



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

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Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod

Second Sunday after Epiphany
January 17, 2021

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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.

*Family and friends of Larry Bittner who mourn his death.

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.



Constitution/By-Law Amendment The Church Council has recommended a By-Law amendment to Article 9 "The Board of Education." It will be presented for a vote at the Annual Voters Meeting on January 31. The

wording to be added to the article is as follows:

“Up to two seats on the five-member board of education may be filled by members of area churches whom we share fellowship and have children in the St. John school. Those outside board of education members have a vote on the board of education, but do not have a vote on the full church council nor are they voting members of St. John Church. Any board of education candidate from another congregation shall be elected at a meeting of the voting members of St. John. Additionally, up to two non-voting advisory members of the board of education may be appointed by the church council. Those advisory positions may be filled by St. John members or members from our fellowship congregations.”

Annual Voters’ Meeting On Sunday, January 31, we will be having our annual voters’ meeting after the 10am service. It will be held in church. ALL VOTERS AND CONGREGATION MEMBERS are encouraged to attend this meeting. An agenda will be distributed **TODAY** for review by everyone and to help prepare for any questions during the **OPEN FORUM** of the meeting.

We will be needing any individual reports for the 2020 annual report by Sunday, January 17. Please hand deliver or email to Brenda Polzin at stjohngrover@gmail.com so we can get everything compiled for the meeting on January 31, 2021.

Poinsettias If you are wanting your poinsettia plants, please take them today. After today they will be tossed. Thank You!!

2021 Envelopes Your 2021 envelopes are available on the table in the back of church. A few things to make note of: (1) Check your address. If it is incorrect, please fill out a change form that is located in the rack in back of church or let Brenda Polzin know. (2) Since we renumbered **ALL** envelopes, it is especially important to please discard any remaining 2020 envelopes. (3) If you are taking advantage of the E-giving program, statements with your new number are available. Please use that number for any special donations. (4) If you don’t have envelopes and wish to have them, please let Dave Kaus know.



Bible Study The plans for the next Bible Study are still being arranged. There will not be a Bible Study posted this week

Sunday School Attention Parents!



We are in the Winter Lessons Schedule. The Lesson for Sunday January 17 is Samson's Sin and God's Forgiveness found in the book of Judges chapter 16:4-30. 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 St. John, Grover, by Daniel Sargent.

Last Week at St. John Ev. Lutheran

Those Who Joined Us in Worship (1/10/2021) 67/44
Average Sunday Attendance for the Year (2 weeks) 112

This Week at St. John Ev. Lutheran

Monday 6:30pm Zion Service
Tuesday 6:30pm Board of Elders
Wednesday 4:30pm Confirmation Class (4:30-6:00pm)
5:45pm Lutheran Pioneers @ Zion, Peshtigo
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 12/27/2020 \$ 4,516.25

Note: \$7,000 transferred to special projects per donators requests.

General Fund Income for 1/3/2021 \$ 6,372.69

General Fund Income for 1/10/2021 \$ 15,021.75

Total General Fund Income (28 weeks) \$214,155.55

Budget Needs Weekly at \$6,932.46 (28 weeks) \$194,108.88

Total **BUDGET SURPLUS** in Offerings \$ 20,046.67

Borrowed Funds for Current Operating Expense \$ 0.00

Included in General Fund Income Total:

E-giving - \$2,765.75; Tuition - \$8,920

Special Gifts & Offerings

CMO - \$60; Debt Reduction - \$140;

Memorials & Special Gifts Received:

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.



