

**Week of  
August 9, 2020**



Join the  
**St. John's Lutheran  
Ministries**  
Facebook group for news,  
updates and daily  
encouragement!

## Welcome in the name of the Lord !

As God serves us today in Word and Sacrament, may we rejoice in His gifts of forgiveness, life and salvation.

1) To parents of small children, we love the sound of children in worship. Thank you for bringing your child to worship; they belong here! If your child is actively crying, we have a cry room with service audio and video near the restrooms.

2) Regarding the Lord's Supper today: If you are not a confirmed member of this congregation or a congregation of The Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod, please speak to the pastor before communing. Pastor is readily available in the narthex before worship for this conversation. For those with medical need, the center section of the individual cup trays is filled with cups of grape juice (lighter color). For those that have a gluten intolerance, gluten-free wafers are available. Share your need as you come forward to the altar.

3) Children are invited to come forward to the altar while the Lord's Supper is distributed; encourage them to bow their heads and fold their hands. While there, they will receive a Baptismal blessing from the Pastor.

4) We ask that if you have a mobile device, please silence it during the worship service.

5) Our elders, greeters, and ushers are here to help with any of your worship needs today.

Thanks for worshipping with us!

### Please Pray

Thanksgiving (birth, baptisms, weddings, recovery):

Milestone (birthdays, anniversaries):

*Eric and Mary Soderlund, celebrating 40 years of marriage.*

Medical:

*Tom Kohn*

Long-term Illness/Treatment

*Boyd Wolfgram*

Mourning:

Family of *Charles Behnke*

Family of *Grace Eicher*

(grandmother of *Lucas Eicher*)

Other:

How Do I Get Someone on the Prayer List?

If you, or someone you know, would like to have a name added to the prayer list, please contact the church office. Prayer requests for Thanksgiving, Milestone, Medical, and Mourning will remain on the list for two weeks. Prayer requests for Long-term Illness/Treatment will remain for one month unless the church office is notified with an update on the individual. Please be sure that you have the permission of the individual before contacting the church office to add them to the public prayer list.

*\*Please notify the church office when one of our church family*

### Weekly Offerings

Last Week's Attendance: 207

Unified Received: \$13,203.67

Other Contributions: \$945.00

TOTAL: \$14,148.67

**Weekly Unified Needed: \$14,230.77**

### Worship Times

+ Wednesdays 5:30 p.m. \*with online reservations

+ Saturdays 5:30 p.m.

+ Sundays 8:00 a.m.

+ Sundays 9:15 a.m. \*with online reservations

+ Sundays 10:30 a.m.

\*The link for reservations is on the church website at [stjohnsportage.com](http://stjohnsportage.com).

Online Worship will continue to be on our Facebook pages and YouTube. A link to the service outline for the online worship service will be available on the church webpage along with the online worship schedule.

Individual/household communion at the front of the sanctuary will continue to be offered at these times:

+ Wednesdays 3:00 p.m. to 4:15 p.m.

+ Saturdays 3:00 p.m. to 4:15 p.m.

Masks are expected. We have a limited quantity of disposable masks and gloves available. We will be disinfecting common areas and pews between each service. Please practice social distancing and good hygiene habits.

### Daily Lectionary

This week's readings comes from the Daily Lectionary found in the Lutheran Service Book page 299.

Sunday, 1 Sam. 25:1–22 and 1 Cor. 3:1–23

Monday, 1 Sam. 25:23–44 and 1 Cor. 4:1–21

Tuesday, 1 Sam. 26:1–25 and 1 Cor. 5:1–13

Wednesday, 1 Sam. 28:3–25 and 1 Cor. 6:1–20

Thursday, 1 Sam. 31:1–13 and 1 Cor. 7:1–24

Friday, 2 Sam. 1:1–27 and 1 Cor. 7:25–40

Saturday, 2 Sam. 5:1–25 and 1 Cor. 8:1–31

## VBS 2020 — Week 8

### Growing Closer to God!

The story: Fiery Furnace

**The verse:** *Blessed be the God of Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, who has sent his angel and delivered his servants, who trusted in him, and set aside the king's command, and yielded up their bodies rather than serve and worship any god except their own God. Daniel 3:28*

**The lesson:** God protects the faithful.

May you grow closer to God this summer!



