



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

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Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod

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February 7, 2021

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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.

Church Officers Installation We will have the installation of the Church Officers on Sunday, February 21 at the 10:00am service.



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

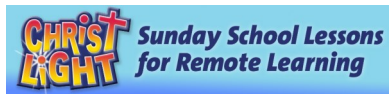


Organ Anniversary Our church organ is 100 years old as of February, 2021. The service on February 28 will be one of thanksgiving to God and celebration. We have been truly blessed with a wonderful instrument that has edified our worship for 100 years. Because of the pandemic, we will wait to have a grander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



Bible Study The next Bible Study is called **Jesus' Parables and the "I am Statements"** Copies of the first lesson are available from the ushers at church and can be found on the church webpage www.stjohnpeshtigo.org in the News Letter section. The first lesson will be posted on our YouTube page on Saturday February 6. Please join us for this 19 Minute study where we will visit with Jesus and look at his "I Am" Statements and Parables. The first lesson is titled. **"Jesus' Body as the Temple"** (John 2:13-22)

**Sunday School
Attention Parents!**



We are in the **Winter Lessons Schedule**. The Lesson for Sunday February 7 is **Jesus Feeds the Five Thousand**. 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 Zion, Peshtigo. 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 Jim Sonnemann.

Last Week at St. John Ev. Lutheran

Those Who Joined Us in Worship (1/31/2021)	47/55
Live Stream Service Logged in 1/31/2021	45
Average Sunday Attendance for the Year (5 weeks)	99

This Week at St. John Ev. Lutheran

Monday	6:00pm Church Council
	6:30pm Zion Service
Wednesday	4:30pm Confirmation Class (4:30-6:00pm)
	Lutheran Pioneers @ Zion, Peshtigo (5:45-7pm)
Thursday & Friday	NO SCHOOL
Sunday	8:30am Worship Service
	10:00am Worship Service

Next Sunday’s Counting Team: Team “C” - Matt & Ronda Lemke, Kyle Seefeldt

Offerings for the Lord’s Work

General Fund Income for 1/17/2021	\$ 4,779.75
General Fund Income for 1/24/2021	\$ 4,809.08
General Fund Income for 1/31/2021	\$ 4,633.75
Total General Fund Income (31 weeks)	\$228,378.13
Budget Needs Weekly at \$6,932.46 (31 weeks)	\$214,906.26
Total BUDGET SURPLUS in Offerings	\$ 13,471.87

Borrowed Funds for Current Operating Expense \$ 0.00

Included in General Fund Income Total:

E-giving - \$1,157.75; Tuition - \$350

Special Gifts & Offerings

CMO - \$250; Church Organ - \$300

Memorials & Special Gifts Received:

Church Organ - In memory of Barbara Hoffman from Kevin & Katie Carlson



School News

- ⇒ Lutheran Pioneers will meet on Wednesday, February 10 at Zion Lutheran Church in Peshtigo from 5:45 - 7:00 pm. Children from our congregation in Grades 1-8 are invited to attend.
- ⇒ There will be no school on February 11 and 12. This was for the District Teachers' Conference.
- ⇒ 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.

LITURGY—Service of the Word and Sacrament-page 26
February 7, 2021

OPENING HYMN: CW 524 - O Fount of Good, for All Your Love

1 O Fount of good, for all your love

Our true thanks should be paid.

What can we render, Lord, to you,

When you own all that's made?

2 But you have needy brothers here,

Partakers of your grace,

Whose names you will yourself confess

Before the Father's face.

3 In their sad accents of distress

Your pleading voice is heard;

You may in them be clothed and fed

And visited and cheered.

4 Then help us, Lord, your yoke to wear

And gladly do your will,

Each other's daily burdens share,

The law of love fulfill.

5 Your face with rev'ence and with love

We in the poor will view,

And, while we minister to them,

We do it as to you.

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: Almighty God, you sent your one and only Son as the Word of life for our eyes to see and our ears to hear. Help us to believe what the Scriptures proclaim about him and do the things that are pleasing in your sight; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: ♪ Amen.

FIRST LESSON

Job 7:1-7

Isn't man's time on earth like being compelled to serve in the army? Aren't his days like those of a hired man? 2 Like a slave, he longs for shade, or like a day laborer, he waits for his pay. 3 In the same way, I have been allotted months of futility, and nights of agony have been assigned to me. 4 When I lie down, I think, "How long before I get up?" But the night drags on, and I am filled with restlessness until dawn. 5 My flesh is clothed with maggots and caked with dirt. My skin scabs over and then oozes again. 6 My days pass by more swiftly than the shuttle of a weaver's loom. They come to an end without hope. 7 Remember that my life is just a breath. My eyes will never again see good fortune.

PSALM OF THE DAY

Psalm: 103 (page 105)

♪ Refrain: I will hear what the Lord proclaims: peace to his people.

