

St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church & School

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THE Lord
The LORD
GOD merciful
& GRACIOUS
SLOW TO ANGER
and ABOUNDING
in STEADFAST Love
AND FAITHFULNESS
EXODUS 34:6

Pentecost 14

Sep 3 & 5, 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 14. Our focus today: The Church will stand forever.

The church year begins here 2022

We are Here

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856 Built on the Rock

CW 21



1 Built on the Rock the Church shall stand e - ven when
 2 Sure - ly in tem - ples made with hands God, the Most
 3 We are God's house of liv - ing stones, built for his
 4 Here stands the font be - fore our eyes, tell - ing how
 5 Grant then, O God, your will be done, that, when the



stee - ples are fall - ing. Crum - bled have spires in
 High, is not dwell - ing; high a - bove earth his
 own hab - i - ta - tion. He through bap - tis - mal
 God has re - ceived us. Th' al - tar re - calls Christ's
 church bells are ring - ing, man - y in sav - ing



ev - 'ry land; bells still are chim - ing and call -
 tem - ple stands, all earth - ly tem - ples ex - cel -
 grace us owns heirs of his won - drous sal - va -
 sac - ri - fice and what the sac - ra - ment gives
 faith may come where Christ his mes - sage is bring -



ing, call - ing the young and old to rest,
 ling. Yet he who dwells in heav'n a - bove
 tion. Were we but two his name to tell,
 us. Here sound the Scrip - tures that pro - claim
 ing: "I know my own; my own know me.



but a - bove all the soul dis - tressed,
 choos - es to live with us in love,
 yet he would deign with us to dwell
 Christ yes - ter - day, to - day, the same,
 You, not the world, my face shall see.



long - ing for rest ev - er - last - ing.
 mak - ing our bod - ies his tem - ple.
 with all his grace and his fa - vor.
 and ev - er - more, our Re - deem - er.
 My peace I leave with you. A - men."

Order of Worship: The Service Setting 2 (CW 21)

Throughout the service, the congregation speaks (or sings) the parts printed in bold.

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

Amen.

Confession

If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us.

**If we confess our sins, God is faithful and just
and will forgive us our sins
and purify us from all unrighteousness.**

Let us confess our sins to the Lord.

Holy God, gracious Father,

I am sinful by nature

**and have sinned against you in my thoughts, words, and
actions.**

I have not loved you with my whole heart;

I have not loved others as I should.

I deserve your punishment both now and forever.

But Jesus, my Savior, paid for my sins

with his innocent suffering and death.

Trusting in him, I pray: God, have mercy on me, a sinner.

Our gracious Father in heaven has been merciful to us. He sent his only Son, Jesus Christ, who gave his life as the atoning sacrifice for the sins of the whole world. 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.

Amen.

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Tune: Ludvig M. Lindeman, 1812–1887

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Lord, Have Mercy

In peace let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mer - cy.

A musical staff in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody consists of quarter notes G4, A4, B4, A4, G4, F#4, and E4. A slur covers the first four notes (G4, A4, B4, A4). The lyrics 'Lord, have mer - cy.' are written below the staff, with 'mer' under the G4 note and 'cy.' under the E4 note.

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

Lord, have mer - cy.

A musical staff in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody consists of quarter notes G4, A4, B4, A4, G4, F#4, and E4. A slur covers the first four notes (G4, A4, B4, A4). The lyrics 'Lord, have mer - cy.' are written below the staff, with 'mer' under the G4 note and 'cy.' under the E4 note.

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.

Lord, have mer - cy.

A musical staff in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody consists of quarter notes G4, A4, B4, A4, G4, F#4, and E4. A slur covers the first four notes (G4, A4, B4, A4). The lyrics 'Lord, have mer - cy.' are written below the staff, with 'mer' under the G4 note and 'cy.' under the E4 note.

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

Lord, have mer - cy.

A musical staff in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody consists of quarter notes G4, A4, B4, A4, G4, F#4, and E4. A slur covers the first four notes (G4, A4, B4, A4). The lyrics 'Lord, have mer - cy.' are written below the staff, with 'mer' under the G4 note and 'cy.' under the E4 note.

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

A - men.

A musical staff in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody consists of quarter notes G4, A4, B4, A4, and a half note G4. A slur covers the first four notes (G4, A4, B4, A4). The lyrics 'A - men.' are written below the staff, with 'A' under the G4 note and 'men.' under the final G4 note.