School News

- ⇒ The CEA will hold a meeting today, January 17, following our second service. The meeting will be held in the church sanctuary.
- ⇒ Luther Prep has cancelled their Co-ed Basketball Tournament for this year. God-willing, they will be able to hold it again next year.
- ⇒ Our second semester mission offerings will be going to Camp Phillip in Wautoma, WI. Camp Phillip provides Christ-centered summer camp programs for youth as well as year-round retreats for youth, families, church and school groups. Our 6-8 grades have attended this camp in the past and have thoroughly enjoyed it.
- ⇒ Lutheran Pioneers will meet on Wednesday, January 20 at Zion Lutheran Church in Peshtigo from 5:45 - 7:00 pm. Children from our congregation in Grades 1-8 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 560 - I Hear the Savior Calling

1 I hear the Savior calling! The gospel comes to me.
My eyes once closed in blindness Are opened now to see
That I myself was helpless To live eternally,
But, dying, Christ did save me, And now he calls for me!

2 I hear the Savior calling! He leads a soul to me,
A soul in bitter anguish, One needing to be free.
The gift I have to offer Is Christ, my Lord's decree
That all have been forgiven-My Savior calls for me!

3 I hear the Savior calling! He gives this charge to me:
To serve the best I'm able, Whate'er the call may be.
Thus hand in hand with others Who share the gospel key
We spread the gospel tidings-My Savior calls for me!

4 I hear the Savior calling! He changes hearts for me.
From door to door I witness To bring my Savior's plea;
Yet nothing can be added, No word on bended knee,
Beyond the simple gospel-My Savior calls for me!

5 I hear the Savior calling! His call has urgency!
Each moment souls are dying; Soon comes eternity.
And so, my precious Savior, This is my humble plea:
Prepare me for my mission For you are calling me!

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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 gave your one and only Son to be the light of the world. Grant that your people, illumined by your Word and sacraments, may shine with the radiance of Christ's glory, that he may be known, worshiped, and believed to the ends of the earth; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, now and forever.

C: ♪ Amen.

Be Seated

FIRST LESSON

1 Samuel 3:1-10

The boy Samuel was ministering to the LORD in the presence of Eli. The word of the LORD was rare in those days. Prophetic vision was not common. 2 Now it happened that Eli's eyes had begun to grow dim, so that he could not see. Once when Eli was lying down in his place 3 and God's lamp had not yet gone out, Samuel was lying down in the LORD's temple, where God's ark was. 4 The LORD called Samuel, and Samuel said, "I am here." 5 He ran to Eli, and said, "I am here, since you called me." Eli said, "I did not call. Lie down again." So he went and lay down. 6 Then the LORD called once more, "Samuel!" So Samuel got up and went to Eli and said, "I am here, since you called me." He answered, "I did not call, my son. Lie down again." 7 Now Samuel had not yet experienced the LORD's presence, that is, the word of the LORD had not yet been revealed to him. 8 The LORD called Samuel for the third time. So he got up and went to Eli and said, "I am here, since you called me." Then Eli realized that the LORD was calling the young man. 9 So Eli said to Samuel, "Go, lie down, and if he calls you, say, 'Speak, LORD, for your servant is listening.'" So Samuel went and once again lay down in his place. 10 The LORD came and stood there and called as he had the other times, "Samuel! Samuel!" Then Samuel said, "Speak, for your servant is listening."

PSALM OF THE DAY

Psalm: 67 (page 91)

♪ **Refrain: Let the people praise you, O God. Let all the people praise you.**

♪ May God be gracious to us and bless us*
and make his face shine upon us;
may your ways be known on earth,*
your salvation among all nations.

May the nations be glad and sing for joy,*
for you rule the peoples justly and guide the nations of the earth.

Refrain: Let the people praise you, O God. Let all the people praise you.

Then the land will yield its harvest,*
and God, our God, will bless us.

God will bless us,*
and all the ends of the earth will fear him.

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: Let the people praise you, O God. Let all the people praise you.

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SECOND LESSON

1 Corinthians 6:12-20

12 “All things are permitted for me”—but not all things are beneficial. “All things are permitted for me”—but I will not allow anything to control me. 13 “Foods are for the belly, and the belly is for foods, but God will do away with both of them.” However, the body is not for sexual immorality, but for the Lord, and the Lord is for the body. 14 God raised up the Lord and will also raise us up by his power. 15 Do you not know that your bodies are members of Christ? Shall I then remove the members of Christ and make them members of a prostitute? Certainly not! 16 Or do you not know that he who is joined to a prostitute is one body with her? For it says, “The two will become one flesh.” 17 But he who is joined to the Lord is one spirit with him. 18 Flee from sexual immorality! Every sin that a person commits is outside the body, but he who commits sexual immorality sins against his own body. 19 Or do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit, who is within you, whom you have from God? You are not your own, 20 for you were bought at a price. Therefore glorify God with your body.

