

CHURCH NEWSLETTER: We will resume monthly church newsletters with the September issue if you have something you wish to include in the newsletter, e-mail it or drop it off at the office so I can put it in.....deadline for submissions will be August 25.

LOVING HANDS PROJECT: The Loving Hands group is running an “ongoing” support project. They are collecting food to help the Lansing Food Bank. There are boxes at either entrance of the church for you to drop off non-perishable, canned, or boxed food item.

0.1K RUN handouts are located at each church entrance....forms for registration and t-shirts.

VOTERS MEETING: We will have a special voters meeting on Sunday Aug 23 right after the service. The only order of business will be the approval of the loan from LCEF and possibly to approve the budget if ready.

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CHURCH OFFICE : The office hours for the summer are 9:00 - noon, Tuesdays through Friday. Please wear your mask when entering the office and building.

WELCOME TO WORSHIP AT ST. JOHN’S DURING COVID

We follow state guidelines so those attending church in-person can do so. These guidelines are followed during our live church services:

- Everyone in attendance must wear a medical mask or face covering during the entire service.
- If you do not have a mask, a limited number will be available.
- No handshaking or any other physical contact while in the church building.
- Pews are roped off to try to maintain a minimum of 6 feet distance between all members.
- Approximately 40 seating positions are available during church. Once those 40 positions are filled, ushers will seat you in the church basement or chapel during worship.
- Families will remain together during services and will count as one seating position. To avoid passing the attendance books around, there are two attendance sheets located at either end of the pews with a pencil. Please sign for your family and leave the sheets to be picked up later.
- Once seated by an usher, remain seated until you are escorted out of church by an usher. Please do not walk around church to visit with other members.
- All church staff will wear masks during the entire service.
- Plates are at both exits to drop your collection envelopes and donations. Thank you.
- Doors are propped open at the beginning and end of service to avoid anyone having to touch any surfaces.



ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

August 16, 2020

Welcome to God's Holy House!

May this worship service be an uplifting and spiritual blessing to you and your family.

PRAYER AS WE GATHER: *Holy Father, you have invited us to the banquet of your Son. We thank you for this gift of grace and for your promise of forgiveness. Lead us to your altar with humble and repentant hearts, so that we may hear your Word for us. Make us mindful of your presence with us as we share in Communion with you and one another, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION: Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ said "Take and Eat, This is my Body, Take and Drink, This is my Blood given for you for the forgiveness of SINS" (Matt. 26: 26-28).

We celebrate the Lord's Supper today, and believe that Jesus is truly present "in, and with and under" the bread and wine. All communicant members of the Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod, are welcome to receive communion. Participation means that one is repentant of sin and believes the Sacrament increases faith, forgives sin, and is the true body and blood of Jesus Christ. If you are a visitor and wish to take communion, please see Pastor or an Elder before the service. Grape juice is offered for those who can not drink wine.



4 I the Lord will bless and keep you And give you peace;
I the Lord will smile upon you And give you peace;
I the Lord will be your Father,
Savior, Comforter, and Brother.
Go, my children; I will keep you And give you peace.

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PRAYERS FOR OUR ST. JOHN'S FAMILY (*shut-ins)

Andy Banas Jr.* Shirley Campbell* Ruth Ann Eicke
Harvey Jensen* Shirley Odegaard* Linda Poppe*

FROM AMONG OUR FRIENDS AND FAMILIES

Please update your prayer requests to the office.....

THOSE CELEBRATING BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

Jamie Dovich (7/16)	Andy Banas Jr. (7/17)
James Arteaga (7/18)	Aiden Kleidon (8/19)
Nicholas Lavin (8/21)	Robbie Melia (8/21)
Dawn Mayerak (8/22)	Cindy Biederstadt (8.23)

-CONTRIBUTIONS REPORT ()

Envelopes:

Memorials:

Tuition

Grand Total:

Thank you for supporting the ministry at St. John's!!!

NOTE: We would appreciate if you are submitting contributions to more than one "fund," please write separate checks. It makes thing less confusing when doing bookkeeping.

4 Be of good cheer, for God's own Son
Forgives all sins which you have done;
And, justified by Jesus' blood,
Your Baptism grants the highest good.

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THANK THE LORD

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 recalls His promises and leads His people forth in joy
with shouts of thanksgiving. Alleluia, alleluia.*

CLOSING AND BENEDICTION

P Jesus Christ, the Song of God promised that the spirit of
truth will be with His Church forever; may He bless
you and give you courage to profess the true faith.

