St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church & School

711 & 805 W 5th St., Neillsville, WI 54456 **Member of the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod.**

I have

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and I no longer live but Christ

lives in me. The life I am

now living in the flesh, I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me. Galatians 2:20

Pentecost 16 Sep 17 & 19, 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.

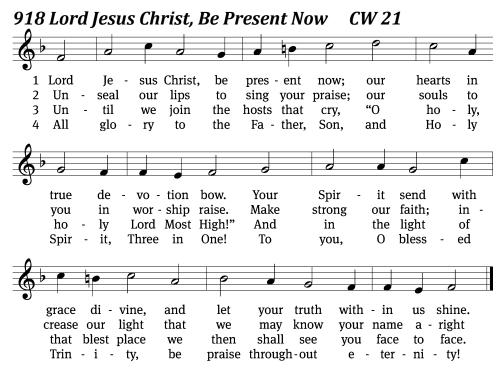
Pentecost Season: After reliving the great events of the life of Christ, the worshipping Church spends half a year focusing on the teachings of Christ. The Church wears green during the season of Pentecost as the Spirit uses those teachings of Jesus to grow the faith of believers. The appointed lessons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

Today is Pentecost 16. Our focus today: The Church fulfills her role as her brother's keeper.

The church year begins here 2022

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Divine Service I CW Supplement

M In the name of the Father and of the Son ✤ and of the Holy Spirit.

C (spoken) Amen.

CONFESSION OF SINS

- M Beloved in the Lord: let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins to God our Father, asking him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.
- 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.



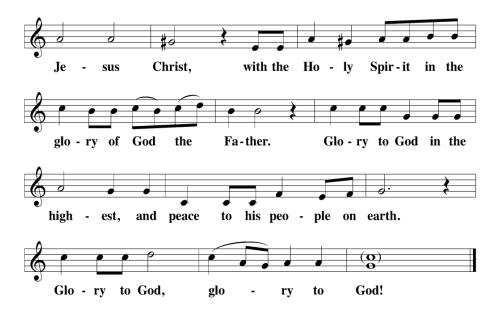
- M God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given his only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son (♥) and of the Holy Spirit.
- **C** (spoken) Amen.

PRAYER AND PRAISE

M In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord.







PRAYER OF THE DAY

- **M** The Lord be with you.
- **C** And also with you.

M Let us pray.

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 (spoken) Amen.

THE WORD

First Lesson: Ezekiel 33:7-11

⁷But 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. ⁸When 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. ⁹But 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.

¹⁰So 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?" ¹¹Say 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 51a CW 93





- Have mercy on <u>me</u>, O God,* according to your un<u>failing</u> love.
- Wash away all my in<u>iq</u>uity,* and cleanse me <u>from</u> my sin.
- For I know my trans<u>gres</u>sions,* and my sin is always be<u>fore</u> me. *Refrain*
- Against you, you only, <u>have</u> I sinned* and done what is evil <u>in</u> your sight.
- Surely I was sin<u>ful</u> at birth,* sinful from the time my mother con<u>ceived</u> me.
- Hide your face <u>from</u> my sins,* and blot out all my iniquity.
- Restore to me the joy of your sal<u>va</u>tion,* and grant me a willing spirit, to sus<u>tain</u> me.

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

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Second Lesson: Galatians 2:11-16

¹¹But when Cephas came to Antioch, I opposed him to his face, because he was clearly wrong. ¹²For before some people came from James, he ate with the Gentiles. But when those people came, he drew back and separated himself, because he feared those from the circumcision group. ¹³And the rest of the Jews joined him in his hypocrisy, with the result that even Barnabas was carried away by their hypocrisy. ¹⁴But when I saw that they were not acting according to the truth of the gospel, I said to Cephas in front of all of them, "If you, a Jew, live like the Gentiles and not like the Jews, why do you compel the Gentiles to live like the Jews?"

¹⁵"We are Jews by birth and not Gentile sinners. ¹⁶We know that a person is not justified by the works of the law but through faith in Jesus Christ. So we also believed in Christ Jesus that we might be justified by faith in Christ and not by the works of the law, because no one will be justified by the works of the law.

