



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

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Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod

Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost
September 20, 2020

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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.
 - *The family and friends of Ray Marquardt who mourn his death. The funeral was held last Wednesday here at St. John Church. 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.

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.

Bible Study Beginning this Saturday, September, 19, Pastor Sargent will be putting a Bible Study on our YouTube page <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCJ8tkCadzLHuxGWLhovgl8Q> called the Christian in Today's World. It is a 6 part Bible Study that deals with the situations we are facing today. The Bible Study will be made available on the Website and copies for each week's lesson will be available at the Sunday Worship service at the table in the entrance. Please join Pastor for that Bible Study. He will ask that those participating can send in their comments or questions by email or text so he can respond to them at the next lesson.

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)

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.

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.

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 Grace, Crivitz, by Pastor Jon Zietlow.

This Week at St. John Ev. Lutheran

Monday 6:30pm Zion Service (Sargent)
Wednesday 4:30pm Confirmation Class (4:30-6pm)
Friday 8:20am School Chapel Devotion
Sunday 8:30am Worship Service
10:00am Worship Service

Next Sunday’s Counting Team: Team “D” - Shane Seefeldt, John Seefeldt, Jenn Thompson

Offerings for the Lord’s Work

General Fund Income for 8/30/2020	\$ 10,327.50
General Fund Income for 9/6/2020	\$ 6,913.08
General Fund Income for 9/13/2020	\$ 4,734.75
Total General Fund Income (11 weeks)	\$ 82,699.40
Budget Needs Weekly at \$6,932.46 (11 weeks)	\$ 76,257.06

Total **BUDGET SURPLUS** in Offerings \$ 6,442.34
Borrowed Funds for Current Operating Expense \$ 0.00

Included in General Fund Income Total:

E-giving - \$1,216.75; Tuition - \$850;

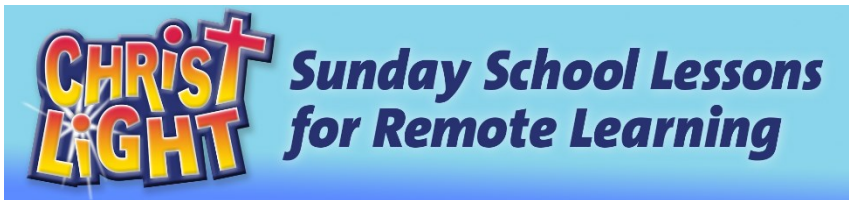
Special Gifts & Offerings

Sunday School Missions - \$1; CMO - \$100, Gym/Fellowship/
Building - \$20.55; LYG - \$52

Memorials & Special Gifts Received:

Study Bible Fund - In memory of Anita Kaus from Kaus Family
Memorial

Missions - In honor of Ron & Joan Carlson's 65th Wedding Anni-
versary from Darrell & Barb Dumke



The Christ Light Remote Learning program is a complete curriculum that combines teacher led lessons and engages parents in reinforcing the lessons in tangible ways with their children.

Attention Parents!

Please pick up your child's Sunday School lesson packets on the table at the entrance of the church. If you have not registered your child for Sunday School lessons it is not to late. Please see the sign-up sheets in the back of the Church or contact Pastor at dsargentzambia@gmail.com or call 920-228-1061. Materials for the students will be ordered and paid for by the church.

For more information see: <https://online.nph.net/ss-remote>



School News

- ⇒ This morning, following the 10:00 am church service, the CEA (Christian Education Association) will hold its first meeting of the 2020-2021 school year at school. If the weather cooperates, we hope to hold the meeting outside, in order to socially distance.

- ⇒ 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.

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).

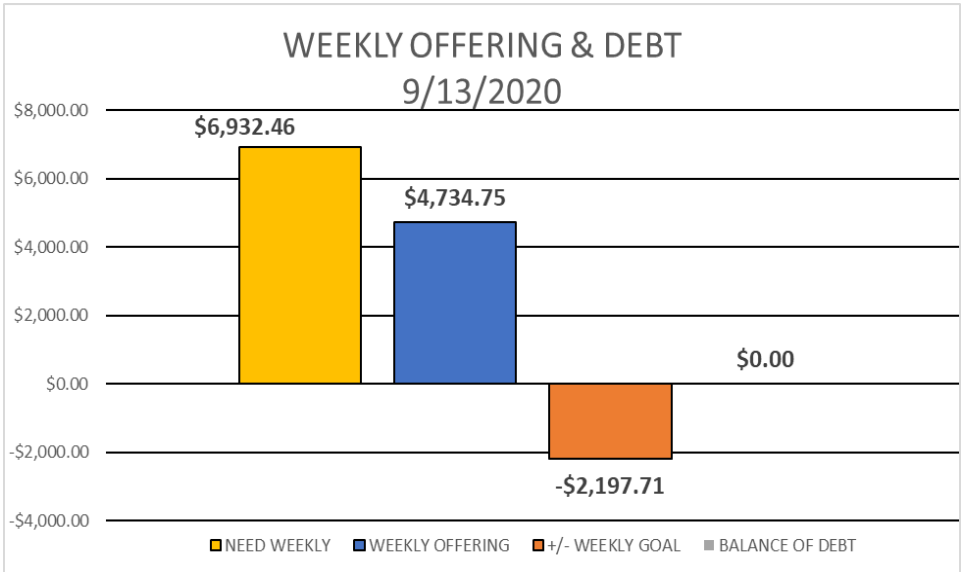
***Smartphone thru a QR scan code. You must download any "QR code reader" app. Open the app and scan the QR code(to the right). It'll take you directly to our e-giving webpage. Create your online profile and follow steps for adding transaction.



