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2 Corinthians 5:11 KJV

Knowing therefore the terror of the Lord, we persuade men; but we are made manifest unto God; and I trust also are made manifest in your consciences.

As We Gather... What motivates you to share Jesus Christ with others? As Christians we fear the Lord and know all of His awesome and mighty deeds. Especially those that have provided for our salvation through His son, Jesus Christ. Therefore, we fear God not because we are afraid of Him but because we are in awe of all that He has done for us. This is why we persuade others through the work of the Holy Spirit so that they, too, may be transformed by God as well.

Vacation Bible School 2021 July 19-23

Opening Hymn: *Praise to the Lord, the Almighty* LSB #790



1 Praise to the Lord, the Al - might - y, the King of cre -
 2 Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things is won - drous - ly
 3 Praise to the Lord, who has fear - ful - ly, won - drous - ly,
 4 Praise to the Lord, who will pros - per your work and de -
 5 Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me a -



a - tion! O my soul, praise Him, for He is your
 reign - ing And, as on wings of an ea - gle, up -
 made you, Health has be - stowed and, when heed - less - ly
 fend you; Sure - ly His good - ness and mer - cy shall
 dore Him! All that has life and breath, come now with



health and sal - va - tion! Let all who hear Now to His
 lift - ing, sus - tain - ing. Have you not seen All that is
 fall - ing, has stayed you. What need or grief Ev - er has
 dai - ly at - tend you. Pon - der a - new What the Al -
 prais - es be - fore Him! Let the A - men Sound from His



tem - ple draw near, Join - ing in glad ad - o - ra - tion!
 need - ful has been Sent by His gra - cious or - dain - ing?
 failed of re - lief? Wings of His mer - cy did shade you.
 might - y can do As with His love He be - friends you.
 peo - ple a - gain; Glad - ly for - ev - er a - dore Him!

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Confession and Absolution

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

People: **Amen.**

Pastor: Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

Pastor: Our help is in the name of the Lord,

People: **Who made heaven and earth.**

Pastor: I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,

People: **and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.**

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination

Pastor: O almighty God, merciful Father,

People: **I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.**

Pastor: Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: **Amen.**

Sunday Bible Class:

9:00 am

Sunday Worship:

10:00 am

Wednesday Bible Class

9:00 am

Holy Communion

First, Third, Fifth

Sunday.

**Welcome
in the name of Jesus!**

*We're so glad to have you
join us to worship our Lord!*

*If you are a guest with us
for worship today, please
introduce yourself to our
pastor and stop by the
registration book at the
back of church.*

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Emergencies 24/7

Policy Regarding the Lord Supper

When our Family of Faith celebrates the Lord's Supper, we believe Jesus Christ gives us not only bread and wine but His very body and blood to eat and to drink for the forgiveness of sins. Our Lord invites to His table the baptized who trust His words, repent of all sin, and forgive and love as He forgives and loves us. Those who eat and drink our Lord's body and blood unworthily do so to their great harm. Any who are not yet instructed or who hold a confession of faith differing from that of the LCMS, are asked to please refrain from communing today.

Service of the Word

Gloria Patri

(Sung)

LSB 186

☐ Glo - ry be to the Fa - ther and to the Son and to the Ho - ly Ghost;
as it was in the be - gin - ning, is now, and ev - er shall be, world with - out end. A - men.

Kyrie (Sung)

LSB 186

☐ Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -
on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

Gloria in Excelsis (Sung)

LSB 187

☐ Glory be to God on high: ☐ and on earth peace, good - will toward
men. We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we wor - ship Thee,
we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory.
O Lord God, heav'n - ly King, God the Fa - ther Al - mighty.
O Lord, the only begotten Son, Je - sus Christ;
O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,
that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy up - on us.
Thou that takest away the sin of the world, re - ceive our prayer.

Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy up -
on us. For Thou only art holy; Thou on - ly art the Lord.
Thou only, O Christ, with the Ho - ly Ghost,
art most high in the glory of God the Father. A - men.

