



LENT

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

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Fifth Sunday in Lent
March 21, 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.



LWMS Reporter In need a Congregation Reporter! Each member congregation is asked to elect or appoint a reporter or reporters. Our congregation is looking for a volunteer to take up this responsibility. As a reporter you would have an exciting job and an

awesome responsibility! You would be a leader and the vital link between the LWMS and the women of our congregation. Many resources are available to help you share LWMS news with our congregation including a handbook. With your help our congregation can develop mission awareness and build a personal understanding of missions and their need for prayers and support. If interested, please contact Pastor Sargent



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.

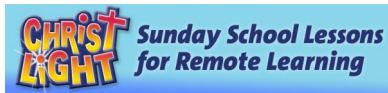


Lent We continue our midweek Lenten worship service this Wednesday at 7pm. Area WELS pastors will

be exchanging pulpits for the services with Pastor Sargent 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.



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 21**. Please join us for this 19 Minute study where we will visit with the Messiah. The lesson is titled; **"The House Built on the Rock"** (Matthew 7:24-27)



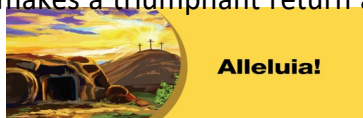
Sunday School

Attention 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 March 21 and are available today. **Parents can find their children's packet on the table in the front of church.**

The Lesson for Sunday March 21 is **"Palm Sunday"** found in **Matthew 21, Mark 11, Luke 19 & John 12.**

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

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!



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 Grace, Crivitz. The daily devotions on WOCO AM (1260) & FM (107.1) this week (Monday-Friday at 9:05 am) are hosted by St. Matthew, Pound, by Pastor Chris Johns.

Last Week at St. John Ev. Lutheran

Mid-week Lenten Service 3/10/2021	21
Those Who Joined Us in Worship (3/14/2021)	60/47
Live Stream Service Logged in 3/14/2021	19
Average Sunday Attendance for the Year (11 weeks)	104

This Week at St. John Ev. Lutheran

Monday	6:30pm	Zion Service(Sargent)
Tuesday	10:00am	Board of Elders
Wednesday	4:30pm	Confirmation Class (4:30-6:00pm)
	7:00pm	Lenten Service (Pastor Sargent)
Friday	8:20am	School Chapel Devotion
Sunday	8:30am	Worship Service(WELS Connection)
	10:00am	Worship Service(WELS Connection)

Next Sunday’s Counting Team: Team “B” - Dave Kaus, Paul Marquardt, Burnette Marquardt, Darlene Nohr

Offerings for the Lord’s Work

General Fund Income for 2/28/2021	\$ 7,659.75
General Fund Income for 3/7/2021	\$ 7,839.70
General Fund Income for 3/14/2021	\$ 5,625.75
Total General Fund Income (37 weeks)	\$267,196.88
Budget Needs Weekly at \$6,932.46 (37 weeks)	\$256,501.02
Total BUDGET SURPLUS in Offerings	\$ 10,695.86
Borrowed Funds for Current Operating Expense	\$ 0.00

Included in General Fund Income Total:

E-giving - \$1,517.75; Tuition - \$610; Thrivent Choice Gifts - \$313

Special Gifts & Offerings

Sunday School Missions - \$2;

Memorials & Special Gifts Received:

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.

LITURGY—Service of the Word and Sacrament-page 26

March 21, 2021

OPENING HYMN: CW 170 - Draw Us to Thee

1 Draw us to thee,
For then shall we
Walk in thy steps forever
And hasten on
Where thou art gone
To be with thee, dear Savior.

2 Draw us to thee,
Lord, lovingly;
Let us depart with gladness
That we may be
Forever free
From sorrow, grief, and sadness.

3 Draw us to thee;
Oh, grant that we
May walk the road to heaven!
Direct our way
Lest we should stray
And from thy paths be driven.

4 Draw us to thee
That also we
Thy heav'nly bliss inherit
And ever dwell
Where sin and hell
No more can vex our spirit.

5 Draw us to thee
Unceasingly;
Into thy kingdom take us.
Let us fore'er
Thy glory share;
Thy saints and joint heirs make us.

