



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

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Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod

First Sunday in Lent
February 21, 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.

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.

Meditations The new meditation books starting February 28, 2021, 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.

Alleluia: Historically, Christians do not sing Alleluia starting the first Sunday in Lent. On Ash Wednesday we began the season of Lent. It is a time for repentance and reflection. We don't sing or say the Alleluia during Lent because the joyfulness of the Alleluia doesn't fit it. During Lent we are waiting for the kingdom to come, not the kingdom having come. That is reserved for the Easter "Alleluia", which actually means "Praise God". Don't worry though, the Alleluia makes a triumphant return at Easter, and it's better than ever!



Installation Service Ms. Ella Loersch will be installed as our Grade 3-5 Teacher during the 10:00 service next Sunday, February 28.

Welcome Door Offering There will be an opportunity for members to give a door offering as a welcome gift for Ms Loersch. This will happen after the services next Sunday, February 28.



Organ Anniversary Our church organ is 100 years old as of February, 2021. The service on February 28 will be one of thanksgiving to God and celebration. We have been truly blessed with a wonderful instrument that has edified our worship for 100 years. Because of the pandemic, we will wait to have a grander celebration in the future. The plan is to hold one sometime in September or October.

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 second lesson will be posted on our YouTube page on **Sunday February 21**. Please join us for this

19 Minute study where we will visit with the Messiah. The second lesson is titled; **“The New Cloth”** (Luke 5:33-36)



Sunday School

Attention Parents! We are in the Winter Lessons Schedule. The Lesson for Sunday February 21 is The Parable of the Good Samaritan found in Matthew 18. Please let your Sunday School Teacher or Pastor know if you are having any trouble getting the lessons. We know this is a difficult time because of the pandemic. As of now, we are not able to hold in-person classes. We are very concerned about Sunday School want to make sure parents and children are getting the lessons they need. If you have any questions or concerns you can also call Pastor Sargent (920) 228-1061. 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, Coleman, by Pastor Matt Langebartels.

Last Week at St. John Ev. Lutheran

Those Who Joined Us in Worship (2/14/2021)

46/31

Live Stream Service Logged in 2/14/2021 35
Average Sunday Attendance for the Year (7 weeks) 90

This Week at St. John Ev. Lutheran

TODAY 8:30am Installation of Church Officers
Monday 6:30pm Zion Service
Wednesday 4:30pm Confirmation Class (4:30-5:30pm)
7:00pm Lenten Service (Pastor Myslik)
Friday 8:20am School Chapel Devotion
Sunday 8:30am Organ Anniversary Service
(WELS Connection)
10:00am Organ Anniversary Service
(WELS Connection)
Installation of Ms. Ella Loersch

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

Offerings for the Lord's Work

General Fund Income for 1/31/2021	\$ 4,633.75
General Fund Income for 2/7/2021	\$ 4,925.68
General Fund Income for 2/14/2021	\$ 4,070.79
Total General Fund Income (33 weeks)	\$237,374.60
Budget Needs Weekly at \$6,932.46 (33 weeks)	\$228,771.18
Total BUDGET SURPLUS in Offerings	\$ 8,603.42
Borrowed Funds for Current Operating Expense	\$ 0.00

Included in General Fund Income Total:

E-giving - \$1,442.75; Tuition - \$100; Thrivent Choice Gifts - \$154

Special Gifts & Offerings

CMO - \$100; Church Organ - \$50; Ladies' Aid (Meditation books) -\$45

Memorials & Special Gifts Received:



School News

- ⇒ Miss Loersch will be installed as our Grade 3-5 teacher next Sunday, February 28 in the 10:00 service.
- ⇒ The CEA is sponsoring a Seroogy Candy Bar Sale to help pay for an air conditioning unit in the Grade 3-5 classroom. We are so grateful to our hard-working CEA for all their support of our school.
- ⇒ We thank all the children and teachers who showed their school spirit by participating in Spirit Week and making it a success.
- ⇒ Please help us advertise our St. John's Pre-school/Kindergarten Round Up which will be held on March 9 from 4:00-7:00 pm. Parents can schedule an appointment to meet with the teachers by contacting Mrs. Sargent in the school office either by emailing school@stjohnpeshtigo.org or calling the school office at 715-582-4565 Monday through Friday from 8:00-11:00 am. Families with children who will turn 3, 4, or 5 by September 1, 2021 are invited to attend.

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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OPENING 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."

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 actions. 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: Lord our strength, the battle of good and evil rages within and around us, and our ancient foe tempts us with his deceits and empty promises. Keep us steadfast in your Word, and when we fall, raise us up again and restore us 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