Check out week 8 of VBS 2020 at [stjohnsportage.com](http://stjohnsportage.com). Each Monday, you will find a teacher, a volunteer, or a whole group sharing a Bible story with you online.

## 4K Open House

**You are invited** to St. John's Child Development Center 4K Open House!

When: Wednesday, August 26, 2020

Time: 10:30 a.m.–5:30 p.m.

For health and safety reasons, this year's 4K Open House is by appointment only. Please contact the Child Development Center's Administrative Director, Debbie Drew at [ddrew@stjohnsportage.com](mailto:ddrew@stjohnsportage.com), the 4K Teacher, Megan Loomans, [mloomans@stjohnsportage.com](mailto:mloomans@stjohnsportage.com), or call 608-742-9000 x250.

Class starts September 3, 2020.

## We're Hiring!

**St. John's Child Development Center (CDC)** is hiring for the following positions:

- Early Childhood teacher
- After School Program teacher
- Elementary Education teacher for St. John's CDC

Please contact Debbie Drew at (608) 742-9000 x2 or [ddrew@stjohnsportage.com](mailto:ddrew@stjohnsportage.com).

## Earn some extra cash!

St. John's is looking for a part-time custodian to clean the school after 3:00 p.m. Monday through Friday. Training will be provided. If you are interested, please contact the church office at 608-742-9000 or email [churchoffice@stjohnsportage.com](mailto:churchoffice@stjohnsportage.com).

## Reminders

### We are open!

NEW St. John's Church office hours:

**8:30am – 3:30pm Monday—Thursday**

St. John's School office hours:

**8:30am – 3:30pm Monday—Thursday**

St. John's Child Development Center office hours:

**6:00am – 5:30pm Monday—Friday**

## Ministries CLC Calendar

**Starting August 1st**, St. John's opened the Christian Life Center (CLC) for bible studies and small group meetings with safety expectations. Please review the safety expectations found on our website, [stjohnsportage.com](http://stjohnsportage.com) under Resources, St. John's Calendar.

Calendar events for the week of August 9, 2020.

### Tuesday (11)

9:15 a.m. Tuesday Morning Bible Class, CLC

6:00 p.m. Executive Committee, CLC

### Thursday (13)

5:30 p.m. Thirsty Souls Bible Study, CLC

If you have a group, committee, or bible study that would like to meet in the Christian Life Center, please contact the church office at [churchoffice@stjohnsportage.com](mailto:churchoffice@stjohnsportage.com) or call 608-742-9000.

## Prayers

### Prayer On Entering A Church

Lord, I love the habitation of Your house and the place where your glory dwells. In the multitude of Your tender mercies prepare my heart that I may enter Your house to worship and confess Your holy name; through Jesus Christ, my God and Lord. Amen.

### Communion Prayer

Almighty and Everlasting God, I thank and praise You for feeding me the life-giving body and blood of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ. Send Your Holy Spirit that, having with my mouth received the holy sacrament, I may by faith obtain and eternally enjoy Your divine grace, the forgiveness of sins, unity with Christ, and life eternal; through Jesus Christ, my Lord. Amen.

## Support St. John's Ministries

### We are working hard to prepare for the 2020/2021

### school year.

To assist in keeping our students and staff healthy, we need air purifiers for each classroom. If you would like to donate an air purifier and/or filter, please visit [amazon.com](http://amazon.com) and search for the COLZER Air Purifier with True HEPA Air Filter, copy and paste the link below to your web browser, or email [churchoffice@stjohnsportage.com](mailto:churchoffice@stjohnsportage.com) and we will be happy to email you the link.



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# Eternal Father, Strong to Save

LSB 717 sts. 1-2a



1 E - ter - nal Fa - ther, strong to save, Whose arm hath bound the  
2 O Christ, whose voice the wa - ters heard And hushed their rag - ing  
rest - less wave, Who bidd'st the might - y o - cean deep Its  
at Thy word, Who walk - edst on the foam - ing deep And  
own ap - point - ed lim - its keep: O hear us when we  
calm a - mid its rage didst sleep: O hear us when we  
cry to Thee For those in per - il on the sea.  
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## Invocation

**P** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

## Exhortation

LSB 151

**P** If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

**C** But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

## Confession of Sins

LSB 151

**P** Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

**C** Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.

## Absolution

LSB 151

**P** Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

## Salutation and Collect of the Day

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And also with you.

