



First Sunday *of* Advent

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

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Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod

*1st Sunday in Advent
November 29, 2020*

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**Pastor
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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.

Door Offering There will be an opportunity for members to give a door offering that will be contributed to the LWMS circuit by St. John. The door offering will be held **TODAY**.

WELS Connection We will be showing the November, 2020 WELS Connection at the end of the service.

Advent Wreath Our Blessed thanks to Mrs. Barbara Dumke for donating the Advent wreath and candles in loving memory of her parents, Carl & Elfrieda Carlson.



Bible Study: The Christian in Today's World

The ninth recording of the Bible Study will be posted on our YouTube page Sunday November 29. <https://>

www.youtube.com/channel/UCJ8tkCadzLHuxGWLhovgl8Q. We will be part 1 of Lesson 6 called The Christian Living in Any 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.

**Sunday School
Attention Parents!**



We are on Lesson number 12 called The Bronze Snake from Numbers 20 & 21. 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.



Advent Services St. John in Grover and Trinity in Coleman are working together to hold Advent Services this year. 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 .

Pioneers Lutheran Pioneers will meet on Wednesday, December 2 at Zion Lutheran Church in Peshtigo at 6:00 pm. Children from our congregation in Grades 1-8 are invited to attend.

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 erinlpape@gmail.com or 262-352-8762.

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.

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.

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 Our Savior, Lena. The daily devotions on WOCO AM (1260) & FM (107.1) this week (Monday-Friday at 9:05 am) are hosted by Calvary, Abrams by Pastor Jim Matthew Stuebs.

Last Week at St. John Ev. Lutheran

Those Who Joined Us in Worship (11/22/2020)	34/37
Average Sunday Attendance for the Year (37 weeks)	121
(does not include the 10 weeks of no service)	

This Week at St. John Ev. Lutheran

Monday	6:30pm	Zion Service
Wednesday	2:00pm	Advent Service at St. John
	4:30pm	Confirmation Class (4:30-6pm)
	6:00pm	Advent Service at Trinity, Coleman
	6:00pm	Pioneers @ Zion
Friday	8:20am	School Chapel Devotion
Sunday	8:30am	Worship Service & Holy Communion
	10:00am	Worship Service & Holy Communion

Next Sunday's Counting Team: Team "G" - Aaron & Erin Pape, Joel Rohde

Offerings for the Lord's Work

General Fund Income for 11/8/2020	\$ 4,158.58
General Fund Income for 11/15/2020	\$ 15,365.25
General Fund Income for 11/22/2020	\$ 3,274.75
Total General Fund Income (21 weeks)	\$150,901.36
Budget Needs Weekly at \$6,932.46 (21 weeks)	\$145,581.66
Total BUDGET SURPLUS in Offerings	\$ 5,319.70
Borrowed Funds for Current Operating Expense	\$ 0.00

Included in General Fund Income Total:

E-giving - \$1,389.75

Special Gifts & Offerings

Church Organ - \$50; Choir Fund - \$170; School Undesignated - \$300; Special Projects - \$1,500; Gym/Fellowship/Bldg - \$4,100

Memorials & Special Gifts Received:



School News

- ⇒ Recording for our Christmas Eve services will begin this Friday, December 4, after chapel. We will also record on December 11 and 18. The Sunday School children will do recordings on December 5 and 12. These recordings will be edited together and shown on Christmas Eve with congregational participation.
- ⇒ The CEA through our school families will be taking orders for gift boxes and/or popcorn from the Sweet Cheese Loft in Crivitz. If you would like more information, please contact Mrs. Sargent. Orders must be placed by December 11.
- ⇒ Lutheran Pioneers will meet on Wednesday, December 2 at Zion Lutheran Church in Peshtigo at 6:00 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 2 - Savior of the Nations, Come

1 Savior of the nations, come;
Virgin's Son, make here your home.
Marvel now, O heav'n and earth,
That the Lord chose such a birth.

2 Not by human flesh and blood,
By the Spirit of our God
Was the Word of God made flesh,
Woman's offspring, pure and fresh.

3 Wondrous birth! O wondrous Child
Of the virgin undefiled,
Though by all the world disowned,
Yet to be in heav'n enthroned!

4 From the Father's throne he came
And ascended to the same,
Captive leading death and hell --
High the song of triumph swell!

5 Praise to God the Father sing,
Praise to God the Son, our King,
Praise to God the Spirit be
Ever and eternally.

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: 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: Stir up your power, O Lord, and come. Protect us by your strength and save us from the threatening dangers of our sins; for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: ♪ Amen.