Salutation and Collect of the Day

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: **And with thy Spirit.** (*Sung*)

Pastor: Let us pray.

People: **Blessed Lord, since You have caused all Holy Scriptures to be written for our learning, grant that we may so hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them that we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

Old Testament Reading *Ezekiel 17:22–24*

²²Thus says the Lord GOD: “I myself will take a sprig from the lofty top of the cedar and will set it out. I will break off from the topmost of its young twigs a tender one, and I myself will plant it on a high and lofty mountain. ²³On the mountain height of Israel will I plant it, that it may bear branches and produce fruit and become a noble cedar. And under it will dwell every kind of bird; in the shade of its branches birds of every sort will nest. ²⁴And all the trees of the field shall know that I am the LORD; I bring low the high tree, and make high the low tree, dry up the green tree, and make the dry tree flourish. I am the LORD; I have spoken, and I will do it.”

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Epistle *2 Corinthians 5*

¹For we know that if the tent, which is our earthly home, is destroyed, we have a building from God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens. ²For in this tent we groan, longing to put on our heavenly dwelling, ³if indeed by putting it on we may not be found naked. ⁴For while we are still in this tent, we groan, being burdened—not that we would be unclothed, but that we would be further clothed, so that what is mortal may be swallowed up by life. ⁵He who has prepared us for this very thing is God, who has given us the Spirit as a guarantee.

⁶So we are always of good courage. We know that while we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord, ⁷for we walk by faith, not by sight. ⁸Yes, we are of good courage, and we would rather be away from the body and at home with the Lord. ⁹So whether we are at home or away, we make it our aim to please him. ¹⁰For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each one may receive what is due for what he has done in the body, whether good or evil.

¹¹Therefore, knowing the fear of the Lord, we persuade others. But what we are is known to God, and I hope it is known also to your conscience. ¹²We are not commending ourselves to you again but giving you cause to boast about us, so that you may be able to answer those who boast about outward appearance and not about what is in the heart. ¹³For if we are beside ourselves, it is for God; if we are in our right mind, it is for you. ¹⁴For

the love of Christ controls us, because we have concluded this: that one has died for all, therefore all have died;¹⁵ and he died for all, that those who live might no longer live for themselves but for him who for their sake died and was raised.

¹⁶From now on, therefore, we regard no one according to the flesh. Even though we once regarded Christ according to the flesh, we regard him thus no longer. ¹⁷Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come. ¹⁸All this is from God, who through Christ reconciled us to himself and gave us the ministry of reconciliation; ¹⁹that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting to us the message of reconciliation. ²⁰Therefore, we are ambassadors for Christ, God making his appeal through us. We implore you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. ²¹For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Alleluia and Verse



Holy Gospel Mark 4:26–34

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the Fourth Chapter.

People: **Glory be to Thee, O Lord.** (*Sung*)

²⁶And he said, “The kingdom of God is as if a man should scatter seed on the ground. ²⁷He sleeps and rises night and day, and the seed sprouts and grows; he knows not how. ²⁸The earth produces by itself, first the blade, then the ear, then the full grain in the ear. ²⁹But when the grain is ripe, at once he puts in the sickle, because the harvest has come.”

³⁰And he said, “With what can we compare the kingdom of God, or what parable shall we use for it? ³¹It is like a grain of mustard seed, which, when sown on the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on earth, ³²yet when it is sown it grows up and becomes larger than all the garden plants and puts out large branches, so that the birds of the air can make nests in its shade.”

³³With many such parables he spoke the word to them, as they were able to hear it. ³⁴He did not speak to them without a parable, but privately to his own disciples he explained everything.

