

Our mission is to glorify God as we seek to make disciples of all nations
by bringing the gospel of Jesus Christ to all people within and outside
of the one holy Christian Church.

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LWML Sunday

October 3, 2021

We will follow the special order of service.

The Sermon: "Paper Shredders"

The Text: Jeremiah 36:23

The Communion Hymns (10:30 a.m.)

"Lord, Whose Love Through Humble Service" LSB 848

"Jesus Shall Reign" LSB 832

+ Holy Communion will be celebrated at the 10:30 a.m. service today. Guests, it is our desire for you to commune with us. In the Lord's Supper, in with and under the bread and the wine, we receive Christ's body and blood for the forgiveness of sins and the strengthening of faith. You should also know that when you commune with a group of Christians, you are saying you agree with the teachings of that church body. If you are a member of a different church body, please use this time for prayer and reflection upon God's Word. We then invite you to speak with one of the pastors about how you, too, can share in this wonderful gift. If you believe what Christ says about His supper and share the beliefs we have at St. Johns, an LCMS congregation, you are welcome to join us for communion.

This Week at St. Johns

Monday	Staff Meeting	8:45 AM
Tuesday	Bible Study	8:30 AM
Tuesday	TOPS	9:00 AM
Tuesday	Board Meetings	6:00 PM
Wednesday	Bible Study	10:30 AM
Wednesday	Communion Service	NOON
Wednesday	Confirmation	3:30 PM
Wednesday	My Bible Explosion	3:30 PM
Wednesday	Bell Choir	5:00 PM
Wednesday	Senior Choir	6:00 PM
Thursday	Cub Scouts	6:00 PM

Next Sunday

Worship (Comm.)	8:00 AM
Sunday School	9:15 AM
Bible Class	9:30 AM
Worship	10:30 AM
Youth Fall Festival	4:30 PM

FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR this morning were given by Jan Belshan in loving memory of her husband, Doug, on his heavenly birthday.

"OUR HEARTS IN HIS HAND" is the theme for today's LWML focus. Stop by their booth in the front lobby to learn more about the LWML and win a prize.

WE ARE PLEASED TO HAVE Pastor David Federwitz from Lutheran Bible Translators as our guest preacher this morning. Also, please join us during Bible study between services as he tells us more about Lutheran Bible Translators' ministry.

ON MAIN STREET LIVING NORTH: Rev. Philip Beyersdorf, St. Mark's, Minot, ND, presents the message "Love the Lord Your God," based on Matthew 22:34-46. "This Is The Life" - "Live Option" - A 15-year-old pregnant daughter and her mother disagree on the future of her child. Main Street Living is broadcast Sundays at 9:00 a.m. on KVRN Fargo-Moorhead or watch online at www.mainstreetliving.com, "North (Fargo)."

LISTEN to the Lutheran Hour Sundays on KPRM 870 AM at 9:30 a.m., or KTIG 102.7 and 95.9 FM at 5:00 p.m. You can also listen on Sirius XM Family Talk Channel 133 on Sunday at 9:00 a.m. or any time on lhm.org/sentradio. Today's sermon is "Approval Cannot Equal Love" with speaker, Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler. God places Christians in neighborhoods, among neighbors who don't necessarily share their beliefs. How should they relate? Dr. Michael Zeigler talks about avoiding the pitfalls of isolation and approval (1 Corinthians 10:23-11:1).

SUNDAY SCHOOL: The lesson for PK-7th grade this week is "John Points to Jesus." Check out the *Enduring Faith* sheet that is sent home for more ways you can continue the lesson at home.

MY BIBLE EXPLOSION classes start this Wednesday at 3:30 p.m. This class is for fourth graders and will run October 6, 13 and 20. We will pick up students at Century School. Traditionally, 3rd grade Release Time students receive a Bible and then spend the year studying all about it. Last year there was no Release Time so no Bibles were given out. My Bible Explosion is a condensed version of the what the kids learn in Release Time.

ALL YOUTH GRADES 5-12 are invited to join us next Sunday from 4:30 - 7:00 p.m. for a fall festival here at the church. Friends are welcome and there will be food!

A SINCERE THANK YOU to all the congregation members who donated children's baseball gloves. They will be delivered to the Ebeye Christian school after I complete three weeks of quarantine. Any extra gloves may be left at the church office. ***Debbie Proudfoot***

More bulletin information on the ivory sheet.

More Bulletin Information

THANK YOU from the Newtons for such a wonderful baby shower and the many lovely cards, gifts and well wishes we've received for Katy. We are so thankful for you all and have had so much fun sharing and celebrating this newest blessing from the Lord with our St. Johns Family.