Verse of the Day: Philippians 4:4

Alleluia! Rejoice in the Lord always! I will say it again: rejoice! Alleluia!



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. ¹⁶But 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.' ¹⁷If 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. ¹⁸Amen I tell you: Whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. ¹⁹Amen 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. ²⁰In fact where two or three have gathered together in my name, there I am among them."



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,

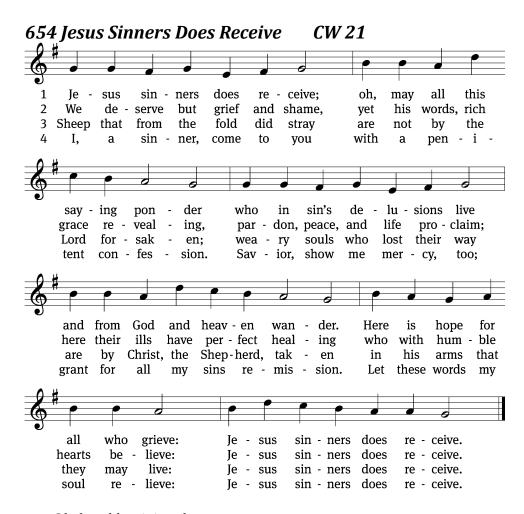
who has spoken through the prophets.

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.



 Oh, how blest it is to know, were as scarlet my transgression, it shall be as white as snow by your blood and bitter passion, for these words I do believe: lesus sinners does receive.

Now my conscience is at peace, from the law I stand acquitted.
Christ has purchased my release and my ev'ry sin remitted.
Naught remains my soul to grieve: Jesus sinners does receive.

(Hymn continues on pg. 14)

7 Jesus sinners does receive, even I have been forgiven.
And when I this earth must leave, I shall find an open heaven.
Dying, still to him I cleave: Jesus sinners does receive.

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SERMON TEXT: Galatians 2:11-16 A GOSPEL LOVER IS A BROTHER KEEPER





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 may also sign the guest register by the drinking fountain.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

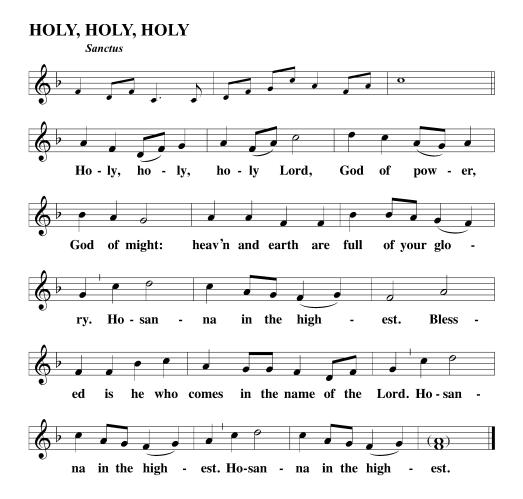
LORD'S PRAYER Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the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

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 good and right so to do.
- **M** It is truly good and right that we should at all times and in all places give you thanks, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord,

who promised that wherever two or three come together in his name, there he is with them to shepherd his flock till he comes again in glory.

Therefore, with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:



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."



The peace of the Lord be with you always.

(spoken) Amen.



St. John's practices "member communion." We ask, therefore, that only those who are members of St. John's or another WELS/ELS congregation partake of the sacrament.

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS: 656 & 570

656 As Surely As I Live, God Said *CW 21* , b, b "As live," God "I 1 lv as I said. would not sure 2 And so our Lord gave this com - mand: "Go forth and thus 3 "All those whose sins vou re mit Ι tru - lv 4 "What will bind, that bound shall what vou be: vou will the sin ner dead, but that he from see turn 'ry preach in ev land; be stow on all my par don and ac quit, and those whose sins you that shall loose, be free; un to my Church the and live through end - less days." er - ror's ways, re - pent, par - d'ning grace who will re pent of sin - ful ways. - tain con-demned and guilt do re v shall re - main. keys giv'n to op'n and close the gates of heav'n." are

- 5 The words which absolution give are his who died that we might live; the minister whom Christ has sent is but his humble instrument.
- 6 When ministers lay on their hands, absolved by Christ the sinner stands; he who by grace the Word believes forgiveness, sure and sweet, receives.
- 7 Praise God the Father and the Son and Holy Spirit, Three in One, as was, is now, and so shall be forever and eternally!