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: **Praise be to Thee, O Christ.** (*Sung*)

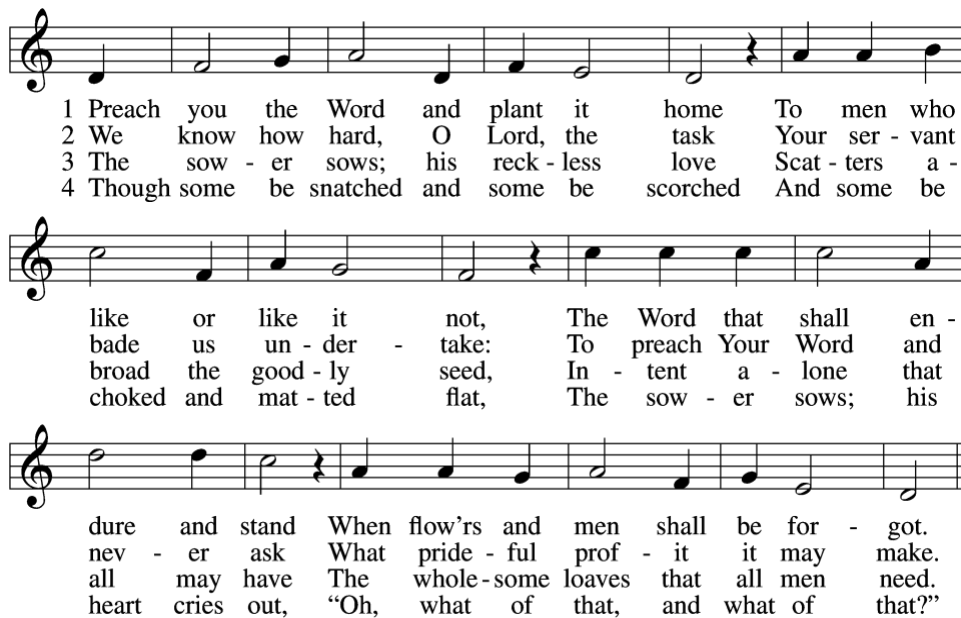
Apostles Creed

LSB 192

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth.
And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died and was buried.
He descended into hell.
The third day He rose again from the
dead.
He ascended into heaven**

**and sits at the right hand of God the
Father Almighty.
From thence He will come to judge the
living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy Christian Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

Children's Message:



1 Preach you the Word and plant it home To men who
 2 We know how hard, O Lord, the task Your ser - vant
 3 The sow - er sows; his reck - less love Scat - ters a -
 4 Though some be snatched and some be scorched And some be
 like or like it not, The Word that shall en -
 bade us un - der - take: To preach Your Word and
 broad the good - ly seed, In - tent a - lone that
 choked and mat - ted flat, The sow - er sows; his
 dure and stand When flow'rs and men shall be for - got.
 nev - er ask What pride - ful prof - it it may make.
 all may have The whole - some loaves that all men need.
 heart cries out, "Oh, what of that, and what of that?"

5 Of all his scattered plenteousness
 One-fourth waves ripe on hill and flat,
 And bears a harvest hundredfold:
 "Ah, what of that, Lord, what of that!"

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Sermon:

Persuade Others

We

Pastor David Benning

Offertory (Sung)

LSB 192



Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God,
 new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast
 way from Thy pres - ence, and take not Thy
 from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of
 tion, and up - hold me with Thy free spir -

Giving Options:

There are several ways to give. One is the offering basket placed at the back of church. The Second is the Give + app, which can be downloaded from

6 Preach you the Word and plant it home
 And never faint; the Harvest Lord
 Who gave the sower seed to sow
 Will watch and tend His planted Word.

your phone's app store. Our E-Giving platform can also be accessed from our website by clicking on the E-GIVING tab at the top of the page. In addition to these two options, we also have a locked drop box on the outside of church next to the bulletins.

Offering Prayer

Pastor: Let us pray.

People: **Lord Jesus, You raised us from death to life by the power of Spirit given faith in Your death and resurrection. Use these offerings to raise people from death to life through Your living Spirit, here and throughout the world. Amen.**

Prayers of the Church

Pastor: Lord, in Your mercy . . .

