
September 8, 2024




St. John's Ev. Lutheran Church & School
Celebrating 150 years!

150th Anniversary Service

Opening Hymn 605


“From All That Dwell below the Skies”



1 From all that dwell be - low the skies let the Cre -
2 E - ter - nal are your mer - cies, Lord; e - ter - nal



a - tor's praise a - rise. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
truth at - tends your Word. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!



Let the Re - deem - er's name be sung through ev - 'ry
Your praise shall sound from shore to shore till suns shall



land, by ev - 'ry tongue. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
rise and set no more. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

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Stand

In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

Shout to the Lord with joy, all the earth.

Psalm 100

Serve the Lord with gladness.

Come before him with joyful songs. Know that the Lord is God.

He made us, and we are his. We are his people, the sheep of his pasture.

Enter his gates with thanksgiving, his courtyards with praise.

Give thanks to him and bless his name.

For the Lord is good. His mercy endures forever.

His faithfulness continues through all generations.

Confession

If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us.

If we confess our sins, God is faithful and just

and will forgive us our sins

and purify us from all unrighteousness.

Let us confess our sins to the Lord.

Holy God, gracious Father,

I am sinful by nature

and have sinned against you in my thoughts, words, and actions.

I have not loved you with my whole heart;

I have not loved others as I should.

I deserve your punishment both now and forever.

But Jesus, my Savior, paid for my sins

with his innocent suffering and death.

Trusting in him, I pray: God, have mercy on me, a sinner.

Silence for meditation and reflection

Our gracious Father in heaven has been merciful to us. He sent his only Son, Jesus Christ, who gave his life as the atoning sacrifice for the sins of the whole world.

Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Lord, Have Mercy

In peace let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.

For the peace from above and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.

For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.

For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.

Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.



A - men.

Gloria – Hymn 1071

Tune: *ELLERS*



1 All glo - ry be to God in heav'n a - bove;
2 O Lamb of God, you take all sin a - way;



peace on the earth through his re - deem - ing love.
show us your mer - cy, hear us as we pray.



Al - might - y Fa - ther, thanks and praise we bring;
With God the Spir - it at the Fa - ther's throne,



your name we bless, Lord God, our heav'n - ly King.
you, Christ, are ho - ly; you are Lord a - lone.

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The Word

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray.

O God, you reveal your mighty power chiefly in showing mercy and kindness.

Grant us the full measure of your grace that we may obtain your promises and

become partakers of your heavenly glory; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Be seated

First Reading

Isaiah 35:4-7a

⁴Tell those who have a fearful heart:

Be strong.

Do not be afraid.

Look! Your God will come with vengeance.

With God's own retribution, he will come and save you.

⁵Then the eyes of the blind will be opened,
and the ears of the deaf will be unplugged.

⁶The crippled will leap like a deer,
and the tongue of the mute will sing for joy.

Waters will flow in the wilderness,
and streams in the wasteland.

⁷The burning sand will become a pool,
and in the thirsty ground there will be springs of water.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Stand

Gospel Acclamation

Isaiah 25:9

Alleluia. Surely this is our God; we trusted in him, and he saved us.

Let us rejoice and be glad in his salvation. Alleluia.

Gospel

Mark 7:31-37

³¹Jesus left the region of Tyre again and went through Sidon to the Sea of Galilee, within the region of the Decapolis.

³²They brought a man to him who was deaf and had a speech impediment. They pleaded with Jesus to place his hand on him. ³³Jesus took him aside in private, away from the crowd. He put his fingers into the man's ears. Then he spit and touched the man's tongue. ³⁴After he looked up to heaven, he sighed and said, "Ephphatha!" (which means "Be opened!") ³⁵Immediately the man's ears were opened, his tongue was set free, and he began to speak plainly. ³⁶Jesus gave the people strict orders to tell no one, but the more he did so, the more they kept proclaiming it. ³⁷They were amazed beyond measure and said, "He has done everything well. He even makes the deaf hear and the mute speak!"

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to you, O Christ!