VERSE OF THE DAY

M: Alleluia. He said to me, “You are my servant in whom I will display my splendor.” Alleluia. (Isaiah 49:3 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

John 1:43-51

43 The next day, Jesus wanted to leave for Galilee. He found Philip and said to him, “Follow me.” 44 Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the hometown of Andrew and Peter. 45 Philip found Nathanael and told him, “We have found the one Moses wrote about in the Law, and about whom the prophets also wrote—Jesus of Nazareth, the son of Joseph.” 46 Nathanael said to him, “Nazareth! Can anything good come from there?” “Come and see!” Philip told him. 47 Jesus saw Nathanael coming toward him and said about him, “Truly, here is an Israelite in whom there is no deceit.” 48 Nathanael asked him, “How do you know me?” Jesus answered, “Before Philip called you, while you were under the fig tree, I saw you.” 49 Nathanael answered him, “Rabbi, you are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!” 50 Jesus replied, “You believe because I told you that I saw you under the fig tree. You will see greater things than that!” 51 Then he added, “Amen, Amen, I tell you: You will see heaven opened and the angels of God ascending and descending on the Son of Man.”

M: This is the Gospel of our Lord.

C: ♪ Praise be to you, O Christ!

Be Seated

HYMN OF THE DAY: CW 453 - Come, Follow Me, the Savior Spoke

1 “Come, follow me,” the Savior spoke,
“All in my way abiding.

Deny yourselves; the world forsake;
Obey my call and guiding.
Oh, bear the cross, whate'er betide;
Take my example for your guide.

2 "I am the light; I light the way,
A godly life displaying.
I bid you walk as in the day;
I keep your feet from straying.
I am the way, and well I show
How you should journey here below.

3" My heart abounds in lowliness,
My soul with love is glowing,
And gracious words my lips express,
With meekness overflowing.
My heart, my mind, my strength, my all
To God I yield; on him I call.

4 "I teach you how to shun and flee
What harms your souls' salvation,
Your hearts from ev'ry guile to free,
From sin and its temptation.
I am the refuge of the soul
And lead you to your heav'nly goal."

5 Then let us follow Christ our Lord
And take the cross appointed
And, firmly clinging to his Word,
In suff'ring be undaunted.
For those who bear the battle's strain
The crown of heav'nly life obtain.

SERMON TEXT: 1 Samuel 3:1-10

Theme: Are you listening?

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 forgiveness 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

CLOSNG HYMN: CW 283 - Speak, O Savior; I Am Listening

1 Speak, O Savior; I am list'ning,
As a servant to his lord.
Let me show respect and honor
To your holy, precious Word,
That each day, my whole life through,
I may serve and follow you.
Let your Word e'er be my pleasure

And my heart's most precious treasure.

2 Oh, what blessing to be near you
And to listen to your voice!

Let me ever love and fear you;
Let your Word still be my choice.
Many hardened sinners, Lord,
Flee in terror at your Word,
But to all who feel sin's burden
You give peace and words of pardon.

3 Lord, your words are waters living
Where I quench my thirsty needs.
Lord, your words are bread life-giving;
On your words my spirit feeds.
Lord, your words will be my light
Through death's cold and dreary night;
Yes, they are my sword prevailing
And my cup of joy unfailing.

4 As I pray, dear Jesus, hear me;
Let your words in me take root.
May your Spirit e'er be near me
That I bear abundant fruit.
May I daily sing your praise,
From my heart glad anthems raise,
Till my highest praise is given
In the endless joy of heaven.

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.

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Have A Blessed Week!