
We have this hope as an anchor for the soul, firm and secure...

Hebrews 6:19



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08/23/20 Mission Statement: To be an anchor of hope in Christ!

*We cordially welcome all who are worshiping with us this week.
May our Lord Jesus Christ grant you the will and the wisdom
to renounce the world and to live as His follower and disciple.*

Services can be heard Sundays at 8:00am on 99.9 FM

*Flowers on the Altar
are from Immanuel Ladies Aid
& St. John Ladies Aid
in Celebration of Our Pastors!*



Today is Pastor Riddle's last service with us.

*Thank you, Pastor Riddle, for your time and service,
during our transitional period. We were blessed to
have you with us and appreciate all the care you've given.*

Join us in worship again this afternoon.

A combined congregation installation service for Rev. Weirauch will be held here at St. John, beginning at 4:00pm on August 23.

We can change your Sunday wake-up alerts.

Beginning next week, August 30, the Sunday morning worship service will begin at 9:00am.

Invitation to Ladies Aid:

We will begin meeting this year at 12:30pm on September 10 at St. John Lutheran Church. We hope to see you there, ladies!

TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

August 23, 2020

AS WE GATHER

God's people have gifts that are signs of His loving presence and demonstrations of His gracious power. In a sermon preached in 1538, Martin Luther observed, "Whoever comes to faith can only say that the Holy Spirit comes when and where and to whom He pleases at the time He pleases. He comes when and where He pleases and also gives a person as many gifts as He pleases" (*WLS* § 2057).

As people in whom the Spirit dwells, we have the joy of discovering special gifts of God in one another and in ourselves as well. May that mutual discovering and celebrating be truly God pleasing in every way!

✠ PREPARATION ✠

OPENING HYMN: "O Holy Spirit, Enter In" *LSB* 913

1 O Holy Spirit, enter in,
And in our hearts Your work begin,
Your dwelling place now make us.
Sun of the soul, O Light divine,
Around and in us brightly shine,
To joy and gladness wake us
That we may be
Truly living,
To You giving
Prayer unceasing
And in love be still increasing.

3 O mighty Rock, O Source of life,
Let Your dear Word, in doubt and strife,
In us be strongly burning
That we be faithful unto death
And live in love and holy faith,
From You true wisdom learning.
Your grace and peace
On us shower;
By Your power
Christ confessing,
Let us see our Savior's blessing.

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2 Give to Your Word impressive pow'r,
That in our hearts from this good hour
As fire it may be glowing,
That in true Christian unity
We faithful witnesses may be,
Your glory ever showing.
Hear us, cheer us
By Your teaching;
Let our preaching
And our labor
Praise You, Lord, and serve our neighbor.

INVOCATION

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

OPENING SENTENCES

Pastor: We have begun our worship in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Let us speak together the words of the Apostles' Creed regarding the Third Person of the Holy Trinity.

People: **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.**

Pastor: What does this mean?

People: **I believe that I cannot by my own reason or strength believe in Jesus Christ, my Lord, or come to Him; but the Holy Spirit has called me by the Gospel, enlightened me with His gifts, sanctified and kept me in the true faith.**

In the same way He calls, gathers, enlightens, and sanctifies the whole Christian Church on earth, and keeps it with Jesus Christ in the one true faith.

In this Christian Church He daily and richly forgives all my sins and the sins of all believers.

On the Last Day He will raise me and all the dead, and give eternal life to me and all believers in Christ.

This is most certainly true.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Pastor: Let us now confess our sin to God, our merciful Father.

People: **Gracious God, with contrition and repentance, we admit and confess our sinfulness. We are by nature sinful and unclean.**

Daily we have sinned and done things we ought not to have done and have not done that which we are to have been doing as Your servants. We indeed deserve Your punishment in this life and for eternity.

**Trusting in Your mercy, we come to You for forgiveness.
Our trust is not in ourselves but in the merits of Your Son,
our Savior Jesus Christ.**

**Have mercy on us, O God. Grant us remission of all of our
sins, and by the power of the Holy Spirit at work within our
hearts and lives, lead us into ways that reflect Your
goodness and love.**

Pastor: God is gracious and merciful and hears our supplications.
By the command of our Lord and as His called and ordained
servant, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father
and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: **Amen.**

✠ WORD ✠

PSALM: *Psalm 138*

People: **I give You thanks, O LORD, with my whole heart; before the gods
I sing Your praise;**

*Women: I bow down toward Your holy temple and give thanks to Your name
for Your steadfast love and Your faithfulness, for You have exalted
above all things Your name and Your word.*

