

October 15, 2023



Part 4 of 4
A Story of Insane Rejection

St. John's Ev. Lutheran Church

Juneau

Salem-Lowell

Horicon

Proper 23

October 15, 2023

Hymn 902

“Spread Abroad, O Mighty Word”



1 Spread a - broad, O might - y Word, tell - ing
2 Tell how God the Fa - ther's will made the
3 Tell of our Re - deem - er's love, who for -
4 Tell of God the Spir - it giv'n now to



of a gra - cious Lord whose all - pow'r - ful
world, up - holds it still, how his on - ly
ev - er does re - move by his ho - ly
guide us on to heav'n, strong and ho - ly,



gos - pel call fills his heav'n - ly ban - quet hall.
Son he gave all from sin and death to save.
sac - ri - fice all the guilt that on us lies.
just and true, work - ing both to will and do.

5 Spread abroad! Ripe fields of grain
all throughout the world remain,
but the reapers still are few;
great the work they have to do.

6 Lord of harvest, great and kind,
rouse to action heart and mind;
let the gath'ring nations all
see your light and heed your call.

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Stand

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

Amen.

Confession

CW 154

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.

Glory Be to God on High

CW 157



Glory be to God on high, and on earth peace, good will toward men.



We praise you, we bless you, we wor - ship you, we glorify you,



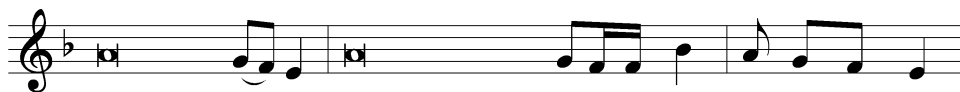
we give thanks to you, for your great glory, O Lord God, heav'n-ly King,



God the Fa-ther Al - mighty. O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Je - sus Christ;



O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, you take away the sin of the world;



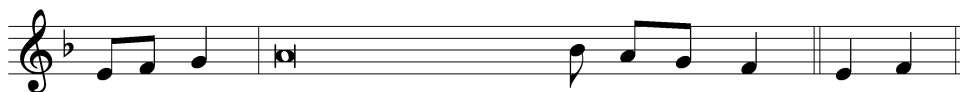
have mercy on us. You take away the sin of the world; re - ceive our prayer.



You sit at the right hand of God the Father; have mercy on us.



For you on-ly are holy; you on-ly are the Lord. You only, O Christ, with the



Ho - ly Spirit, are most high in the glory of God the Father. A - men.

The Word

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray.

Almighty God, you invite us to trust in you for our salvation. Deal with us not in the severity of your judgment but by the greatness of your mercy; 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 25:6–9 (EHV)

On this mountain the LORD of Armies will prepare for all peoples a banquet of rich food, a banquet of aged wines, with the best cuts of meat, and with the finest wines. ⁷On this mountain he will destroy the shroud that covers all peoples, the burial cloth stretched over all nations. ⁸He has swallowed up death forever! The LORD God will wipe away the tears from every face. He will take away the shame of his people throughout the earth. For the LORD has spoken. ⁹On that day it will be said, “Look, here is our God! We waited for him, and he saved us! This is the LORD! We waited for him. Let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation!”

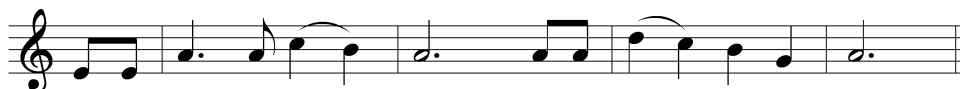
The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 84E

“Let Us Go Rejoicing”

Refrain



Let us go re - joic - ing to the house of the LORD.

Tone



How lovely is your / dwelling place,

LORD Al- / mighty!

My soul yearns, even faints,

for the courts / of the LORD;

my heart and my flesh cry out

for the / living God.

Blessed are those who dwell / in your house;

they are ever / praising you. *Refrain*

Better is one day / in your courts

than a thousand / elsewhere;

I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house / of my God

than dwell in the tents of the / wicked.

LORD Al- / mighty,

blessed is the one who / trusts in you.

