirit. Renew and strengthen them by that same Spirit so that they may continue to grow in faith and boldly confess you before others. Move them to faithfully hear your Holy Word and joyfully receive your Sacrament that they may again and again be assured of your gracious love and forgiveness. Keep them faithful and holy so that they may inherit eternal life, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen

Therefore, lift up your heart to the God of all grace and joyfully answer these questions:

M: Do you this day in the presence of God and of this congregation acknowledge that in Baptism, God gave you the forgiveness of sins, life, and salvation?

(C: *Confirmands Answer*)

C: I do.

M: Do you reject the devil along with all his lies and empty promises?

C: I do.

M: Do you believe in God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit?

C:
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 at 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.

M: Do you believe all the books of the Bible to be the inspired Word of God?

C: I do.

M: Do you believe that the teaching of the Evangelical Lutheran Church, as you have learned to know it from Luther's Small Catechism, is faithful and true to the Word of God?

C: I do.

M: Do you intend to continue steadfast in this teaching and to endure all things, even death, rather than fall away from it?

C: I do and I ask God to help me.

Next Sunday's Counting Team: Team "A" - Dan Maedke, Randy & Brenda Polzin, Lisa Sargent

Offerings for the Lord's Work

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| General Fund Income for 4/11/2021 | \$ 5,151.75 |
| General Fund Income for 4/18/2021 | \$ 5,805.76 |
| General Fund Income for 4/25/2021 | \$ 5,245.75 |
| Total General Fund Income (43 weeks) | \$307,952.22 |
| Budget Needs Weekly at \$6,932.46 (43 weeks) | \$298,095.78 |
| Total BUDGET SURPLUS in Offerings | \$ 9,856.44 |
| Borrowed Funds for Current Operating Expense | \$ 0.00 |

Included in General Fund Income Total:

E-giving - \$1,316.75; Tuition - \$500

Special Gifts & Offerings

CMO - \$200; School Undesignated - \$500; LYG - \$44; Church Organ - \$150; Gym/Fellowship/Bldg - \$20; Sunday School Missions - \$2

Memorials & Special Gifts Received:

Church Organ - God's richest blessings of Leo & Cecile Seefeldt's 71st Wedding Anniversary from Jim & Connie Seefeldt

Missions - In memory of Roger & Joyce Nicklaus from Dale & Colleen Seefeldt

General - In memory of Brian Bintz from Shane & Lissa Seefeldt



School News

- ⇒ We wish all our Confirmands the Lord's richest blessings on their Confirmation today. May you continue to grow in your faith and ever walk with Jesus!
- ⇒ Our Track Day will be held this Friday, May 7 at 9:00am for our St. John students only. We look forward to a fun filled day of activities and events. Everyone is welcome to attend.
- ⇒ May 7 - 9 will be the Spring Campout for Lutheran Pioneers at Morgan Park.

The wonder of his mighty love always fills my heart with praise.

**Refrain: Behold I come to him in love and trust him in all things,
He answers when I call his name, he shelters me with his wings.**

STAND

GOSPEL

Luke 24:13-35

13 Now that same day two of them were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles [a] from Jerusalem. 14 They were talking with each other about everything that had happened. 15 As they talked and discussed these things with each other, Jesus himself came up and walked along with them; 16 but they were kept from recognizing him. 17 He asked them, "What are you discussing together as you walk along?" They stood still, their faces downcast. 18 One of them, named Cleopas, asked him, "Are you the only one visiting Jerusalem who does not know the things that have happened there in these days?" 19 "What things?" he asked. "About Jesus of Nazareth," they replied. "He was a prophet, powerful in word and deed before God and all the people. 20 The chief priests and our rulers handed him over to be sentenced to death, and they crucified him; 21 but we had hoped that he was the one who was going to redeem Israel. And what is more, it is the third day since all this took place. 22 In addition, some of our women amazed us. They went to the tomb early this morning 23 but didn't find his body. They came and told us that they had seen a vision of angels, who said he was alive. 24 Then some of our companions went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said, but they did not see Jesus." 25 He said to them, "How foolish you are, and how slow to believe all that the prophets have spoken! 26 Did not the Messiah have to suffer these things and then enter his glory?" 27 And beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, he explained to them what was said in all the Scriptures concerning himself. 28 As they approached the village to which they were going, Jesus continued on as if he were going farther. 29 But they urged him strongly, "Stay with us, for it is nearly evening; the day is almost over." So he went in to stay with them. 30 When he was at the table with them, he took bread, gave thanks, broke it and began to give it to them. 31 Then their eyes were opened and they recognized him, and he disappeared from their sight. 32 They asked each other, "Were not our hearts burning within us while he talked with us on the road and opened the Scriptures to us?" 33 They got up and returned at once to Jerusalem. There they found the Eleven and those with them, assembled together 34 and saying, "It is true! The Lord has risen and has appeared to Simon." 35 Then the two told what

