



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

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Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod

Seventeenth Sunday of Pentecost
September 27, 2020

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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.

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.

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

Calendar October, 2020 calendar is available on the table in the hallway.



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

Bible Study The second recording of the Bible Study will be posted on our YouTube page Saturday, September 26, 2020.

[https://www.youtube.com/channel/
UCJ8tkCadzLHuxGWLhovgl8Q](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCJ8tkCadzLHuxGWLhovgl8Q)

We will continue with the lesson called **The Christian in Today's Family 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.

Snow Plowing The Board of Education is looking to hire someone to do the snow plowing of the school parking lot this winter. It would require someone to be able to do the plowing before 7:00 am each time it snows. If you are interested please contact the School at email school@stjohnpeshtigo.org or call Pastor Sargent (920-228-1061)



Organ Repair and Upgrade Fabry Pipe Organs will begin the work on the organ Monday 28 September. The following work will 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.



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 erinlape@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.

Paid Off Debt The Church Council has voted to pay back our designated funds (money market) debt with funds received from the Payroll Protection Program.

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 St. John, Grover. The daily devotions on WOCO AM (1260) & FM (107.1) this week (Monday-Friday at 9:05 am) are hosted by St. Paul, Oconto Falls, by Pastor Matthew Arnold.

Last Week at St. John Ev. Lutheran

Those Who Joined Us in Worship (9/20/20)	66/53
Average Sunday Attendance for the Year (28 weeks)	131
(does not include the 10 weeks of no service)	

This Week at St. John Ev. Lutheran

Monday	6:30pm	Zion Service (Myslik)
Tuesday	6:30pm	Board of Education
Wednesday	4:30pm	Confirmation Class (4:30-6pm)
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 "E" - Scott & Sue Schonfeld, Dave Bornick

Offerings for the Lord's Work

General Fund Income for 9/6/2020	\$ 6,913.08
General Fund Income for 9/13/2020	\$ 4,734.75
General Fund Income for 9/20/2020	\$ 6,921.47
Total General Fund Income (12 weeks)	\$ 89,620.87
Budget Needs Weekly at \$6,932.46 (12 weeks)	\$ 83,189.52
Total BUDGET SURPLUS in Offerings	\$ 6,431.35
Borrowed Funds for Current Operating Expense	\$ 0.00

Included in General Fund Income Total:

E-giving - \$1,711.25; Tuition - \$1,022.22

Special Gifts & Offerings

CMO - \$50; Church Organ - \$220; Gym/Fellowship/Building - \$20

Memorials & Special Gifts Received:

General Fund - In memory of Rodney Grom from Ron & Shirlee Grom

Organ Fund - In memory of Ray Marquardt from Bernard & Eleanor Lepinski

Organ Fund - In memory of Ray Marquardt from Jim & Connie Seefeldt

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.

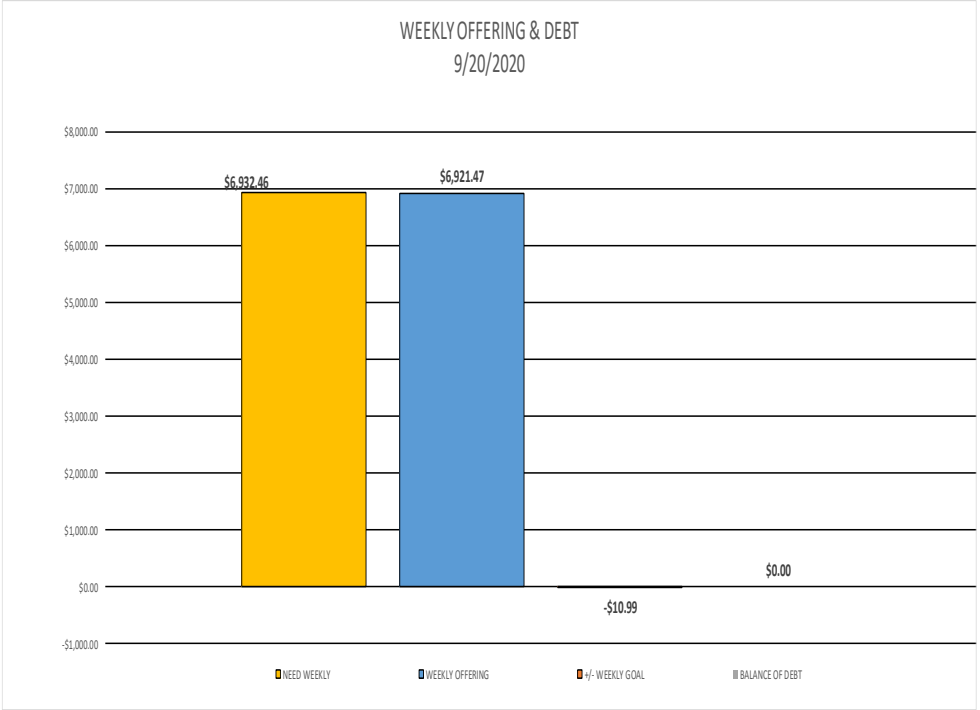
**GivePlus Church (smartphone app) - Download the app through "apple store (i-phone)" or "play store (android)". Create your online profile and follow the steps for adding a transaction. Search for our church by either typing the zip code (54157), typing "Ev. Lutheran Church of St. John, Grover, WI", 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.