Glory be to the Father and / to the Son

and to the Holy / Spirit,

as it was in the be- / ginning,

is now, and will be forever. / Amen. *Refrain*

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Second Reading

Romans 1:16–17 (EHV)

For I am not ashamed of the gospel, because it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes—to the Jew first, and also to the Greek. ¹⁷For in the gospel a righteousness from God is revealed by faith, for faith, just as it is written, “The righteous will live by faith.”

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Special Anthem

PreK-K 10:30 AM Service “All Night, All Day”

Gospel Acclamation

Isaiah 25:6 (NIV)

Alleluia. On this mountain the LORD Almighty will prepare a feast of rich food for all peoples. Alleluia.

Stand

Gospel

Matthew 22:1–14 (EHV)

Jesus spoke to *the crowd* again in parables. He said, ²“The kingdom of heaven is like a certain king who prepared a wedding banquet for his son. ³He sent out his servants to summon those who were invited to the wedding banquet, but they did not want to come. ⁴“Then he sent out other servants and said, ‘Tell those who are invited: Look, I have prepared my dinner. My oxen and my fattened cattle have been butchered, and everything is ready. Come to the wedding banquet!’ ⁵“But those who were invited paid no attention and went off, one to his own farm, another to his business. ⁶The rest seized the king’s servants, mistreated them, and killed them. ⁷As a result, the king was very angry. He sent his army and killed those murderers and burned their town. ⁸“Then he said to his servants, ‘The wedding banquet is ready, but those who were invited were not worthy. ⁹So go to the main crossroads and invite as many as you find to the wedding banquet.’ ¹⁰Those servants went out to the roads and gathered together everyone they found, both good and bad, and the wedding hall was filled with guests. ¹¹But when the king came in to see the guests, he saw a man

there who was not wearing wedding clothes. ¹²He said to him, ‘Friend, how did you get in here without wearing wedding clothes?’ The man was speechless. ¹³Then the king told the servants, ‘Tie him hand and foot and throw him into the outer darkness where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.’ ¹⁴For many are called, but few are chosen.”

The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise be to you, O Christ!

Be seated

Hymn 573

“Jesus, Your Blood and Righteousness”



1 Je - sus, your blood and right - eous - ness my beau - ty
 2 Bold shall I stand in that great day; who can a
 3 Lord, I be - lieve your pre - cious blood, which at the
 4 Lord, I be - lieve, were sin - ners more than sands up -



are, my glo - rious dress; mid flam - ing worlds, in
 word a - gainst me say? Ful - ly ab - solved through
 ver - y throne of God pleads for the cap - tives'
 on the o - cean shore, you have for all a



these ar - rayed, with joy shall I lift up my head.
 these I am from sin and fear, from guilt and shame.
 lib - er - ty, was al - so shed in love for me.
 ran - som paid, for all a full a - tone - ment made.

5 When from the dust of death I rise
 to claim my mansion in the skies,
 this then shall be my only plea:
 Jesus has lived and died for me.

6 Jesus, be worshiped endlessly!
Your boundless mercy has for me,
for me and all your hands have made,
an everlasting ransom paid.

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Sermon

Matthew 22:1-14

Tell Us a Story: A Story of Insane Rejection

Stand

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

Almighty God and Father, we thank you for all your mercies, especially for the gift of your Son, through whom you have revealed your gracious will. We praise you for the Holy Spirit and his working through the means of grace.

Plant your Word in our hearts, and cause it to produce fruit in our lives.

Strengthen and defend your Church, that by your Word and sacraments faith may grow and love toward all may increase.

Support all who spread the light of your truth throughout the world.

Keep our children in the grace of their baptisms. Enable their parents to train them in lives of faith.

Raise up Christians to serve you in the ministry of the Word and in all godly walks of life.

Preserve our nation in justice and honor. Guide and bless all who make, administer, and judge our laws.

Give them wisdom that they may promote justice and hinder evil.

Let your blessing rest on planting and harvest, commerce and industry, medicine and science, the arts and culture. Protect all who travel, and care for those whose work is difficult or dangerous.

Be with all who devote themselves to any useful task.

Comfort all who are in sorrow or need, sickness or adversity, *[especially . . . here name the person and the cause of the petition]*. Remember those who suffer persecution for the faith. Have mercy on those for whom death draws near.

Grant them your love, and take them into your tender care.

Hear us, Lord, as we pray in silence.

