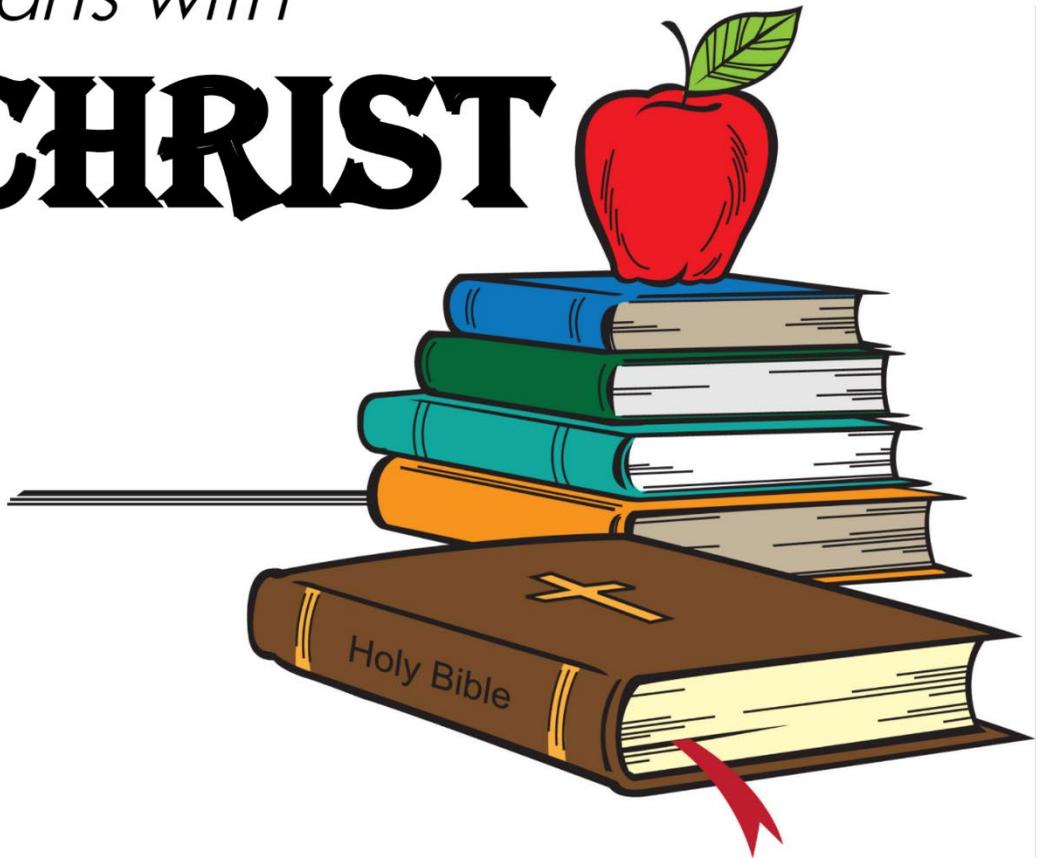


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St. John's Ev. Lutheran Church

Juneau

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Christian Education Sunday

March 5, 2023

Hymn 746 vs.1,5,3

"I Love to Tell the Story"

Please stand

Call to Worship

In the name of the Father and of the Son (+) and of the Holy Spirit.
(spoken) Amen.

Go and make disciples of all nations,
Baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.

Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.
**How, then, can they call on the one they have not believed in?
And how can they believe in the one of whom they have not heard?
And how can they hear without someone preaching to them?
And how can they preach unless they are sent?**

As it is written, "How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!"

Consequently, faith comes from hearing the message, and the message is heard through the word of Christ.

Confession of Sins

Gracious Lord, we come before you now confessing our sins. Through your Word you have revealed to us again and again the unsearchable riches of Christ, but again and again we have failed to recognize how richly we have been blessed.

Forgive us, Lord.

We have often failed to fully appreciate all you have done for us in Christ, and therefore we have failed to share the message of your love and grace with others as we should. Forgive us for the dullness of our faith and love for you.