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)

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September 20, 2020

OPENING HYMN: 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,
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.

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: Let your continual mercy, O Lord, cleanse and defend your Church; and because it cannot continue in safety without your help, protect and govern it always by your goodness; for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: ♪ Amen.

Be Seated

FIRST LESSON**EZEKIEL 33:7-11**

7 But I have appointed you, son of man, to be a watchman for the house of Israel. So whenever you hear a word from my mouth, you are to warn them from me. 8 When I say to a wicked man, "Wicked man, you shall surely die," if you do not speak to warn the wicked man against his way, that wicked man will die because of his guilt, but I will also hold you responsible for his blood. 9 But if you do warn the wicked man to turn from his way, and he does not turn from his way, he will die because of his guilt, but you will have saved your life. 10 So you, son of man, say the following to the house of Israel. This is what you people are saying: "Certainly our rebellion and our sins weigh us down, and because of them we are rotting away. How then can we live?" 11 Say to them, "As I live, declares the LORD God, I take no pleasure in the death of the wicked, but rather that the wicked turn from their way and live. Turn back, turn back from your evil ways, for why should you die, O house of Israel?"

PSALM OF THE DAY**PSALM: 51a (page 86)**

♪ **Refrain: Be merciful, O Lord, for we have sinned.**

♪ Have mercy on 'me, O God,*
according to your 'unfailing love;

Wash away all my 'iniquity*
and cleanse me 'from my sin.

For I know my trans'gressions,*
and my sin is always 'before me.

Refrain: Be merciful, O Lord, for we have sinned.

Against you, you only, 'have I sinned*
and done what is evil 'in your sight;

Surely I was sinful' at birth,*
sinful from the time my mother 'conceived me.

Hide your face 'from my sins*
and blot out all my 'iniquity.

Restore to me the joy of your 'salvation*
and grant me a willing spirit, to 'sustain me.

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: Be merciful, O Lord, for we have sinned.

SECOND LESSON

ROMANS 13:1–10

Everyone must submit to the governing authorities. For no authority exists except by God, and the authorities that do exist have been established by God. 2 Therefore the one who rebels against the authority is opposing God's institution, and those who oppose will bring judgment on themselves. 3 For rulers are not a terror to good conduct, but to evil. Would you like to have no fear of the one in authority? Do what is good, and you will receive praise from him, 4 because he is God's servant for your benefit. But if you do wrong, be afraid, because he does not carry the sword without reason. He is God's servant, a punisher to bring wrath on the wrongdoer. 5 Therefore it is necessary to submit, not only because of wrath, but also because of conscience. 6 For this reason you also pay taxes, because the authorities are God's ministers, who are employed to do this very thing. 7 Pay what you owe to all of them: taxes to whom taxes are owed, revenue to whom revenue is owed, respect to whom respect is owed, and honor to whom honor is owed. 8 Do not owe anyone anything except to love one another, for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. 9 For the commandments—do not commit adultery, do not murder, do not steal, do not covet (and if there is any other commandment)—are summed up in this statement: "Love your neighbor as yourself." 10 Love does no harm to a neighbor, so love is the fulfillment of the law.

VERSE OF THE DAY

M: Alleluia. Rejoice in the Lord always; again, I will say, Rejoice. Alleluia. (Philippians 4:4)

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 18:15–20

15 “If your brother sins against you, go and show him his sin just between the two of you. If he listens to you, you have regained your brother. 16 But if he will not listen, take one or two others along with you, so that ‘every matter may be established by the testimony of two or three witnesses.’ 17 If he refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church. And, if he refuses to listen even to the church, then treat him as an unbeliever or a tax collector. 18 Amen 1 I tell you: Whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. 19 Amen I tell you again: If two of you on earth agree to ask for anything, it will be done for them by my Father who is in heaven. 20 In fact where two or three have gathered together in my name, there I am among them.”

M: This is the Gospel of our Lord.

C: ♪ Praise be to you, O Christ!

Be Seated

HYMN OF THE DAY: CW 524 - O Fount of Good, for All Your Love

1 O Fount of good, for all your love

Our true thanks should be paid.

What can we render, Lord, to you,

When you own all that’s made?

2 But you have needy brothers here,

Partakers of your grace,

Whose names you will yourself confess

Before the Father’s face.

3 In their sad accents of distress

Your pleading voice is heard;

You may in them be clothed and fed

And visited and cheered.

4 Then help us, Lord, your yoke to wear
And gladly do your will,
Each other's daily burdens share,
The law of love fulfill.

5 Your face with rev'rence and with love
We in the poor will view,
And, while we minister to them,
We do it as to you.

SERMON TEXT: Romans 13:1-10

Theme: The debt of love.

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 520 - Your Hand, O Lord, in Days of Old

1 Your hand, O Lord, in days of old
Was strong to heal and save;
It triumphed o'er disease and death,
All darkness and the grave.
To you they came, the blind, the dumb,
The paralyzed and lame,
The lepers in their misery,
The sick with fevered frame.

2 Your touch then, Lord, brought life and health,
Gave speech and strength and sight;
And youth renewed and frenzy calmed
Revealed you, Lord of light.
And now, O Lord, be near to bless,
Almighty as before,
In crowded street, by beds of pain,
As by Gennes'ret's shore.

3 Oh, be our great deliv'rer still,
The Lord of life and death;
Restore and quicken, soothe and bless,
With your life-giving breath.
To hands that work and eyes that see
Give wisdom's healing pow'r
That whole and sick and weak and strong
May praise you evermore.

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!