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.

**GivePlus Church (smartphone app) - Download the app through "apple store (iphone)" 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.

CONFIRMATION SUNDAY

RINGING OF THE BELLS

WELCOME

OPENING HYMN

If You But Trust in God to Guide You - CW 444

STAND

INVOCATION

M: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

CONFESSION OF SINS

M: Let us confess our sins to God and ask for his forgiveness.

C: Almighty God, merciful Father, I confess to you that I have not loved you with all my heart. In what I have done and left undone, I have pursued my ways instead of your ways. I have not loved my brothers and sisters as myself. For this I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity. I am truly sorry for my sins. I repent of them. I beg for your mercy, O Lord.

Silence for meditation.

M: Forgive us for the sake of Jesus Christ who suffered and died for us.

C: Cleanse me from my sins. Release me from my guilt. Grant me your Holy Spirit to amend my sinful life.

M: The almighty God has been merciful to us and has sent his Son to die for all. For his sake, God forgives our sins and calls us from darkness to his marvelous light. Therefore, as a called 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.

SALUTATION

M: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

M: Let us pray.

M: Father of lights, every good and perfect gift comes from you. Inspire us to think those things that are true and long for those things that are good, that we may always

make our petitions according to your gracious will; through 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

LESSON

Leviticus 26:1-13

1 “Do not make idols or set up an image or a sacred stone for yourselves, and do not place a carved stone in your land to bow down before it. I am the Lord your God. 2 “Observe my Sabbaths and have reverence for my sanctuary. I am the Lord. 3 “If you follow my decrees and are careful to obey my commands, 4 I will send you rain in its season, and the ground will yield its crops and the trees their fruit. 5 Your threshing will continue until grape harvest and the grape harvest will continue until planting, and you will eat all the food you want and live in safety in your land. 6 “I will grant peace in the land, and you will lie down and no one will make you afraid. I will remove wild beasts from the land, and the sword will not pass through your country. 7 You will pursue your enemies, and they will fall by the sword before you. 8 Five of you will chase a hundred, and a hundred of you will chase ten thousand, and your enemies will fall by the sword before you. 9 “I will look on you with favor and make you fruitful and increase your numbers, and I will keep my covenant with you. 10 You will still be eating last year’s harvest when you will have to move it out to make room for the new. 11 I will put my dwelling place [a] among you, and I will not abhor you. 12 I will walk among you and be your God, and you will be my people. 13 I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of Egypt so that you would no longer be slaves to the Egyptians; I broke the bars of your yoke and enabled you to walk with heads held high.

School Children Sing (shown on screen)

Psalms 91

1. The shelter of the love of God is my refuge and light;
I trust in him to guide me through the night.

**Refrain: Behold I come to him in love and trust him in all things,
He answers when I call his name, he shelters me with his wings.**

2. My faith is in the Lord alone, his word my help and shield,
When thousands stumble by my side, his faithfulness is revealed.

**Refrain: Behold I come to him in love and trust him in all things,
He answers when I call his name, he shelters me with his wings.**

3. Ever safe within his love, I’ll be secure through all my days.