C **Amen.**

P The Holy Spirit descended upon the first disciples and
filled their hearts with love; may He bless you, keep
you in the faith, and love, and bring you to the joy of the
Kingdom of God.

C **Amen**

P And may the Almighty God bless you, the Father, the
Son, and the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen. Let it be so.**

HYMN

1 **Go, my children, with my blessing, Never alone.
Waking, sleeping, I am with you; You are my own.
In my love's baptismal river
I have made you mine forever.
Go, my children, with my blessing - You are my own.**

ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

August 2, 2020

DIVINE SERVICE - SETTING ONE

HYMN "Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty"

1 **Open now thy gates of beauty;
Zion, let me enter there,
Where my soul in joyful duty
Waits for Him who answers prayer.
Oh, how blessed is this place,
Filled with solace, light, and grace!**

5 **Speak, O God, and I will hear Thee;
Let Thy will be done indeed.
May I undisturbed draw near Thee
While Thou dost Thy people feed.
Here of life the fountain flows;
Here is balm for all our woes.**

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THE INVOCATION

P In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the
Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

P The Grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the Love of God
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C **And also with you.**

P Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy
Spirit.

C **As it was in the beginning is now and ever shall be
world without end. Amen.**

P Almighty God, we praise and glorify you as the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. In the quietness of this sanctuary we seek your presence.

C **Open our lips and purify our hearts so that we may meaningfully magnify your Holy Name.**

P We thank and praise you for permitting us to join the members of this Confirmation Class in confessing faithfulness to you.

C **Take possession of our hearts as we, in spirit, renew the solemn vows which we once made when kneeling before your altar. We confess that we have not always remained true to you. Forgive us, gracious Lord. From this day forth give us grace and strength to serve you more faithfully as we re-consecrate our lives our hearts and all we have to You.**

P O Lord, let this be a day of rejoicing for us as we stand in awe of your greatness. Accept the praise which bursts forth from our hearts as we enthusiastically join our voices in praise and prayer especially for the confirmands of St. John's Congregation.

C **Amen.**



SERVICE OF THE WORD



INTROIT Psalm 67:1-7

¹May God be gracious to us and bless us
and make his face to shine upon us,

²that your way may be known on earth,
your saving power among all nations.

AGNUS DEI

**Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world;
have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world;
have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world;
grant us peace.**

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

"What a Friend We Have in Jesus"

- 1 **What a friend we have in Jesus,
All our sins and griefs to bear!
What a privilege to carry
Ev'rything to God in prayer!
Oh, what peace we often forfeit;
Oh, what needless pain we bear—
All because we do not carry
Ev'rything to God in prayer!**
- 3 **Are we weak and heavy laden,
Cumbered with a load of care?
Precious Savior, still our refuge—
Take it to the Lord in prayer.
Do thy friends despise, forsake thee?
Take it to the Lord in prayer.
In His arms He'll take and shield thee;
Thou wilt find a solace there.**

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"God Loved the World So That He Gave"

- 1 **God loved the world so that He gave
His only Son the lost to save,
That all who would in Him believe
Should everlasting life receive.**

SANCTUS

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of pow'r and might:
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna. Hosanna.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

P Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross.

C **Amen.**

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

P Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My + body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My + blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

PAX DOMINI

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.
C **Amen.**

³Let the peoples praise you, O God;
let all the peoples praise you!

⁴Let the nations be glad and sing for joy,
for you judge the peoples with equity
and guide the nations upon earth.

⁵Let the peoples praise you, O God;
let all the peoples praise you!

⁶The earth has yielded its increase,*
God, our God, shall bless us.

⁷God shall bless us;
let all the ends of the earth fear him!

KYRIE

P In peace let us pray to the Lord.
C **Lord, have mercy.**

P For the peace from above and for our salvation let us
pray to the Lord.
C **Lord, have mercy.**

P For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being
of the Church of God, and for the unity of all let us
pray to the Lord.
C **Lord, have mercy.**

P For this holy house and for all who offer here their
worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.
C **Lord, have mercy.**

P Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.
C **Amen.**

THIS IS THE FEAST

*This is the feast of victory for our God.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.*

Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be people of God.

*This is the feast of victory for our God.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.*

Power, riches, wisdom and strength, and honor, blessing, and glory are His.

*This is the feast of victory for our God.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.*

Sing with all the people of God,
and join in the hymn of all creation.

Blessing, honor, glory, and might be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen.