THANK YOU to everyone for the cards, condolences and kind words on the passing of my father, Eldor. Your care and concern are a blessing to us. **Tim and Brenda Huwe** **OUR CHRISTIAN LOVE** and sympathy is extended to Marge Hawkins on the passing of her brother, Eugene Nissen. We pray that our Lord Jesus Christ would give her peace and rest from her sorrow.

NEW PORTALS OF PRAYER are available in the front and back lobby. Remember to pick up your copy.

OCTOBER ELDERS: 8:00 - (10/10) Steve Schauland & Marty Steffel, (10/24) Emil Burgau & Steve Schauland. 10:30 - (10/3 & 10/17) Mike Poole, (10/17) Mike Poole.

OCTOBER ACOLYTES: 8:00 - (10/3) Sawyer Harvey & Max Harju, (10/10) Kaden Gartner & Austin Lee, (10/17) Mason McCarthy & Aleksander Tauring, (10/24) Brock Knutson & Samantha Jo Fiemeyer, (10/31) Aiden May & Mason McCarthy. 10:30 - (10/3) Brooke Kimball & Kaelynn Hartig, (10/10) Kolie Safratowich & Zachary Harju, (10/17) Walter Harrison & Grace Etter, (10/24) Kaitlyn Maves & Khloe Harrison, (10/31) Sawyer Harvey & Brock Knutson.

WEDNESDAY NOON SERVICE: Att. - 14.

SUNDAY SCHOOL: Att. - 22. Offering - \$12.00.

LAST SUNDAY: Att. 8:00 - 156. 10:30 - 42. Total - 198. Offering: Unified (Envelopes) - \$5,106.00. Unified (Electronic) - \$2,420.63. Plate - \$579.00. Front Entry - \$5,000.00. Memorial (given in memory of Bernice Hinds) - \$100.00. Total - \$13,205.63.

Today's Scripture Readings

The Old Testament

Jeremiah 36:1-3, 20-25

In the fourth year of Jehoiakim the son of Josiah, king of Judah, this word came to Jeremiah from the Lord: "Take a scroll and write on it all the words that I have spoken to you against Israel and Judah and all the nations, from the day I spoke to you, from the days of Josiah until today. It may be that the house of Judah will hear all the disaster that I intend to do to them, so that every one may turn from his evil way, and that I may forgive their iniquity and their sin."

So they went into the court to the king, having put the scroll in the chamber of Elishama the secretary, and they reported all the words to the king. Then the king sent Jehudi to get the scroll, and he took it from the chamber of Elishama the secretary. And Jehudi read it to the king and all the officials who stood beside the king. It was the ninth month, and the king was sitting in the winter house, and there was a fire burning in the fire pot before him. As Jehudi read three or four columns, the king would cut them off with a knife and throw them into the fire in the fire pot, until the entire scroll was consumed in the fire that was in the fire pot. Yet neither the king nor any of his servants who heard all these words was afraid, nor did they tear their garments. Even when Elnathan and Delaiah and Gemariah urged the king not to burn the scroll, he would not listen to them.

The Epistle

1 Peter 1:13-25

Therefore, preparing your minds for action,[a] and being sober-minded, set your hope fully on the grace that will be brought to you at the revelation of Jesus Christ. As obedient children, do not be conformed to the passions of your former ignorance, but as he who called you is holy, you also be holy in all your conduct, since it is written, "You shall be holy, for I am holy." And if you call on him as Father who judges impartially according to each one's deeds, conduct yourselves with fear throughout the time of your exile, knowing that you were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your forefathers, not with perishable things such as silver or gold, but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without blemish or spot. He was foreknown before the foundation of the world but was made manifest in the last times for the sake of you who through him are believers in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory, so that your faith and hope are in God. Having purified your souls by your obedience to the truth for a sincere brotherly love, love one another earnestly from a pure heart, since you have been born again, not of perishable seed but of imperishable, through the living and abiding word of God; for "All flesh is like grass and all its glory like the flower of grass. The grass withers, and the flower falls, but the word of the Lord remains forever." And this word is the good news that was preached to you.

The Gospel

Matthew 24:3-14

As he sat on the Mount of Olives, the disciples came to him privately, saying, "Tell us, when will these things be, and what will be the sign of your coming and of the end of the age?" And Jesus answered them, "See that no one leads you astray. For many will come in my name, saying, 'I am the Christ,' and they will lead many astray. And you will hear of wars and rumors of wars. See that you are not alarmed, for this must take place, but the end is not yet. For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom, and there will be famines and earthquakes in various places. All these are but the beginning of the birth pains.

"Then they will deliver you up to tribulation and put you to death, and you will be hated by all nations for my name's sake. And then many will fall away and betray one another and hate one another. And many false prophets will arise and lead many astray. And because lawlessness will be increased, the love of many will grow cold. But the one who endures to the end will be saved. And this gospel of the kingdom will be proclaimed throughout the whole world as a testimony to all nations, and then the end will come.