

**Week of
May 9, 2021**



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):

Medical:

Ken Baars

Long-term Illness/Treatment

Betty Sekely

Mourning:

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.***

Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your request to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

-Philippians 4:6-7

Worship Times

+ Wednesdays 5:30 p.m.

+ Saturdays 5:30 p.m.

+ Sundays 8:00 a.m.

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

+ Sundays 10:30 a.m.

**The link for reservations is on the church website at stjohnsportage.com.*

Masks are encouraged at all services.

Individual/household communion at the front of the sanctuary will continue to be offered at this time:

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

LCMS Memory Verse Challenge

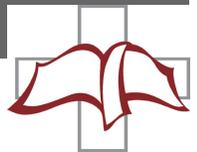
This week's memory verse:

"But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ."

1 Corinthians 15:57

Daily Lectionary

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



Sunday, Num. 3:1–16, 39–48 & Luke 14:25–15:10

Monday, Num. 8:5–26 & Luke 15:11–32

Tuesday, Num. 9:1–23 & Luke 16:1–18

Wednesday, Num. 10:11–36 & Luke 16:19–31

Thursday, Num. 11:1–23, 31–35 & Luke 17:1–19

Friday, Num. 11:24–29; 12:1–16 & Luke 17:20–37

Saturday, Num. 13:1–3, 17–33 & Luke 18:1–17

Weekly Offerings

Last Week's In-person Attendance: 301

Unified Received: \$11,180.00

Other Contributions: \$945.00

TOTAL: \$12,125.00

Weekly Unified Needed: \$14,230.77

Ascension of Our Lord

Ascension Day will be celebrated on Wednesday, April 12 at our 5:30 p.m. worship service.

“Crown Him with Many Crowns!” Ascension Day is the coronation of our Lord as He is proclaimed to be King of the universe. Jesus’ ascension to the Father is His entrance to the great existence beyond the confines of time and space, being no longer bound by the limitations of His state of humiliation. Jesus now sits at the right nod of God, which Luther correctly taught is everywhere, having again taken up the power and authority that were His since before time. Yet our Lord is present with us who remain bound by time and space. He is with us as true God and true man, exercising his rulership in the Church through the means of grace which He established: His Word and His Sacraments. We mortals in these means of grace can grasp the King of the universe and receive a foretaste of the feast to come.

(Taken from The Treasury of Daily Prayer, available through cph.org.)

Sharing our Ministry

Help us share St. John’s Lutheran Ministries with our community.

St. John’s Lutheran Ministry is working with the City of Portage who is partnering with CGI, a community video marketing company, to highlight our community through videos to people outside our community looking in, looking for employment, a place to move, and things to do. The main objective of this project is to help people outside of Portage see who we are. CGI creates a welcome video to appear on the front page of our community websites, and they highlight 20 businesses in the community around the video screen.

St. John’s is one of the highlighted businesses on our community’s website. We are currently looking for Ministry members to share this experience with us. CGI will be here on **Wednesday, May 12th**, to make a video of our ministry. We need members to fill the pews that Wednesday. Bring your Bibles! We need you to help us stage a Bible Study too. Join us for worship that Wednesday, Ascension Day.

Gideons International

Next weekend, Ken Manthey, representing Gideons International, will be at the back of church collecting donations to help spread God’s Word throughout the world. Checks can be made payable to Gideons International. To make a credit card donation, pick up a Gideons card with instructions from Ken Manthey near the Welcome Center after service. Please check out the May Cornerstone to see how God is working through our Portage Camp, despite the pandemic. Thank you!

Ministries Calendar

Calendar events for the week of May 9, 2021:

Tuesday (11)

6:30 a.m. Men’s Bible Study, Portage Airport office
9:15 a.m. Tuesday Morning Bible Study, CLC
12:00 p.m. Weekly Announcements Deadline,
Email: churchoffice@stjohnsportage.com
6:00 p.m. Board of Christian Education, CLC

Wednesday (12)

10:00 a.m. Chapel—Students only, Sanctuary
5:30 p.m. Ascension of Our Lord worship
7:00 p.m. Youth Group, School Gym

Thursday (13)

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

Friday (14)

12:00 p.m. Cornerstone Newsletter Deadline,
Email: churchoffice@stjohnsportage.com

Save the Date

Voters’ meeting, May 26th at 6:30 p.m.

Consideration of the 2021-2022 budget to begin July 1.

Sponsor a Hole

Show your excitement for St. John’s Lutheran Ministries and sponsor a hole at St. John’s Golf Outing!

Sponsor Fee: \$75.00

*Sponsor fee includes a hole sign and listing in event advertising.

Sponsor Responsibility: Provide a small golf item, sleeve of balls or tees, for hole prize, and support the day of the event.

Pick up a sponsor sheet located on the cabinet in the coat area.

The proceeds for the golf outing will go to St. John’s Lutheran School and Rockford Rescue Mission.

Raffle

Raffle items are needed for St. John’s Golf outing.

If you don’t want to golf, but still want to support St. John’s Lutheran School and the Rockford Rescue Mission, please consider donating an item to be raffled off at the golf outing. Please bring your donation to the church office by May 29.

Lutherans For Life

This weekend a Mother’s Day booklet of stories, scriptures and prayers will be available on the table in the narthex. Please take one if you are a mom, if you have a mom, and if you know someone who is a mom or a mom figure to someone.

We want to offer our prayers and comfort for those who see Mother’s Day as a painful reminder of those who are no longer with us and those who were never born.