*Men: On the day I called, You answered me; my strength of soul
You increased.*

People: **All the kings of the earth shall give You thanks, O LORD, for they
have heard the words of Your mouth, and they shall sing of the
ways of the LORD, for great is the glory of the LORD.**

*Women: For though the LORD is high, He regards the lowly, but the haughty
He knows from afar.*

*Men: Though I walk in the midst of trouble, You preserve my life;
You stretch out Your hand against the wrath of my enemies,
and Your right hand delivers me.*

People: **The LORD will fulfill His purpose for me; Your steadfast love,
O LORD, endures forever. Do not forsake the work of Your hands.**

**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.**

HYMN OF PRAISE: “Spirit Divine, Attend Our Prayers”
(sung to the tune “Nun Danket All”)

Spirit divine, attend our prayers,
And make this house Thy home;
Descend with all Thy gracious pow’rs;
Oh, come, great Spirit, come!

Come as the Dove, and spread Thy wings,
The wings of peaceful love;
And let Thy church on earth become
Blest as the church above.

Come as the light; to us reveal
Our emptiness and woe,
And lead us in those paths of life
Whereon the righteous go.

Spirit divine, attend our prayers;
Make a lost world Thy home;
Descend with all Thy gracious pow’rs;
Oh, come, great Spirit, come!

Come as the fire, and purge our hearts
Like sacrificial flame;
Let our whole soul an off’ring be
To our Redeemer’s name.

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SALUTATION AND PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: The Lord be with you.
People: **And also with you.**

Pastor: Let us pray.

Almighty God, whom to know is everlasting life, grant us to know Your Son, Jesus, to be the way, the truth, and the life, that we may boldly confess Him to be the Christ and steadfastly walk in the way that leads to life eternal; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: **Amen.**

OLD TESTAMENT READING: *Isaiah 51:1–6*
(The salvation of the Lord will be forever.)

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.
People: **Thanks be to God.**

EPISTLE: *Romans 11:33–12:8*
(We are one Body in Christ.)

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.
People: **Thanks be to God.**

VERSE: *Ephesians 2:19b–20*

Pastor: Alleluia. You are fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God,

People: **built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Christ Jesus Himself being the cornerstone. Alleluia.**

HOLY GOSPEL: *Matthew 16:13–20*

(Jesus is confessed as the Christ, the Son of the living God, by Peter.)

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the sixteenth chapter.

People: **Glory to You, O Lord.**

(The Gospel is read.)

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: **Praise to You, O Christ.**

CREED: “We All Believe in One True God” (spoken) *LSB 953*

- 1 We all believe in one true God,
Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,
Ever-present help in need,
Praised by all the heav’nly host;
All He made His love enfolds,
All creation He upholds.
- 2 We all believe in Jesus Christ,
Son of God and Mary’s son,
Who descended from His throne
And for us salvation won;
By whose cross and death are we
Rescued from all misery.
- 3 We all confess the Holy Ghost,
Who from both in truth proceeds,
Who sustains and comforts us
In all trials, fears, and needs.
Blessèd, holy Trinity,
Praise forever be to Thee!

SERMON HYMN: “Built on the Rock” *LSB 645*

- 1 **Built on the Rock the Church shall stand**
Even when steeples are falling.
Crumbled have spires in ev’ry land;
Bells still are chiming and calling,
Calling the young and old to rest,
But above all the souls distressed,
Longing for rest everlasting.
- 2 **Surely in temples made with hands**
God, the Most High, is not dwelling;
High above earth His temple stands,
All earthly temples excelling.
Yet He who dwells in heav’n above
Chooses to live with us in love,
Making our bodies His temple.
- 3 **We are God’s house of living stones,**
Built for His own habitation.
He through baptismal grace us owns
Heirs of His wondrous salvation.
Were we but two His name to tell,
Yet He would deign with us to dwell
With all His grace and His favor.
- 4 **Here stands the font before our eyes,**
Telling how God has received us.
The altar recalls Christ’s sacrifice
And what His Supper here gives us.
Here sound the Scriptures that proclaim
Christ yesterday, today, the same,
And evermore, our Redeemer.
- 5 **Grant, then, O God, Your will be done,**
That, when the church bells are ringing,
Many in saving faith may come
Where Christ His message is bringing:
“I know My own; My own know Me.
You, not the world, My face shall see.
My peace I leave with you. Amen.”

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SERMON

OFFERING: *Offering baskets are available in the narthex.*

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH: *Philippians 4:5b–6;*
Galatians 5:22–23a, 25; 6:10, adapted

Pastor: Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, and for all people according to their needs, calling upon the Holy Spirit as we speak the stanzas of the hymn “To God the Holy Spirit Let Us Pray” during our time of intercession. The first stanza of the hymn dates back to the thirteenth century; the other three stanzas were written in the sixteenth century by Martin Luther.

