



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

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Fourth Sunday in Lent
March 14, 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.



HOLY WEEK

Holy Week Schedule Please note the following schedule for our upcoming Holy Week Services:

March 28	Palm Sunday Worship	8:30am
	Palm Sunday Worship	10:00am
April 1	Maundy Thursday w/Communion	7:00pm
April 2	Good Friday w/Communion	1:00pm
April 4	Easter Sunday w/Communion	8:30am
	Easter Sunday w/Communion	10:00am



Easter Flowers Please sign up to bring Easter lilies to decorate the church. Identify if the plant is being given for a special occasion or in memory of loved ones.



LWMS Spring Rally The Lake Superior Circuit of the LWMS will hold its spring rally on April 17 at Zion Lutheran Church, Peshtigo, WI. We will be having a door offering on **March 28 and April 4** to support the mission projects. More information is on the bulletin board. If you plan to attend the rally, please sign the sheet on the bulletin board.

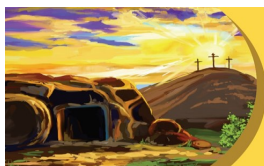


Altar Guild The Altar Guild is looking for volunteers. Duties would include: day prior to Lord's Supper - put wine and wafers on altar; fill candles and change altar cloths and banner as needed. Timing: three months/year (based on # of volunteers). Please contact Joanne Johnston (715)938-5582 if interested or if you have any questions.



Lent We continue our midweek Lenten worship service this Wednesday at 7pm. Area WELS pastors will be exchanging pulpits for the services with Pastor Myslik leading the service this week. You are more than welcome to join Zion, Peshtigo at 6:30pm, Trinity, Marinette at 3:15pm/6:00pm or Christ, Menominee, MI at 6:30pm.

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!



Alleluia!



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 March 14**. Please join us for this 19 Minute study where we will visit with the Messiah. The lesson is titled; **"The Light of the World "** (Matthew 5:14-16)



Sunday School

Attention Parents! We are in the **Winter Lessons Schedule**. The Lesson for Sunday March 7 is **"Mary and Martha"** found in Luke 10.

Click on <https://online.nph.net/ss-remote> to view the videos.

Note to Parents: The Council has been asked to consider re-starting in person Sunday School the Sunday after Easter. Parents will be contacted to see how many are willing to have their children attend. The online course will continue through the Spring Lessons even if we start up again. The Spring Lessons start on 21 March and are available today. Parents can find their children's packet on the table in the front of church.

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 Christ, Menominee, MI, by Pastor Paul Cole.

Last Week at St. John Ev. Lutheran

Mid-week Lenten Service 3/3/2021	23
Those Who Joined Us in Worship (3/7/2021)	74/67
Live Stream Service Logged in 3/7/2021	17
Average Sunday Attendance for the Year (10 weeks)	104

This Week at St. John Ev. Lutheran

MONDAY - FRIDAY—SPRING BREAK—NO SCHOOL

Monday	6:30pm	Zion Service(Cole)
Wednesday	4:30pm	Confirmation Class (4:30-6:00pm)
	7:00pm	Lenten Service (Pastor Myslik)
Sunday	8:30am	Worship Service w/communion
	10:00am	Worship Service w/communion

Next Sunday’s Counting Team: Team “A” - Dan Maedke, Randy & Brenda Polzin, Lisa Sargent

Offerings for the Lord’s Work

General Fund Income for 2/21/2021	\$ 8,697.08
General Fund Income for 2/28/2021	\$ 7,659.75
General Fund Income for 3/7/2021	\$ 7,839.70
Total General Fund Income (36 weeks)	\$261,571.13
Budget Needs Weekly at \$6,932.46 (36 weeks)	\$249,568.56
Total BUDGET SURPLUS in Offerings	\$ 12,002.57
Borrowed Funds for Current Operating Expense	\$ 0.00

Included in General Fund Income Total:

E-giving - \$2,396.43;

Special Gifts & Offerings

CMO - \$830; LYG - \$10; Sunday School - \$5; Debt Reduction – \$660; Gym/Fellowship/Bldg - \$15; Sunday School Missions - \$5; Church Organ - \$120

Memorials & Special Gifts Received:

General Fund - In memory of Ann Lemke from Caroline Tackmier
 General Fund - In memory of Ann Lemke from Mary Lou Knaak
 CMO - In memory of Darrell Dumke from Dumke Family
 CMO - In memory of Ann Lemke from VanHecke Family

Church Organ - In memory of Darrell Dumke from Dumke Family
Church Organ - In memory of Ann Lemke from Doris Seefeldt
Debt Reduction - In memory of Ann Lemke from William & Belinda Seefeldt
Debt Reduction - In memory of Paul Maedke from Krist Maedke



School News

- ⇒ There will be no school this coming week, March 15 - 19 for Spring Break.
- ⇒ March 24 will be the end of our Third Quarter.
- ⇒ The students in Grades 3 - 8 are working on their Art Fair projects which we plan to show virtual after March 31st, when the projects are due. More information to follow!

