



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

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Town of Grover – Peshtigo, Wisconsin

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Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod

Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost
October 18, 2020

Pastor Daniel Sargent
Jim Seefeldt
Aaron & Erin Pape, Joel Rohde

Pastor
Organist
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 Brian Schwittay who mourn his 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.

Quarterly Voters' Meeting The Quarterly Voters meeting is scheduled for today, October 18, after the 10:00 service. We will meet in church with an open forum before the meeting for all members.

St. John Food Drive for the Peshtigo Food Pantry

Nathan Sargent is currently attending Wisconsin Lutheran College where he has been tasked with creating a leadership initiative project for his leadership class. He has asked the Church Council for permission to start a food drive collection in order to collect non-perishable food items as well as Thanksgiving cards to donate before Thanksgiving. Nathan is asking members of St. John, as well as families of St. John's school to, consider donating whatever items they are able to. Donations will be received up till November 8th. Any questions or suggestions about the food drive can be directed to Nathan via cell 920-562-7123, or email sargentnr17@gmail.com.



The Christian in Today's World FREE 8 Session Bible Study
Click the image to download the FREE Bible study course

Bible Study The fourth recording of the Bible Study will be posted on our YouTube page Sunday October 18, 2020. <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCJ8tkCadzLHuxGWLhovgl8Q> We will start lesson 3 called The Christian in Today's Hostile 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.

Organ Repair and Upgrade

Fabry Pipe Organs began on Tuesday September, 29. The following work is to be done.



1. Furnish and install an 8 Trompette rank.
2. Administer corrective voicing and trouble shoot any problems.
3. Furnish and install a new Tremulant unit.
4. Paint all 33 façade pipes in satin gold. The pipes are being painted and will be installed again in the coming weeks along with the upgrades.

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.

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 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

Those Who Joined Us in Worship (10/11/2020) 49/30
Average Sunday Attendance for the Year (31 weeks) 126
(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)
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 "A" - Dan Maedke, Brenda Polzin, Lisa Sargent

Offerings for the Lord's Work

General Fund Income for 9/27/2020 \$ 6,934.50
General Fund Income for 10/4/2020 \$ 4,649.08
General Fund Income for 10/11/2020 \$ 4,146.75
Total General Fund Income (15 weeks) \$105,351.20
Budget Needs Weekly at \$6,932.46 (15 weeks) \$103,986.90
Total **BUDGET SURPLUS** in Offerings \$ 1,364.30
Borrowed Funds for Current Operating Expense \$ 0.00

Included in General Fund Income Total:

E-giving - \$1,939.75; Sponsor a Child - \$250

Special Gifts & Offerings

Church Organ - \$150; Gym/Fellowship/Building - \$20; Debt Reduction - \$100; LYG - -\$53; Choir - \$50

Memorials & Special Gifts Received:

Church Organ Fund - In memory of Claryce Rohde from Shane & Lissa Seefeldt & family

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Choir Fund - In memory of Claryce Rohde from Jim & Connie Seefeldt