Be seated

Hymn 521

"Christ the Eternal Lord"



1 Christ the e - ter - nal Lord, whose prom - ise here we claim,
2 Christ the un - chang - ing Word to ev - 'ry pass - ing age,
3 Christ the re - deem - ing Son who shares our hu - man birth,
4 Christ the un - fad - ing Light of ev - er - last - ing day,
5 Christ the as - cend - ed King ex - alt - ed high a - bove,



whose gifts of grace are free - ly poured on all who name your name;
whose time - less teach - ings still are heard set forth on Scrip - ture's page;
and by his death sal - va - tion won for ev - 'ry child of earth;
our Morn - ing Star in splen - dor bright, the Life, the Truth, the Way;
whose praise un - end - ing a - ges sing, whom yet un - seen we love;



with thank - ful - ness and praise we stand be - fore your throne,
 trans - form our thought and mind, en - light - en all who read,
 in - spire our hearts, we pray, to tell your love a - broad,
 that light of truth you give to ser - vants as to friends,
 when mor - tal life is past your voice from heav-en's throne



in - tent to serve you all our days and make your glo - ry known.
 with - in your Word by faith to find the bread of life in - deed.
 that all may hon - or Christ to - day and fol - low him as Lord.
 your way to walk, your life to live, till earth's brief jour - ney ends.
 shall call your chil - dren home at last to know as we are known.

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Sermon

Hebrews 13:8

Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever.

Stand

Nicene Creed

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation, he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary, and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate. He suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who in unity with the Father and the Son is

worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Be seated

Farwell to Pastor Luetke

We give thanks today for the Lord's faithfulness through all generations and especially for his faithfulness to this congregation for its 150 years of existence. For the last 5+ years of that history, Pr. Joel Luetke has served us faithfully and well. It is fitting today for us to thank God and thank him for his faithful service.

Brothers and sisters, after many years of faithful service, Pr. Luetke is more fully retiring from the public ministry of the gospel. Compelled by the love of Christ, he has labored in the Lord's harvest field and built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the chief cornerstone. He searched the Scriptures for guidance and strength and faithfully proclaimed the law and the gospel to us and all he served.

As we bid him farewell, we praise God for guiding and guarding him throughout his years of service. We remember how the Lord has blessed the church through his ministry, for the Bible urges us "to acknowledge those who work hard among you, who care for you in the Lord and who admonish you. Hold them in the highest regard in love because of their work."

The pastor speaks to Pr. Luetke:

In Holy Baptism, the Lord Jesus Christ received you as a member of his holy church and made you an heir of salvation. Through his Word, he strengthened your faith and created in you a desire to serve in the ministry of the gospel. Throughout your ministry, the Lord kept his promise to strengthen and guide you as you served his people. We praise God for your faithful service and we thank you for your ministry among us.

Let us pray.

Lord Jesus, we thank you for all the blessings you have given your church through the ministry of your servant, Joel Luetke. Continue to pour out on him the gift of your grace that by his example of faithful devotion to your Word he may be a blessing to many. If it is your will, allow time for rest and relaxation. Keep him and his family safe in your care and watch over him, body and soul. As he remembers that his labors were not in vain, grant him contentment and peace. For past blessings and future glory, lift his eyes to the cross of your Son, Jesus Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen.

The pastor speaks to Pr. Luetke:

Dear brother, may the Lord keep you from all harm and watch over your life. May the Lord watch over your coming and going both now and forevermore. Amen.

Prayer of the Church

Offering

Stand

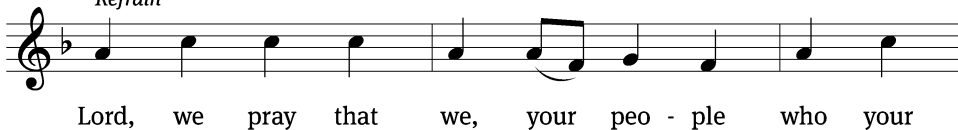
Offering Hymn 752 v.1

“Gracious God, You Send Great Blessings”

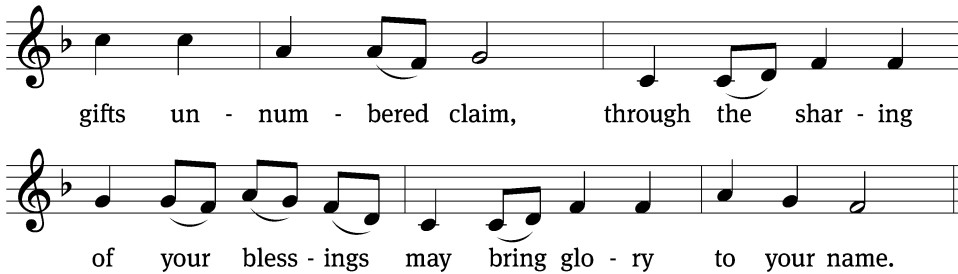


1 Gra - cious God, you send great bless - ings new each
morn - ing all our days. For your mer - cies
nev - er end - ing, for your love we of - fer praise.