Lake Superior Circuit

SPRING MISSION RALLY

Saturday, April 17th 2021

Speaker: Rev. Peter Zaferos

Cross cultural Mission Opportunities

Rally Host:

Zion Lutheran Church

221 South Ellis Ave

Peshtigo, WI 54157

Registration:

9:30 – 10:00 a.m.

Closing Devotion:

2:30 p.m.

**The rally is open to ALL women and teens.
Masks required and social distancing will be honored**



Women of the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod (WELS) focused on the exciting mission of sharing Jesus with the world!

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 122 -Sing, My Tongue, the Glorious Battle

1 Sing, my tongue, the glorious battle;
Sing the ending of the fray.
Now above the cross, the trophy,
Sound the loud triumphant lay.
Tell how Christ, the world's Redeemer,
As a victim won the day.

2 Tell how, when at length the fullness
Of th' appointed time was come,
He, the Word, was born of woman,
Left for us his Father's home,
Blazed the path of true obedience,
Shone as light amidst the gloom.

3 Thus, with thirty years accomplished,
He went forth from Nazareth,
Destined, dedicated, willing,
Did his work and met his death;
Like a lamb he humbly yielded
On the cross his dying breath.

4 Faithful cross, true sign of triumph,
Be for all the noblest tree;
None in foliage, none in blossom,
None in fruit your equal be,
Symbol of the world's redemption,
For your burden makes us free.

5 Unto God be praise and glory;
To the Father and the Son,
To th' eternal Spirit honor
Now and evermore be done --
Praise and glory in the highest
While the timeless ages run.

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: We have come into the presence of God, who created us to love and serve him as his dear children. But we have disobeyed him and deserve only his wrath and punishment. Therefore, let us confess our sins to him and plead for his mercy.

C: **Merciful Father in heaven, I am altogether sinful from birth. In countless ways I have sinned against you and do not deserve to be called your child. But trusting in Jesus, my Savior, I pray: Have mercy on me according to your unfailing love. Cleanse me from my sin, and take away my guilt.**

M: God, our heavenly Father, has forgiven all your sins. By the perfect life and innocent death of our Lord Jesus Christ, he has removed your guilt forever. You are his own dear child. May God give you strength to live according to his will.

C: **Amen.**

PRAYER AND PRAISE

M: In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord.

OH, TASTE AND SEE

♪ **Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good.
Blessed are they who take refuge in him.
Your Word, O Lord, is eternal;
it stands firm in the heavens.
Your faithfulness continues forever.
Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good.
Blessed are they who take refuge in him.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

M: Let us pray.

M: Almighty God, we confess that we deserve to be punished for our evil deeds. But we ask you graciously to cleanse us from all sin and to comfort us with your salvation; 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


Numbers 21:4–9

4They set out from Mount Hor along the road to the Red Sea to go around the land of Edom, but the people became very impatient along the way. 5The people spoke against God and against Moses, “Why have you brought us up out of Egypt to die in the wilderness? Look, there is no food! There is no water! And we are disgusted by this worthless food!” 6The LORD sent venomous snakes among the people, and the snakes bit the people. As a result many people from Israel died. 7The people went to Moses and said, “We have sinned, because we have spoken against the LORD and against you. Pray to the LORD to take the snakes away from us.” So Moses prayed on behalf of the people. 8The LORD said to Moses, “Make a venomous snake and put it on a pole. If anyone who is bitten looks at it, he will live.” 9Moses made a bronze snake and put it on the pole. If a snake had bitten anyone, if that person looked at the bronze snake, he lived.

PSALM OF THE DAY

Psalm: 143 (Page 118)

 **Refrain: Lord let your mercy be on us as we place our trust in you.**

 O Lord, hear my prayer, listen to my cry for mercy;*
in your faithfulness and righteousness come to my relief.

Do not bring your servant into judgment,*

for no one living is righteous before you.

My spirit grows faint within me;*
my heart within me is dismayed.

Refrain: Lord let you mercy be on us as we place our trust in you.

Answer me quickly, O Lord;*
Do not hide your face from me

Let the morning bring me word of your unfailing love,*
for I have put my trust in you.

Teach me to do your will, for you are my God;*
may your good Spirit lead me on level ground.

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: Lord let you mercy be on us as we place our trust in you.

