



# **THE CHURCH** *God* ~~**WE**~~ **WANTS**

*A Church That's Quick to Forgive*

**St. John's Ev. Lutheran Church**

Juneau

Salem-Lowell

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# Proper 19

September 14-17, 2023

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Hymn 917

“God Himself Is Present”

*Stand*

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

**Amen.**

## Confession

CW 172

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


CW 174

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.

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# Glory to God in the Highest

CW 176



Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and peace to his



peo - ple on earth. Lord God,



heav - en - ly King, al - might - y God and Fa - ther, we



wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your



glo - ry. Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and



peace to his peo - ple on earth.



Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther,



Lord God, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the



world; have mer - cy on us. You are seat - ed at the



right hand of the Fa - ther; re - ceive our prayer.



Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and peace to his



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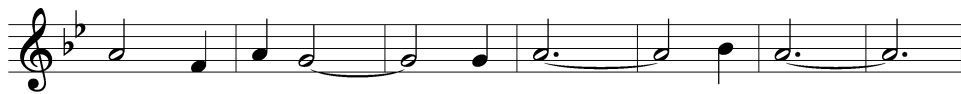
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peo - ple on earth.

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# The Word

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

## Prayer of the Day

Let us pray.

Lord God, heavenly Father, you graciously forgive us all our sins and abundantly provide for all our needs of body and soul. Give us confidence in your mercy, and teach us also to be merciful to our neighbor, that we willingly forgive all people, and judging only ourselves, lead blessed lives to your 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

## Genesis 50:15–21 (EHV)

When Joseph's brothers saw that their father was dead, they said, "It may be that Joseph will hate us and will pay us back in full for all of the evil that we did to him." <sup>16</sup>They sent the following message to Joseph: "Before he died your father commanded us, <sup>17</sup>You are to tell Joseph, "Please forgive the offense of your brothers and their sin, because they did evil to you." ' Now, please forgive the offense of the servants of the God of your father." Joseph wept when they spoke to him. <sup>18</sup>His brothers also came and fell down in front of him, and they said, "See now, we are your servants." <sup>19</sup>Joseph said to them, "Do not be afraid, for am I in the place of God? <sup>20</sup>You meant evil against me, but God meant it for good, to bring this to pass and to keep many people alive, as it is this day. <sup>21</sup>Now therefore, do not be afraid. I will nourish you and your little ones." He comforted them and spoke to them in a kind way.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

# Psalm of the Day 103

CW '93

*Please sing in unison.*

## *Refrain*



I will hear what the Lord pro-claims: peace to his peo - ple.

## *Psalm tone*



Praise the LORD, O my soul;\*  
all my inmost being, praise his holy name.

He forgives all your sins\*  
and heals all your diseases;

he redeems your life from the grave\*  
and crowns you with love and compassion.

## *Refrain*

The LORD is compassionate and gracious,\*  
slow to anger, abounding in love.

He does not treat us as our sins deserve\*  
or repay us according to our iniquities.

For as high as the heavens are above the earth,\*  
so great is his love for those who fear him;

as far as the east is from the west,\*  
so far has he removed our transgressions from us.

## *Refrain*

As a father has compassion on his children,\*  
so the LORD has compassion on those who fear him;

for he knows how we are formed,\*  
he remembers that we are dust.

Our days are like grass, like a flower of the field;\*  
the wind blows over it and it is gone.

But the LORD'S love is with those who fear him\*  
from everlasting to everlasting.

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son\*  
and to the Holy Spirit,  
as it was in the beginning,\*  
is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

### ***Refrain***

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### **Second Reading**

### **Ephesians 4:29–5:2 (EHV)**

Do not let any unwholesome talk come from your mouths. Say only what is beneficial when there is a need to build up others, so that it will be a blessing to those who hear. <sup>30</sup>Do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, with whom you were sealed for the day of redemption. <sup>31</sup>Get rid of every kind of bitterness, rage, anger, quarreling, and slander, along with every kind of malice. <sup>32</sup>Instead, be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving one another, just as God in Christ has forgiven us. Therefore, be imitators of God as his dearly loved children. <sup>2</sup>And walk in love, just as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, as a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.

