



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

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Town of Grover – Peshtigo, Wisconsin

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Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod

Third Sunday of Pentecost
June 21 2020

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Jim Seefeldt

Pastor
Organist

Shane Seefeldt, John Seefeldt, Jenn Thompson **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.

Budget Sheets Available on the table are the fiscal 2021 proposed budget sheets. Please take one to preview and prepare for any questions you may have.

Special Voters' Meeting A special voters' meeting will be held next Sunday, June 28 after the 10:00am service to act on the pro-

posed budget. ALL voters of our congregation are encouraged to attend this meeting. An Open Forum will be held before the meeting.

Congregational Partner Grant Program

A congregation can award a grant to any undergraduate student enrolled at MLC for the 2019-2020 academic year. MLC matches that grant from \$100 to \$1,000 per student!

Deadline for submission for 2020-2021 is July 15, 2020.

The Church Council has approved to have a door offering for Lauren Kamps (2nd year student) **TODAY** and on the 28th of June. Those offerings will be sent to the MLC Grant Program.

Church Softball Play some Church softball this summer for fun and fellowship with brothers and sisters from area WELS churches. It is for male and female adults as well as teens 6th grade and up. You don't have to be good to come and play. We will play next Sunday, June 28 @ 2pm at St. John, Grover.

100th Anniversary Celebration of the Church Organ



A Committee for celebrating the 100th Anniversary of our Church Organ is being assembled. They will help plan the program for this special Celebration to be scheduled in February, 2021. Erin Pape has volunteered to chair this organizing committee. If you would like to help with the planning and implementing of this celebration, please contact Erin at erinpape@gmail.com or 262-352-8762.

2020 Altar Flowers Sign Up A sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board to donate flowers for special dates in memory of a loved one or for another special occasion.

Weekly Bulletins You can now find the weekly bulletins on our website(stjohnpeshtigo.org). Go to the website, click on “weekly bulletins”, then click on the link for the bulletin.

Changes To better help us keep our records up to date (address changes, landline disconnection, cell phone numbers, family members move, etc), it would be greatly appreciated if you could fill out a form which is located in the rack in back of church. You may return to any usher, Brenda Polzin, or Pastor.

Worship & Daily Devotions on WOCO The worship broadcast on WOCO AM 1260 today (11:00 am) is hosted by Zion, Peshtigo. The daily devotions on WOCO AM (1260) & FM (107.1) this week (Monday-Friday at 9:05 am) are hosted by Pastor Jim Sonnemann.

Last Week at St. John Ev. Lutheran

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| Those Who Joined Us in Worship (June 14, 2020) | 56/59 |
| Average Sunday Attendance for the Year (14 weeks) | 161 |
| (does not include the 10 weeks of no service) | |

This Week at St. John Ev. Lutheran

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| Monday | 6:30pm | Zion Service |
| Tuesday | 6:30pm | Board of Education |
| Sunday | 8:30am | Worship Service |
| | 10:00am | Worship Service |
| | 11:00am | Special Voters’ Budget meeting with Open Forum |

Next Sunday’s Counting Team: Team “E” - Scott & Sue Schonfeld, Dave Bornick

Offerings for the Lord’s Work

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| General Fund Income for 5/24/2020-5/31/2020 | \$ 13,022.63 |
| General Fund Income for 6/7/2020 | \$ 6,214.52 |

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| General Fund Income for 6/14/2020 | \$ 7,199.19 |
| Total General Fund Income (51 weeks) | \$322,764.79 |
| Budget Needs Weekly at \$7,616.11 (51 weeks) | \$388,421.61 |
| Total Budget Deficit in Offerings | \$ 65,656.82 |
| Borrowed Funds for Current Operating Expense | \$ 42,686.66 |

Included in General Fund Income Total:

E-giving - \$1,646.19; Thrivent - \$5;

Special Gifts & Offerings

Church Organ - \$100; LYG - \$41; CMO - \$600; Gym/Fellowship/
Bldg - \$50; Lauren Kamps Door Offering - \$133