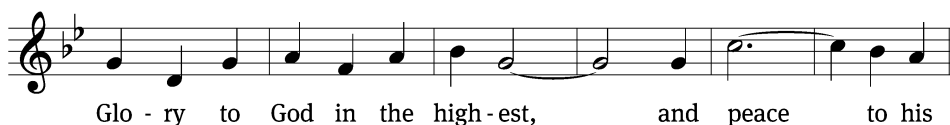
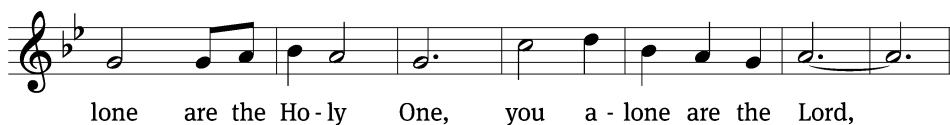
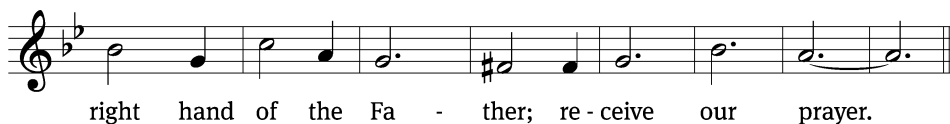
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Glory Be to God

The musical score is written on ten staves, each with a treble clef and a key signature of two flats (B-flat and E-flat). The melody is composed of eighth and quarter notes, with some measures containing rests. The lyrics are printed below the staves, aligned with the notes. The text is as follows:

Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and peace to his
peo - ple on earth. Lord God,
heav - en - ly King, al - might - y God and Fa - ther, we
wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your
glo - ry. Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and
peace to his peo - ple on earth.
Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther,
Lord God, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
world; have mer - cy on us. You are seat - ed at the



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The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

Almighty and everlasting God, give us an increase of faith, hope, and love; and, that we may obtain what you promise, make us love what you command; 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: Exodus 34:5-9

⁵The LORD came down in the cloud. He took his stand there with Moses and proclaimed the name of the LORD. ⁶The LORD passed by in front of him and proclaimed: "The LORD, the LORD, the compassionate and gracious God, slow to anger, and overflowing with mercy and truth, ⁷maintaining mercy for thousands, forgiving guilt and rebellion and sin. He will by no means clear the guilty. He calls their children and their children's children to account for the guilt of the fathers, even to the third and the fourth generation."

⁸Moses quickly bowed to the ground and worshipped. ⁹He said, "If I have now found favor in your sight, Lord, please let the Lord go along with us. Although this is a stiff-necked people, pardon our guilt and our sin, and accept us as your possession."

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Psalm 34

Refrain



Psalm tone



Taste and see that the LORD is good;*
blessed are they who take refuge in him.

The eyes of the LORD are on the righteous*
and his ears are attentive to their cry.

The angel of the LORD encamps around those who fear him,*
and he delivers them. **Refrain**

The righteous cry out, and the LORD hears them;*
he delivers them from all their troubles.

The LORD is close to the brokenhearted*
and saves those who are crushed in spirit.

The LORD redeems his servants;*
no one who takes refuge in him will be condemned.

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

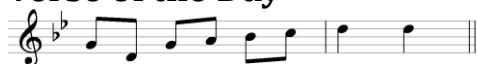
Second Lesson: Romans 10:5-13

⁵Indeed, Moses writes this about the righteousness that comes by the law: "The one who does these things will live by them." ⁶But the righteousness that comes by faith speaks like this: "Do not say in your heart, 'Who will ascend into heaven?'" (that is, to bring Christ down) ⁷"or 'Who will descend into the abyss?'" (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead). ⁸But what does it say? "The word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart," that is, the word of faith that we are proclaiming. ⁹Certainly, if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. ¹⁰For it is with the heart a person believes, resulting in righteousness, and it is with the mouth that a person confesses, resulting in salvation. ¹¹For Scripture says, "Everyone who believes in him will not be put to shame." ¹²So there is no distinction between Jew and Greek, because the same Lord is Lord of all, who gives generously to all who call on him. ¹³Yes, "Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved."

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Verse of the Day



Refrain



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

2 Timothy 1:10b

Alleluia! Our Savior Christ Jesus abolished death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel. Alleluia!

(no introduction)

Refrain



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

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Gospel Lesson: Matthew 16:13-20

¹³When Jesus came into the region of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, "Who do people say the Son of Man is?"

¹⁴They said, "Some say John the Baptist, others say Elijah, and others Jeremiah or one of the prophets."

¹⁵He said to them, "But you, who do you say that I am?"

¹⁶Simon Peter answered, "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God."