General Fund - In memory of Claryce Rohde from Jim & Kathy Vanhecke

General Fund - In memory of Anita Kaus from Jim & Kathy Vanhecke

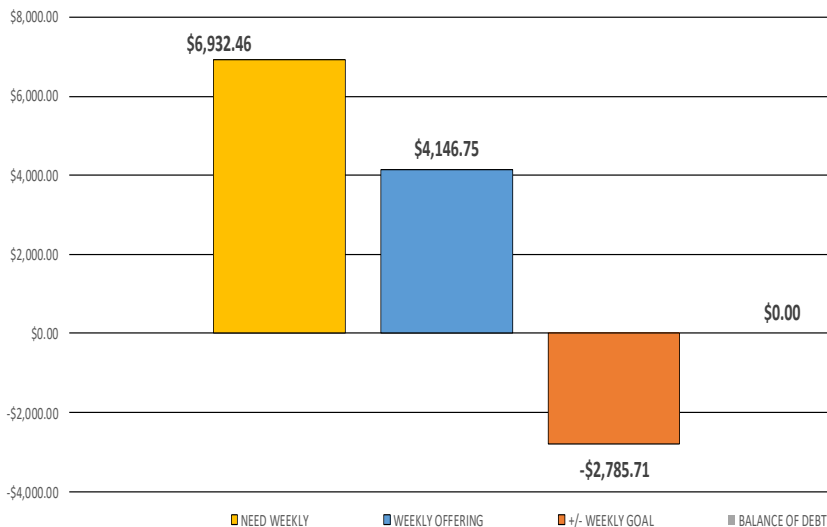


School News

- ⇒ St. John School families extend a heartfelt thank you to Johnson Controls and the De-Coursin/Schroeder family for their valuable donation of fire extinguishers to each child in our school. Mr. Michael Fisher from Johnson Controls presented the extinguishers to each classroom this past Wednesday, October 14.
- ⇒ October 23 is the end of the first quarter.
- ⇒ The CEA will meet on Tuesday, October 27 at 6:00 PM.
- ⇒ Our school is continuing with the Box Tops for Education program. All you need to do is download the Box Top Mobile App and scan your receipts.
- ⇒ 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

WEEKLY OFFERING & DEBT
10/11/2020



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Office hours @ St. John School

Wednesday 7:30am-2:30pm

Thursday 7:30am-12pm(subject to change)

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
October 18, 2020

OPENING HYMN: CW 203 - Lord Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word

**1 Lord, keep us steadfast in your Word;
Curb those who by deceit or sword
Would seek to overthrow your Son
And to destroy what he has done.**

**2 Lord Jesus Christ, your pow'r make known,
For you are Lord of lords alone;
Defend your Christendom that we
May sing your praise eternally.**

**3 O Comforter of priceless worth,
Send peace and unity on earth.
Support us in our final strife,
And lead us out of death to life.**

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: Almighty God, in your bountiful goodness keep us safe from every evil of body and soul. Make us ready, with cheerful hearts, to do whatever pleases you; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C:  **Amen.**

Be Seated

FIRST LESSON


Isaiah 5:1-7


Let me sing for my loved one a song about my loved one's vineyard. My loved one had a vineyard on a fertile ridge. 2 He dug it up and gathered the stones out of it. He planted it with the best vines. He built a tower in the middle of it. He also cut a winepress into it. He expected it to produce clusters of sweet grapes, but it produced only sour grapes. 3 So now, you residents of Jerusalem and you men of Judah, judge between me and my vineyard. 4 What more could have been done for my vineyard that I have not already done for it? When I expected it to produce clus-

ters of sweet grapes, why did it produce sour grapes? 5 Now, let me tell you what I will do to my vineyard. I will take away its hedge, and it will become a pasture. I will break down its wall, and it will be trampled down. 6 I will make it a wasteland. It will not be pruned or hoed. So briars and thorns will shoot up. I will also command the clouds not to pour rain on it. 7 Yes, the vineyard of the LORD of Armies is the house of Israel, and the men of Judah are the planting that was pleasing to him. He expected justice, but instead there was oppression. He expected righteousness, but there was an outcry.

PSALM OF THE DAY

Psalm 118 (page 108)

 **Refrain: This is the day the Lord has made. Let us rejoice and be glad in it! This is the day the Lord has made. Let us rejoice and be glad in it!**

 The Lord is my strength' and my song;*
he has become my 'salvation.

The Lord's right hand is 'lifted high;*
the Lord's right hand has done 'mighty things!

I will not 'die but live,*
and will proclaim what the 'Lord has done.

Refrain: This is the day the Lord has made. Let us rejoice and be glad in it! This is the day the Lord has made. Let us rejoice and be glad in it!

I will give you thanks, for you 'answered me;*
you have become my 'salvation.

The stone the builders rejected has become the 'capstone;*
the Lord has done this, and it is marvelous 'in our eyes.

This is the day the 'Lord has made;*
let us rejoice today and be 'glad in it.

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: This is the day the Lord has made. Let us rejoice and be glad in it! This is the day the Lord has made. Let us rejoice and be glad in it!