*This is the feast of victory for our God.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.*

For the Lamb who was slain has begun His reign. Alleluia.

*This is the feast of victory for our God.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.*

SALUTATION

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Let us pray.

COLLECT OF THE DAY

C **Amen**

And I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord and giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified,
who spoke by the prophets.

And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,

I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,
and I look for the resurrection of the dead
and the life + of the world to come. Amen.

Let us pray for the whole Church of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

Brief silence

P Let us pray to the Lord: C Lord, have mercy



SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION LSB 160



P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Lift up your hearts.

C **We lift them to the Lord.**

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

P It is truly good, right, and salutary evermore praising
You and singing:

**I will pay my vows to the Lord now in the presence of
all His people,
in the courts of the Lord's house, in the midst of you, O
Jerusalem.**

NICENE CREED

**I believe in one God,
the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth
and of all things visible and invisible.**

**And in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the only-begotten Son of God,
begotten of His Father before all worlds,
God of God, Light of Light,
very God of very God,
begotten, not made,
being of one substance with the Father,
by whom all things were made;
who for us men and for our salvation came down
from heaven
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin
Mary
and was made man;
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.
He suffered and was buried.
And the third day He rose again according to the
Scriptures
and ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of the Father.
And He will come again with glory to judge both the
living and the dead,
whose kingdom will have no end.**

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Isaiah 56: 1, 6-8 ESV

¹Thus says the LORD:

“Keep justice, and do righteousness,
for soon my salvation will come,
and my righteousness be revealed.

⁶“And the foreigners who join themselves to the LORD,
to minister to him, to love the name of the LORD,
and to be his servants,
everyone who keeps the Sabbath and does not profane it,
and holds fast my covenant—

⁷these I will bring to my holy mountain,
and make them joyful in my house of prayer;
their burnt offerings and their sacrifices
will be accepted on my altar;
for my house shall be called a house of prayer
for all peoples.”

⁸The Lord GOD,
who gathers the outcasts of Israel, declares,
“I will gather yet others to him
besides those already gathered.”

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

EPISTLE READING Romans 11: 1 -2a; 13-15; 28-32 ESV

¹“I ask, then, has God rejected his people? By no means! For I myself am an Israelite, a descendant of Abraham, a member of the tribe of Benjamin. ²God has not rejected his people whom he foreknew.

¹³Now I am speaking to you Gentiles. Inasmuch then as I am an apostle to the Gentiles, I magnify my ministry ¹⁴in order somehow to make my fellow Jews jealous, and thus save some of them. ¹⁵For if their rejection means the reconciliation of the

world, what will their acceptance mean but life from the dead?

²⁸ As regards the gospel, they are enemies for your sake. But as regards election, they are beloved for the sake of their forefathers. ²⁹ For the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable.

³⁰ For just as you were at one time disobedient to God but now have received mercy because of their disobedience, ³¹ so they too have now been disobedient in order that by the mercy shown to you they also may now receive mercy. ³² For God has consigned all to disobedience, that he may have mercy on all.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL

Matthew 15: 21-28 ESV

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, at the fifteenth chapter, verses 21-28.

C **Thanks be to God.**

²¹ And Jesus went away from there and withdrew to the district of Tyre and Sidon. ²² And behold, a Canaanite woman from that region came out and was crying, "Have mercy on me, O Lord, Son of David; my daughter is severely oppressed by a demon." ²³ But he did not answer her a word. And his disciples came and begged him, saying, "Send her away, for she is crying out after us." ²⁴ He answered, "I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel." ²⁵ But she came and knelt before him, saying, "Lord, help me." ²⁶ And he answered, "It is not right to take the children's bread and throw it to the dogs." ²⁷ She said, "Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters' table." ²⁸ Then Jesus answered her, "O woman, great is your faith! Be it done for you as you desire." And her daughter was healed instantly.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise to You, O Christ .**

HYMN "Jesus! Name of Wondrous Love"

**1 Jesus! Name of wondrous love,
Name all other names above,
Unto which must ev'ry knee
Bow in deep humility.**

**6 Jesus! Name of wondrous love,
Human name of God above;
Pleading only this, we flee
Helpless, O our God, to Thee.**

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SERMON

OFFERINGS

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OFFERTORY

What shall I render to the Lord for all His benefits to me?

I will offer the sacrifice of thanksgiving and will call on the name of the Lord.

I will take the cup of salvation and will call on the name of the Lord.