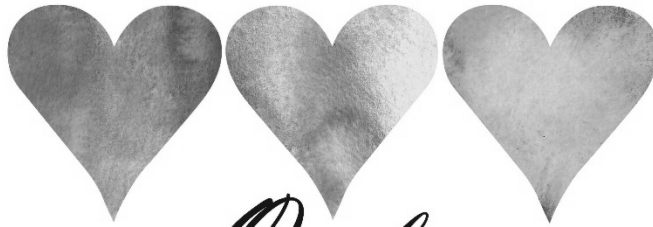
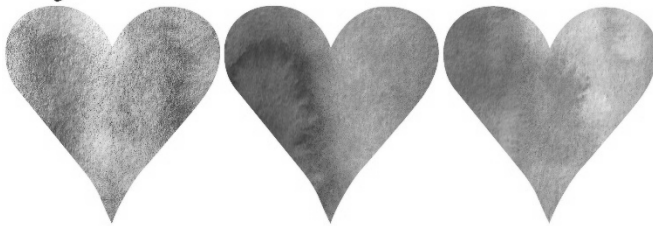


Fifteenth Sunday of Pentecost

September 2 & 5, 2021



*Only
Jesus
can cleanse
your heart*



St. John's Ev. Lutheran Church

Juneau

Salem-Lowell

Horicon

SERVICE OF THE WORD



HYMN 225

“This Is the Day the Lord Has Made”

STAND

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you.

And also with you.

CONFESSION OF SINS

We have come into the presence of God, who created us to love and serve him as his dear children. But we have disobeyed him and deserve only his wrath and punishment. Therefore, let us confess our sins to him and plead for his mercy.

Merciful Father in heaven, I am altogether sinful from birth. In countless ways I have sinned against you and do not deserve to be called your child. But trusting in Jesus, my Savior, I pray: Have mercy on me according to your unfailing love. Cleanse me from my sin, and take away my guilt.

God, our heavenly Father, has forgiven all your sins. By the perfect life and innocent death of our Lord Jesus Christ, he has removed your guilt forever. You are his own dear child. May God give you strength to live according to his will.

Amen.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

O Lord Jesus Christ, preserve the congregation of believers with your never-failing mercy. Help us avoid whatever is wicked and harmful, and guide us in the way that leads to our salvation; for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen. *(spoken)*

BE SEATED

THE WORD



FIRST LESSON

Deuteronomy 4:1, 2, 6-9 NIV

Now, Israel, hear the decrees and laws I am about to teach you. Follow them so that you may live and may go in and take possession of the land the LORD, the God of your ancestors, is giving you. ² Do not add to what I command you and do not subtract from it, but keep the commands of the LORD your God that I give you...

⁶ Observe them carefully, for this will show your wisdom and understanding to the nations, who will hear about all these decrees and say, “Surely this great nation is a wise and understanding people.” ⁷ What other nation is so great as to have their gods near them the way the LORD our God is near us whenever we pray to him? ⁸ And what other nation is so great as to have such righteous decrees and laws as this body of laws I am setting before you today?

⁹ Only be careful, and watch yourselves closely so that you do not forget the things your eyes have seen or let them fade from your heart as long as you live. Teach them to your children and to their children after them.



PSALM 119c

Page 111 in the front of the hymnal. Congregation sings all.



SECOND READING

James 1:17-27 NIV

¹⁷ Every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of the heavenly lights, who does not change like shifting shadows. ¹⁸ He chose to give us birth through the word of truth, that we might be a kind of firstfruits of all he created.

¹⁹ My dear brothers and sisters, take note of this: Everyone should be quick to listen, slow to speak and slow to become angry, ²⁰ because human anger does not produce the righteousness that God desires. ²¹ Therefore, get rid of all moral filth and the evil that is so prevalent and humbly accept the word planted in you, which can save you.