Refrain



Lord, we pray that we, your peo - ple who your



gifts un - num - bered claim, through the shar - ing
of your bless - ings may bring glo - ry to your name.

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The Sacrament

Preface

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give him thanks and praise.

It is truly good and right that we should at all times and in all places give you thanks, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who promised that wherever two or three come together in his name, there he is with them to shepherd his flock until he comes again in glory.

Therefore, with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:

Holy, Holy, Holy

CW 167



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of heav - en - ly hosts:
heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na, ho -
san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he,
bless - ed is he, bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

We give thanks to you, O God, through your dear Son, Jesus Christ, whom you sent to be our Savior, our Redeemer, and the messenger of your grace. Through him you made all things; in him you are well pleased. He is the incarnate Word, conceived by the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. To fulfill your promises, he stretched out his hands on the cross and released from eternal death all who believe in you.

As we remember Jesus' death and resurrection, we thank you that you have gathered us together to receive your Son's body and blood. Send us your Spirit, unite us as one, and strengthen our faith so that we may praise you in your Son, Jesus Christ. Through him, we glorify and honor you, O God our Father, with the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Lord's Prayer

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.

Words of Institution

Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my + body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is my + blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

Amen.

O Christ, Lamb of God

CW 169

O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world;
have mer - cy on us. O Christ, Lamb of God,
you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on us.
O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world;
grant us your peace. A - men.

Be seated

Our Practice of Holy Communion Believing that Holy Scripture teaches that Holy Communion is intended for those who are truly one in faith, this congregation practices Close Communion. This means that Holy Communion is reserved for those who are members of St. John's Lutheran Church or other WELS and ELS churches. If you wish to join us in the future, please speak with one of our pastors after worship.

Distribution

Hymn 856

“Built on the Rock”



1 Built on the Rock the Church shall stand e - ven when
 2 Sure - ly in tem - ples made with hands God, the Most
 3 We are God's house of liv - ing stones, built for his
 4 Here stands the font be - fore our eyes, tell - ing how
 5 Grant then, O God, your will be done, that, when the



steeples are fall - ing. Crum - bled have spires in
 High, is not dwell - ing; high a - bove earth his
 own hab - i - ta - tion. He through bap - tis - mal
 God has re - ceived us. Th'al - tar re - calls Christ's
 church bells are ring - ing, man - y in sav - ing



ev - 'ry land; bells still are chim - ing and call -
 tem - ple stands, all earth - ly tem - ples ex - cel -
 grace us owns heirs of his won - drous sal - va -
 sac - ri - fice and what the sac - ra - ment gives
 faith may come where Christ his mes - sage is bring -



ing, call - ing the young and old to rest,
 ling. Yet he who dwells in heav'n a - bove
 tion. Were we but two his name to tell,
 us. Here sound the Scrip - tures that pro - claim
 ing: "I know my own; my own know me.



but a - bove all the soul dis - tressed,
 choos - es to live with us in love,
 yet he would deign with us to dwell
 Christ yes - ter - day, to - day, the same,
 You, not the world, my face shall see.



long - ing for rest ev - er - last - ing.
mak - ing our bod - ies his tem - ple.
with all his grace and his fa - vor.
and ev - er - more, our Re - deem - er.
My peace I leave with you. A - men.”

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Stand

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;
his mercy endures forever.

Whenever we eat this bread and drink this cup,
we proclaim the Lord’s death until he comes.

We give thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us with this saving gift. We pray that through it you will strengthen our faith in you and increase our love for one another. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Blessing

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.

Be seated

Adult Choir and Children

“The First Song of Isaiah”

Acknowledgments

Preacher: Michael Jensen

Liturgists: David Brandt & Nicholas Mount

Organist and Choir Director: Matthew Lober

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Announcements

Sunday School Teachers: There will be a meeting at the Juneau Campus on Monday, Sept. 9th at 7:30 PM.

Special Voter's Meeting: Please join us at 6:30 PM on Sept. 8th at the Juneau Campus for a special voter's meeting to discuss new windows for the Mount's parsonage and a chimney flashing repair on the Juneau Church.

Sunday School: St. John's Sunday School will resume in-person class on Sunday, September 15th. All children ages 3 years through 7th grade are welcome to join us!

Please pre-register in the narthex at our Juneau or

Lowell Campuses or registration is also available on the first day of class.

Class times: Salem-Lowell- 9:00-10:00 AM & Juneau- 9:15-10:15 AM



Sign Up Now for Directory Photos:

Harmann studios will be here October 16-19 and 23-25 to take

pictures for our new church directory. Scan the QR code to sign up for your appointment time. Large families are encouraged to sign up

early since they require a larger time block. If you need assistance,

there will be helpers available after the 9:30 AM service on September 8th or you may call the church office. Pictures will be taken in the Juneau Fellowship Hall.

