



THE WORD: A TWO-EDGED SWORD

13TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

St. John Evangelical Lutheran Church
4911 Brauer Road - Sturgeon Bay, WI 54235

Welcome to our worship service! In our services here at St. John we have two chief goals. Our first goal is to be built up in our faith through the only means God has given to us, the gospel found in God's Word and Sacraments. Our second goal is to give praise to God—Father, Son, & Holy Spirit—alone. As we seek these two goals we are equipped to carry out our mission—*Come, Grow, Live, and Share Christ!* May the Lord bless our worship today.

Guests

We welcome you to St. John with joy in our hearts that you chose to worship with us today! Instructions for worship are found in the bulletin and will be announced by pastor. There is a **cry room** in the back of church available for parents to calm and care for their children during the service. **Bathrooms** are located downstairs and to the left. A **changing table** is available in the women's bathroom. Should you have any other questions, please speak with one of the ushers or with pastor.

Today's Service

The order of service is called *The Service of the Word*. It begins on page 38 in the red pew hymnal: *Christian Worship*. The hymns and psalm today can also be found in the hymnal.

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SERVICE OF THE WORD

OPENING HYMN: *Oh, for a Faith that Will Not Shrink* CW 405

Please stand and turn to page 38 in the front part of the hymnal.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

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.

FIRST LESSON: *Jeremiah 23:23-29*

23 “Am I only a God nearby,”
declares the LORD,
“and not a God far away?”

24 Can anyone hide in secret places
so that I cannot see him?”
declares the LORD.
“Do not I fill heaven and
earth?”
declares the LORD.

25 “I have heard what the prophets say
who prophesy lies in my name. They say,
‘I had a dream! I had a dream!’ 26 How long
will this continue in the hearts of these
lying prophets, who prophesy the
delusions of their own minds? 27 They
think the dreams they tell one another will
make my people forget my name, just as
their fathers forgot my name through Baal
worship. 28 Let the prophet who has a
dream tell his dream, but let the one who
has my word speak it faithfully. For what
has straw to do with grain?” declares the
LORD. 29 “Is not my word like fire,” declares
the LORD, “and like a hammer that breaks
a rock in pieces?”

PSALM OF THE DAY: *Psalm 139a* CW p. 116

my soul
LONGS FOR YOUR
SALVATION
I HOPE IN YOUR
WORD


SECOND LESSON: *Hebrews 12:1-13*

¹Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles, and let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us. ²Let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy set before him endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God. ³Consider him who endured such opposition from sinful men, so that you will not grow weary and lose heart.

⁴In your struggle against sin, you have not yet resisted to the point of shedding your blood. ⁵And you have forgotten that word of encouragement that addresses you as sons:

“My son, do not make light of the Lord’s discipline,
and do not lose heart when he rebukes you,
⁶ because the Lord disciplines those he loves,

and he punishes everyone he accepts as a son.”

⁷Endure hardship as discipline; God is treating you as sons. For what son is not disciplined by his father? ⁸If you are not disciplined (and everyone undergoes discipline), then you are illegitimate children and not true sons. ⁹Moreover, we have all had human fathers who disciplined us and we respected them for it. How much more should we submit to the Father of our spirits and live! ¹⁰Our fathers disciplined us for a little while as they thought best; but God disciplines us for our good, that we may share in his holiness. ¹¹No discipline seems pleasant at the time, but painful. Later on, however, it produces a harvest of righteousness and peace for those who have been trained by it.

¹²Therefore, strengthen your feeble arms and weak knees. ¹³“Make level paths for your feet,” so that the lame may not be disabled, but rather healed.

VERSE OF THE DAY: *Hebrews 4:12*

Alleluia. The Word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, discerning the thoughts and intentions of the heart. Alleluia.

GOSPEL: *Luke 12:49-53*

⁴⁹“I have come to bring fire on the earth, and how I wish it were already kindled! ⁵⁰But I have a baptism to undergo, and how distressed I am until it is completed! ⁵¹Do you think I came to bring peace on earth? No, I tell you, but division. ⁵²From now on there will be five in one family

divided against each other, three against two and two against three. ⁵³They will be divided, father against son and son against father, mother against daughter and daughter against mother, mother-in-law against daughter-in-law and daughter-in-law against mother-in-law.”

SERMON HYMN: *Lord Jesus Christ, with Us Abide* CW 541:1-4

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE: In front of the sanctuary

SERMON HYMN: *Lord Jesus Christ, with Us Abide* CW 541:5-7

SERMON TEXT: *Luke 12:49-53*

THE WORLD ON FIRE

APOSTLES' CREED: *CW p. 41*

OFFERING

INSTALLATION OF SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS

M: Dear Friends in Christ, you have been called as teachers in the Sunday School of this congregation. You are doing the work the Lord has committed to his Church: to teach the gospel of Jesus Christ, to make disciples of all nations, and to feed the lambs of the Lord Jesus. You do this work on behalf of St. John Evangelical Lutheran Church and in association with the parents who entrust their children to your instruction and care.

Your work is both a great privilege and a serious responsibility. To equip yourselves for this blessed work, it is necessary that you faithfully study God's Word, devote yourselves to prayer for those entrusted to your care, and carefully prepare for the lessons you will teach. It is also of great importance in the teaching of the Savior's little ones that you set an example by leading Christian lives.