♪ Praise the LORD, O my soul;*
all my inmost being, praise his holy name.

He forgives all your sins*
and heals all your diseases;

he redeems your life from the grave*
and crowns you with love and compassion.

Refrain: I will hear what the Lord proclaims: peace to his people.

The LORD is compassionate and gracious,*
slow to anger, abounding in love.

He does not treat us as our sins deserve*
or repay us according to our iniquities.

For as high as the heavens are above the earth,*
so great is his love for those who fear him;

as far as the east is from the west,*
so far has he removed our transgressions from us.

Refrain: I will hear what the Lord proclaims: peace to his people.

As a father has compassion on his children,*

so the LORD has compassion on those who fear him;

for he knows how we are formed,*
he remembers that we are dust.

Our days are like grass, like a flower of the field;*
the wind blows over it and it is gone.

But the LORD'S love is with those who fear him*
from everlasting to everlasting.

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: I will hear what the Lord proclaims: peace to his people.

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SECOND LESSON

1 Corinthians 9:16-23

16 You see, if I preach the gospel, I have nothing to boast about, because an obligation is laid on me, and woe to me if I do not preach the gospel! 17 If I do this as a volunteer, I receive compensation. But if not, I have been entrusted with a responsibility as a steward. 18 What then is my compensation? To present the gospel of Christ free of charge when I preach it, instead of making use of the right I have when I preach the gospel. 19 In fact, although I am free from all, I enslaved myself to all so that I might gain many more. 20 To the Jews, I became like a Jew so that I might gain Jews. To those who are under the law, I became like a person under the law (though I myself am not under the law) so that I might gain those who are under the law. 21 To those who are without the law, I became like a person without the law (though I am not without God's law but am within the law of Christ) so that I might gain those who are without the law. 22 To the weak, I became weak so that I might gain the weak. I have become all things to all people so that I may save at least some. 23 And I do everything for the sake of the gospel so that I may share in it along with others.

VERSE OF THE DAY

M: Alleluia. Jesus said, "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life." Alleluia. (John 8:12 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

Mark 1:29-39

29 They left the synagogue and went with James and John to the home of Simon and Andrew. 30 Simon's mother-in-law was lying in bed, sick with a fever. Without delay they told Jesus about her. 31 He went to her, took her by the hand, and raised her up. The fever left her, and she began to serve them. 32 That evening, when the sun had set, the people kept bringing to him all who were sick and demon-possessed. 33 The whole town gathered at the door. 34 He healed many people who were sick with various diseases and drove out many demons. But he did not allow the demons to speak, because they knew who he was. 35 Jesus got up early in the morning, while it was still dark, and went out. He withdrew to a solitary place and was praying there. 36 Simon and his companions searched for him, 37 and, when they found him, they said to him, "Everyone is looking for you!" 38 He told them, "Let's go somewhere else, to the neighboring villages, so that I can preach there too. In fact, that is why I have come." 39 Then he went throughout the whole region of Galilee, preaching in their synagogues and driving out demons.

M: This is the Gospel of our Lord.

C: ♪ Praise be to you, O Christ!

Be Seated

HYMN OF THE DAY: CW 451 - Precious Lord, Take My Hand

1 Precious Lord, take my hand, Lead me on, let me stand;

I am tired, I am weak, I am worn.

Through the storm, through the night, Lead me on to the light.

Take my hand, precious Lord; Lead me home.

2 When my way grows drear, Precious Lord, linger near,

When my life is almost gone,

Hear my cry, hear my call; Hold my hand lest I fall.

Take my hand, precious Lord; Lead me home.

3 When the darkness appears And the night draws near

And the day is almost gone,

At the river I stand; Guide my feet, hold my hand,

Take my hand, precious Lord; Lead me home.

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SERMON TEXT: Job 7:1-7

Theme: When suffering takes your breath away!

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 for-

givenness 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 358 - How Sweet the Name of Jesus Sounds

1 How sweet the name of Jesus sounds

In a believer's ear!

It soothes our sorrows, heals our wounds,

And drives away all fear.

2 It makes the wounded spirit whole

And calms the heart's unrest;

'Tis manna to the hungry soul

And to the weary, rest.

3 Dear name! The rock on which I build,

My shield and hiding place,

My never-failing treasury filled

With boundless stores of grace.

4 By you my prayers acceptance gain

Although with sin defiled;

Satan accuses me in vain

For God calls me his child.

5 O Jesus, Shepherd, Guardian, Friend,

My Prophet, Priest, and King,

My Lord, my Life, my Way, my End,

Accept the praise I bring.

6 I praise in weakness from afar₁₅

How cold my warmest thought!
But when I see you as you are,
I'll praise you as I ought.

7 Till then I would your love proclaim
With ev'ry fleeting breath;
And may the music of your name
Refresh my soul in death.

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 outpour-

ing 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.

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Have A Blessed Week!