²² Do not merely listen to the word, and so deceive yourselves. Do what it says. ²³ Anyone who listens to the word but does not do what it says is like someone who looks at his face in a mirror ²⁴ and, after looking at himself, goes away and immediately forgets what he looks like. ²⁵ But whoever looks intently into the perfect law that gives freedom, and continues in it—not forgetting what they have heard, but doing it—they will be blessed in what they do.

²⁶ Those who consider themselves religious and yet do not keep a tight rein on their tongues deceive themselves, and their religion is worthless. ²⁷ Religion that God our Father accepts as pure and faultless is this: to look after orphans and widows in their distress and to keep oneself from being polluted by the world.



VERSE OF THE DAY

Jeremiah 15:15 RSV

Alleluia. Your words became a joy to me, and the delight of my heart.

Alleluia.



C: Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!



These words are writ - ten that we may be - lieve that



Je - sus is the Christ, the Son of God.



Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

STAND



GOSPEL

Mark 7:1-8, 14, 15, 21-23 NIV

The Pharisees and some of the teachers of the law who had come from Jerusalem gathered around Jesus ² and saw some of his disciples eating food with hands that were defiled, that is, unwashed. ³ (The Pharisees and all the Jews do not eat unless they give their hands a ceremonial washing, holding to the tradition of the elders. ⁴ When they come from the marketplace they do not eat unless they wash. And they observe many other traditions, such as the washing of cups, pitchers and kettles.)

⁵ So the Pharisees and teachers of the law asked Jesus, “Why don’t your disciples live according to the tradition of the elders instead of eating their food with defiled hands?”

⁶ He replied, “Isaiah was right when he prophesied about you hypocrites; as it is written:

“These people honor me with their lips,
but their hearts are far from me.

⁷ They worship me in vain;
their teachings are merely human rules.’

⁸ You have let go of the commands of God and are holding on to human traditions...”

¹⁴ Again Jesus called the crowd to him and said, “Listen to me, everyone, and understand this. ¹⁵ Nothing outside a person can defile them by going into them. Rather, it is what comes out of a person that defiles them...”

²¹ For it is from within, out of a person’s heart, that evil thoughts come—sexual immorality, theft, murder, ²² adultery, greed, malice, deceit, lewdness, envy, slander, arrogance and folly. ²³ All these evils come from inside and defile a person.”

The gospel of our Lord.

Praise be to you, O Christ!

BE SEATED



HYMN 376

“Jesus, Your Blood and Righteousness”

TODAY'S SERMON

Mark 7:1-8, 14, 15, 21-23

Only Jesus Can Cleanse Your Heart

STAND

CONFESSION OF FAITH

Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

I believe 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 is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty. From there 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.

BE SEATED

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

O Lord, our God, you are wise and powerful, good and gracious. Your mercies are new every morning. Each day you open your hand and provide for the needs of your children on earth.

We praise you for every grace and blessing.

Strengthen your Church in all the world. Let your comforting message of salvation in Christ Jesus be proclaimed to troubled souls everywhere.

Use our ministries and offerings to extend your healing and your hope.

We bring you our requests for the various structures of our society. Bless our national, state, and local governments.

Grant us civil servants who are worthy of honor and respect.

Grant prosperity to our businesses and industries. Give employers a sense of fairness toward their workers, and employees a feeling of joy and pride in their workmanship.

Help us find satisfaction in all work well done.

Invigorate the schools of our land. Give success to every effort that helps students

read, think, and communicate in ways that will promote an informed and responsible citizenry. Arouse curious minds to discover the wonders of your created order.

Give us teachers and students who pursue excellence.

Strengthen the families of our country. Give fathers and mothers a renewed commitment to be good parents. Give children and young people the wisdom to regard their parents as your representatives.

Lead us to love one another as you have loved us.

Special prayers and intercessions may follow.

Hear us, Lord, as we bring you our private petitions.

Silent prayer.