¹⁷Jesus replied, "Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah, for flesh and blood did not reveal this to you, but my Father who is in heaven. ¹⁸And I tell you that you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of hell will not overpower it. ¹⁹I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven. Whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven."

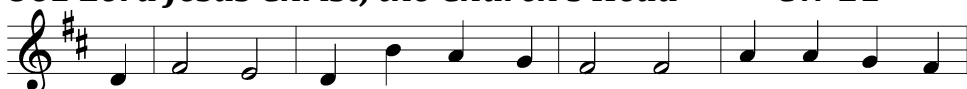
²⁰Then he commanded the disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Christ.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to you, O Christ!

861 Lord Jesus Christ, the Church's Head

CW 21



1 Lord Je - sus Christ, the Church's head, you are her one foun-
 2 O Lord, let this your lit - tle flock, your name a - lone con -
 3 Help us to serve you ev - er - more with hearts both pure and
 4 And for your gos - pel let us dare to sac - ri - fice all



da - tion; in you she trusts, be - fore you bows, and waits for
 fess - ing, con - tin - ue in your lov - ing care, true u - ni -
 low - ly; and may your Word, that light di - vine, shine on in
 trea - sure; teach us to bear your bless - ed cross, to find in



your sal - va - tion. Built on this rock se - cure, your Church
 ty pos - sess - ing. Your sac - ra - ments, O Lord, and your
 splen - dor ho - ly that we re - pent - ance show, in faith
 you all plea - sure. O grant us stead - fast - ness in joy



shall en - dure though all the world de - cay and all things
 sav - ing Word to us e'er pure re - tain; grant that they
 ev - er grow; the pow'r of sin de - stroy and e - vils
 and dis - tress. Lord, for your mer - cy's sake, let us by



pass a - way. O hear, O hear us, Je - sus!
 may re - main our on - ly strength and com - fort.
 that an - noy. O make us faith - ful Chris - tians.
 grace par - take of end - less joy and glo - ry.

Text: tr. William J. Schaefer, 1891–1976, alt.; Johann Mentzer, 1658–1734, abr.

Tune: Friedrich O. Reuter, 1863–1924

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SERMON TEXT: Exodus 34:5-9

RECLAIM THE GLORY OF GOD'S NAME

- I. Behold it.**
- II. Be blessed by it.**

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.

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 of the Church

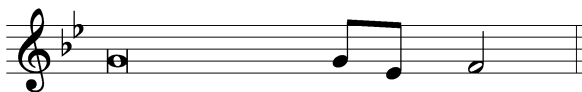
Preparation for Holy Communion

The Lord be with you.



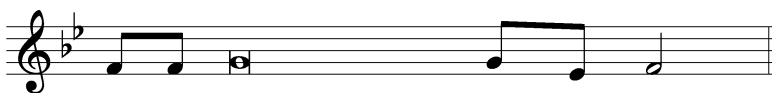
And al - so with you.

Lift up your hearts.



We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



It is right to give him thanks and praise.

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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 until 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:

Holy, Holy, Holy

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er,
God of might. Heav - en and earth are full of your
glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the
Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est, ho -
san - na in the high - est!

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Prayer

Lord God, you are worthy to receive thanks and praise from all people. You created the world and all who live in it, and in your mercy you saved us. We give thanks to you for the grace of your Son, Jesus Christ.

Though in very nature God, he took the nature of a servant and became obedient to death, even death on a cross. He offered himself as a sacrifice for sin and redeemed us from its curse and penalty. He rescued us from the terrors of death and restored eternal life with you. He conquered our enemies and gained for us the kingdom of grace and glory.

Bless us as we receive your Son's body and blood, and lead us to remember his suffering, death, and resurrection. Forgive our sins and fill us with the hope of new life in heaven. Hear our praise and receive our thanks as we worship you—the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

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.**

Words of Institution

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 $\text{\textcircled{c}}$ 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 $\text{\textcircled{c}}$ 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.

Amen.

Jesus, Lamb of God

Je - sus, Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sin of the world; have mer - cy on us.
Je - sus, Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sin of the world; have mer - cy on us.
Je - sus, Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sin of the world; grant us your peace.

