

**Week of  
October 25, 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!

## 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 3:15 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.

## Please Pray

Thanksgiving (birth, baptisms, weddings, recovery):

Milestone (birthdays, anniversaries):

*Roger and Patricia Baerwolf,*  
celebrating 50 years of marriage on 10/24.

Medical:

*Melissa Horan, Betty Carrington,*

Long-term Illness/Treatment

Laura Gramer

(Great-granddaughter of *Annette Monthey*)

Mourning:

Family of Rita Brush (Mother of *Ron Hull*)

Family of *Don Wakershauser*

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 members is in the hospital, so that a pastoral visit may be made or arranged.*

## Daily Lectionary



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

Sunday, Deut. 27:1–26 & Matt. 17:14–27

Monday, Deut. 28:1–22 & Matt. 18:1–20

Tuesday, Deut. 29:1–29 & Matt. 18:21–35

Wednesday, Deut. 30:1–20 & Matt. 19:1–15

Thursday, Deut. 31:1–29 & Matt. 19:16–30

Friday, Deut. 31:30—32:27 & Matt. 19:16–30

Saturday, Deut. 32:28–52 & Matt. 20:17–34

## Weekly Offerings

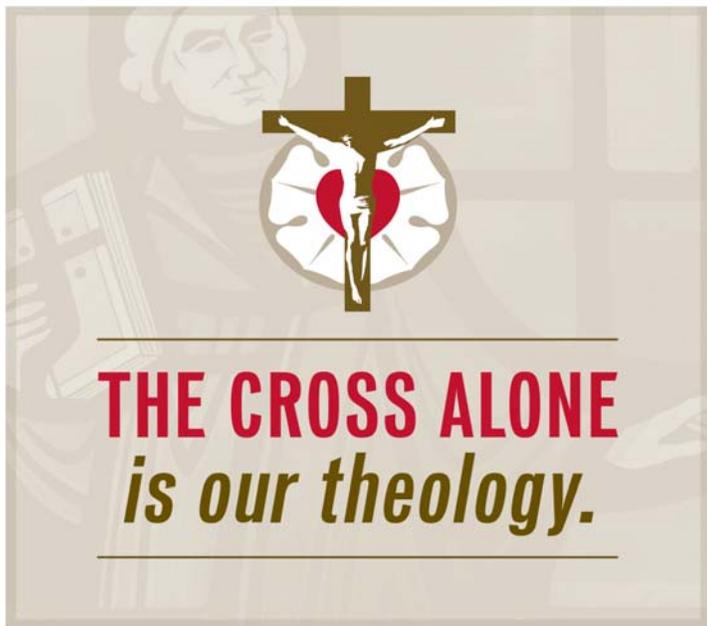
Last Week's Attendance: 203

Unified Received: \$10,599.00

Other Contributions: \$810.00

TOTAL: \$11,484.00

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



## In Memory

**The Altar flowers are placed in memory** and thankfulness for a son of our congregation, Rev. David Stevens, who radiated the love he had for his Savior.  
-Altar Guild

## LCMS Memory Verse Challenge

The church confesses to Christ, “You have the words of eternal life” (John 6:68). The church is encouraged to “Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly ...” (Col. 3:16). Psalm 1 teaches us to meditate on God's Word day and night. It is our great opportunity and joy to read and study God's Word. One beneficial practice is to memorize the Scriptures and, in so doing, to meditate on it. The LCMS invites everyone to join together memorizing a verse together each week.

**This week's memory verse:**

*“The grass withers, and the flower falls, but the word of the Lord remains forever.”*

**1 Peter 1:24–25**

## Board of Evangelism News

**Joining Jesus Encouragement Group** invites you to join them Sunday, October 25 at 11:30 in the Christian Life Center.

## Support St. John's Ministries

### **Sunday Morning Radio Broadcast**

Our Sunday morning broadcast of the previous Sunday service continues at 10:00 a.m. on WPDR 1350 AM. Broadcasts (\$50) as well as the order of service booklets (\$30) may be sponsored in honor, or in memory, of a special person or occasion.

## Ministries Calendar

**St. John's opened the Christian Life Center (CLC)** for Bible studies and small group meetings. 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 October 25, 2020.

### **Sunday (25)**

11:30 a.m. Joining Jesus Encouragement Group, CLC

### **Monday (26)**

6:00 p.m. Board of Finance, Zoom

### **Tuesday (27)**

6:30 a.m. Men's Bible Study, Portage Airport

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

### **Wednesday (28)**

10:00 a.m. Chapel — students only, Sanctuary

6:30 p.m. Confirmation Class, CLC, APR

### **Thursday (29)**

9:30 a.m. Rachel Bible Study, CLC

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.**

## Crusaders News and Events

**PUMPKIN CAKE ROLL!** Now that we have your attention, St. John's Lutheran Ministries is selling Joyful Traditions cake rolls to raise money for updating and maintaining the new playground. You can order your cake rolls from a St. John's student at the school or CDC, the school office, or the church office. The sale ends on **October 26th**. The cake rolls will arrive on November 13th, just in time for Thanksgiving.

