

Pentecost 5

July 14 & 16, 2019

“Welcome!”

The believer follows Christ expecting persecution.

Father, when your Son hung on the cross, he cried out to you in agony and grief. You gave him the strength to endure so that death might be destroyed and life restored. Have mercy on us all our days and preserve us in true faith unto life everlasting; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Personal Preparation for Holy Communion

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Order of Service

Order of Worship:	pg. 26
Opening Hymn:	453
Psalm:	none today
Hymn of the Day:	536

Sermon Text: Zechariah 13:7-9

THE GOOD NEWS ABOUT SUFFERING

I. Starts with Jesus;

II. Continues with unbelievers;

III. Ends with believers.

Offering Hymn:	485
Distribution Hymns:	416 & 428
Closing Hymn:	422

Old Test. Reading: Zechariah 13:7-9

7 “Awake, O sword, against my shepherd, against the man who is close to me!”

declares the LORD Almighty.

“Strike the shepherd,

and the sheep will be scattered,

and I will turn my hand against the little ones.

8 In the whole land,” declares the LORD,

“two-thirds will be struck down and perish; yet one-third will be left in it.

9 This third I will bring into the fire;

I will refine them like silver

and test them like gold.

They will call on my name

and I will answer them;

I will say, ‘They are my people,’

and they will say, ‘The LORD is our God.’ ”

New Test. Reading: Hebrews 11:24-26

24By faith Moses refused to be called the son of Pharaoh’s daughter when he grew up. 25He chose to be mistreated with God’s people rather than enjoy sin for a little while. 26He considered disgrace for the sake of Christ as greater wealth than the treasures of Egypt, because he was looking ahead to his reward.

Verse of the Day: Galatians 4:6

Alleluia! Because you are sons, God sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts to shout, “Abba, Father!” Alleluia!

Gospel Reading: Luke 9:18-24

¹⁸One time when Jesus was praying alone and the disciples were with him, he asked them, "Who do the crowds say that I am?"

¹⁹They answered, "'John the Baptist,' but others say, 'Elijah,' and others say 'one of the ancient prophets come back to life.'"

²⁰He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?"

And Peter answered, "The Christ of God."

²¹He gave them a strict command not to tell this to anyone. ²²He said, "The Son of Man must suffer many things and be rejected by the elders, chief priests, and experts in the law. He must be killed and be raised on the third day."

²³Jesus said to all of them, "If anyone wants to come after me, let him deny himself, take up his cross daily, and follow me. ²⁴For whoever wants to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will save it.

Ministry Notes

SERVING US TODAY

Communion Helpers:

John Hagedorn and Clinton Urban

Greeters:

Ron & Linda Rogus and Eileen Bell

Ushers:

Team 1- Joel Zschernitz' team

Organist:

Judy Trunkel

Altar Committee:

Carol Anason & Charlene Siebert

Donating Bulletins:

Bryan & Paula Dux for their anniversary

SERVING US NEXT SUNDAY

Greeters:

Betty Nemitz & Dianne Buettner

Ushers:

Team 2- Verlyn Shaw's team

Organist:

Judy Trunkel

Altar Committee:

Pat Strangfeld

July Visitation: *Sharon Wetzel*

Donating Website in July:

Pastor & Linda Biebert

~Opportunities to Grow & Serve at St. John's This Week~

Today Jul 14:

Cont. Communion Service 9:00 a.m.

Mon-Fri Jul 15-19:

Day Camp 9:00-2:00

Monday Jul 15:

Exercise Class 5:00 p.m.

Tuesday Jul 16:

Communion Service 6:00 p.m.

Wednesday Jul 17:

Exercise Class 5:00 p.m.

Sunday Jul 21:

Worship Service 9:00 a.m.

Semi-Annual Voters' Meeting 10:15 a.m.

Worship:

Hearing the Word that gives true life:

Sunday (110); Tuesday (24).

"Let us not give up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but let us encourage one another—and all the more as you see the Day approaching." Heb. 10:25

Our gifts for bringing the good news of forgiveness to priceless souls:

Given last week to Home: \$7,612.75
Needed per week: \$7,500.00
Borrowed from line
of credit last week: \$ 4,427.36
Owed on line of credit: \$56,088.63

"Ascribe to the Lord the glory due his name; bring an offering and come into his courts. Worship the Lord in the splendor of his holiness!" Psalm 96:8,9

The Lord's Supper: 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.

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

Fellowship:

Noon Luncheon: All of you are invited to our Noon Luncheon on Tuesday, July 23rd, which is sponsored by our GPS group. Serving will take place from 11:00-1:00 in the school gym. The menu will include hot chicken sandwiches and a variety of salads, relishes, and beverages, as well as homemade pie. There is no charge; free will donations are appreciated. Donations will go toward the new parsonage furnace.

Volunteers are still needed to help. If anyone is interested in helping out, please take note of the sign-up sheets on the table in the entryway.

