## St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church & School

711 & 805 W 5<sup>th</sup> St., Neillsville, WI 54456 Member of the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod.

# **JESUS**

answered her,
"Woman,
your
FAITH

is great!
It will be done for you,
just as you desire."
And her daughter was
healed at that very hour.

Matthew 15:28

Fentecost 13 Aug 27 & 29, 2023

#### "Welcome Visitors & Members!"

To those who are visiting us for the first time, we extend our sincere welcome; to our friends who know us we renew our welcome; to those who seek a church home we invite you to be part of our family and enjoy fellowship with our Savior.

For further assistance in worship and information on our church, please see the back cover.

**Pentecost Season:** After reliving the great events of the life of Christ, the worshipping Church spends half a year focusing on the teachings of Christ. The Church wears green during the season of Pentecost as the Spirit uses those teachings of Jesus to grow the faith of believers. The appointed lessons teach us the characteristics of the Holy Ministry, the Christian, the Church, our God, and the Christian life.

Today is Pentecost 13. Our focus today: The Church is meant for all people.

We are Here The church year begins here 2022 Christmas Advent **Epil hanv** December 2022 January 2023 February 2023 23 | 24 | 25 28 29 26 27 Lent Easter Pentecost March 2023 April 2023 May 2023 s М s 19 20 21 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 | 31 Season After Pentecost June 2023 July 2023 August 2023 September 2023 October 2023 November 2023 F s M W Т s s W Т F s 

## 425 Oh Sing, My Soul, Your Maker's Praise



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## The Service Setting One CW 21

In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.** 

#### Confession

Blessed are they whose transgressions are forgiven, whose sins are covered.

Blessed are they whose sin the Lord does not count against them.

Let us confess our sins to the Lord.

Almighty and merciful Father,

we have strayed from your ways like lost sheep.

We have followed what we have devised and desired in our hearts.

We have offended you and sinned against your holy law.

We have done those things that we should not have done, and we have not done those things that we should have done.

Have mercy on us, Lord!

Spare us, forgive us, and restore us, according to your promises in Christ Jesus.

God, our merciful Father, has forgiven all our sins. He sent his Son, Jesus Christ, to be our Redeemer and Savior. Jesus paid the penalty for our guilt by his death on the cross and freed us from death by his resurrection from the grave. We have peace with God now and forever.

Amen.

## Lord, Have Mercy

In peace let us pray to the Lord.



For the peace from above and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



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.



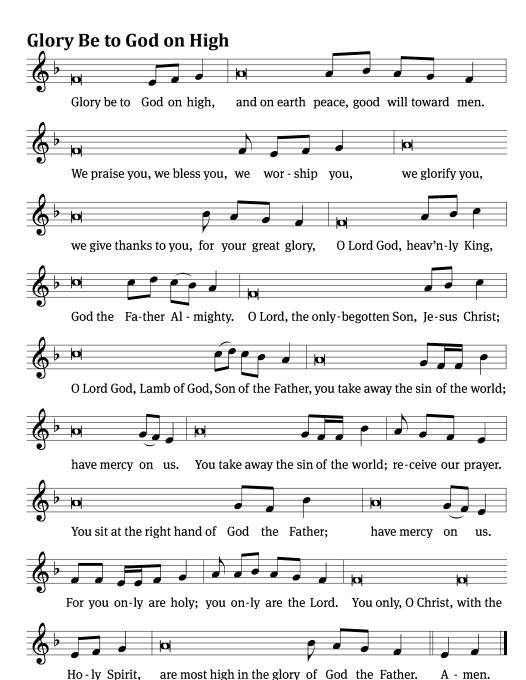
For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.



Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.



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The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

Almighty and merciful God, it is only by your gift of grace that we come into your presence and offer true and faithful service. Grant that our worship on earth may always be pleasing to you, and in the life to come give us the fulfillment of what you have promised; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

#### First Lesson: Isaiah 56:1,6-8

This is what the LORD says.

Protect justice, and carry out righteousness,

because my salvation is coming very soon.

My righteousness is ready to be revealed.

<sup>6</sup>Then the foreigners who join themselves to the LORD,

to minister to him and to love the name of the  ${\it LORD}$ 

and to become his servants,

every one of them who keeps the Sabbath and does not profane it, those who take hold of my covenant—

<sup>7</sup>I will bring them to my holy mountain,

and I will make them glad in my house of prayer.

Their whole burnt offerings and their sacrifices will be acceptable on my altar.

For my house will be called a house of prayer for all the peoples of the world.

 $^8 This$  is the declaration of God the LORD,

who gathers Israel's dispersed people:

"I will gather still more people to my house besides the ones already gathered.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

#### Psalm 133-134 CW 93





How good and pleas<u>ant</u> it is\*
when brothers live together in <u>u</u>nity!