FIRST LESSON

Genesis 22:1–18

Some time later God tested Abraham. He called to him, "Abraham!" Abraham answered, "I am here." 2 God said, "Now take your son, your only son, whom you love, Isaac, and go to the land of Moriah. Offer him there as a burnt offering on one of the mountains there, the one to which I direct you." 3 Abraham got up early in the morning, saddled his donkey, and took two of his young men with him, along with Isaac his son. Abraham split the wood for the burnt offering. Then he set out to go to the place that God had told him about. 4 On the third day Abraham looked up and saw the place in the distance. 5 Abraham said to his young men, "Stay here with the donkey. The boy and I will go on over there. We will worship, and then we will come back to you." 6 Abraham took the wood for the burnt offering and loaded it on Isaac his son. He took the firepot and the knife in his hand. The two of them went on together. 7 Isaac spoke to Abraham his father and said, "My father?" He said, "I am here, my son." He said, "Here are the fire and the wood, but where is the lamb for a burnt offering?" 8 Abraham said, "God himself will provide the lamb for a burnt offering, my son." So the two of them went on together. 9 They came to the place that God had told him about. Abraham built the altar there. He arranged the wood, tied up Isaac his son, and laid him on the altar on top of the wood. 10 Abraham stretched out his hand and took the knife to slaughter his son. 11 The Angel of the LORD called to him from heaven, "Abraham, Abraham!" Abraham said, "I am here." 12 He said, "Do not lay your hand on the boy. Do not do anything to him. For now I know that you fear God, because you have not withheld your son, your only son, from me." 13 Abraham looked around and saw that behind him there was a ram caught in the thicket by its horns. Abraham went and took the ram and offered it up as a burnt offering instead of his son. 14 Abraham called the name of that place "The LORD Will Provide." So it is said to this day, "On the mountain of the LORD it will be provided." 15 The Angel of the LORD called to Abraham a second time from heaven 16 and said, "I have sworn by myself, declares the LORD, because you have done this thing and have not withheld your son, your only son, 17 I will bless you greatly, and I will multiply your descendants greatly, like the stars of the sky and like the sand on

the seashore. Your descendants will take possession of the city gates of their enemies. 18 In your seed all the nations of the earth will be blessed, because you have obeyed my voice.”

PSALM OF THE DAY

Psalm 6 (page 66)

♪ **Refrain: Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.**

♪ O LORD, do not rebuke me in your anger*
or discipline me in your wrath.

Be merciful to me, LORD, for I am faint;*
O LORD, heal me, for my soul is in anguish.

Turn, O LORD, and deliver me;*
save me because of your unfailing love.

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

I am worn out from groaning.*
My eyes grow weak with sorrow.

Away from me, all you who do evil,*
for the LORD has heard my weeping.

The LORD has heard my cry for mercy;*
the LORD accepts my prayer.

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

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SECOND LESSON

Romans 8:31–39

31 What then will we say about these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? 32 Indeed, he who did not spare his own Son, but gave him up for us all—how will he not also graciously give us all things along with him? 33 Who will bring an accusation against God’s elect? God is the one who justifies! 34 Who is

the one who condemns? Christ Jesus, who died and, more than that, was raised to life, is the one who is at God's right hand and who is also interceding for us! 35 What will separate us from the love of Christ? Will trouble or distress or persecution or famine or nakedness or danger or sword? 36 Just as it is written: For your sake we are being put to death all day long. We are considered as sheep to be slaughtered. 37 No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. 38 For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor rulers, neither things present nor things to come, nor powerful forces, 39 neither height nor depth, nor anything else in creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

VERSE OF THE DAY

M: It is written: "Worship the Lord your God, and serve him only." (Matthew 4:10b)

Stand

GOSPEL LESSON

MARK 1:12-15

12 The Spirit immediately sent Jesus out into the wilderness. 13 He was in the wilderness for forty days, being tempted by Satan. He was with the wild animals, and angels were serving him. 14 After John was put in prison, Jesus went to Galilee, preaching the gospel of the kingdom of God. 15 "The time is fulfilled," he said. "The kingdom of God has come near! Repent, and believe in the gospel."

M: This is the Gospel of our Lord.

C: ♪ Praise be to you, O Christ!

Be Seated

HYMN OF THE DAY: CW 415 - Be Still, My Soul

1 Be still, my soul; the Lord is on your side;
Bear patiently the cross of grief or pain;
Leave to your God to order and provide;

In ev'ry change he faithful will remain.
Be still, my soul; your best, your heav'nly friend
Through thorny ways leads to a joyful end.

2 Be still, my soul; your God will undertake
To guide the future as he has the past.
Your hope, your confidence, let nothing shake;
All now mysterious shall be bright at last.
Be still, my soul; the waves and winds still know
His voice who ruled them while he lived below.

3 Be still, my soul, though dearest friends depart
And all is darkened in the vale of tears;
Then you will better know his love, his heart,
Who comes to soothe your sorrows and your fears.
Be still, my soul; your Jesus can repay
From his own fullness all he takes away.

4 Be still, my soul; the hour is hast'ning on
When we shall be forever with the Lord,
When disappointment, grief, and fear are gone,
Sorrow forgot, love's purest joys restored.
Be still, my soul; when change and tears are past,
All safe and blessed we shall meet at last.

SERMON TEXT: Romans 8:31-39

Theme: Inseparable!

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 seat-

ed 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.

INSTALLATION OF CHURCH OFFICERS

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

CLOSNG HYMN: CW 413 - When in the Hour of Utmost Need

1 When in the hour of utmost need
We know not where to look for aid,
When days and nights of anxious thought
Nor help nor counsel yet have brought,

2 Then is our comfort this alone
That we may meet before your throne;
To you, O faithful God, we cry
For rescue in our misery.

3 For you have promised, Lord, to heed
Your children's cries in time of need
Through him whose name alone is great,

Our Savior and our advocate.

4 And so we come, O God, today
And all our woes before you lay.
Be with us in our anguish still;
Free us at last from ev'ry ill,

5 So that with all our heart we may
To you our glad thanksgiving pay,
Then walk obedient to your Word
And now and ever praise you, Lord.

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. By the outpouring of the Holy Spirit, he empowered his Church to be witnesses of Christ to the ends of the earth. 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 he 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.

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.

Have A Blessed Week!