LARGER VIEW OF THIS BAR GRAPH IS ON THE BULLETIN BOARD



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Wednesday 7:30am-2:30pm

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



School News

- ⇒ Due to Governor Evers extension of the mask mandate until Nov. 21st, we will continue to wear masks at school until further notice.
- ⇒ The next CEA meeting will be Tuesday, October 27th, at 6:00 pm. Terry Brown who is Vice President of Wisconsin School Choice will be there to give us more information regarding this program. The CEA will also hold elections for officers at this meeting.
- ⇒ School Pictures will be taken this Wednesday, September 30.
- ⇒ We will once again be participating in Box Tops for Education to help earn money which we can use to purchase unbudgeted items for the school. Box Tops has introduced a mobile app which allows you to scan your store receipts and apply the money to St. John Lutheran School. No more clipping of the Box Tops. For more information, please see the bulletin board in the church entrance way or go to BTFE.com for details. There may still be some Box Tops that can be clipped and brought to school if they have a valid expiration date.
- ⇒ Our weekly chapel services are held in church on Fridays at 8:20. Parents and visitors are welcome to attend. We are recording these chapel services and uploading them to the church YouTube page. There will be a link on the school and church Facebook pages as well.

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September 27, 2020

OPENING HYMN: 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.

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: Lord, we pray that your mercy and grace may always go before and follow after us that, loving you with undivided

hearts, we may be ready for every good and useful work; 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


GENESIS 50:15–21

15 When Joseph's brothers saw that their father was dead, they said, "It may be that Joseph will hate us and will pay us back in full for all of the evil that we did to him." 16 They sent the following message to Joseph: "Before he died your father commanded us, 17 'You are to tell Joseph, "Please forgive the offense of your brothers and their sin, because they did evil to you.'" Now, please forgive the offense of the servants of the God of your father." Joseph wept when they spoke to him. 18 His brothers also came and fell down in front of him, and they said, "See now, we are your servants." 19 Joseph said to them, "Do not be afraid, for am I in the place of God? 20 You meant evil against me, but God meant it for good, to bring this to pass and to keep many people alive, as it is this day. 21 Now therefore do not be afraid. I will nourish you and your little ones." He comforted them and spoke to them in a kind way.

PSALM OF THE DAY

Psalm: 103 (page 105)

 **Refrain: I will hear what the Lord proclaims: peace to his people.**

 Praise the Lord, 'O my soul;*
all my inmost being, praise his 'holy name.

He forgives 'all your sins*
and heals all your 'diseases,

He redeems your life 'from the grave*
and crowns you with love and 'compassion,

Refrain: I will hear what the Lord proclaims: peace to his people.

The Lord is compassionate and 'gracious,*

slow to anger, abounding' in love.*

He does not treat us as our 'sins deserve*
or repay us according to our 'iniquities.

For as high as the heavens are 'above the earth,*
so great is his love for those who 'fear him;

as far as the east is 'from the west,*
so far has he removed our transgressions 'from us.

Refrain: I will hear what the Lord proclaims: peace to his people.

