

## The Evangelical Lutheran Church of St. John

N1904 Church Road Town of Grover – Peshtigo, Wisconsin Pastor Sargent—920-228-1061 **Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod**  Third Sunday of End Time Saints Triumphant Sunday Veteran's Day Remembrance November 15, 2020

Pastor Daniel Sargent	Pastor
Jim Seefeldt	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.

\*Family and friends of Barb Hoffman who mourn her 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.

Meditations The new meditation books starting November 29,

2020, are available in the rack in back of church and on the table. A free-will offering is greatly appreciated to help defray the costs of production.

**Baptism** Hunter George Gerhardt, son of Christopher and Breanna Gerhardt, received God's washing of Holy Baptism after our service last Sunday. May the Lord bless and keep this child in his baptismal grace.

**Baptism** Leonard Leo Schaut IV, son of Leonard and Andrea Schaut, will receive God's washing of Holy Baptism during our 8:30 service today. May the Lord bless and keep this child in his baptismal grace.

**Baptism** Debra Lynn Janiak, daughter of Austin and Emily Janiak, will receive God's washing of Holy Baptism during our 10:00 service today. May the Lord bless and keep this child in his baptismal grace.

#### Sunday School Attention Parents!



We are on Lesson number 10 called The Golden Calf from Exodus 24, 33, 34. 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.

Northwestern Publishing has announced the Program for Remote Learning has been extended for Winter & Spring. We plan to order the lessons for this program and reach out to parents next week. Click on https://online.nph.net/ss-remote to view the videos.



#### Bible Study: The Christian in Today's World

The seventh recording of the Bible Study will be

posted on our YouTube page Sunday, November 15.

https://www.youtube.com/channel/

UCJ8tkCadzLHuxGWLhovgl8Q. We will be part 1 of Lesson 5 called The Christian in Today's EDUCATIONAL ENVIRONMENT. Copies of the Bible Study are on the Website and copies for each week's lesson will be available at the Sunday Worship service on the table in the entrance. Please join Pastor for that Bible Study.

#### Thanksgiving Eve Service

ADVENT

The Thanksgiving Service will be held on Wednesday, November 25th at 7:00 pm.

#### Advent Services

St. John in Grover and Trinity in Coleman are working together to hold Avent Services this vear. Services at St. John will be held at

2:00pm. The service at Trinity is at 6:00pm. We are inviting members from both congregations to come to the service they would like to attend. Pastor Langebartels and Pastor Sargent will be working together to lead these worship services. The dates are December 2nd, 9th and 16th.

#### St. John's Food Drive for the Peshtigo Food Pantry

Members of St. John, I would like to express my sincerest thanks to those who donated food items and Thanksgiving cards for the Peshtigo Food Pantry.

The Drive collection was very successful and we dropped off the donations this past Wednesday morning. I pray that God will bless our outreach efforts so that more people will come to know His saving grace. To God be the glory! *Nathan Sargent* 

Altar Guild We are looking for additional ladies to help with the duties of Altar Guild. If you are interested, please contact Charlene Hurley at 715-789-2333 for more information.

Volunteers As you all know we are live-streaming the 8:30am service. We will need volunteers to help with the live-streaming. If you are interested, please contact Pastor Sargent.





### 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration of the Church Organ



A Committee for celebrating the 100<sup>th</sup> 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 <u>erinlpape@gmail.com</u> 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 Grace, Crivitz. The daily devotions on WOCO AM (1260) & FM (107.1) this week (Monday-Friday at 9:05 am) are hosted by First Ev. Lutheran, Green Bay, by Pastor Paul Schleis5

#### Last Week at St. John Ev. Lutheran

Those Who Joined Us in Worship (11/8/2020)55/52Average Sunday Attendance for the Year (35 weeks)122(does not include the 10 weeks of no service)

#### This Week at St. John Ev. Lutheran

Monday	6:30pm	Zion Service
Tuesday	6:30pm	Board of Elders
Wednesday	4:30pm	Confirmation Class (4:30-6pm)
	6:00pm	Pioneers @ Zion, Peshtigo
Friday	8:20am	School Chapel Devotion
Sunday	8:30am	Worship Service
-	10:00am	Worship Service

Next Sunday's Counting Team: Team "E" - Scott & Sue Schonfeld, Dave Bornick

#### Offerings for the Lord's Work

General Fund Income for 10/25/2020	\$	6,306.08
General Fund Income for 11/1/2020	\$	5,357.25
General Fund Income for 11/8/2020	\$	4,158.58
Total General Fund Income (19 weeks)	\$13	32,261.36
Budget Needs Weekly at \$6,932.46 (19 weeks)	\$13	31,716.74
Total <b>BUDGET SURPLUS</b> in Offerings	\$	544.62
Borrowed Funds for Current Operating Expense	\$	0.00
Included in General Fund Income Total:		