The Word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

### **Special Anthem**

**9:30 AM**

**Grades 5-8**

"What a Friend We Have in Jesus"

### **Gospel Acclamation**

*Colossians 3:13*

Alleluia. Bear with each other and forgive one another. Forgive as the Lord forgave you.  
Alleluia.



Stand

## Gospel

## Matthew 18:21–35 (EHV)

Then Peter came up and asked Jesus, “Lord, how many times must I forgive my brother when he sins against me? As many as seven times?” <sup>22</sup>Jesus said to him, “Not seven times, but I tell you as many as seventy-seven times. <sup>23</sup>For this reason the kingdom of heaven is like a king who wanted to settle accounts with his servants. <sup>24</sup>When he began to settle them, a man who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him. <sup>25</sup>Because the man was not able to pay the debt, his master ordered that he be sold, along with his wife, children, and all that he owned to repay the debt. <sup>26</sup>“Then the servant fell down on his knees in front of him, saying, ‘Master, be patient with me, and I will pay you everything!’ <sup>27</sup>The master of that servant had pity on him, released him, and forgave him the debt. <sup>28</sup>“But when that servant went out, he found one of his fellow servants who owed him one hundred denarii. He grabbed him and began choking him, saying, ‘Pay me what you owe!’ <sup>29</sup>“So his fellow servant fell down and begged him, saying, ‘Be patient with me, and I will pay you back!’ <sup>30</sup>But he refused. Instead he went off and threw the man into prison until he could pay back what he owed. <sup>31</sup>“When his fellow servants saw what had happened, they were very distressed. They went and reported to their master everything that had taken place. <sup>32</sup>“Then his master called him in and said to him, ‘You wicked servant! I forgave you all that debt when you begged me to. <sup>33</sup>Should you not have had mercy on your fellow servant just as I had mercy on you?’ <sup>34</sup>His master was angry and handed him over to the jailers until he could pay back everything he owed. <sup>35</sup>“This is what my heavenly Father will also do to you unless each one of you forgives his brother from his heart.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise be to you, O Christ!**

*Be seated*

## Hymn 733

## “Forgive Our Sins as We Forgive”

## Sermon

*Genesis 50:15–21*

- The Power of Forgiveness**  
**I. Forgiveness Removes Fear**  
**II. Forgiveness Restores Family**

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

Eternal Lord, give us peace as we ponder the good news that you forgive our sins in Christ. Lead us to see clearly the path you have laid out for us.

**Work in us so that we believe and live the Word we have heard today.**

Provide courage and compassion to all who preach and teach your Word. Fill them with a love like yours as they proclaim your grace to us and all people.

**Move us to love all ministers of the Word wherever they serve.**

Guard and guide the families of our congregation. Lead husbands and wives to love each other with commitment, respect, and patience. Help parents to grasp the eternal value of keeping their children close to Jesus all their lives. Grant joy to those who are single, and make them a blessing to others.

**Protect us from the temptations that surround us; give us pure hearts and minds.**

Provide wisdom and insight to those who make laws and set policies. Give us respect for those who protect us from crime. Lead us to value the rights of our fellow citizens and to defend those who cannot defend themselves.

**Bless our land with peace and prosperity so that the gospel may be proclaimed to all.**

Give us passion to share the story of your love with our family and friends. Overcome unbelief, and open the hearts of people everywhere to believe the good news that Jesus has forgiven their sins and opened the gates of heaven.

**Fill us with joy over every sinner who repents and comes to trust in you.**

Extend your healing power to those who are sick and suffering in body or mind. [Pour out your special blessing on . . . *here name the person and the cause of the petition.*] Give patience and compassion to all who care for the sick and dying.

**Lift the eyes of the distressed to your love in Christ.**

Hear us, Lord, as we pray in silence.

*Silent prayer*

Gracious God, you govern and direct all things and you love all people. Hear our prayers, spoken and silent, and answer them in your wisdom and grace.