Youth & Family:

Day Camp: Day camp will be held this Monday-Friday from 9:00-2:00. The summer theme for Day Camp 2019 is Bigfoot Steps to Follow. It is based off of Matthew 16:24, "If anyone wants to follow me, let him deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me." The theme has a lumberjack vibe with the witticism of Bigfoot. It's going to be some big fun!

It's not too late to register your child(ren). Day Camp registration forms are available on the table in the church entryway.

Day Camp Meeting: A meeting will be held in the school this evening at 6:00 for all Day Camp helpers. Please let Mrs. Allard know if you can't make it.

Youth Group: Found more stuff you forgot to bring to the church/school garage sale? The Youth Group is having a garage sale and brat fry at the Main Street Motors parking lot in Greenwood on August 16th-17th. Contact Linda Biebert if you have sale items to donate.

Sunday School Teacher Needed: It would be wonderful if we had one more teacher on our Sunday School staff. Please talk to our superintendent Rachel Anderson or call the school office if you are interested or for more details.

School:

School Cook Needed: **Mrs. Ruth Pennington** recently let us know that she will be unable to continue as our school cook. We are in need of someone to fill this position as soon as possible. We thank **Mrs. Bonnie Thoma**, who has been helping us out during the school year and is filling in for the summer until we find someone. If you're interested or would like more details, please talk to Mr. Allard or call the school office (715-743-2501).

K-2 Items Needed: The K-2 room is in need of the following supplies:

magnets, baskets, floor mat for under desk chair

Mrs. Shadrick will be purchasing the items she wants. If anyone would like to give a monetary donation, it would be greatly appreciated. Mark your gift "K-2 room" and place it in the offering basket or drop it off in the school office. Thanks!

ELC Workers Needed: We are in need of some more workers in the Early Learning Center. If you are interested or would like more details, please call the school office or talk to Mrs. Allard.

Other:

Special Gifts: Keith & Betty Durham gave \$600.00 to Home in thankfulness for their 60th wedding anniversary on June 20.

Willis & Jeannie Volz gave \$100.00 to Home for their 70th wedding anniversary.

Thank you!

Semi-Annual Voters' Meeting: Our semi-annual voters' meeting will be held on Sunday, July 21st, right after the worship service. Please mark your calendars and make plans to attend. **Reports for the voters' meeting are available in the church entryway. Please pick up your copy today.**

Council Positions: Elections for officers and elders will take place at the semi-annual meeting. Please consider whether the Lord has given you the gifts to serve His church. If you have any questions or would like to volunteer to have your name placed on the ballot, please contact any of our current church council members or talk to Pastor.

WELS Weekly Prayer: Women's Ministry Conference – Lord and Savior, you are the Living Stone on which the Church is built and thrives. Through this year's Women's Ministry Conference,

help the attendees to grow in their faith as living stones built on you. Inspire, teach, and lead them as they find joy in serving you and others; and bless their time of fellowship and encouragement. Thank you for all the blessings you give through this conference and similar gatherings throughout our synod. We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

WELS Synod Convention: The 65th biennial synod convention will be held July 29-Aug. 1, 2019, at Martin Luther College, New Ulm, Minn. Hundreds of delegates, including called workers and lay members, convene to make decisions about the synod's mission and ministry. Follow what happens at wels.net/2019synodconvention. There, you'll find daily news updates, videos, election results, and more. Want it delivered to your e-mail? Subscribe to the Together newsletter at wels.net/subscribe.

Church Council Highlights: Worship

Communion Schedule: Our communion schedule will be a little different than normal the next two months. Please see the details below.

August Communion: Because Pastor Biebert will be gone on vacation the first two Sundays in August, we will have regular communion (at the rail) both of those Sundays.

September Communion: We will not have communion on September 8th, as that is the weekend of our church-school campout. In September we will have

regular communion on the 1st and continuous communion on the 22nd.

Adult Discipleship

Welcome, New Members: Five adults recently completed adult instruction class and were formally accepted as communicant members. We welcome:

Ed & Jenn Schmid and their children **Emerson** and **Jackson**; **Carol Gamel**; and **Brett Pohle** and **Ritajane Moeller** and Rita's son **Seth**.

We also offer our congratulations to Brett Pohle, who was baptized at the ELC on Saturday, July 6th, and both Brett and Ritajane Moeller, who were married, also at the ELC, on Saturday, July 6th.

We are excited to welcome all of these new members to our midst. Let's help them feel at home!!

School Board

Parking Lot: The parking lot will be resurfaced and restriped the week of July 29th. For that entire week, if you need to come into the school, please use the south entrance doors of the school. Please park on 5th Street and avoid coming into the parking lot. Thanks for your cooperation!

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Worship Schedule:

Sundays at 9:00 a.m. & Tuesdays at 6:00 p.m.

Worship Broadcast on Cable Channel 98 or 977:

Sundays at 10:30 a.m. & Mondays at 7 p.m.

"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.

To assist you in worship, both personal listening devices & **large print hymns** are available for anyone to use. Please talk to the ushers for assistance. Members and Visitors, please sign the Friendship Registers in the pews either before the service or during the offering.

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.

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." However, should you need some privacy, please make use of our parents' room off the north side of the entryway where you can still listen to the service.