People: **Hear our prayer.**

Pastor: Lord, remember us in Your Kingdom and teach us to pray . . .

People: **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.

Benedicamus and Benediction

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: **And with thy spirit.** (*Sung*)

Pastor: Bless we the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.** (*Sung*)

Pastor: The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine on you and be
gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor and to give you
peace.

People: **Amen, Amen, Amen.** (*Sung*)

Anniversary Closing Hymn: Father, We Praise Thee

LSB # 875



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TIME FOR ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHURCH NEWS

FLOWERS

Flowers are placed on the altar to God's Glory and in remembrance of Aunt Marilyn's Flag Day Birthday.

We always knew Grandma Basse would hang the flag from the front porch that day.

TODAY IN SUNDAY SCHOOL

Today, we studied "Abomination Nation." God reveals the future of Israel to the prophet Ezekiel. Because of Israel's horrible behavior, the presence of the Lord departs the temple with cherubim and spinning wheels. Yet God promises to cleanse and restore His people: they will once again dwell in the land God promised, and He will put His Spirit within them. **For discussion at home this week: *"Because God kept the promises He made to Abraham and Moses, what do we know about the promises He made through Ezekiel? To what special place has God promised to bring you?"***

THANK YOU

The family of Irma Hughes would like to thank everyone for their cards, thoughts and prayers.

WALTHER LEAGUE

Adult leaders are needed for the Walther League beginning as soon as possible. The leader role is open to anyone over 18 with a willingness to work the jr. high and high school youth. This may be individuals, couples or even a group which operates as a board to guide regular meetings and activities of the group. See Pastor or Connie Komnick if interested.

GOD IS CALLING!

We are still in need of at least 2 more individuals willing to share the good news of God's love with the youngest members of St John's. See Connie Komnick if interested.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR VBS

"God's Wonder Lab: Jesus Does the Impossible" is coming to St John's the week of July 19-23. The format is still under consideration. Stay tuned!

KFUO

CHRIST FOR YOU this week on KFUO.org: study Jeremiah 14-21 on Sharper Iron's "A Time to Destroy and a Time to Build" (weekdays at 8:00 a.m. CT), hear about 2 Kings 9-13 on Thy Strong Word (weekdays at 11:00 a.m. CT), and consider practical application of our Lutheran Confessions on Concord Matters (6/19 at 10:00 a.m. CT). Download our new KFUE Radio iOS or Android app to listen live or on demand!

LWML CID MISSION GRANT #1 Student Aid for Church Workers - \$30,000

Due to the high cost of becoming a full-time church worker, many students find it difficult to complete their schooling. This grant will provide partial funding to CID students so they may realize their dreams of becoming full-time church workers. These funds would be distributed through the LCMS CID Scholarship Committee.

How can I help? Pray that God provides men and women willing to become church workers to spread the Gospel message throughout the world. Support this grant by donating to your church's LWML group mite fund.

Support Our Church's Mission of "Proclaiming Christ by Caring For All" through e-Giving

- Give anytime, anywhere using your computer, tablet or mobile phone
- Make regular church offerings without writing a check or preparing envelopes
- Give in the moment with a fast, one-time donation
- Schedule recurring contributions so they arrive even when you can't attend worship services
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If you would like to give electronically, please visit our web site www.STJNB.org or download the Give + app at the App Store or Google Play.

JULY FOOD DRIVE CHALLENGE

Once again...How easy it is to 'see' someone in need and help them. It is also easy to not help someone when we 'cannot see' their plight. We have been blessed to have been given the opportunity to establish an Ecumenical partnership with Island Grove United Methodist Church to join hands to find real solutions. When we work together, we accomplish much in the name of the Lord.

St. John's will evenly divide its collected food items between the Loami Food Pantry and the New Berlin laundromat pantry, while the UMC is stocking the kiosk in the south park and the NB pantry. You may bring items either to our church, the Loami Food Pantry or take them to the laundromat to place them on the shelving that Mr. Williams has so generously provided.