E-giving - \$1,600.58; Tuition - \$500

#### Special Gifts & Offerings

Church Organ - \$55; CMO - \$200; Debt Reduction - \$105; LYG - \$5; Gym/Fellowship/Building - \$5

#### Memorials & Special Gifts Received:

Church Organ Fund - In Brian Schwittay from Doug & Karen Schroeder

#### **School News**

#### ⇒ St. John Lutheran School 1st Quarter Honor Roll 2020-2021

#### Highest Honors (4.00)

Brady Charapata (5th) David Keske (5th) Jeremiah Maedke (5th) Rose Keske (7th) Flora Eisenbeis (8th) **High Honors (3.50-3.99)** 

Paul Keske (5th) Addison Hartwig (6th) Addisen Olson (7th) Katelyn Page (7th) Evelyn Hurley (8th) Jacob Maedke (8th) Ava Podoski (8th) Julia Thompson (8th) <u>Honors (3.00-3.49)</u> Jack Hurley (5th) Gunder Thompson (8th)

⇒ Chapel services are held in church on Fridays at 8:20. You can watch the recorded chapel services on our church YouTube page. There is a link on the school and church Facebook pages as well.

#### LARGER VIEW OF THIS BAR GRAPH IS ON THE BULLETIN BOARD



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*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 Egiving 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 November 15, 2020

#### **OPENING HYMN: CW 226 - TO YOUR TEMPLE I DRAW NEAR**

1 To your temple I draw near; Lord, I love to worship here. Here are sacrament and Word; Here believers meet their Lord.

2 I through Christ am reconciled; I through Christ become your child. Abba, Father, give me grace In your courts to seek your face.

3 While your glorious praise is sung, Touch my lips, unloose my tongue, That my joyful soul may bless Christ the Lord, my righteousness.

4 While the prayers of saints ascend, God of love, to mine attend. Hear me, for your Spirit pleads; Hear, for Jesus intercedes.

5 While I listen to your law, Fill my soul with holy awe Till your gospel brings to me Life and immortality.

6 While your ministers proclaim Peace and pardon in your name, Through their voice, by faith, may I Hear you speaking from the sky.

7 From your house, when I return, May my heart within me burn, And at evening let me say, "I have walked with God today."

#### 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: JLord, 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: **J**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: **J**Lord, have mercy.

M: Merciful God, maker and preserver of life, uphold us by your power and keep us in your tender care:

#### C: JAmen.

M: The works of the Lord are great and glorious; his name is worthy of praise.

#### SONG OF PRAISE

C: J 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 and Savior, you have set the final day and hour when we shall be delivered from this world of sin and death.

Keep us ever watchful for the coming of your Son that we may sit with him and all your holy ones at the marriage feast in heaven; through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: ЛAmen.

Be Seated

#### BAPTISM

#### **FIRST LESSON**

#### ISAIAH 52:1-6

Wake, awake! Clothe yourself with strength, O Zion. Put on your beautiful garments, Jerusalem, you holy city, for never again will the uncircumcised and the unclean enter you. 2 Shake off the dust. Get up and take your seat, Jerusalem. Loosen the chains from your neck, you captive daughter of Zion. 3 Yes, this is what the LORD says. You were sold for nothing, and you will be redeemed without money. 4 Yes, this is what the LORD God says. In the beginning, my people went down to Egypt to stay there for a while. Later Assyria oppressed them without cause. 5 Now what do I have here? declares the LORD. Indeed, my people have been taken away for nothing. Their rulers howl with mockery, declares the LORD. My name is continually despised all day. 6 Therefore my people will know my name. So on that day they will know that I am the one—the one who is saying, "Here I am!"

#### **J**PSALM OF THE DAY

#### PSALM 84 (page 96)

 $\Im$  Refrain: Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord.

How lovely is your '<u>dwell</u>ing place,\* O LORD '<u>Almighty</u>!

My soul yearns, '<u>e</u>ven faints,\* for the courts '<u>of</u> the LORD.

Blessed are those who dwell <u>in</u> your house;\* they are ever <u>prais</u>ing you.

### Refrain Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord.

Better is one day 'in your courts\*

than a thousand '<u>else</u>where;

I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house '<u>of</u> my God\* than dwell in the tents of the '<u>wick</u>ed.