For there the LORD bestows his <u>blessing</u>,\* even life for<u>ev</u>ermore. *Refrain* 

Praise the LORD, all you servants of the LORD\* who minister in the house of the LORD.

Lift up your hands in the sanctuary\* and <u>praise</u> the LORD.

May the LORD, the maker of heaven and earth,\* bless you from Zion.

Glory be to the Father and <u>to</u> the Son\*
and to the Holy <u>Spir</u>it,
as it was in the beg<u>in</u>ning,\*
is now, and will be forever. <u>A</u>men. *Refrain* 

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## Second Lesson: Ephesians 2:13-22

<sup>13</sup>But now in Christ Jesus, you who once were far away have been brought near by the blood of Christ. <sup>14</sup>For he himself is our peace. He made the two groups one by destroying the wall of hostility that divided them <sup>15</sup>when he abolished the law of commandments and regulations in his flesh. He did this to create in himself one new person out of the two, in this way making peace. <sup>16</sup>And he did this to reconcile both to God in one body through the cross by putting the hostility to death on it. <sup>17</sup>He also came and preached peace to you who were far away and peace to those who were near. <sup>18</sup>For through him we both have access to the Father by one Spirit.

<sup>19</sup>So then, you are no longer foreigners and strangers, but you are fellow citizens with the saints and members of God's household. <sup>20</sup>You have been built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the Cornerstone. <sup>21</sup>In him the whole building is joined together and grows into a holy temple in the Lord. <sup>22</sup>In him you too are being built together into a dwelling place for God by the Spirit.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

### Verse of the Day: Hebrews 4:12

Alleluia! For the word of God is living and active, sharper than any double-edged sword. It penetrates even to the point of dividing soul and spirit, joints and marrow, even being able to judge the ideas and thoughts of the heart. Alleluia!



#### Gospel Lesson: Matthew 15:21-28

<sup>21</sup>Jesus left that place and withdrew into the region of Tyre and Sidon. <sup>22</sup>There a Canaanite woman from that territory came and kept crying out, "Have mercy on me, Lord, Son of David! A demon is severely tormenting my daughter!"

<sup>23</sup>But he did not answer her a word.

His disciples came and pleaded, "Send her away, because she keeps crying out after us."

<sup>24</sup>He answered, "I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel."

<sup>25</sup>But she came and knelt in front of him, saying, "Lord, help me."

<sup>26</sup>He answered her, "It is not good to take the children's bread and throw it to their little dogs."

<sup>27</sup>"Yes, Lord," she said, "yet their little dogs also eat the crumbs that fall from their masters' table."

<sup>28</sup>Then Jesus answered her, "Woman, your faith is great! It will be done for you, just as you desire." And her daughter was healed at that very hour.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to you, O Christ!

#### 855 The Church's One Foundation





- 1 The Church's one foun-da tion is Je sus Christ, her Lord;
- 2 E lect from ev 'ry na tion, yet one o'er all the earth;
- 3 The Church shall nev er per ish. Her dear Lord, to de fend,
- 4 Tho' with a scorn-ful won der the world sees her op-pressed,
- 5 Mid toil and trib u la tion and tu mult of her war



his new cre - a tion by she is wa - ter and the Word. sal - va - tion: one Lord, one faith, one birth. her char - ter of to guide, sus - tain, and cher - ish, is with her to the schisms rent a - sun - der, by her - e - sies dis-tressed, she waits the con-sum-ma-tion of peace for-ev-er-more



From heav'n he came and sought her to be his ho - ly bride; One ho - ly name she bless - es, par-takes one ho - ly food, Tho' there be those that hate her and strive to see her fail, yet saints their watch are keep - ing; their cry goes up, "How long?" till with the vi - sion glo - rious her long - ing eyes are blest,



with his own blood he bought her, and for her life he died. and to one hope she press - es, with ev - 'ry grace en - dued. a - gainst both foe and trai - tor she ev - er shall pre - vail. and soon the night of weep - ing shall be the morn of song. and the great Church vic - to - rious shall be the Church at rest.

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## SERMON TEXT: Matthew 15:21-28 WHAT KIND OF A PERSON BELONGS IN OUR CHURCH?

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 at 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.

**OFFERING** -- The members of St. John's have joined together to do the Lord's work in this community and around the world. Guests need not feel obligated to participate in this offering which supports our ministry, but please use this QR code to fill out a short form giving us a digital record of your attendance.

Visitors can also sign our guest register in the entryway by the drinking fountain.

## **Prayer**

Lord's Prayer
Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins,
as we forgive those
who sin against us.
Lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours
now and forever. Amen.

## **Blessing**

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.
Amen.