A challenge is going out to all members of our congregation to bring in as many items as possible by Sunday, July 4th, that will provide for both the New Berlin and Loami Food Pantries throughout the summer months. We are, and will always be, God's mustard seeds. How often are we given a mission opportunity in our own back yard?

How to watch St. John's live services on your device...

Facebook: facebook.com/stjnb.com

1. Facebook live is the primary way to view our service.
2. If you watch our worship service on Facebook please like and share so that others can join in.

Computer: Our service can be watched right here on our website

1. Or you can go to our YouTube channel [click here](#)
2. Or you can go to Facebook.com just look for our page

Streaming Services

1. Amazon Fire Stick: use the Facebook app or YouTube app
2. Roku Stick: use the sermon.net app

Mobile Phone:

1. Download the sermon.net app from the apple app store for free [click here](#)
2. Download the sermon.net app from the android store for free [click here](#)
3. Search under ministries for STJNB and subscribe and allow for notifications.

Please submit bulletin information by Noon on Thursday.

Email Allicent Smith at Sallicent@gmail.com or call (217) 341-1757.

The Mustard-Seed

Matthew 13: 31, Mark 4: 30-32, Luke 13: 18-19

Look carefully at the words below. Each of these has been hidden in the word search.
Words can be on the horizontal, diagonal, backwards, forwards, up and down.

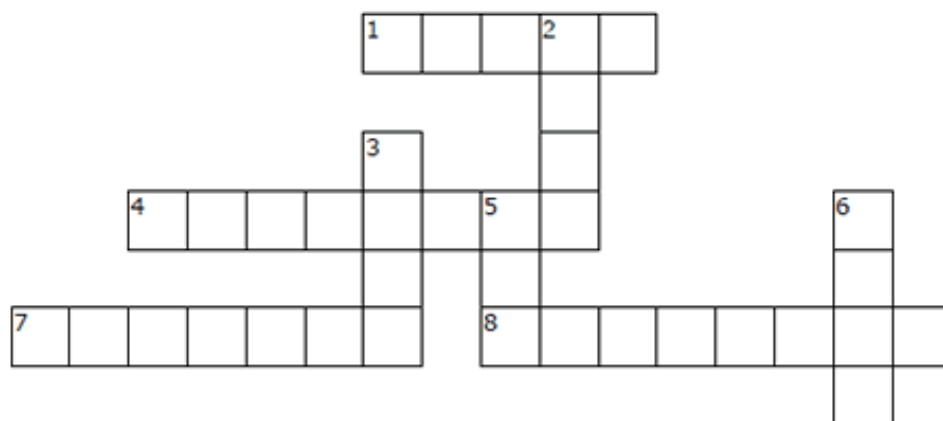
PRODUCING	GREATEST	BRANCHES	SMALLEST	MUSTARD	SPRINGS
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FOWLS	LODGE	LARGE	GRAIN	GROWN	SHADE
EARTH	ROOST	LEAST	SHRUB	HERBS	SOWED
TREE	TINY	NEST	SEED	AIR	MAN

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A Mustard Seed Faith

He replied, "If you have faith as small as a mustard seed, you can say to this mulberry tree, 'Be uprooted and planted in the sea,' and it will obey you." Luke 17:6 (NIV)

This puzzle is based on Luke 17:5-6 (NIV)



ACROSS

1. Belief in the truth, value, or trustworthiness of a person or idea
4. To make greater or larger
7. A thick, yellow liquid that tastes spicy and is eaten in small amounts on meat and sandwiches
8. Twelve disciples chosen by Jesus to preach the gospel

DOWN

2. A tall plant with a wooden trunk, branches, and leaves
3. A small kernel that is buried in the ground to grow a new plant
5. A large area of salt water partly or completely surrounded by land
6. To do what you are told or expected to do

mustard	tree	seed	obey
faith	increase	sea	apostles