Silent prayer

We remember with thanksgiving those who have loved and served you, who now rest from their labors, *[especially . . . here name the person]*. Console those who are mourning or living with sadness.

Keep us in the true faith, and bring us at last to the joys of heaven.

Grant us these things, Father, for the sake of Jesus, who taught us to pray. **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.**

Offering

Stand

Offering Hymn 749 v. 1

“God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending”

1 God, whose giv - ing knows no end - ing, from your rich and
 end - less store: na - ture's won - der, Je - sus' wis - dom,
 cost - ly cross, grave's shat - tered door— gift - ed by you, we turn
 to you, of - f'ring up our - selves in praise; thank - ful
 songs shall rise for - ev - er, gra - cious do - nor of our days.

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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

Hymn 816

“I Am Trusting You, Lord Jesus”



- 1 I am trust - ing you, Lord Je - sus, trust - ing on - ly you;
- 2 I am trust - ing you for par - don; at your feet I bow,
- 3 I am trust - ing you for cleans - ing in the crim - son flood;
- 4 I am trust - ing you to guide me; you a - lone shall lead,



trust - ing you for full sal - va - tion, free and true.
for your grace and ten - der mer - cy trust - ing now.
trust - ing you to make me ho - ly by your blood.
ev - 'ry day and hour sup - ply - ing all my need.

5 I am trusting you for power;
you can never fail.

Words which you yourself shall give me
must prevail.

6 I am trusting you, Lord Jesus;
never let me fall.

I am trusting you forever
and for all.

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Announcements:

New Bible Class:

Starting THIS SUNDAY Oct. 15th 8:15 AM (SL) and 9:30 AM (J)! Join us for an 8-week study that will build a solid foundation for understanding the patterns of all non-Christian religions. Each lesson presents a basic truth of Christianity and compares it with the teachings of Judaism, Islam, Buddhism, and Hinduism in response to questions such as:

- Who is God?
- Who is Jesus?
- What must I do to be saved?

Make sure to catch this bible study in-person as class will no longer be recorded.



Learn About WELS Christian Aid and Relief:



The Rock River Area OWLS will be enlightened on the WELS Christian Aid and Relief program with Rev Daniel Sims on Tuesday October 17, 2023 at 1:30 pm at St. Paul's Lutheran Church, 301 S High St., Fort Atkinson. Pastor Matthew Vik serves St Paul's. OWLS meetings are handicap accessible, last about two hours, and with refreshments and time to socialize with others. Seniors who are retired and/or 55 + years are encouraged to join OWLS. Everyone is invited and guests are always welcome!

Soup for Souls:

We will be having a soup-making night on Tuesday, October 17th starting at 6pm in the Juneau Fellowship Hall. Volunteers are needed to help with the various activities –



chopping vegetables, washing containers, making fruit cups, labeling, etc. Soup for Souls is a program that offers free soups, fruit cups and more to anyone in the congregation or the community who is in need – shut-ins, someone recovering from surgery or an illness, new baby in the family or just someone who needs a pick-me-up. The Soup for Souls freezer is located in the back room off of the kitchen (look for the signs). Any questions, call or text Karen at 920-386-2419.

Council Meeting Date Changed:

The upcoming council meeting originally scheduled for Oct. 25th has been moved to 6:30 PM on October 18th at the Juneau campus.

Open Forum:

There will be an open forum on Thursday 10/19 at 7:30 PM at Juneau to review the 2024 budget. Participating in the School Choice Program starting September 2024, requires us to have a fiscal year budget instead of the current calendar year format. The proposed budget will be a 6-month budget, January through June 2024. Changing from calendar year to fiscal year also requires a change in the by-laws. This change is being put on notice now to be formally approved at the upcoming voters' meeting. These changes will create a unique opportunity to compare the impact of the School Choice Program during the next full fiscal year (7/24-6/25). It's a very exciting time for St. John's! We encourage all to attend the forum to review these potential changes before the formal voters' meeting is held on 10/29.

Every Member Visits:

Every member across all three campuses is encouraged to sign up for a time to connect with Pastor Mount. We want every member to feel confident in reaching out to their pastors and this get-to-know-you time will help build the foundation for a relationship with our newest full-time pastoral member. Meetings are informal and held at the Juneau church office. Please sign up for one 30-minute timeslot. To access the sign-up, scan the QR code or find it on our app or website. If you need assistance signing up, please call the church office at 920-386-3313.