Memorials & Special Gifts Received:

E-giving(Online Giving) This is an optional program and you can opt in or out at any time. There will be three methods to donate to our church. Here's how:

*Go to our website-stjohnpeshtigo.org. Click on the "Online Giving" tab (right side of screen). That'll take you directly to our E-giving webpage. Click on "create profile" and follow steps for adding transaction. The church incurs fees for debit/credit cards. You can help offset those fees by clicking on the button "help offset"(first time setup transaction only). These amounts will be added to your annual contribution statement.

NEW FEATURE!! On donation page, under optional - select from dropdown menu and put in name/message you wish to have applied to the donation.

**GivePlus Church (smartphone app) - Download the app through "apple store (i-phone)" or "play store (android)". Create your online profile and follow the steps for adding a transaction. Search for our church by either typing the zip code (54157), typing "Ev. Lutheran Church of St. John, Grover, WI", or turn your locations on and "search for churches near me". With this method you can also help offset fees the church incurs for ACH transactions ONLY(bank routing) by clicking on the button "help offset"(first time setup transaction only).

***Smartphone thru a QR scan code. You must download any "QR code reader" app. Open the app and scan the QR code(to the right). It'll take you directly to our e-giving webpage. Create your online profile and follow steps for adding transaction.



If you are a participant in this program already, THANK YOU!

Information is in the back of church to help guide you. Please don't hesitate to contact Brenda Polzin(920-660-5801) or Dave Kaus(715-923-9494) if you have any questions or need help setting it up.



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June 21, 2020

HYMN: CW 596 - LET ME BE YOURS FOREVER

1 Let me be yours forever,
My faithful God and Lord;
Let me forsake you never
Nor wander from your Word.
Lord, do not let me waver
But give me steadfastness,
And for such grace and favor
Your holy name I'll bless.

2 Lord Jesus, my salvation,
My light, my life divine,
My only consolation,
To you I all resign,
For you have dearly bought me
With blood and bitter pain.
Let me, since you have sought me,
Eternal life obtain.

3 O gracious Holy Spirit,
My comforter and guide,
Grant that in Jesus' merit
I always may confide,
Him to the end confessing
Whom I have known by faith.
Give me your constant blessing
And grant a Christian death.

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: O God, the strength of all who trust in you, mercifully hear our prayers. Be gracious to us in our weakness and give us strength to keep your commandments in all we say and do; through Jesus Christ your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and Holy Spirit, one God now and forever.

C: ♪ Amen.

Be Seated

FIRST LESSON Hosea 5:15-6:6

15 I will go. I will return to my place
until they admit their guilt and seek my face.

In their distress they will earnestly seek me.

6:1 Come, let us return to the LORD.

For he has torn us to pieces,
but he will heal us.

He has struck us,
but he will bandage our wounds.

2 After two days he will revive us.
On the third day he will raise us up,
so that we may live in his presence.

3 Let us acknowledge the LORD.
Let us pursue knowledge of the LORD.
As surely as the sun rises,
the LORD will appear.

He will come to us like a heavy rain,
like the spring rain that waters the earth.

4 What am I going to do with you, Ephraim?
What am I going to do with you, Judah?
For your faithfulness is like a morning mist,
like early dew that disappears.

5 That is why I cut them to pieces by means of the prophets.
I killed them with the words of my mouth.
The judgments against you go forth like the light.

6 For I desire mercy, and not sacrifice,
and the knowledge of God, rather than burnt offerings.

PSALM OF THE DAY Psalm: 119c

♪ Refrain: Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path.

♪ Oh, how I ' love your law!*
I meditate on it ' all day long.
I have more insight than all my ' teachers,*
for I meditate on your ' statutes.
I have more understanding than the ' elders,*

for I obey your ' precepts.

Refrain:

I have kept my feet from every ' evil path*
so that I might ' obey your word.