**In Jesus' name we pray. 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.**

## **Offering**

*Stand*

**Offering Hymn 750**

**“We Give Thee but Thine Own”**

## **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 731

“Oh, How Good It Is”

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## Announcements:

**Fun Run:** It's Time Again for the 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual St. John's Fun Run, Walk and Roll! Mark your calendars for Saturday, October 7th at 10am (registration begins at 9:45am in the St. John's Juneau parking lot). After the event there will be raffle prizes, yogurt parfait bar, obstacle course, smoothie bike, plinko prizes and more! This is a free event for the community so invite your neighbors and friends! Rain-date is Sunday, October 8 at 1pm.

**PowerPoint Presentation Clickers:** Volunteers are needed to click through the worship PowerPoint during our services. If you are willing to serve in this capacity, please sign-up using the sign-up sheet in the narthex at Juneau and Salem-Lowell!

**Snow Removal Bids:** Our St. John's Trustees are accepting bids now through September 30<sup>th</sup> for snow removal for the upcoming season. If you are interested in submitting a bid, please contact Scott Bilgrien at 920-362-0199.

**Lakeside Lutheran High School A Capella Choir:** On Sunday Oct. 8<sup>th</sup>, the LLHS A Capella choir will be joining our 8:00 AM service in Juneau and our 9:30 AM service in Salem-Lowell. We look forward to hearing their songs of praise and hope you will join us for this special worship service! A free-will offering will be taken to offset the expenses of their ministry.



# TELL US A STORY

JESUS' POWEREUL PARABLES

Much of what Jesus has to say to you and me is contained within his parables. Parables are simple little stories that contain profound truths about life and eternity. For the believer, a parable takes a challenging spiritual fact and makes it clear. However, since the parable conveys spiritual truth, for someone without faith, the story remains only that—a story. Therefore, our prayer for this worship series is that Christ would send us his Holy Spirit, so that we might receive the peace and power Jesus offers us in his parables.

Tell us a story, Jesus!

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Join us next week for a new series — Tell Us a Story

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- 9.24 A Story of Perplexing Generosity
- 10.1 A Story of Spiritual Insincerity
- 10.8 A Story of Reckless Patience // Lakeside Sunday
- 10.15 A Story of Insane Rejection



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# Volunteers (9/17)

## **Greeters:**

8:00 AM Carol Soldner, Alexis Voight, Jim and Chris Holy  
10:30 AM Carol Leissring, Linda Tonn

## **Ushers:**

8:00 AM Chuck Wolfram, Bruce Soldner, Nick Voigt, Rick Cody  
9:30 AM Ken Leistico, Wyatt Stowell, Larry Westenberg, Oscar Stowell  
10:30 AM Rick Leissring, Blake Tonn, Blake Tonn II

## **Lawn Mowers:** (Week of September 18th)

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

## Statistics

### *Offerings given to our Lord*

	<u>8/31-9/3</u>
General	\$ 16,537.75
Debt	\$ 478.55
Improvement	\$ 220.00
Lakeside	\$ 35.00
Missions	\$ 879.90
Total	\$ 18,151.20

### *Attendance*

Sept. 3<sup>rd</sup> Weekend 313 (51,27,173,62)

*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 \$136,994.09. 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 (9/17)**

**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 9:00-9:30 AM- J

## **Monday (9/18)**

Readings Bible Study 6:30 PM- SL

Board of Education 6:30 PM- J

Fun Run Mtg 6:15 PM- J

## **Tuesday (9/19)**

Jesus Cares 1:30 PM- Clearview

Early Childhood Mtg. 6:30 PM- J

## **Wednesday (9/20)**

Midweek Worship:

- 10:00 AM- Clearview
- 11:00 AM- J
- 2:00 PM- Hillside Manor

Confirmation 5:00 PM- J

Adult Choir 7:00 PM- J

## **Thursday (9/21)**

**Worship 6:30 PM- J**

## **Saturday (9/23)**

**Worship 5 PM- H**

## **Sunday (9/24)**

**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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Richard Cody 920-386-4644

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Ryan Kummerow 608-345-1900

### 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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