Join us next week for a special service on...

★ ★ ★ **GODLY** ★ ★ ★ **GOVERNMENT**

“Let everyone be subject to the governing authorities, for there is no authority except that which God has established” (Romans 13:1). Note the absolute language: no authority. None. Stated positively, every government and all government authority figures have power only because God gave it to them. Therefore, as citizens of the United States, we don’t support the government because those we voted for were elected or because we approve of the current tax policy or even because freedom of religion is enshrined in the First Amendment. We support our government simply because it was instituted by God. Jesus himself taught that we owe respect and obedience to our government, even when it doesn’t align with our political preferences.

Christians sometimes struggle with this. We see that government and rulers can be evil. Certainly, if government asks us to sin, “we must obey God rather than human beings” (Acts 5:29). But the existence of corrupt government and evil rulers does not negate what Scripture says to be true. “There is no authority except that which God has established.” Therefore, when we talk about “godly government” we are not saying that the only legitimate governments are those who do what is perfectly godly. We are confessing our belief that the King of kings is in perfect control of all the governments of this world, and that he works in all things—including tyrants and dictators—for the eternal good of his dear children. Join us next week for Godly Government.

Volunteers (10/12-10/15)

Greeters:

6:30 PM Paul and Sharon Schmidt
8:00 AM Carol Soldner, Lexi Voigt
10:30 AM Carol Leissring, Linda Tonn

Ushers:

6:30 PM Lee Weis, Dylan Stegner, Paul Schmidt
8:00 AM Chuck Wolfram, Bruce Soldner, Nick Voigt, Rick Cody
9:30 AM Ken Leistico, Wyatt Stowell, Oscar Stowell, Larry Westenberg
10:30 AM Rick Leissring, Blake Tonn, Blake Tonn II, Blake Tonn III

Lawn Mowers: (Week of October 16th)

Juneau Team 1 Rick Leissring and Tony Colantonio
Lowell Team 4 Matt Smith and Paul Metzger

Statistics

Offerings given to our Lord

	<u>9/28-10/1</u>
General	\$ 14,992.85
Debt	\$ 238.25
Improvement	\$ 85.00
Lakeside	\$ 40.00
Missions	\$ 744.90
Adopt-a-bill	\$ 50.00
Total	\$ 16151.00

Attendance

Weekend of Oct. 1st 333 (35,30,148,44,76)

*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 \$134,902.59 from the line of credit.** Please continue to support St. John's through your time, talents, treasures, and prayers. Thank you!*

This Week at St. John's

Sunday (10/15)

Worship 8:00 & 10:30 AM – J

Worship 9:30 AM – SL

Bible Class 8:15 AM – SL

Bible Class 9:30 AM – J

Sunday School 8:30 AM- SL

Sunday School 9:15 AM- J

Blood Pressure Checks 9:00 AM- J

Monday (10/16)

Readings Bible Study 6:30 PM- J

Tuesday (10/17)

Jesus Cares 1:30 PM- Clearview

Soup for Souls 6:00 PM- J

Wednesday (10/18)

Midweek Services:

- Clearview 10:00 AM
- Juneau 11:00 AM

Confirmation 5:00 PM- J

Church Council 6:30- J

Adult Choir 7:00 PM- J

Thursday (10/19)

Worship 6:30 PM- J

Open Forum 7:30 PM-J

Saturday (10/21)

Worship 5:00 PM- H

Sunday (10/22)

Worship 8:00 & 10:30 AM- J

Worship 9:30 AM – SL

Bible Class 8:15 AM – SL

Bible Class 9:30 AM – J

Sunday School 8:30 AM- SL

Sunday School 9:15 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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Worship Services

Thursday

6:30 PM Juneau

Saturday

5:00 PM Horicon

Sunday

8:00 AM Juneau

9:30 AM Lowell

10:30 AM Juneau

Bible Classes

Sunday

Juneau Campus

9:30 AM

Salem-Lowell Campus

8:15 AM

Monday

Juneau Campus

6:30 PM

Tuesday (2nd, 4th, 5th)

Juneau Campus

6:30 PM

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