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## This Week at St. John's: Aug 27, 2023 SERVING US TODAY

Preacher: Pastor Jon Guenther

<u>Greeters:</u> Betty Nemitz & Virginia Marg Ushers: Team 2-Verlyn Shaw's team

Altar Guild: Judy Trunkel

<u>Donating Bulletins</u>: Rosie Murphy in memory of Bernard <u>August Website</u>: Henry & Julie Berry for their anniversary

#### SERVING US NEXT SUNDAY

<u>Greeters:</u> Donna Zank & Pat Strangfeld Ushers: Team 3-Dick Urban's team

Altar Guild: Lynda Urban

#### ~OPPORTUNITIES TO GROW & SERVE~

**TODAY** 9:00 AM Worship Service

10:15 AM LIGHTS serve refreshments

MONDAY 5:00 PM 3K/4K Orientation

**TUESDAY** 4:00 PM Church Band

6:00 PM Worship Service

**WEDNESDAY** 8:20 AM Chapel

4:00 PM Bible Study

**THURSDAY** 4:45 PM Adult Instruction Class

FRIDAY No School

**NEXT SUNDAY** 9:00 AM Communion Service

## CHURCH NEWS

**Preaching Today:** Pastor Guenther will be preaching today. We look forward to hearing his message.

**LIGHTS:** Our LIGHTS group will be serving refreshments under the canopy after the worship service today.

**Wednesday Bible Study:** Join us at 4:00 here in church this Wednesday as we continue our study of the book of Romans.

**Communion Next Sunday:** Next Sunday we will celebrate the Lord's Supper using the regular (rail) method of distribution.

**Campout:** Our annual church/school campout will be held September 8-10 (Friday-Sunday) at West Arbutus County Park in Hatfield. We will be having a pot-luck supper and an outdoor worship service at the campground that Saturday evening. No reservations will be made ahead of time; you can pick out your own campsite when you arrive. We hope you can join us.

**Bean Bag Tournament:** We are excited to have our third bean bag tournament this year at the campground. The tournament will start with the youth singles at noon on Saturday (9/9). We hope to have a youth singles tournament, an adult singles tournament, and an adult doubles tournament. There will be no entry fee; we just want as many people to come and play as possible. Prizes for first place winners are being donated by the kind people at Ratsch Engineering.

**September Communion:** The two communion Sundays in September will be Sep.  $3^{rd}$  and Sep.  $17^{th}$ . Because of many members attending the outdoor campout worship service, we will <u>not</u> have communion on Sep.  $10^{th}$ .

**Church Band:** This Tuesday, August 29<sup>th</sup>, we are starting up another year of church band practices. With the exception of switching this Tuesday and September 5th, we are planning on meeting the first and third Tuesday of every month. We will meet from 4:00 to 5:15 in the church balcony. During these practice times, we will play music in preparation for future performances as well as working through liturgy music. If you're able to be there the whole time or just for a part of the time we would be happy to have you. This is also a good opportunity to keep us playing regularly.

Don't feel like you have to come to these practices regularly, because schedules get to be busy.

If you are able to play an instrument and are interested in joining our band, please feel welcome to join us. No matter your experience level in music, anyone is welcome to join!

**Sunday Bible Class:** Sunday Bible Class will be starting up again on Sunday, September 17<sup>th</sup> from 10:15 to 11:15. We will be continuing our study on "10 Lies About God." All of you are invited to attend. Please join us for another year of Sunday Bible Class!

**Sunday School:** Another year of Sunday School classes will start on September  $17^{th}$ . Classes will be held from 10:15 to 11:30 for children age 3 through  $8^{th}$  grade.

**Adult Instruction Class:** A new year of adult instruction class will begin next month. Not only is this class meant for those interested in membership or learning more about what our

church teaches, but also for those members who would like to take a refresher course. Watch for updates on what day and time class will be held, and consider whether you would be interested in attending or inviting someone you know to attend.

**No Adult Handbells:** Because we do not have enough members, we have decided to take the year off from adult handbells. We will try again next fall to get our handbell choir going again.

**Meditations:** The new "Meditations" are available in the entryway. Please consider a \$3.50 donation to help our GPS group cover the cost.

**ELC Open House:** We are having a special ELC Open House tomorrow evening from 5:00-7:00. This is for all families who will be making use of our 3K/4K program. First day of school for 3K/4K is Tuesday, September 5.



## Meet Our Student Teacher, Mr. Bryce Marohn:

My name is Bryce Marohn. I was born in Eau Claire, Wisconsin. My dad was the principal at St. Mark, Eau Claire, and I can recall visiting St. John's, Neillsville a few times over the years. In 2010, our family moved to Lannon, WI where I finished grade school and attended Kettle Moraine Lutheran HS for three years. In 2017 we moved to

Howards Grove, WI, and I finished high school at Manitowoc Lutheran.