I have not departed ' from your laws,*
for you yourself have ' taught me.

How sweet are your words ' to my taste,*
sweeter than honey ' to my mouth!

Glory be to the Father and ' to the Son*
And to the Holy ' Spirit.

As it was in the be 'ginning*

Is now, and will be forever. ' Amen

Refrain:

SECOND LESSON Romans 4:18–25

¹⁸Hoping beyond what he could expect, he believed that he would become the father of many nations, just as he was told: "This is how many your descendants will be." ¹⁹He did not weaken in faith, even though he considered his own body as good as dead (because he was about one hundred years old), and even though he considered Sarah's womb to be dead. ²⁰He did not waver in unbelief with respect to God's promise, but he grew strong in faith, giving glory to God ²¹and being fully convinced that God was able to do what he had promised. ²²This is why "it was credited to him as righteousness." ²³Now the statement "it was credited to him" was not written for him alone, ²⁴but also for us to whom it would be credited, namely, to us who believe in the one who raised our Lord Jesus from the dead. ²⁵He was handed over to death because of our trespasses and was raised to life because of our justification.

VERSE OF THE DAY

M: Alleluia. God was in Christ reconciling the world to himself, entrusting to us the message of reconciliation. Alleluia. (2 Corinthians 2:5-19)

C: Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! These words are written that we may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God.

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Stand

GOSPEL LESSON MATTHEW 9:9–13

⁹As Jesus went on from there, he saw a man named Matthew sitting in the tax collector’s booth. He said to him, “Follow me.” Matthew got up and followed him. ¹⁰As Jesus was reclining at the table in Matthew’s house, many tax collectors and sinners were actually there too, eating with Jesus and his disciples. ¹¹When the Pharisees saw this, they said to his disciples, “Why does your teacher eat with tax collectors and sinners?” ¹²When Jesus heard this, he said to them, “The healthy do not need a physician, but the sick do. ¹³Go and learn what this means: ‘I desire mercy, and not sacrifice.’ In fact, I did not come to call the righteous, but sinners.”

M: This is the Gospel of our Lord.

C: ♪ Praise be to you, O Christ!

Be Seated

HYMN: CW 405 - OH, FOR A FAITH THAT WILL NOT SHRINK

1 Oh, for a faith that will not shrink
Though pressed by many a foe,
That will not tremble on the brink
Of poverty or woe,

2 That will not murmur nor complain
Beneath the chast’ning rod,
But in the hour of grief or pain
Can lean upon its God,

3 A faith that shines more bright and clear
When tempests rage without,
That, when in danger, knows no fear,
In darkness feels no doubt,

4 That bears unmoved the world’s dread frown
Nor heeds its scornful smile,
That sin’s wild ocean cannot drown

Nor Satan's arts beguile,

5 A faith that keeps the narrow way
Till life's last spark is fled
And with a pure and heav'nly ray
Lights up the dying bed.

6 Lord, give us such a faith as this,
And then, whate'er may come,
We'll taste e'en now the hallowed bliss
Of an eternal home.

SERMON TEXT Romans 4:18-25
Theme: Faith!

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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.

HYMN: CW 404 - Faith Is a Living Power from Heaven

1 Faith is a living pow'r from heav'n
That grasps the promise God has giv'n,
A trust that cannot be o'erthrown,
Fixed heartily on Christ alone.

2 Faith finds in Christ whate'er we need
To save or strengthen us indeed,
Receiving grace from heaven's throne
And humbly sharing cross and crown.

3 Faith in the Savior brings us peace
And bids the mourner's weeping cease;
By faith the children's place we claim
And give all honor to one name.

4 We thank you, then, O God of heav'n,
That you to us this faith have giv'n
Through mighty Word and sacrament
To trust the one whom you have sent.

5 As you have promised, grant each soul
Its holy faith's true end and goal:
The blessedness no foes destroy,
Eternal love and light and joy.

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 the 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!