**P** Let us pray. Almighty and most merciful God, preserve us from all harm and danger that we, being ready in both body and soul, may cheerfully accomplish what You want done; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C Amen.**

### Old Testament Reading

[The Lord said to Job:] “Where were you when I laid the foundation of the earth?

Tell me, if you have understanding.  
Who determined its measurements—surely you know!

Or who stretched the line upon it?  
On what were its bases sunk,  
or who laid its cornerstone,  
when the morning stars sang together  
and all the sons of God shouted for joy?

“Or who shut in the sea with doors  
when it burst out from the womb,  
when I made clouds its garment  
and thick darkness its swaddling band,  
and prescribed limits for it  
and set bars and doors,  
and said, ‘Thus far shall you come, and no farther,  
and here shall your proud waves be stayed’?”

### Epistle

Moses writes about the righteousness that is based on the law, that the person who does the commandments shall live by them. But the righteousness based on faith says, “Do not say in your heart, ‘Who will ascend into heaven?’” (that is, to bring Christ down) or “‘Who will descend into the abyss?’” (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead). But what does it say? “The word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart” (that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); because, 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. For with the heart one believes and is justified, and with the mouth one confesses and is saved. For the Scripture says, “Everyone who believes in him will not be put to shame.” For there is no distinction between Jew and

### Holy Gospel

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the fourteenth chapter.

**C Glory to You, O Lord.**

Immediately [Jesus] made the disciples get into the boat and go before him to the other side, while he dismissed the crowds. And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up on the mountain by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, but

*Job 38:4–18*

“Have you commanded the morning since your days began,

and caused the dawn to know its place,  
that it might take hold of the skirts of the earth,  
and the wicked be shaken out of it?

It is changed like clay under the seal,  
and its features stand out like a garment.

From the wicked their light is withheld,  
and their uplifted arm is broken.

“Have you entered into the springs of the sea,  
or walked in the recesses of the deep?

Have the gates of death been revealed to you,  
or have you seen the gates of deep darkness?

Have you comprehended the expanse of the earth?  
Declare, if you know all this.”

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C Thanks be to God.**

*Romans 10:5–17*

Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all, bestowing his riches on all who call on him. For “everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.”

But how are they to call on him in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in him of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone preaching? And how are they to preach unless they are sent? As it is written, “How beautiful are the feet of those who preach the good news!” But they have not all obeyed the gospel. For Isaiah says, “Lord, who has believed what he has heard from us?” So faith comes from hearing, and hearing through the word of Christ.

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C Thanks be to God.**

*Matthew 14:22–33*

the boat by this time was a long way from the land, beaten by the waves, for the wind was against them. And in the fourth watch of the night he came to them, walking on the sea. But when the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were terrified, and said, “It is a ghost!” and they cried out in fear. But immediately Jesus spoke to them, saying, “Take heart; it is I. Do not be afraid.”

And Peter answered him, "Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water." He said, "Come." So Peter got out of the boat and walked on the water and came to Jesus. But when he saw the wind, he was afraid, and beginning to sink he cried out, "Lord, save me." Jesus immediately reached out his hand and took hold of him, saying to him, "O you