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658 With All My Heart I Praise You, Lord

CW 21



1 With all my heart I praise you, Lord, that in your
2 When I con - fess my sin and shame, peace and for -
3 Lord, I re - joice to be your guest, at your rich



Son you saved me. You saw in me what you de - plored;
give - ness seek - ing, you grant me par - don in your name
ta - ble feed - ing, there, by your mer - cy, find - ing rest



my griev - ous sin en - slaved me. Yet, Lord, you paid
be - fore I've fin - ished speak - ing! In love you lis -
and all my soul is need - ing. Let your good Spir -



the high - est price, Je - sus' a - ton - ing sac - ri - fice,
ten care - ful - ly to all our sighs of mis - er - y,
it work with - in to show that all my wretch - ed sin



that you might ev - er own me. Were I to bless
our ev - 'ry need ad - dress - ing. Our guilt should make
has tru - ly been for - giv - en. Thus, well pre - pared,



you all my days, it would be in - suf - fi - cient praise
you turn a - way; in - stead you turn toward us and say:
Lord, I be - lieve that in your sup - per I re - ceive



for kind - ness you have shown me.
"Re - ceive my gra - cious bless - ing."
life, par - don, peace, and heav - en.

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659 *Jesus Christ, Our Blessed Savior* CW 21



1 Je - sus Christ, our bless - ed Sav - ior, turned a - way God's
 2 As his pledge of love un - dy - ing, he, this pre - cious
 3 Je - sus here him - self is shar - ing; take heed how you
 4 Use - less would be Je - sus' pas - sion if sal - va - tion



wrath for - ev - er; by his bit - ter grief and woe
 food sup - ply - ing, gives his bod - y with the bread
 are pre - par - ing, for if you do not be - lieve,
 you could fash - ion. Do not come if you sup - pose



he saved us from the e - vil foe.
 and with the wine the blood he shed.
 judg - ment in - stead you shall re - ceive.
 you need not him who died and rose.

5 Christ says, "Come, all you that labor,
 and receive my grace and favor;
 those who feel no pain or ill
 need no physician's help or skill."

6 Then hold fast with faith unshaken
 that this food is to be taken
 by the souls who are distressed,
 by hearts that long for peace and rest.

7 Praise the Father, who from heaven
 unto us such food has given
 and, to mend what we have done,
 gave into death his only Son.

8 If your heart this truth professes
 and your mouth your sin confesses,
 surely you will be his guest
 and at his banquet ever blest.

Text: tr. The Lutheran Hymnal, 1941; German version, Martin Luther, 1483–1546, abr.; John Hus, c. 1369–1415
 Tune: Geistliche Lieder aufs new gebessert, Wittenberg, 1533, ed. Joseph Klug, alt.
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Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;
his mercy endures forever.

Whenever we eat this bread and drink this cup,
We proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

We give you thanks, O Lord, for the foretaste of the heavenly banquet you have given us in this Sacrament. Through this gift you have fed our faith, nourished our hope, and strengthened our love. By your Spirit, help us to live as your holy people until that day when you will receive us as your guests at the wedding supper of the Lamb, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Blessing

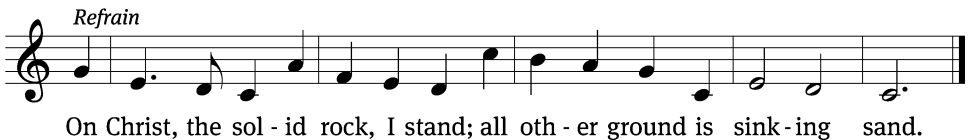
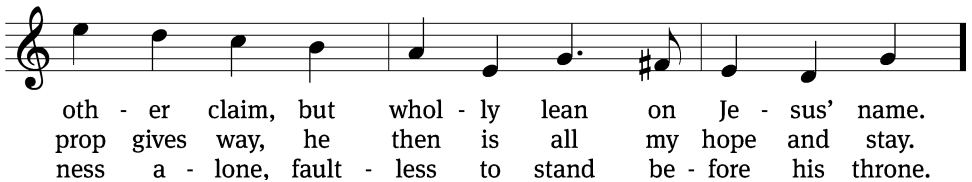
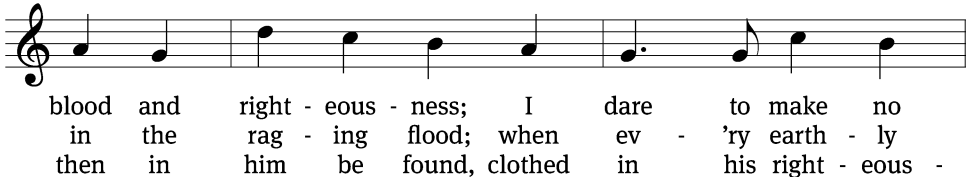
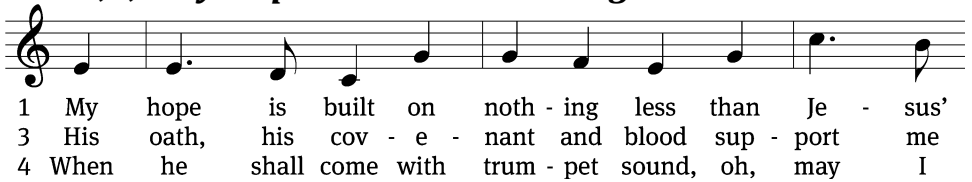
The Lord bless you and keep you.