Price per cake roll: \$14.00

(payment is due at the time of order)

Available flavors: Carrot Cake, Chocolate Crème, Lemon Crème, Pumpkin, Red Velvet, and Strawberry Cheesecake. Each cake roll will serve 8 people.

## We're Hiring!

**Full-time and part-time teacher and teacher assistant needed.**

St. John's Child Development Center is currently seeking a positive, energetic, full-time and part-time teacher and teacher assistant.

If you are interested, or know someone who is, please contact the Child Development Center office at [cdcoffice@stjohnsportage.com](mailto:cdcoffice@stjohnsportage.com) for a complete job description and application.

# A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

LSB 656



1 A might - y for - tress is our God,  
 2 With might of ours can naught be done,  
 3 Though dev - ils all the world should fill,  
 4 The Word they still shall let re - main



A trust - y shield and weap - on;  
 Soon were our loss ef - fect - ed;  
 All ea - ger to de - vour us,  
 Nor an - y thanks have for it;



He helps us free from ev - 'ry need  
 But for us fights the val - iant One,  
 We trem - ble not, we fear no ill;  
 He's by our side up - on the plain



That hath us now o'er - tak - en.  
 Whom God Him - self e - lect - ed.  
 They shall not o - ver - pow'r us.  
 With His good gifts and Spir - it.



The old e - vil foe Now means  
 Ask ye, Who is this? Je - sus  
 This world's prince may still scowl fierce  
 And take they our life, Goods, fame,



dead - ly woe; Deep guile and great might  
 Christ it is, Of Sab - a - oth Lord,  
 as he will, He can harm us none.  
 child, and wife, Though these all be gone,



Are his dread arms in fight; On earth  
 And there's none oth - er God; He holds  
 He's judged; the deed is done; One lit -  
 Our vic - t'ry has been won; The King -



is not his e - qual.  
 the field for - ev - er.  
 tle word can fell him.  
 dom ours re - main - eth.

## 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 gracious Lord, pour out Your Holy Spirit on Your faithful people. Keep us steadfast in Your grace and truth, protect and deliver us in times of temptation, defend us against all enemies, and grant to Your Church Your saving peace; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

## First Reading

*Revelation 14:6–7*

Then I saw another angel flying directly overhead, with an eternal gospel to proclaim to those who dwell on earth, to every nation and tribe and language and people. And he said with a loud voice, “Fear God and give him glory, because the hour of his judgment has come, and worship him who made heaven and earth, the sea and the springs of water.”

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

## Epistle

*Romans 3:19–28*

Now we know that whatever the law says it speaks to those who are under the law, so that every mouth may be stopped, and the whole world may be held accountable to God. For by works of the law no human being will be justified in his sight, since through the law comes knowledge of sin.

But now the righteousness of God has been manifested apart from the law, although the Law and the Prophets bear witness to it— the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction: for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, and are justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, whom God put forward as a propitiation by his blood, to be received by faith. This was to show God’s righteousness, because in his divine forbearance he had passed over former sins. It was to show his righteousness at the present time, so that he might be just and the justifier of the one who has faith in Jesus.

Then what becomes of our boasting? It is excluded. By what kind of law? By a law of works? No, but by the law of faith. For we hold that one is justified by faith apart from works of the law.

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

### Holy Gospel

*John 8:31–36*

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the eighth chapter.

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

So Jesus said to the Jews who had believed in him, “If you abide in my word, you are truly my disciples, and you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free.” They answered him, “We are offspring of Abraham and have never been enslaved to anyone. How is it that you say, ‘You will become free’?”

Jesus answered them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, everyone who commits sin is a slave to sin. The slave does not remain in the house forever; the son remains forever. So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed.”

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

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

### Amazing Grace

*LSB 744 sts. 1–2*

1 A - maz - ing grace— how sweet the sound— That  
2 The Lord has prom - ised good to me, His  
saved a wretch like me! I once was lost but  
Word my hope se - cures; He will my shield and  
now am found, Was blind but now I see!  
por - tion be As long as life en - dures.

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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  $\text{✠}$  everlasting. Amen.

#### Prayer of the Church

## Lord's Prayer

- 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

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

## Distribution

## Post-Communion Collect

- A** Let us pray.  
O God the Father, the fountain and source of all goodness, who in loving-kindness sent Your only-begotten Son into the flesh, we thank You that for His sake You have given us pardon and peace in this Sacrament, and we ask You not to forsake Your children but always to rule our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit that we may be enabled constantly to serve You; 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

- 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.**

## Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

The musical notation consists of three staves of music in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics written below the notes. The first staff begins with a triangle symbol (Δ) before the first note.

△ Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow; Praise Him, all  
crea - tures here be - low; Praise Him a - bove, ye heav'n - ly  
host: Praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. A - men.

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