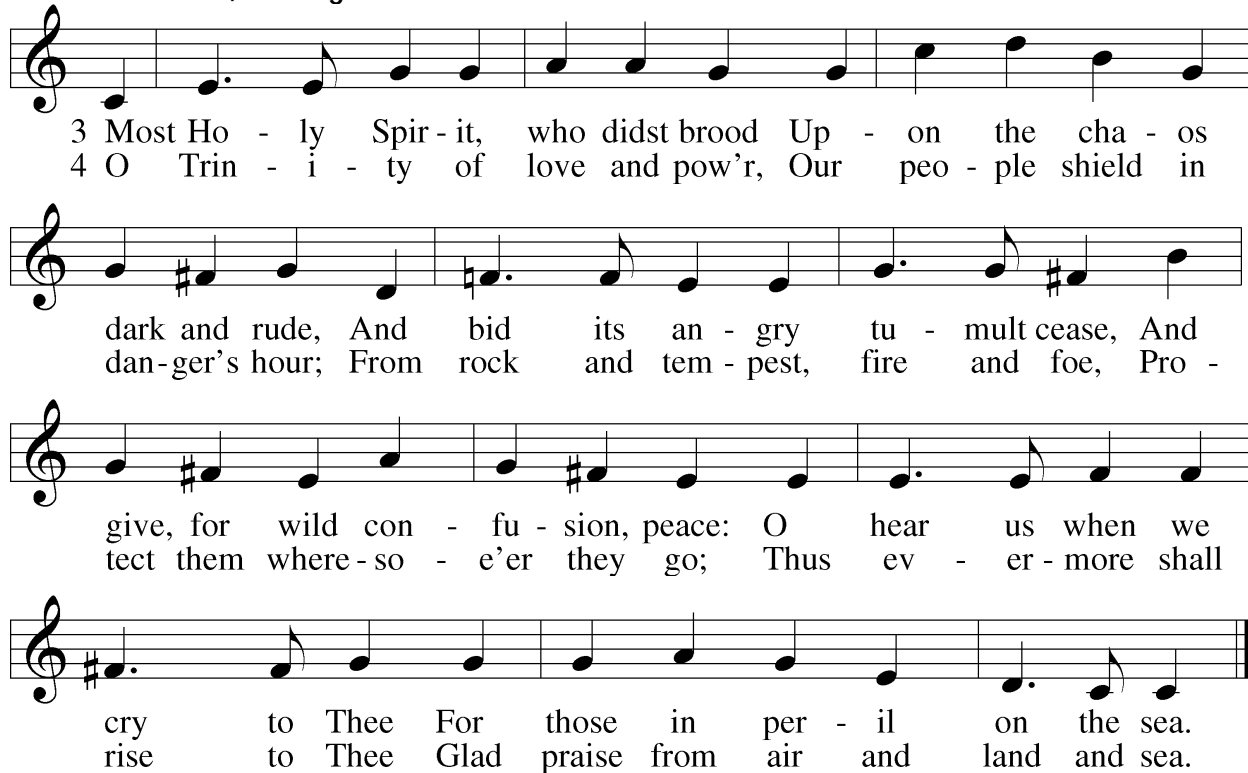
of little faith, why did you doubt?" And when they got into the boat, the wind ceased. And those in the boat worshiped him, saying, "Truly you are the Son of God."

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C** Praise to You, O Christ.

## Eternal Father, Strong to Save

LSB 717 sts. 3a-4



3 Most Ho - ly Spir - it, who didst brood Up - on the cha - os  
4 O Trin - i - ty of love and pow'r, Our peo - ple shield in  
dark and rude, And bid its an - gry tu - mult cease, And  
dan-ger's hour; From rock and tem - pest, fire and foe, Pro -  
give, for wild con - fu - sion, peace: O hear us when we  
tect them where - so - e'er they go; Thus ev - er - more shall  
cry to Thee For those in per - il on the sea.  
rise to Thee Glad praise from air and land and sea.

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## Sermon

### Apostles' Creed

**C** 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 T everlasting. Amen.

## Prayer of the Church

### Lord's Prayer

LSB 162

**P** Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

**C** 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.

## The Words of Our Lord

**P** Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: “Take, eat; this is My  $\text{✠}$  body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me.”

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: “Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My  $\text{✠}$  blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me.”

## Pax Domini

LSB 163

**P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C** Amen.

## Distribution

## Post-Communion Collect

**A** Let us pray.

We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

## Benediction

LSB 166

**P** 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  $\text{✠}$  give you peace.

**C** Amen.

## God Bless Our Native Land

LSB 965



1 God bless our na - tive land; Firm may she ev - er stand  
2 So shall our prayers a - rise To God a - bove the skies;



Through storm and night. When the wild tem - pests rave, Rul - er of  
On Him we wait. Thou who art ev - er nigh, Guard - ing with



wind and wave, Do Thou our coun - try save By Thy great might.  
watch-ful eye, To Thee a - loud we cry: God save the state!

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