SECOND LESSON

Philippians 3:12–21

12 Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal, but I press on to take hold of that for which Christ Jesus also took hold of me. 13 Brothers, I do not consider myself to have taken hold of it yet, but there is one thing I do: Forgetting the things that are behind and straining toward the things that are ahead, 14 I press on toward the goal, for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus. 15 Therefore, let all of us who are mature continue to think this way. And if you think differently about anything, God will reveal this to you too. 16 Only let us think the same thing and walk in line with what we already have attained. 17 Brothers, join together in imitating me and in paying attention to those who are walking according to the pattern we gave you. 18 To be sure, many walk as enemies of the cross of Christ. I told you about them often, and now I am saying it while weeping. 19 Their end is destruction, their god is their appetite, and their glory is in their shame. They are thinking only about earthly things. 20 But our citizenship is in heaven. We are eagerly waiting for a Savior from there, the Lord Jesus Christ. 21 By the power that enables him to subject all things to himself, he will transform our humble bodies to be like his glorious body.

VERSE OF THE DAY

M: Alleluia. I will proclaim your name to my people; in the midst of the congregation I will praise you. Alleluia. (Hebrews 2:12)

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 21:33–43

33 “Listen to another parable. There was a landowner who planted a vineyard, put a fence around it, dug a winepress in it, and built a tower. He leased it out to some tenant farmers and went away on a journey. 34 When the time approached to harvest the fruit, he sent his servants to the tenants to get his fruit. 35 The tenant farmers seized his servants. They beat one, killed another, and stoned a third. 36 Then the landowner sent even more servants than the first time. The tenant farmers treated them the same way. 37 Finally, he sent his son to them. ‘They will respect my son,’ he said. 38 But when the tenant farmers saw the son, they said to each other, ‘This is the heir. Come, let’s kill him and take his inheritance!’ 39 They took him, threw him out of the vineyard, and killed him. 40 So when the landowner comes, what will he do to those tenant farmers?” 41 They told him, “He will bring those wretches to a wretched end. Then he will lease out the vineyard to other tenants who will give him his fruit when it is due.” 42 Jesus said to them, “Have you never read in the Scriptures: The stone the builders rejected has become the cornerstone. This was the Lord’s doing, and it is marvelous in our eyes? 43 “That is why I tell you the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people that produces its fruit.”

M: This is the Gospel of our Lord.

C: ♪ Praise be to you, O Christ!

Be Seated

HYMN OF THE DAY: CW 382 - My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less

1 My hope is built on nothing less
Than Jesus’ blood and righteousness;
I dare to make no other claim
But wholly lean on Jesus’ name.
On Christ, the solid rock, I stand;
All other ground is sinking sand.

2 When darkness veils his lovely face,
I rest on his unchanging grace;
In ev’ry high and stormy gale

My anchor holds within the veil.
On Christ, the solid rock, I stand;
All other ground is sinking sand.

3 His oath, his covenant and blood
Support me in the raging flood;
When ev'ry earthly prop gives way,
He then is all my hope and stay.
On Christ, the solid rock, I stand;
All other ground is sinking sand.

4 When he shall come with trumpet sound,
Oh, may I then in him be found,
Clothed in his righteousness alone,
Faultless to stand before his throne.
On Christ, the solid rock, I stand;
All other ground is sinking sand.

SERMON TEXT: Matthew 21:33-46

Theme: Broken?

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 457 - Fight The Good Fight

1 Fight the good fight
With all your might;
Christ is your strength and Christ your light.
Lay hold on life, and it shall be
Your joy and crown eternally.

2 Run the straight race
Through God's good grace;
Lift up your eyes and seek his face.
Life with its way before us lies;
Christ is the path and Christ the prize.

3 Cast care aside,
Lean on your guide;
His boundless mercy will provide.
Lean, and the trusting soul shall prove
Christ is its life and Christ its love.

4 Faint not nor fear;
His arms are near.

He changes not, and you are dear.
Only believe, and you will see
That Christ is Lord eternally.

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!