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: Eternal God and Father, help us to remember Jesus, who obeyed your will and bore the cross for our salvation that

through his anguish, pain, and death we may receive forgiveness of sins and inherit eternal life; 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

Jeremiah 31:31-34

31Yes, the days are coming, declares the LORD, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and with the house of Judah. 32It will not be like the covenant I made with their fathers, when I took them by the hand and led them out of the land of Egypt. They broke that covenant of mine, although I was a husband to them, declares the LORD. 33But this is the covenant I will make with the house of Israel after those days, declares the LORD. I will put my law in their minds, and I will write it on their hearts. I will be their God, and they will be my people. 34No longer will each one teach his neighbor, or each one teach his brother, saying, “Know the LORD,” because they will all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, declares the LORD, for I will forgive their guilt, and I will remember their sins no more.

PSALM OF THE DAY

Psalms 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 your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you.

Answer me quickly, 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 your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you.

SECOND LESSON

Hebrews 5:7–9

7 In the days of his flesh, he offered prayers and pleas with loud cries and tears to the one who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverence. 8 Although he was the Son, he learned obedience from the things he suffered. 9 After he was brought to his goal, he became the source of eternal salvation for everyone who obeys him

VERSE OF THE DAY The Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many. (Mark 10:45 cf. NIV)

Stand

GOSPEL LESSON

John 12:20–33

20 Now there were some Greeks among those who went up to worship at the Festival. 21 They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and asked him, “Sir, we want to see Jesus.” 22 Philip went to tell Andrew. Andrew came with Philip and told Jesus. 23 Jesus answered them, “The time has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. 24 Amen, Amen, I tell you: Unless a kernel of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it continues to be one kernel. But if it dies, it produces much grain. 25 Anyone who loves his life destroys it. And the one who hates his life in this world

will hold on to it for eternal life. 26If anyone serves me, let him follow me. And where I am, there my servant will be also. If anyone serves me, the Father will honor him. 27“Now my soul is troubled. And what shall I say? ‘Father, save me from this hour’? No, this is the reason I came to this hour. 28Father, glorify your name!” A voice came from heaven: “I have glorified my name, and I will glorify it again.” 29The crowd standing there heard it and said it thundered. Others said an angel talked to him. 30Jesus answered, “This voice was not for my sake but for yours. 31“Now is the judgment of this world. Now the ruler of this world will be thrown out. 32And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself.” 33He said this to indicate what kind of death he was going to die.

M: This is the Gospel of our Lord.

C: ♪ Praise be to you, O Christ!

Be Seated

HYMN OF THE DAY: CW 454 - I Gave My Life for Thee

1 I gave my life for thee;
My precious blood I shed
That thou might'st ransomed be
And quickened from the dead.

I gave my life for thee;
Come, give thyself to me!

2 My Father's home of light,
My rainbow-circled throne,
I left for earthly night,
For wand'rings sad and lone.

I left it all for thee;
Come now and follow me!

3 I spent long years for thee
In weariness and woe
That an eternity
Of joy thou mightest know.

I spent long years for thee; 15

Come, spend thy years for me.

4 I suffered much for thee,
More than my tongue may tell,
Of bitt' rest agony,
To rescue thee from hell.
I suffered much for thee;
Come, bear thy cross with me.

5 And I have brought to thee
Down from my home above
Salvation full and free,
My pardon and my love.
Great gifts I brought for thee;
Come, bring thy gifts to me.

6 Oh, let thy life be spent,
Thy years for me be giv'n,
As I for thee was sent
To bear thee home to heav'n.
I gave my life for thee;
Come, give thy life to me.

SERMON TEXT: Jeremiah 31:31-34

Theme: New and Improved!

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

HYMN: CW 124 - Savior, When in Dust to You

1 Savior, when in dust to you
Low we bow in homage due,
When, repentant, to the skies
Scarce we lift our weeping eyes;
Oh, by all your pains and woe
Suffered once for us below,
Bending from your throne on high,
Hear our penitential cry!

2 By your helpless infant years,
By your life of want and tears,
By your days of deep distress
In the savage wilderness,
By the dread, mysterious hour
Of th' insulting tempter's pow'r,
Turn, oh, turn a fav'ring eye,

Hear our penitential cry!

3 By your hour of dire despair,
By your agony of prayer,
By the cross, the nail, the thorn,
Piercing spear, and torturing scorn,
By the gloom that veiled the skies
O'er the dreadful sacrifice,
Listen to our humble sigh,
Hear our penitential cry!

4 By your deep expiring groan,
By the sad sepulchral stone,
By the vault whose dark abode
Held in vain the rising God,
Oh, from earth to heav'n restored,
Mighty, reascended Lord,
Bending from your throne on high,
Hear our penitential cry!

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. He made his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins, not only our sins but the sins of the whole world. 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!