Gracious Father, we join together and boldly pray the prayer Jesus taught, with the confidence that you will hear and with the faith that you will respond for our welfare.

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.

STAND



OFFERING HYMN 485

**1 We give thee but thine own,
Whate'er the gift may be;
All that we have is thine alone,
A trust, O Lord, from thee.**

**“We Give Thee but Thine Own”
2 May we thy bounties thus
As stewards true receive
And gladly, as thou blessest us,
To thee our firstfruits give.**

BENEDICTION

Brothers and sisters, go in peace. Live in harmony with one another. Serve the Lord with gladness.

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look on you with favor and (+) give you peace.

Amen.



HYMN 382

“My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less”

Preacher: Tommy Welch

Liturgist: David Brandt

Organist: Dale Grulke / Matthew Lober

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Don't forget to fill out the Connect Card located in your pew or on your chair! Please complete it and place it in the offering plate or give it to an usher. You may also complete the connect card on our app under "Check In" on the home screen. Thank you!

Help Needed for Blood Drive: St. John's Juneau Campus is hosting a Blood Drive on Tuesday, September 7th. We are asking our members to please provide snacks/goodies. Due to Covid guidelines, all food items need to be individually packaged or wrapped (plastic wrap or sandwich bags). Please drop off the items prior to 1pm on September 7th to the Juneau fellowship hall. Thank you!

College/Tech School Students! Your St John's family is excited for all of you as you get ready for the new school year! **Stop by the office at the Juneau Campus today to pick up a gift bag before you head off to college!** Remember to stay connected to Jesus through our APP while you are away!

Game night returns

Come play euchre or bingo (or another game) on Saturday evening, September 25th. We will gather in the basement at the Juneau Campus at 6:30 pm.

St. John's Back-to-School Walk, Fun Run & Roll on Saturday, September 18 at

10am - All members of St. John's and the community are welcome to join us for this free fun event! We will have a 2 Mile Fun Run course or 1 Mile Run/Walk/Roll option for those who want a slower pace, both starting and ending at St. John's. After the event there will be Water, Snacks and a Yogurt Parfait Bar. Marshfield Medical Center will bring their famous Smoothie Bike. Be sure to stick around for the free giveaways and a chance to win some of our great free raffle prizes. Registration forms and drop box are in the narthex. Registration is also available on the day of the event beginning at 9:30 AM. Rain date is Sunday, September 19 at 1pm. Don't miss the fun, sign up today!

Jesus Cares: Jesus Cares has resumed at Clearview! If you are willing to assist with Jesus Cares, please contact Pastor Schupmann. Times for Jesus Cares are the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays of the month at 1:30 PM. Please note, Clearview is currently only allowing fully **vaccinated** individuals into Clearview, so please only volunteer if you have been fully vaccinated. Thank you for your understanding.

VOLUNTEERS

GREETERS (9/2-9/5)

6:30 PM Char Lober

8:00 AM Becky Zimmerman, Dan and Barb Zank

10:30 AM Randy, Fran, Miranda, and Eric Mohr

USHERS (9/2-9/5)

6:30 PM Neil Foch, Bob Gerbitz

8:00 AM Rick Bassette, Ralph Kaul, Dennis Affeld, Sean Affeld

9:30 AM Don Gibson, Paul Lepple, Dan Becker

10:30 AM Tom Selchert, Wayne Braunschweig, Connor Recklau

LAWN MOWING (week of September 6th)

Team 1 Stan Smith and Chuck Wolfram



Shooting at the Shillings

Looking for some outdoor fun and interaction? We will be shooting clay pigeons at the Schillings' farm on Sunday, September 19th at 2:00. In order to keep it organized and safe, we are limiting the number of shooters to 15, but feel free to come along to hang out and to support the shooters, even if you are not one of them. We ask that any shooters to be experienced gun handlers or to have taken hunter's safety. You will find a signup sheet in the narthex.

