



THE NARROW DOOR IS OPEN

14TH 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 *Service of Word and Sacrament*. It begins on page 26 in the red pew hymnal: *Christian Worship*. The hymns and psalm today are found in the hymnal.

Communion at St. John

At St. John we practice membership communion. That means we invite to the altar those who have expressed their agreement with the biblical teachings of this church through current membership in our congregation or other WELS or ELS congregations. Some might have questions about our practice since not every Christian congregation today practices Close Communion. For this reason, we sincerely invite you to schedule a visit with our pastor so that he may talk with you about any questions or concerns you may have. He will be more than happy to sit down with you.

Use time before the service to prepare for Communion by turning to page 156 in the front of the hymnal.

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SERVICE OF WORD & SACRAMENT

OPENING HYMN: *Before You, God, the Judge of All* CW 306

Please stand and turn to page 26 in the front part of the hymnal.

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.

FIRST LESSON: *Isaiah 66:18-24*

¹⁸“And I, because of their actions and their imaginations, am about to come and gather all nations and tongues, and they will come and see my glory.

¹⁹“I will set a sign among them, and I will send some of those who survive to the nations—to Tarshish, to the Libyans and Lydians (famous as archers), to Tubal and Greece, and to the distant islands that have not heard of my fame or seen my glory. They will proclaim my glory among the nations. ²⁰And they will bring all your brothers, from all the nations, to my holy mountain in Jerusalem as an offering to the LORD—on horses, in chariots and wagons, and on mules and camels,” says the LORD. “They

will bring them, as the Israelites bring their grain offerings, to the temple of the LORD in ceremonially clean vessels. ²¹And I will select some of them also to be priests and Levites,” says the LORD.

²²“As the new heavens and the new earth that I make will endure before me,” declares the LORD, “so will your name and descendants endure. ²³From one New Moon to another and from one Sabbath to another, all mankind will come and bow down before me,” says the LORD. ²⁴“And they will go out and look upon the dead bodies of those who rebelled against me; their worm will not die, nor will their fire be quenched, and they will be loathsome to all mankind.”

PSALM OF THE DAY: *Psalms 72* CW p. 93

SECOND LESSON: *Romans 9:1-9*

¹I speak the truth in Christ—I am not lying, my conscience confirms it in the Holy Spirit—²I have great sorrow and unceasing anguish in my heart. ³For I could wish that I myself were cursed and cut off from Christ for the sake of my brothers, those of my own race, ⁴the people of Israel. Theirs is the adoption as sons; theirs the divine glory, the covenants, the receiving of the law, the temple worship and the promises. ⁵Theirs are the patriarchs, and from them is traced the human ancestry of Christ, who is God over all, forever praised! Amen.

⁶It is not as though God's word had failed. For not all who are descended from Israel are Israel. ⁷Nor because they are his descendants are they all Abraham's children. On the contrary, "It is through Isaac that your offspring will be reckoned." ⁸In other words, it is not the natural children who are God's children, but it is the children of the promise who are regarded as Abraham's offspring. ⁹For this was how the promise was stated: "At the appointed time I will return, and Sarah will have a son."

VERSE OF THE DAY: *1 Timothy 1:10b*

Alleluia. Jesus Christ has destroyed death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel. Alleluia.

GOSPEL: *Luke 13:22-30*

²²Then Jesus went through the towns and villages, teaching as he made his way to Jerusalem. ²³Someone asked him, "Lord, are only a few people going to be saved?"

He said to them, ²⁴"Make every effort to enter through the narrow door, because many, I tell you, will try to enter and will not be able to. ²⁵Once the owner of the house gets up and closes the door, you will stand outside knocking and pleading, 'Sir, open the door for us.'

"But he will answer, 'I don't know you or where you come from.'

²⁶"Then you will say, 'We ate and drank with you, and you taught in our streets.'

²⁷"But he will reply, 'I don't know you or where you come from. Away from me, all you evildoers!'

²⁸"There will be weeping there, and gnashing of teeth, when you see Abraham, Isaac and Jacob and all the prophets in the kingdom of God, but you yourselves thrown out. ²⁹People will come from east and west and north and south, and will take their places at the feast in the kingdom of God. ³⁰Indeed there are those who are last who will be first, and first who will be last."

SERMON HYMN: *I Walk in Danger All the Way* CW 431:1-3

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE: In front of the sanctuary

SERMON HYMN: *I Walk in Danger All the Way* CW 431:4-6

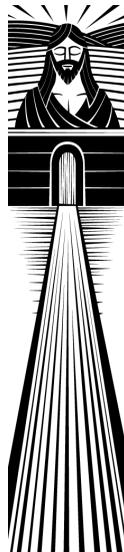
SERMON TEXT: *Luke 13:22-30*

SO MANY, BUT SO FEW

After the sermon, please stand and turn to page 31 in the hymnal as we confess our faith with the words of the Nicene Creed.

COMMUNION HYMN: *Now I have Found the Firm Foundation* CW 386

CLOSING HYMN: *Redeemed, Restored, Forgiven* CW 388:4



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

Church Mowing

The signup 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.

Thank You

The St John Ladies Aid says thank you to everyone who donated to the Adopt-A-Soldier offering for boxes to send to Jason Staats and his fellow servicemen.

WLMS

St. Peter's and Zion are teaming up for the WLMS Fall Rally on **Saturday, Oct. 26** from 8:30-12:30. All women from our church are invited to come and see what WLMS is all about. An RSVP by October 9, 2019 is needed, so let Barb Schaefer, Amber Enstad or Sue Barnes know if you would like to go. They have asked our church to become members. One of the things they do is you choose one of our missionaries and support them with letters and gifts. You get a personal relationship with these missionaries and learn what it is like for them and their families. They get prayers and support from people they do not know but will get to know as we continue our support of them. Learn more at the rally at St. Peter's.

ST. JOHN WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

September 15-16, 2019

Schedule

Monday 6:30 p.m. - Worship
Wednesday 6:30 a.m. - DC WELS Bible Class @ Wanda Jeans
3:30 p.m. - Catechism Class
7:00 p.m. - Church Council Meeting
Sunday 10:00 a.m. - Worship

Birthdays

Sept. 18th-Jennifer Brandenburg

Anniversaries

Sept. 19-Ted and Diane Teddleton

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. 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.