As a father has compassion on his 'children,*
so the Lord has compassion on those who 'fear him;

for he knows how 'we are formed,*
he remembers that 'we are dust.

Our days are like grass, like a flower' of the field;*
the wind blows over it and it 'is gone,

But the Lord's love is with those who 'fear him,*
from everlasting to 'everlasting.

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: I will hear what the Lord proclaims: peace to his people.

SECOND LESSON

ROMANS 14:5–9

5 One person values one day above another. Another person values every day the same. Let each person be fully convinced in his own mind. 6 The person who honors a certain day does this for the Lord, and the person who eats does this for the Lord, because he gives thanks to God. And the person who does not eat does his for the Lord and gives thanks to God. 7 In fact, not one of us lives for himself, and not one dies for himself. 8 Indeed, if we live, we live for the Lord, and if we die, we die for the Lord. So whether we live or die, we belong to the Lord. 9 For this reason

he died, rose, and lived, to be Lord of both the dead and the living.

VERSE OF THE DAY

Alleluia. Everything that was written in the past was written to teach us, so that through endurance and the encouragement of the Scriptures we might have hope. Alleluia. (Romans 15:4)

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 18:21–35

21 Then Peter came up and asked Jesus, “Lord, how many times must I forgive my brother when he sins against me? As many as seven times?” 22 Jesus said to him, “Not seven times, but I tell you as many as seventy-seven times. 23 For this reason the kingdom of heaven is like a king who wanted to settle accounts with his servants. 24 When he began to settle them, a man who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him. 25 Because the man was not able to pay the debt, his master ordered that he be sold, along with his wife, children, and all that he owned to repay the debt. 26 “Then the servant fell down on his knees in front of him, saying, ‘Master, be patient with me, and I will pay you everything!’ 27 The master of that servant had pity on him, released him, and forgave him the debt. 28 “But when that servant went out, he found one of his fellow servants who owed him one hundred denarii. He grabbed him and began choking him, saying, ‘Pay me what you owe!’ 29 “So his fellow servant fell down and begged him, saying, ‘Be patient with me, and I will pay you back!’ 30 But he refused. Instead he went off and threw the man into prison until he could pay back what he owed. 31 “When his fellow servants saw what had happened, they were very distressed. They went and reported to their master everything that had taken place. 32 “Then his master called him in and said to him, ‘You wicked servant! I forgave you all that debt when you begged me to. 33 Should you not have had mercy on your fellow servant just

as I had mercy on you?’ 34 His master was angry and handed him over to the jailers until he could pay back everything he owed. 35 “This is what my heavenly Father will also do to you unless each one of you forgives his brother from his heart.”

M: This is the Gospel of our Lord.

C: **♪ Praise be to you, O Christ!**

BE SEATED

HYMN OF THE DAY: CW 389 - ROCK OF AGES, CLEFT FOR ME

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

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

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

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

SERMON TEXT: ROMANS 14:5-9

THEME: FREEDOM COMES WITH RESPONSIBILITY!

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 384 - BY GRACE I'M SAVED (V1-3)

1 By grace I'm saved, grace free and boundless;
My soul, believe and doubt it not.
Why waver at this word of promise?
Has Scripture ever falsehood taught?
So then this word must true remain:
By grace you, too, shall heav'n obtain.

2 By grace God's Son, our only Savior,
Came down to earth to bear our sin.
Was it because of your own merit
That Jesus died, your soul to win?
No, it was grace, and grace alone,
That brought him from his heav'nly throne.

3 By grace! Oh, mark this word of promise
When you are by your sins oppressed,
When Satan plagues your troubled conscience,
And when your heart is seeking rest.
What reason cannot comprehend
God by his grace to you did send.

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 384 - BY GRACE I'M SAVED (V.3-4)

4 By grace to timid hearts that tremble,
In tribulation's furnace tried --

By grace, despite all fear and trouble,
The Father's heart is open wide.

Where could I help and strength secure
If grace were not my anchor sure?

5 By grace! On this I'll rest when dying;
In Jesus' promise I rejoice.

For though I know my heart's condition,
I also know my Savior's voice.

My heart is glad; all grief has flown
Since I am saved by grace alone.

WE WILL VIEW THE WELS CONNECTION AT THIS TIME

Have A Blessed Week!