SECOND LESSON

Ephesians 2:4–10

4But God, because he is rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us, 5made us alive with Christ even when we were dead in trespasses. It is by grace you have been saved! 6He also raised us up with Christ and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus. 7He did this so that, in the coming ages, he might demonstrate the surpassing riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. 8 Indeed, it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God— 9not by works, so that no one can boast. 10For we are God’s workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared in advance so that we would walk in them.

VERSE OF THE DAY

M: For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. (John 3:16)

School Children Song (shown on the T. V.)

1. Oh how good it is. When the family of God
Dwells together in spirit, in faith and unity.
Where the bonds of peace of acceptance and love
Are the fruit of His presence here among us.

**Refrain: So with one voice we'll sing to the Lord
And with one heart we'll live out His word
Till the whole earth sees the Redeemer has come
For He dwells in the presence of His people.**

2. Oh how good it is on this journey we share
To rejoice with the happy and weep with those who mourn.
For the weak find strength, the afflicted find grace
When we offer the blessing of belonging. **Refrain:**

3. Oh how good it is to embrace his command
To prefer one another, forgive and he forgives
When we live as one, we share in the love of the Son
With the Father and the Spirit. **Refrain:**

STAND

GOSPEL LESSON

John 3:14–21

14“Just as Moses lifted up the snake in the wilderness, so the Son of Man must be lifted up, 15so that everyone who believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. 16“For God so loved the world that he gave his only-begotten Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish, but have eternal life. 17For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him. 18The one who believes in him is not condemned, but the one who does not believe is condemned already, because he has not believed in the name of the only-begotten Son of God. 19This is the basis for the judgment: The light has come into the world, yet people loved the darkness rather than the light, because their deeds were evil. 20In fact, everyone who practices wicked things hates the light and does not come toward the light, or else his deeds would be exposed. 21But the one who does what is true comes toward the light, in

order that his deeds may be seen as having been done in connection with God.”

M: This is the Gospel of our Lord.

C: ♪ Praise be to you, O Christ!

BE SEATED

HYMN OF THE DAY: CW 113 - Upon the Cross Extended

1 Upon the cross extended,
See, world, your Lord suspended;
Your Savior yields his breath.
The Prince of life from heaven
Himself has freely given
To shame and blows and bitter death.

2 How God at our transgression
To anger gives expression,
How loud his thunders roll,
How fearfully he smites him,
How sorely he requites him --
All this your suff'rings teach my soul.

3 'Tis I who should be smitten,
My doom should here be written:
Bound hand and foot in hell.
The fetters and the scourging,
The floods around you surging,
'Tis I who have deserved them well.

4 A crown of thorns you're wearing,
My shame and scorn you're bearing
That I might ransomed be.
My bondsman, ever willing,
My place with patience filling,
From sin and guilt has made me free.

5 Your cords of love, my Savior,
Bind me to you forever;
I am no longer mine.

To you I gladly tender
All that my life can render
And all I have to you resign.

SERMON TEXT: Numbers 21:4-9

Theme: Look and live

STAND

APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
maker of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.

He descended into hell.

The third day he rose again from the dead.

He ascended into heaven

and is seated on the right hand of God the Father almighty.

From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy Christian Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.

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 389 - Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me

1 Rock of Ages, cleft for me,
Let me hide myself in thee;
Let the water and the blood
From thy riven side which flowed
Be of sin the double cure:
Cleanse me from its guilt and pow'r.

2 Not the labors of my hands
Can fulfill thy law's demands.
Could my zeal no respite know,
Could my tears forever flow,
All for sin could not atone;
Thou must save and thou alone.

3 Nothing in my hand I bring,
Simply to thy cross I cling;
Naked, come to thee for dress,
Helpless, look to thee for grace.
Foul, I to the fountain fly --
Wash me, Savior, or I die!

4 While I draw this fleeting breath,
When mine eyelids close in death,
When I soar to worlds unknown,
See thee on thy judgment throne,
Rock of Ages, cleft for me,
Let me hide myself in thee! .

Stand

M: O Lord God, our heavenly Father, pour out the Holy Spirit on your faithful people. Keep us strong in your grace and truth, protect and comfort us in all temptation, and bestow on us your saving peace, 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.

BE SEATED

CLOSING HYMN: CW 322 - On What Has Now Been Sown

1 On what has now been sown
Your blessing, Lord, bestow;
The pow'r is yours alone
To make it spring and grow.
O Lord, in grace the harvest raise
And you alone shall have the praise!

2 To you our wants are known; F
rom you are all our pow'rs.
Accept what is your own
And pardon what is ours.
Our praises, Lord, and prayers receive
And to your Word a blessing give.

3 Oh, grant that each of us
Now met before you here
May meet together thus
When you and yours appear
And follow you to heav'n, our home.
E'en so, Amen! Lord Jesus, come!

Have A Blessed Week!