Members from all campuses should sign up!



Thank you to Pastor Luetke:

We thank Pastor Luetke for his time of service in the ministry and especially here at St. John's! There will be a card box available for him through Sept. 22nd if you would like to show your personal appreciation!

Shooting at the Schillings:

Looking for some outdoor fun? We will be shooting clay pigeons at the Schillings' farm on Sunday, September 22nd at 2:00pm. We ask that shooters be experienced gun handlers or have taken hunter's safety. Not interested in shooting clay pigeons? No problem, come support others and enjoy fellowship time at this unique event! N2960 County Rd K, Watertown (Town of Lowell)



New and Upcoming Bible Class Opportunities!

- **Sunday Morning (Salem-Lowell 9:00 AM & Juneau 9:15 AM):**
 - A new topic begins September 15th as we work through the book of Romans. Martin Luther once wrote that Romans “is worthy not only that every Christian should know it word for word, by heart, but occupy himself with it every day, as the daily bread of the soul.” Join us for some soul food!
- **Monday Evening Class Returning (Juneau 6:30 PM):**
 - Monday evening class will be returning on September 23rd! Pastor Gumm will be leading the class on Moses: Servant of God. Each lesson is independent so jump in at any time!
- **Tuesday Bible Class (Salem-Lowell 4:00 PM & Juneau 6:30 PM):**
 - The last two lessons of the Angels and Demons study will be held on Sept. 10th and Sept. 24th. A new study based on the book *Embracing Your Lutheran Identity* by Gene Edward Veith Jr. will begin on October 8th! If you would like a book to enhance your study, please sign up in the narthex at Juneau or Salem-Lowell by Sept. 29th. Cost is approximately \$13/book.



Thank you volunteers! (9/8)

Greeters

Pastor Brandt, Pastor Mount, Pastor Jensen, Pastor Luetke, Sr. Assistant Zach Flunker

Communion Assistants

Pastor Brandt, Pastor Mount, Pastor Jensen, Pastor Luetke, Sr. Assistant Zach Flunker, Rick Cody

Ushers

Bob Koch, Jay Panetti, Leo Panetti, Brandon Saeger

Lawn Mowing (*Week of Sept. 9th*)

Juneau: Team 3 Ron and Logan Preskar

Lowell: Team 3 Darris and Jill Wasmund

Statistics

Offerings given to our Lord

	<u>8/22-8/25</u>
General	\$ 14,075.82
Debt	\$ 105.00
Improvement	\$ 50.00
Lakeside	\$ 149.90
Missions	\$ 359.90
Total	\$ 14,740.62

Attendance

Weekend of Aug. 25th 351 (55,39,172,85)

*At our Voter's Meeting, our congregation approved a weekly budget with an average total of \$20,246 (includes General, Lakeside and Missions) needed every week. **Since the beginning of 2022, our congregation has gone from zero debt to drawing a total of \$170,842.91 from the line of credit.** Please continue to support St. John's through your time, talents, treasures, and prayers.*

This Week at St. John's

*Key: J= Juneau Campus, SL= Salem-Lowell Campus,
H= Horicon Campus*

Sunday (9/8)

150th Festival Service 9:30 AM- J

Fellowship Brunch 10:30 AM

Special Voter's Mtg 6:30 PM- J

Monday (9/9)

Sunday School Teacher's Meeting 7:30 PM- J

Tuesday (9/10)

Angels and Demons BC 4:00 PM (SL) & 6:30 PM (J)

Wednesday (9/11)

Elders 6:00 PM- J

Trustees- 6:00 PM- J

Choir 6:30 PM- J

Thursday (9/12)

Worship 6:30 PM- J

Saturday (9/14)

Worship 5:00 PM- H

Sunday (9/15)

Worship 8:00 AM (J) ; 10:15 AM (SL)

Bible Class 9:00 AM (SL); 9:15 AM (J)

Blood Pressure Checks 9:00 AM- J

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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Richard Cody 920-386-4644

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Worship Services

Thursday

6:30 PM Juneau

Saturday

5:00 PM Horicon

Sunday

8:00 AM Juneau

10:15 AM Lowell

Bible Classes

Sunday

Juneau Campus

9:15 AM

Salem-Lowell Campus

9:00 AM

Tuesday (2nd, 4th, 5th)

Lowell Campus

4:00 PM

Juneau Campus

6:30 PM

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