Forgive us, Lord.

So often we have overlooked the needs of those who live near us and have shown so little concern for those who are far away. There is always so much more we could do to bring others the Good News of their Savior, Jesus Christ.

Forgive us, Lord.

Gracious Lord, we confess that we are in dire need of your Spirit's help. We need a heart that loves you more, a faith that trusts you more, a life that reflects more clearly the vast riches of your love.

Forgive us, Lord.

Absolution

After his resurrection, Jesus breathed on his disciples and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive anyone his sins, they are forgiven; if you do not forgive them, they are not forgiven."

Our Almighty God in his mercy has given his Son to die for you and for his sake has forgiven you all your sins. 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.

Please be seated

Old Testament Reading

Genesis 12:1-8 (EHV)

Now the LORD said to Abram, "Get out of your country and away from your relatives and from your father's house and go to the land that I will show you. ²I will make you a great nation. I will bless you and make your name great. You will be a blessing. ³I will bless those who bless you, and I will curse anyone who

dishonors you. All of the families of the earth will be blessed in you.”⁴ So Abram went, as the LORD had told him. Lot went with him. Abram was seventy-five years old when he departed from Haran. ⁵ Abram took Sarai his wife, Lot his brother’s son, and all the possessions they had accumulated and the people that they had acquired in Haran, and they set out to travel to the land of Canaan. Eventually they arrived in the land of Canaan. ⁶ Abram passed through the land until he came to the Oak of Moreh at the place called Shechem. The Canaanites were in the land at that time. ⁷ The LORD appeared to Abram and said, “I will give this land to your descendants.” Abram built an altar there to the LORD, who had appeared to him. ⁸ He moved on from there to the hill country east of Bethel and pitched his tent there, with Bethel on the west and Ai on the east. There he built an altar to the LORD and proclaimed the name of the LORD.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Second Reading

Proverbs 1:8-23 (EHV)

⁸ Listen, my son, to your father’s discipline,
and do not forsake your mother’s teaching,

⁹ because they are a garland of grace for your head.

They are jewelry for your neck.

¹⁰ My son, if sinners lure you,

do not go along with them.

¹¹ If they say,

“Come with us.

Let’s lie in wait to shed blood.

Let’s hide and ambush an innocent person for no reason.

¹² We will swallow them alive like the grave.

We will swallow them whole

like those who go down to the pit.

¹³ We will find all kinds of wealth and treasure.

We will fill our houses with loot.

¹⁴ Cast your lot with us.

We will all share one bag of money.”

¹⁵ My son, do not walk along the road with them.
Do not set foot on their path,
¹⁶ because their feet run to do evil,
and they hurry to shed blood.
¹⁷ How useless to spread a net in the sight of any bird!
¹⁸ Yet they set up an ambush for their own blood.
They hide in ambush to take their own lives.
¹⁹ This is where the path leads for everyone
who is greedy for stolen property:
It takes away the life of those who possess it.
²⁰ Wisdom calls out loudly in the street.
In the public squares she raises her voice.
²¹ At the noisy street corners she calls out.
At the entrances to the city gates she speaks her words:
²² "How long will you gullible people love being gullible?
How long will scoffers delight in their scoffing?
How long will fools hate knowledge?"
²³ If you respond to my warning,
I will pour out my spirit for you.
I will make my words known to you.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Special Singing

8:00 & 10:30 AM K-8th Grade Sing "Jesus, I Want to Follow You"

Please stand

Gospel

John 3:1-17 (EHV)