HYMN: “To God the Holy Spirit Let Us Pray” St. 1: *LSB 768*

**1 To God the Holy Spirit let us pray
For the true faith needed on our way
That He may defend us when life is ending
And from exile home we are wending.
Lord, have mercy!**

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Pastor: We pray for the Church, that God’s people may live confidently and share joyfully the message of salvation in word and deed. And we pray for this gathering of God’s holy people, that we may be blessed with all grace and evidence the fruit of the Spirit in our lives. Lord, be with us and bless us.

People: The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control.

HYMN: “To God the Holy Spirit Let Us Pray” St. 2: *LSB 768*

**2 O sweetest Love, Your grace on us bestow;
Set our hearts with sacred fire aglow
That with hearts united we love each other,
Ev’ry stranger, sister, and brother.
Lord, have mercy!**

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Pastor: We pray for our families and for those who share in our Christian fellowship and join with us in worship, and for all who are part of the household of faith. Also we pray for those with special concerns and needs this day: those who are hospitalized or shut in, those who are grieving, the unemployed and underemployed, the chronically ill, and all those whose needs are known and unknown to us. Lord, grant that we bring Your blessing to situations of need in all places.

People: If we live by the Spirit, let us also walk by the Spirit. . . . As we have opportunity, let us do good to everyone, and especially to those who are of the household of faith.

HYMN: "To God the Holy Spirit Let Us Pray" St. 3: *LSB 768*

**3 Transcendent Comfort in our ev'ry need,
Help us neither scorn nor death to heed
That we may not falter nor courage fail us
When the foe shall taunt and assail us.
Lord, have mercy!**

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Pastor: Merciful God, we thank You for all those faithful people whose words and actions have guided us in the past, especially remembering those no longer with us on earth, who now share in Your eternal presence. By the working of Your Holy Spirit, direct us to walk Your servant way throughout our lives until that day when we stand in Your glorious presence in heaven. Amen.

People: **The Lord is at hand; do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God.**

HYMN: "To God the Holy Spirit Let Us Pray" St. 4: *LSB 768*

**4 Shine in our hearts, O Spirit, precious light;
Teach us Jesus Christ to know aright
That we may abide in the Lord who bought us,
Till to our true home He has brought us.
Lord, have mercy!**

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Pastor: Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

LORD'S PRAYER: *Matthew 6:9–13*

People: **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.**

BENEDICTION

Pastor: The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.
Numbers 6:24-26

People: Amen.

CLOSING HYMN: "Onward, Christian Soldiers" LSB 662

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| <p>1 Onward, Christian soldiers,
Marching as to war,
With the cross of Jesus
Going on before.
Christ, the royal master,
Leads against the foe;
Forward into battle
See His banners go! Refrain</p> | <p>3 Crowns and thrones may perish,
Kingdoms rise and wane,
But the Church of Jesus
Constant will remain.
Gates of hell can never
'Gainst that Church prevail;
We have Christ's own promise,
And that cannot fail. Refrain</p> |
| <p>ref Onward, Christian soldiers,
Marching as to war,
With the cross of Jesus
Going on before.</p> | <p>4 Onward, then, ye faithful,
Join our happy throng,
Blend with ours your voices
In the triumph song:
Glory, laud, and honor
Unto Christ, the king;
This through countless ages
Men and angels sing. Refrain</p> |
| <p>2 Like a mighty army
Moves the Church of God;
Brothers, we are treading
Where the saints have trod.
We are not divided,
All one body we,
One in hope and doctrine,
One in charity. Refrain</p> | |

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Those Serving the Lord This Weekend

Officiant: Rev. J. Derek Riddle

Organist: Deanna Karsten; Ushers: Braden & Robin Idalski

Please fill out the Record of Fellowship Sheet

For safety, the pencils will be sanitized each week.

Those Sharing Their Faith With Us, August 16

Attendance: 66; Communed: 59

Offerings for August 16

Current envelopes (Excel in Giving and loose plate): \$2732

Weekly amount needed to meet budget: \$3500

Mission: \$85; M & I: \$190; Radio Fund: \$10

St. John Calendar August 23-30

Sunday/23	8:00a	Worship
	4:00p	Installation Service at St. John
Sunday/30	8:00a	Worship

St. John Office Hours

Office hours are Monday-Thursday, 12:00-3:00pm

Bulletin information needed by Wednesdays at 12:00pm.

Our Neighbors' Schedules

Peace, Sunday, 9:30am; Immanuel Moltke, Sunday, 11:00am

Feeling bored? A bit "trapped"? We have just the "cure"!