BE SEATED

FIRST LESSON

Isaiah 63:16b-17; 64:1-8

You, the LORD, are our Father. Our Redeemer from everlasting is your name. 17 Why do you cause us to wander from your ways, LORD? Why do you harden our heart so that we do not fear you? Return for the sake of your servants, the tribes that are your heritage. 64:1 Oh, that you would rip open the heavens and come down. Mountains then would quake because of your presence. 2 As fire ignites stubble and as fire makes water boil, make your name known to your adversaries. Then nations would quake in your presence. 3 You did amazing things that we did not expect. You came down. Mountains quaked because of your presence. 4 From ancient times no one has heard. No ear understood. No eye has seen any god except you, who goes into action for the one who waits for him. 5 You meet anyone who joyfully practices righteousness, who remembers you by walking in your ways! But you were angry because we sinned. We have remained in our sins for a long time. Can we still be saved? 6 All of us have become like something unclean, and all our righteous acts are like a filthy cloth. All of us have withered like a leaf, and our guilt carries us away like the wind. 7 There is no one who calls on your name, who rouses himself to take hold of you. So you hid your face from us. You made us melt by the power of our guilt. 8 But now, LORD, you are our father. We are the clay, and you are our potter. All of us are the work of your hand.

PSALM OF THE DAY

Psalm: 24 (page 73)

♪ Refrain: Let the Lord enter; he is the King of glory.

♪ The earth is the LORD'S, and every'thing in it,*
the world, and all who 'live in it;

for he founded it 'upon the seas*
and established it upon the 'waters.

Who may ascend the hill 'of the LORD?*

Who may stand in his 'holy place?

He who has clean hands and a 'pure heart,*
he will receive blessing from God his 'Savior.

Refrain: Let the Lord enter; he is the King of glory.

Lift up your heads, O you gates; be lifted up, you 'ancient doors,*
that the King of glory 'may come in.

Who is this King of 'glory?*

The LORD strong and mighty, the LORD mighty in 'battle.

Lift up your heads, O you gates; lift them up, you 'ancient
doors,*

that the King of glory 'may come in.

Who is he, this King of 'glory?*

The LORD Almighty-he is the King of 'glory.

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 Lord enter; he is the King of glory.

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SECOND LESSON

1 CORINTHIANS 1:3-9

3 Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ! 4 I always thank my God for you because of the grace of God given to you in Christ Jesus. 5 You were enriched in him in every way, in all your speaking and all your knowledge, 6 because the testimony about Christ was established in you. 7 As a result you do not lack any gift as you eagerly wait for the revelation of our Lord Jesus Christ. 8 He will also keep you strong until the end, so that you will be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. 9 God is faithful, who called you into fellowship with his Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

VERSE OF THE DAY

Alleluia. He who testifies to these things says, "Yes, I am coming soon." Amen. Come, Lord Jesus. Alleluia. (Revelation 22:20)

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

MARK 13:32-37

32 “No one knows about that day or hour, not even the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. 33 Watch! Be alert and pray, because you do not know when the time will come. 34 It is like a man going away on a journey. When he left his home, he put his servants in charge and assigned what each one was to do. He also commanded the doorkeeper to keep watch. 35 Therefore keep watch, because you do not know when the owner of the house is coming: whether in the evening, or at midnight, or when the rooster crows, or early in the morning. 36 If he comes suddenly, do not let him find you sleeping. 37 What I say to you, I say to everyone: Keep watch!”

M: This is the Gospel of our Lord.

C: ♪ Praise be to you, O Christ!

BE SEATED

HYMN OF THE DAY: CW 9 -Jesus, Your Church with Longing Eyes

1 Jesus, your Church with longing eyes

For your expected coming waits.

When will the promised light arise

And glory beam from heaven’s gates?

2 E’en now, when tempests round us fall

And wintry clouds o’ercast the sky,

Your words with pleasure we recall

And know that our redemption’s nigh.

3 Come, gracious Lord, our hearts renew,

Our sins forgive, our foes suppress,

Our rooted enmity subdue,

And crown your gospel with success.

4 Oh, come and reign o'er ev'ry land;
Let Satan from his throne be hurled.
Let nations bow to your command;
Let grace revive a dying world.

5 Teach us in watchfulness and prayer
To wait for your appointed hour,
And fit us by your grace to share
The triumphs of your conqu'ring pow'r.

SERMON TEXT: 1 CORINTHIANS 1:3-9
THEME: WAIT AND WATCH!

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 27 - O JESUS, LAMB OF GOD, YOU ARE

1 O Jesus, Lamb of God, you are
My comfort and my guiding star;
I come, a sinner, trustingly
And bring my many sins with me.

2 O Lord, my sin indeed is great;
I groan beneath the dreadful weight.
Be merciful to me, I pray;
Take guilt and punishment away.

3 Saint John the Baptist points to you
And bids me cast my sin on you,
For you have left your throne on high
To suffer for the world and die.

4 Help me to change my ways, O Lord,
And gladly to obey your Word.
While here I live, abide with me,
Then take me home eternally.

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 3 - Lift Up Your Heads, You Mighty Gates (v.1-2)

1 Lift up your heads, you mighty gates!

Behold, the King of glory waits.

The King of kings is drawing near;

The Savior of the world is here.

Life and salvation he will bring;

Therefore rejoice and gladly sing.

To God the Father raise

Your joyful songs of praise.

2 The King is born in poverty,

His chariot is humility,

His kingly crown is holiness,

His scepter, pity in distress.

The end of all our woe he brings;

Therefore the earth is glad and sings.

To Christ the Savior raise

Your grateful hymns of praise.

Have A Blessed Week!