I went on to attend MLC, from where I will be graduating this December. Funnily enough, my family moved back to Eau Claire this summer. My dad will be the principal at Cornerstone Lutheran.

I have five younger siblings. My oldest sister and her husband just graduated MLC and are both starting their first year of teaching over in Michigan. I have two brothers who will be attending MLC this year and two sisters who will be at Cornerstone Lutheran.

One of the things I like to do in my spare time is play basketball. I also like watching basketball once the NBA season comes

around. Another thing I'm interested in is computer programming. I started teaching myself some years ago, and I enjoy trying to make apps/games.

(Mr. Marohn will be our student teacher from September 5 through November 10. We look forward to meeting him!)

**Church Computer:** After having many difficulties with used computers upstairs in the balcony, we recently decided to purchase a new computer, new software, and a surge protector. Total cost was \$685.20. If anyone would like to donate toward the cost of the new computer, you can place your gift in the offering basket marked "computer," or you can give your gift in the school office. Thanks!

**Shepherding Committee:** One of the people who originally volunteered to be on the committee has realized she doesn't have the time to make phone calls. Is there anyone else who would like to fill this spot on the committee? Please talk to Pastor or Craig Anderson if you are interested or would like more details.

**Hospitalized:** Ginny Meier was hospitalized this past week at Sacred Heart in Eau Claire. Let's keep her in our prayers.

**FIC:** The September edition of "Forward In Christ" is available in the entryway.

Calendar: September calendars are available in the entryway.

**Paper Box:** Since we aren't collecting newspapers any more, we have no need of the paper box in the parking lot. Would anyone be able to make use of that? Talk to Mel Nemitz or contact the office if you are interested.

**College Students:** Parents, if your son or daughter is entering college or in college already, please encourage them to sign up with WELS Campus Ministry so the local campus pastor can stay in touch with them and so that they can be sent free copies of "Meditations" devotions and "Forward In Christ" magazine. The link to sign up is below:

https://data.wels.net/CampusMinistry/CampusMinistry

**Letter Received:** "Dear Christian friend, 'It has been a journey, but I now know I don't have to do this alone...My counselor has literally been a lifesaver...Now I am excited for what life can bring.' – a CFS client

There are many hurting people in the world right now, seeking solutions to the challenging mental health issues of our times.

But YOU are making a difference. Your gift of \$82 on 8/14/23 to Christian Family Solutions helps more people find the healing, help and hope they desperately need. Our counselors and therapists at CFS are like signposts in the crossroads, offering excellent mental health care integrated with healing power of the gospel.

Your gifts help us grow access and remove barriers to care. Your donations also help us recruit more clinicians, train, and support them as we strive to meet the demand for services.

Thank you for supporting this ministry at a critical time. Together we can answer the calls and continue to provide solutions to hurting souls. Blessings,"

Mrak Klug CEO, Christian Family Solutions

**Northland Envelope:** Many of you may have already noticed the Northland envelope in your offering packets. Please consider using this envelope to give a special gift to Northland Lutheran High School, especially as we are part of the Northland Association and students from our church who attend there receive a discount on their tuition.

WELS Weekly Prayer: Vietnam – Lord of the nations, it is your desire to see the message of the gospel reach the ends of the earth. Bless the plans of the Hmong Fellowship Church in Vietnam and grant success to the efforts of the missionaries, pastors, and members as they carry out your Great Commission. We thank you for the building that you have provided where present and future generations can study the Scriptures. Use the Theological Education Center to train leaders who can share your grace and peace with the Hmong people. We boldly make this request in the name of Jesus. Amen.

### **Worship the Lord with Gladness:**

Sunday: 100; Tuesday: 5

## **Worship with Our Care of God's Wealth:**

Thankoffering Given Last Sunday: \$5,155.41 (Home); \$312.00 (Missions)

#### To assist you in worship:

- Personal listening devices are available for anyone to use. Please talk to the ushers for assistance.
- ♣ Large-print bulletins available upon request.
- → Personal Prayers: Red Hymnal (pp. 10-11); Blue Hymnal (inside front cover)
- Preparation for Lord's Supper: Red Hymnal (p. 156); Blue Hymnal (pp. 295-296)

We love seeing young children in church as we want families to worship together. We also love to hear children making a "joyful noise to the Lord." If you need some privacy for feeding an infant or changing a diaper, please make use of our parents' room off the north side of the entryway where you can still listen to the service.

**Visitors**, if you would like to know more about our church or school, please introduce yourself to our pastor. He would be delighted to speak with you and serve you in whatever way he can.

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#### Worship Schedule

Sunday-9:00 a.m. (Year-Round) Tuesday-6:00 p.m. (After Easter through November)