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.

563:1,3,4 My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less CW 21



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This Week at St. John's: Sep 3, 2023

SERVING US TODAY

Greeters: Donna Zank & Pat Strangfeld

Ushers: Team 3-Dick Urban's team

Altar Guild: Lynda Urban

Donating Bulletins: Randy Roehl in memory of William & Hattie Roehl

September Website: Ray & Sharon Wetzel in thankfulness for our Savior

SERVING US NEXT SUNDAY

Organist: Donna Sternitzky

Greeters: Bob & Bernice Cords

Ushers: Team 4-Rex Roehl's team

Altar Guild: Linda Biebert & Megan Allard

~OPPORTUNITIES TO GROW & SERVE~

TODAY	9:00 AM Communion Service
MONDAY	Labor Day-No School-ELC Closed
TUESDAY	3K/4K 1 st Day of School
	4:00 PM Church Band
	6:00 PM Communion Service
	7:00 PM Council
WEDNESDAY	8:20 AM Chapel
	3:45 PM Confirmation Class
	5:30 PM HIS Meeting
	6:00 PM Sunday School Teachers Mtg
THURSDAY	2:30 PM Adult Instruction Class
	NO BIBLE STUDY
FRIDAY	No School
THURS-SUN	Church/School Campout, West Arbutus
SATURDAY	12:00 Bags Tournament
	5:00 PM Campout Pot Luck Supper
	6:00 PM Campout Worship
NEXT SUNDAY	9:00 AM Worship Service

CHURCH NEWS

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

September Communion: The two communion Sundays in September will be today and Sep. 17th. Because of many members attending the outdoor campout worship service, we will not have communion next Sunday.

Thursday Bible Study: Because of scheduling conflicts, we have decided to move our afternoon Bible study on the book of Romans to Thursdays (4:00-5:00 p.m.) here in the main part of the church. That being said, because of the campout WE WILL NOT BE HAVING BIBLE STUDY THIS THURSDAY. This is a change from your September calendar.

Campout: Our annual church/school campout will be held September 7-10 (Thursday-Sunday) at West Arbutus County Park in Hatfield. We will be having a pot-luck supper and an outdoor worship service at the campground on Saturday evening. No reservations will be made ahead of time; you can pick out your own campsite when you arrive.

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.

Church Band: Church band practice started this last week. Our next practice will be this week Tuesday. 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 17th from 10:15 to 11:15. 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 School: Another year of Sunday School classes will start on September 17th. Classes will be held from 10:15 to 11:30 for children age 3 through 8th grade.

Adult Instruction Class: A new year of adult instruction class will begin this 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.



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!)

3K/4K: *First day of school for our 3K/4K students is this Tuesday, September 5.*



New Playground Open House: *We will be having a party on our playground on Saturday, Sept. 16th from 10am-12pm. We're inviting the school families and our congregation as well as the community to come and check out the new area for infants to age 5. There will be outdoor games and activities for children and adults of all ages. We want to thank everyone who has given support for this project in the last few years. Please come check it out and stay for some fun! If you're interested in helping out, we could use homemade cookies – please sign up on the sheet in the back of church if you plan to bring cookies. Thank you!*

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 has been moved to the Neillsville hospital room 107. Let's keep her in our prayers.

September Devotion: A new devotion is available on our website, and some paper copies are also available on the table in the entryway. The devotion answers the question, "Can God Help Me?" Do you know someone who is struggling with fears? Pick up a copy of the devotion to share with them. If you'd like to access this online, go to:

www.stjohnsneillsville.com/Devotions

FIG: 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>

WELS Weekly Prayer: *Synod convention – Lord Jesus, we praise you working through WELS to carry out your ministry—the proclamation of your salvation to the world. We thank you for a successful synod convention last month that featured mission efforts, the declaring and affirming of fellowship with other church bodies, theological training at home and abroad, and the election of synod leaders. Help each individual and church across our synod to share your love as you guide us in your kingdom work. Amen.*

Worship the Lord with Gladness:

Sunday: 117; Tuesday: 2

Worship with Our Care of God's Wealth:

Thankoffering Given Last Sunday:

\$6,723.50 (Home); \$718.50 (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)
- ✚ 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)