There was a man of the Pharisees named Nicodemus, a member of the Jewish ruling council. ²He came to Jesus at night and said to him, "Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God, for no one can do these miraculous signs you are doing unless God is with him." ³Jesus replied, "Amen, Amen, I tell

you: Unless someone is born from above, he cannot see the kingdom of God.”
4Nicodemus said to him, “How can a man be born when he is old? He cannot enter a second time into his mother’s womb and be born, can he?” 5Jesus answered, “Amen, Amen, I tell you: Unless someone is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God! 6Whatever is born of the flesh is flesh. Whatever is born of the Spirit is spirit. 7Do not be surprised when I tell you that you must be born from above. 8The wind blows where it pleases. You hear its sound, but you do not know where it comes from or where it is going. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit.” 9“How can these things be?” asked Nicodemus. 10“You are the teacher of Israel,” Jesus answered, “and you do not know these things? 11Amen, Amen, I tell you: We speak what we know, and we testify about what we have seen. But you people do not accept our testimony. 12If I have told you earthly things and you do not believe, how will you believe if I tell you heavenly things? 13No one has ascended into heaven, except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man, who is in heaven. 14“Just as Moses lifted up the snake in the wilderness, so the Son of Man must be lifted up, 15so that everyone who believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. 16“For God so loved the world that he gave his only-begotten Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish, but have eternal life. 17For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to you, O Christ!

Please be seated

Hymn 570

“God Love the World So That He Gave”

Sermon

Proverbs 9:10 (EHV)

The Best Education Starts with Christ.

10 The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom,
and the knowledge of the Holy One is understanding.

Please stand

Confession of Faith

melody: CW 931 “*Savior Again, to Thy Dear Name*”

**In God th’ almighty Father we believe
Maker of all, from whom we life receive;
And in our Lord, Christ Jesus, God’s own Son,
One with the Father and with mankind one.**

**Born of the Spirit and the virgin mild,
Suffered and died – for us he was defiled –
Raised from the dead, ascended to his throne,
Christ reigns and will return as judge alone.**

**With all the saints, God’s Spirit we confess,
Life-giving Lord, true Source of holiness,
Filling the Church with sin-forgiving breath
Until we rise, fore’er to conquer death.**

Please be seated

Prayer for Christian Education

Let us pray to the God of all knowledge and wisdom that the Church may be renewed and strengthened for her mission.

O Lord, you have revealed your good and gracious will to your people on earth. Forgive us for pursuing that knowledge that serves only our selfish desires and for using what we have learned to exploit and hurt others. Cleanse our guilty hearts of the apathy we feel for searching out the deeper truths of your Word.

Holy Spirit, hear our prayer that we may put self aside and rejoice in the truth that builds up.

Heavenly Father, send the Spirit of Jesus into our hearts so that like the Bereans of old we eagerly learn of you. As the deer pants for streams of water, may we be instilled with a longing to explore the mysteries of your grace.

Holy Spirit, increase in us the knowledge of your truth.

As you sent your Son among us as the Word made flesh, so bless the efforts of schools, colleges, and seminaries to train those who proclaim your presence among us in Word and sacrament.

Holy Spirit, instill in us a desire to teach others the wisdom of your ways.

God of light, give to the Church renewed wisdom and fresh understanding that the message of your salvation may shine ever brighter in this dark age.

Holy Spirit, kindle in us the fire of your love so that others may see our good deeds and praise our Father in heaven.

Intercessory Prayers

Holy Spirit, renew the face of the earth so that at the name of Jesus every knee may bow.

May your peace, which transcends all understanding, guard our hearts and minds in Christ Jesus our Lord 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.

Offertory

During this time, you are encouraged to fill out the Connect Card or Friendship Register located in your pew. Please give the card to an usher at the end of the service or place it in the offering plates. Online giving is available on our app and website for St. John's Church. Also, please take this time to greet those sitting around you. After the pianist finishes the musical selection, please stand and sing the hymn verses while the ushers bring the plates forward.

Please stand

Offertory Hymn 750 v1-2

"We Give Thee But Thine Own"

Blessing

We leave God's house strengthened through the gospel to worship him throughout the week until we meet here again. We continually reflect on the ultimate sacrifice that God's Son made for us and we share this with our children and their children.

Confident of our forgiveness and God's power working in us, our mission is clear: Alive in Jesus, we are learning, living and sharing God's living Word.