Lower Grades

Amber Enstad & Mary Kramer

Middle Grades

Jennifer Andreae

Upper Grades

Barbara Schaefer

Substitute Teachers

*Geno & Teri Dennis, Tanya Hasenjager,
Margie Nelson, Gail Wilke*

PROMISE

M: I now ask you in the presence of God and this congregation:

Are you willing to accept this responsibility and to do your work faithfully, according to the ability God has given you? If so, answer: Yes, and I ask God to help me.

R: Yes, and I ask God to help me.

INSTALLATION

M: I now install you as teachers in the Sunday School of St. John Evangelical Lutheran Church, in the name of the Father and of the Son ☩ and of the Holy Spirit.

May God grant you his Holy Spirit and give you wisdom and strength to carry out your duties to his glory and for the good of his children.

Members of St. John, I urge you to regard these teachers as servants of Jesus Christ, teachers of the Gospel, and God's gifts to his Church. Support them in their work, pray for them, and bring your children to Sunday School so that you and your families may receive the eternal blessings the Lord promises to those who hear and learn his Word.

PRAYER

M: Let us pray.

Gracious Savior, you bless every effort to bring children up in the Christian faith. We ask you to give wisdom, kindness, and perseverance to our teachers who feed your lambs. Teach them your truth so that they may teach others. Cause the children entrusted to their care to be eager to learn about their Savior. May your goodness go out into all the earth so that people in this community and everywhere may hear it and believe it, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

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.

M: Go and serve in the peace and joy of the Lord!

HYMN: *Bless Our Loved Ones, Holy Father* CW 504:1-3

CLOSING HYMN: *Bless Our Loved Ones, Holy Father* CW 504:4-6

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Our Shut-Ins—Betty Kiehnau, Ruth Stephan.

Jason Staats & Family, that the Lord would bless Jason and the rest of his division with safety and vigilance as they are now deployed to the Middle East. We also ask that the Lord bless and keep Nicole and the children while Jason serves our country and the people of Afghanistan.

Easton Grasse, (young grandson of David & Tamie Grasse), that the Lord would continue to bless Easton's progress with taking food by mouth so that he can move off of the feeding tube soon.

Gene Dennis, who is struggling with health issues, some of which are still undiagnosed.

Darlene Krauel, prayers of thanksgiving that she has been told the cancer is gone, that the Lord keep the cancer away and bless her continued recovery and further treatments.

Ruth Stephan, who was recently diagnosed with lung cancer.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

GriefShare @ St. Peter's

GriefShare is a 13-week seminar of video presentations by noted leaders in grief care and small group discussion. We are here to help. Please come to GriefShare starting on **Thursday, September 5, at 6:00 pm** in the church library. This caring ministry is open to the community. Someone you know is hurting. Tell them about this group. The facilitators are Muriel Wallestad, Char LaCrosse, and Bob Johnson. If you have any questions contact Bob Johnson at 743-4431.

Sunday School

Will begin on **Sunday, September 15**. Sunday School parents will soon be receiving a letter in the mail with information on the year and their classrooms.

This is (y)our life

The book of Ephesians is an incredibly practical book for Christians at every stage of life. Here we see what the Christian life looks like, and what it doesn't look like. Leading up until Christmas, we will explore Paul's letter to the Ephesians as if we were paging through a family photo album. We'll see how we were adopted into God's family (baby photos), how we're united into one family (group family picture). We'll also page through photos on our worship life, weddings, even military ID and more. This is your life! Yet, thankfully, because we're all in this together—this is OUR life! Join us starting on **Sunday, September 15** in the sanctuary for Bible Class.

Church Mowing

The sign-up sheet is posted on the church bulletin board. Everything you need is provided for you in the church shed: riding lawnmower, trimmer, fuel. If more fuel is needed, please speak to Kevin Wilke or Pastor. Mowing and trimming includes lawn around the church, cemetery, and field.

ST. JOHN WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

September 8-9, 2019

Schedule

Today	11:00 a.m. - Fish Boil
Monday	6:30 p.m. - Worship
Tuesday	6:30 p.m. - Sunday School Teachers Meeting
Wednesday	6:30 a.m. - DC WELS Bible Class @ Wanda Jeans 3:30 p.m. - Catechism Class
Thursday	Noon - Ladies' Aid meeting
Sunday	10:00 a.m. - Worship

Birthdays

Sept. 9th-Scott Andreae & Jason Wilke

Anniversaries

None

Atar Guild

Sept. 15th- Dorothy Magle; 16th-Mary Kramer; Oct. 6-Judy Christiansen; 7th-Amber Enstad

Ushering

September - Lynn Nelson & Paul Nelson

October - Jeff Peterson & Gene Dennis

Communion Server

September - Gene Dennis

October - Mike Nolte

Church Cleaning

Week beginning: Sept. 9th-Elmer Tanck Family; 16th-Ehlers/Grasse Family; 23rd-Wilke Family; 30th-Lynn Nelson Family; Oct. 7-Tomjanovich Family; 14th-Dean Schumacher Family; 21st-Barb Schaefer & Christine Polster; 28th-Annie Gilbert, Mary Kramer & Phyllis Simon; Nov. 3-Andreae/Staats Family; 10th-Enstad Family

Scrip

Please remember that Scrip is available in our library before and after services. They are honored by many area businesses at face value, and a portion goes to our church. Gift boxes available.