Prayerfully consider joining our amazing team of volunteers at Renewed Blessings Resale Shop... We NEED You! We all have our God-given talents! We need sales floor people, backroom scrubbers, crafters, painters, floral arrangers, strong "movers"....and above all, happy, smiling faces! You can set your time frame...even if it's a couple hours a month...no pressure! Can it be exhausting? Yes, at times it can, but it is very rewarding! God has blessed this venture in so many ways – your help will add to His blessings. Contact Leeny at 989-474-9170 or simply stop in and say, "Yes, I would LOVE to be part of this team's mission!" You'll be glad you did! Renewed Blessings Resale Shop is much more than your local clean, used furniture store – we offer EVERYTHING except clothing! We appreciate your generous support by way of donations of these items and shopping with us! Check us out...Renewed Blessings is dedicated to assisting our community and area churches. "Diverse in Faith, United in Mission" God Bless you and yours and thank you for your support.

In Our Prayers the Week of August 23

If you have a prayer request you would like included on our public prayer list or on our private prayer chain, make sure the person gives approval to be included on one or the other and then call or send the request to Pastor Riddle. You may also use the Prayer Request Form.

Shut-ins at Medilodge

Marlin Thomas
Geraldine Barr

Shut-ins Orchard Manor

Shirley Wenzel

Shut-in Sally's Care

Betty Rusch

Shut-in at Home

Mark Bruning

Shut-ins Birch Lane Adult Foster Care

Ralph Kreft
Royce Grulke

Awaiting Heart Transplant

Al Hincka (at home)

Recovering from Surgery

Corey Hentkowski

Moved to Nursing Home

Geoff Greve

Service Men & Women

Alexa Quaine, Megan Quaine, Carissa Lantz
Elizabeth Wickersham, Karl Daniels II

Grieving the Loss of Loved Ones

Ken Winfield in the loss of his brothers, Roger & Douglas Winfield
Mark & Nan Fleming and family in the loss of father, Howard Luebke
Chris Clark in the loss of her father-in-law, Joe Gabara





In Loving Memory of Joe Gabara



*Gifts were given by Chris Clark,
Marsha & Tim Wirgau, Arlis Hardies
Roland & Karen Zinke and Jon & Marie Lundheim
to the St. John Lutheran School Memorial Fund*



In Loving Memory of Howard Luebke



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In Loving Memory of Doug Winfield

*A gift was given by Chris Clark
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In Loving Memory of Valerie Bade



*A gift was given by Sylvia Schalk
to the Church General Fund*

Quilting at St. John to Begin Again

We hope you will join us. Beginning in September quilters will meet on the first and third Thursdays of the month.

Mission Grant Highlight

Hope & Healing Hub of Downtown Lincoln: \$50,000

The University Lutheran Chapel is a connection to the young students in the University of Lincoln, Nebraska, community and provides those in need with Christian counseling services in an easily accessible space. This grant has made the Hope and Healing Hub building more inviting, offers Christian counseling services through GracePoint Institute for Relational Health, and reaches students with the Good News of Jesus Christ.





School Fundraiser News

Call for St. John Auction Help

The PTL Auction Committee would appreciate help rounding up donation requests from area businesses for the school's Facebook Live and Silent/Chance Auction to be held this fall. If you would like to volunteer, contact Monica by phone 766-8114 or text 989-474-4155.

Save the Date for A Taste of Italy

A Taste of Italy: Italian Dinner and Auction will be held on October 24. Meals will be take-out and for an extra \$3 can be delivered to Rogers City addresses. Meals offered are Lasagna, Spaghetti or Chicken Penne. They will include Tossed Salad, Garlic Toast, Dessert and Beverage. Adult Meal Tickets are \$12, Child Tickets are \$5, Children 5 years and under are free. More information about the auctions to come, so keep an eye on the announcements. Ticket sales will begin next Sunday, August 30. They will be offered for purchase on several Sundays at church and also can be purchased in the school office.

School Reminder to Save Caps, UPCs, Receipts & Dates

Join St. John Lutheran School with turning in Prairie Farm Caps. The school receives \$50 for each 1,000 cap codes entered. We can enter your codes for you (just bring caps into the school office) or you can enter codes yourself on website. To enter codes: Go to education on the Prairie Farms site, then pick St. John Lutheran School Rogers City. So far we have 300, need 700 more.

Bring in School Spirit UPCs from Aunt Millies products.

Save Box Tops labels from General Mills Products.

Bring in your Family Fare Receipts.

Save Sat., October 24 on your calendar for the Italian Dinner & Auction.

Also a Kraut & Cookie Sale is in the near future, so keep your eye on the bulletin announcements.