O LORD 'Al<u>mighty</u>,\* blessed are they who '<u>trust</u> in you.

Glory be to the Father and '<u>to</u> the Son\* and to the Holy '<u>Spir</u>it,

as it was in the 'be<u>gin</u>ning,\* is now, and will be forever. '<u>A</u>men.

Refrain: Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord.

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#### SECOND LESSON

#### 1 THESSALONIANS 4:13–18

13 We do not want you to be uninformed, brothers, about those who have fallen asleep, so that you do not grieve in the same way as the others, who have no hope. 14 Indeed, if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, then in the same way we also believe that God will bring with him those who have fallen asleep through Jesus. 15 In fact, we tell you this by the word of the Lord: We who are alive and left until the coming of the Lord will certainly not go on ahead of those who have fallen asleep. 16 For the Lord himself will come down from heaven with a loud command, with the voice of an archangel, and with the trumpet call of God, and the dead in Christ will rise first. 17 Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up in the clouds together with them, to meet the Lord in the air. And so we will always be with the Lord. 18 Therefore, encourage one another with these words.

#### VERSE OF THE DAY

M: Alleluia. They are before the throne of God and serve him day and night in his temple. Alleluia. (Revelation 7:15a)

# 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 25:1-13

"At that time the kingdom of heaven will be like ten virgins who took their lamps and went out to meet the bridegroom. 2 Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. 3 When the foolish ones took their lamps, they did not take any oil with them; 4 but the wise took oil in their containers with their lamps. 5 While the bridegroom was delayed, they all became drowsy and fell asleep. 6 But at midnight there was a shout, 'Look, the bridegroom! Come out to meet him!' 7 Then all those virgins got up and trimmed their lamps. 8 The foolish ones said to the wise, 'Give us some of your oil because our lamps are going out.' 9 But the wise answered, 'No, there may not be enough for us and for you. Instead, go to those who sell oil and buy some for yourselves.' 10 But while they were away buying oil, the bridegroom came. Those who were ready went in with him to the wedding banquet, and the door was shut. 11 Later, the other virgins also came and said, 'Lord, Lord, let us in.' 12 But he answered, 'Amen 1 I tell you: I do not know you.' 13 Therefore, keep watch, because you do not know the day or the hour."

M: This is the Gospel of our Lord.

#### C: **J** Praise be to you, O Christ!

#### **Be Seated**

#### HYMN OF THE DAY: CW 494 - BLEST BE THE TIE THAT BINDS

1 Blest be the tie that binds Our hearts in Christian love; The fellowship of kindred minds Is like to that above.

2 Before our Father's throne We pour our ardent prayers; Our fears, our hopes, our aims are one, Our comforts and our cares.

3 We share our mutual woes, 15

Our mutual burdens bear, And often for each other flows The sympathizing tear.

4 When here our pathways part, We suffer bitter pain; Yet, one in Christ and one in heart, We hope to meet again.

5 From sorrow, toil, and pain And sin we shall be free And perfect love and friendship reign Through all eternity.

SERMON TEXT: 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18 Theme: Good grief?

#### 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 618 - BEFORE THE LORD WE BOW

1 Before the Lord we bow, The God who reigns above And rules the world below In boundless pow'r and love. Our thanks we bring; In joy and praise Our hearts we raise To heav'n's high King.

2 The nation you have blessed May well your love declare, From foes and fears at rest, Protected by your care. For this fair land, For this bright day Our thanks we pay --Gifts of your hand.

3 May ev'ry mountain height, Each vale and forest green, Shine in your Word's pure light And its rich fruits be seen! May ev'ry tongue Be tuned to praise And join to raise A grateful song!

4 Earth, hear your Maker's voice; Your great Redeemer own.
Believe, obey, rejoice,
And worship him alone.
Cast down your pride!
Your sin deplore
And bow before
The Crucified!
5 And when in pow'r he comes,
Oh, may our native land
From all its rending tombs
Send forth a glorious band,
A countless throng,
And, joyful, sing

To heav'n's high King

Salvation's song!

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: JAmen. Amen. Amen.

## Those who are not receiving the Lord's Supper can be dismissed.

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#### THE SACRAMENT

M: The Lord be with you.

#### C: **J** And also with you.

M: Lift up your hearts.

#### C: $\mathbf{J}$ We lift them up to the Lord.

M: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

#### C: $\Im$ 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: **Ĵ**Amen.

C:  $\mathfrak{J}$  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: J 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!