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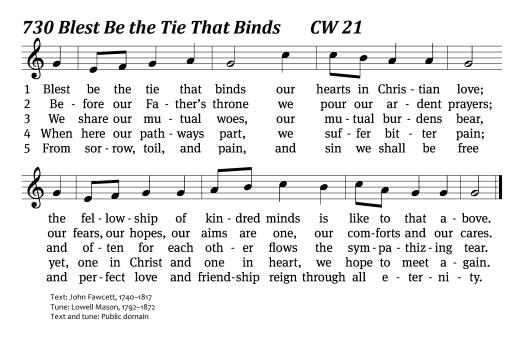
- 5 If you are sick, if death is near, this truth your troubled heart can cheer: Christ Jesus saves my soul from death; this is the anchor of my faith!
- Glory to God the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, Three in One! To you, O blessèd Trinity, be praise now and eternally!

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The Lord look on you with favor and ♀ give you peace.

C (spoken) Amen.



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This Week at St. John's: Sep 17, 2023 SERVING US TODAY

Greeters: Jean Goetz & Virginia Marg Ushers: Team 1-Joel Zschernitz' team Altar Guild: Charlene Siebert Donating Bulletins: Pat & Alice Glinski for their 51st wedding anniversary September Website: Ray & Sharon Wetzel in thankfulness for our Savior SERVING US NEXT SUNDAY Greeters: Judith Quicker & Nancy Hagedorn Ushers: Team 2-Verlyn Shaw's team Altar Guild: Pat Strangfeld ~OPPORTUNITIES TO GROW & SERVE~ TODAY 9:00 AM Communion Service 10:15 AM Sunday School & Bible Class Seminary Symposium (Pastor Gone) MON & TUES 6:00 PM LIGHTS MONDAY TUESDAY 4:00 Church Band 6:00 PM Communion Service 8:20 AM Chapel WEDNESDAY 3:45 PM Confirmation Class 5:30 PM HIS Meeting 6:00 PM Pioneers 2:30 PM Adult Instruction Class THURSDAY 4:00 PM Bible Study 5:30 PM Adult Instruction Class NEXT SUNDAY 9:00 AM Worship Service Gr. K-8 sing 10:15 AM Sunday School & Bible Class 3:00 PM Baby Shower for Leitermans

CHURCH NEWS

Communion Today: We will celebrate the Lord's Supper today using the continuous method of distribution.

Sunday Bible Class: Sunday Bible Class will be starting up again today from 10:15 to 11:15 in the church basement. We will be continuing our study on "10 Lies About God." Our specific focus will be "I Don't Need the Bible or Worship to Have a Relationship With God." All of you are invited to attend. Please join us for another year of Sunday Bible Class!

Sunday Bible Class Discussion: At our first Sunday Bible Class today we will have a further discussion about where we want to meet in the future (school gym, church basementinstall a ramp, etc.) We will be looking for input from those who attend class or would like to.

Sunday School: Another year of Sunday School classes will start today. Classes will be held from 10:15 to 11:30 for children age 3 through 8th grade. Grades 1-8 will meet in the school; preschool and Kindergarten will meet in the church basement. All children are welcome!

Seminary Symposium: Pastor Biebert will be attending "A Symposium on the Two Kingdoms" at Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary tomorrow and Tuesday.

LIGHTS: Our LIGHTS group will have their first meeting of the school year tomorrow evening at 6:00 p.m. in the school conference room. Anyone interested in helping out with inreach activities among our members and prospective members is welcome to attend.

Church Band: We will be having church band practice this Tuesday in the church balcony beginning at 4:00 p.m. All instrumentalists are welcome!