Quilters We need your completed squares! Our next meeting is Thursday, Sept. 9 at 6:30pm at Juneau campus. (For those of you bringing a sewing machine be there 6:15pm for set up.) We'll have a work night sewing the quilt squares together. If you are not able to be there, you can bring your completed squares to Juneau Campus lower level – look for the “Quilters” box. We'll also be talking about our next quilt project.

Treasure Life Events You're invited to the Treasure Life Events, WELS Lutherans for Life's fall fundraising events on Friday, October 8th, at the Milwaukee Marriott West Hotel in Waukesha. The Luncheon is at 12:00 PM and the Banquet is at 6:30 PM. Dr. Marc Newman will be our featured speaker. He will give you a new enthusiasm to take action in the pro-life movement. There is no cost to attend the Luncheon or the Banquet, but you need to register because the tables will be assigned on a first-come, first-served basis. FREE childcare is available this year. All funds raised will directly support life-affirming help for abortion-vulnerable mothers, a youth development program, pregnancy and parenting support for men and women, and advocate support for those suffering post-abortion trauma. Find all the details and register at treasure-life.org. For questions call Haley at 414-699-9915.

Worship Attendance

weekends of 8/29

6:30 PM	29
5:00 PM	21
8:00 AM	91
9:30 AM	53
10:30 AM	278
Total (in-person): 472	

Offerings given to our Lord

(weekend of August 15th)

(weekend of August 22nd)

General	\$10,819.99	\$13,444.66
Improvement	\$110.00	\$215.00
Lakeside	\$105.00	\$74.95
Missions	\$596.90	\$656.90
Total	\$11,631.89	\$14,391.51

This Week at St. John's

Sunday (9/5)

8:00 AM Worship @ Juneau
8:15 AM Bible Class @ Lowell
9:30 AM Bible Class @ Juneau
9:30 AM Worship @ Lowell
10:30 AM Worship @ Juneau

Monday (9/6)

6:30 PM NO Readings Bible Study @ Lowell

Tuesday (9/7)

1-6:00 PM Blood Drive @ Juneau

Wednesday (9/8)

9:00 AM Ladies Bible Study @ Juneau
5:00 PM Catechism @ Juneau
6:30 PM Church Council @ Lowell

Thursday (9/9)

6:30 PM Worship @ Juneau
6:30 PM Quilting Night @ Juneau

Saturday (9/11)

5:00 PM Worship @ Horicon

Sunday (9/12) *Christian Aid & Relief Sunday*

8:00 AM Worship @ Juneau
8:15 AM Bible Class @ Lowell
8:30 AM Sunday School @ Lowell
9:15 AM Sunday School @ Juneau
9:30 AM Bible Class @ Juneau
9:30 AM Worship @ Lowell
10:30 AM Worship @ Juneau
6:30 PM Elders @ Juneau

Welcome to St. John's

WELCOME

We are so glad you joined us to worship our Lord Jesus today! St. John's is a member of the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod (WELS). We are happy to answer your questions about our service, our beliefs, or communicant membership at any of our campuses. Please join us again soon!

PERSONAL PRAYER AFTER WORSHIP

Good Shepherd, I was glad to be here, gathered with your flock to worship you. Cause the Word I have heard to take root in my heart and bear fruit in my life. Guide me in paths of righteousness, that my words and actions might lead others to glorify you. Amen.

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Principal

Richard Cody 920-386-4644

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Worship Services

(same service at all locations)

Thursday

6:30pm Juneau

Saturday

5:00pm Horicon

Sunday

8:00am Juneau

9:30am Lowell

10:30am Juneau

Bible Classes

Sunday

Juneau Campus

9:30-10:15

Salem-Lowell Campus

8:15-9:00 AM

Monday

Salem-Lowell Campus

6:30 PM

Tuesday (2nd, 4th, 5th)

Juneau Campus

6:30 PM

Wednesday

Juneau Campus

9:00 AM (Ladies Bible Study)

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