HIS: Our HIS (Hands in Service) group will be meeting this Wednesday, September 20th, at 5:30 to begin making plans for our upcoming Gala in November. If anyone else is interested in helping to plan this event, please feel free to come to the meeting, which will be held in the school conference room.

Pioneers: Our first Pioneer meeting will be held this Wednesday, September 20, from 6:00-7:00. Any children in grades K-8 are welcome to come! We will be doing knot tying. There is an \$80 annual fee to register our Pioneer group. There are no dues for the children, but if any parents would like to make a donation to help cover the registration cost, it would be welcome.

Thursday Bible Study: Please join us this Thursday at 4:00 in the church proper as we continue our study of the book of Romans.

Baby Shower: We will be holding a baby shower for Mr. & Mrs. Leiterman next Sunday, September 24th, at 3:00 p.m. in the school gym. All are invited. Cake and punch will be served. If you would like to bring a gift, the Leitermans are registered at Target and Amazon, or could use diapers size 1 and up.

Gift Card Collection: Since our student teacher, Mr. Bryce Marohn, is driving back and forth every day from Eau Claire, we would like to take a collection of gift cards to help him cover some of his travel expenses. Gift cards or cash can be dropped off in the school office. Thanks!

Fall Dinner: Our annual Fall Dinner will be held on Sunday, October 15. WE ARE IN NEED OF MORE VOLUNTEERS TO HELP!!!

A Fall Dinner planning meeting will be held this coming Tuesday, September 19, at 5:30. If you would like to help with planning, you are welcome to attend the meeting.



Student of the Week: The student of the week is Chesni Brown. Chesni is in 3rd Grade. She has impressed her teachers with her willingness to participate in class, she sets a good example, is respectful, and has started off the year with a great attitude. **Congratulations Chesni!**

Hospitalized: Jeanne Stiemke has been moved to the Rehabilitation and Living Center in Owen. Ginny Meier will be moved to the Rehabilitation Center in Owen tomorrow. Let's keep them in our prayers.

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 **Seven Tips for Making the Worship Service Your Own:** On the table in the entryway you will find a stack of booklets titled "Seven Tips for Making the Worship Service Your Own." Inside you will find tips that may be helpful to you during worship, and on the back cover is a page for you to take notes during the worship service about things you heard that were especially meaningful to you or that you would like to think about more during the week. If you're interested, please feel free to pick up a booklet. We will keep an eye on how many are left and make more if we run low. We hope the booklets will be useful.

Sink: The old kitchen sink and faucet that was removed in the parsonage remodeling project is available for anyone who may have a use for it. If interested, please talk to John Hagedorn.

Parsonage Remodel: For all intents and purposes the parsonage remodeling project has been completed, except for the back deck. The Bieberts are in the process of moving back into their beautiful new kitchen. Some painting still needs to be done in the entryway. An open house is being planned sometime soon.

We want to thank the many people who helped out with this project. We especially thank John Hagedorn for the many hours he has spent on the project.

WELS Weekly Prayer: Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary – Lord of the Church, it is you who call some to be pastors and teachers. As one class of Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary students begins serving as vicars, bless them with wisdom, growth, and knowledge from experiencing gospel ministry firsthand. Give them opportunities to serve others with Scripture and increase their zeal to continue serving you in full-time ministry as pastors in your Church. Amen.

Worship the Lord with Gladness:

Saturday: 82; Sunday: 67; Tuesday: 14

Worship with Our Care of God's Wealth:

Thankoffering Given Last Sunday: \$4,318.00 (Home); \$368.00 (Missions)

WI River Valley LWMS Fall Rally October 21, 2023 Theme: Women of Noble Character Proverbs 31:10

Guest Speaker: Brittany Jahns Host: Immanuel Lutheran Church

From: Christian Life Resources

Topic: New Beginnings-A Home for Mothers. 420 Lincoln St. Medford WI, 54451

8:00 Doors Open 8:30 Registration 9:00-12:00 P.M. Rally



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)
- ✤ Luther's Small Catechism: Blue Hymnal (pp. 286-293)

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)