The Lord bless you and keep you.

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

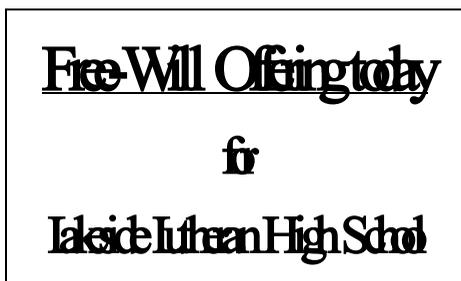
The Lord look on you with favor and give you peace.

Amen.

Please be seated

Closing Hymn 930

"Go, My Children With My Blessing"



Guest Preacher: Pastor Don Schultz
Lakeside Lutheran High School

Liturgists: David Brandt and John Baumann

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Note of **THANKS**

8:00 AM Service

Preservice:

Bentley Gentz
Evan Hirschfeld
Isaac Hirschfeld
Noah Hirschfeld
Elliott Redecker
Wyatt Redecker
Gilliana Schaalma
Cole Wolter

Post-service:

Noah Hirschfeld

9:30 AM Service

Preservice:

Bentley Gentz
Evan Hirschfeld
Noah Hirschfeld

Post-service:

Noah Hirschfeld

10:30 AM Service

Preservice:

Olivia Cina
Kaiden Coombs
Benjamin Dogs
William Dogs
Bentley Gentz

Post-service:

Noah Hirschfeld

Hymns

Bentley Gentz
Evan Hirschfeld
Noah Hirschfeld

Offertory

8:00
Bentley Gentz
9:30
Evan Hirschfeld
10:30
Evan Hirschfeld

A very special THANK YOU to Pastor Don Schultz for leading us in worship today. We appreciate you taking the time to share God's Word with us. St. John's will have a free-will offering in support of the ministry of Lakeside Lutheran High School. May God bless their mission today and always!

Also, THANK YOU to all the children who participated in today's service. We wish to thank their parents for making Christian Education a priority in their child's life. Thank you also to the students who have practiced for the past many weeks learning their piano music for today. We really appreciate their efforts! Thank you to all our Day School teachers and especially to our piano teacher, Mrs. Bonnie Loersch, for all her work in preparing the students for today. Most importantly, we wish to thank God for giving the children the talent and opportunity to share God's Word with us. Soli Deo Gloria!!!

Announcements

PreK/K Open House is today! Please join us (with your little ones) at school after either Juneau Service today!

Lent is here!

- Services are Wednesdays at 3:30 and 6:30 pm
- A meal will be served between services (4:30-6:00pm) with donations accepted to help offset the cost of the meal and to support the ministries of the groups hosting the meal
- Worship services and meals are at our Juneau Campus

Salem-Lowell Altar Guild: The Salem-Lowell Altar Guild will be meeting after the 9:30 worship service today, March 5 at our Salem-Lowell Campus.

Adopt a Bill: The new March Adopt a Bill Envelopes are in the narthex! St. John's is thankful for the **many** members who took advance of contributing to this program through their prayers and gifts last month. These updated March envelopes have the new March bills notated on them.

St. John's asks for two things.

- First of all, please pray that God would bless this program and our efforts to continue His ministry in Dodge County.
- Secondly, if you are able, would you consider supporting this program with gifts in addition to your normal weekly giving to the Lord? There are two additions to the envelope that we would like to highlight. The first is an opportunity to contribute to the "Caroline House" roof improvement. The second is to contribute to the payroll/benefit expenses of our congregation. (Payroll and benefits are about 80% of our budget.) Thank you!

Easter Lilies in Juneau: 33 Easter Lilies have been pre-ordered from Robin's Countryside Gardens for our Juneau Campus. The cost is \$15.00/plant. If you are interested in ordering an Easter Lily, please see the sign-up sheet in the Juneau narthex.



2022 Offering Statements: If you haven't already done so, please pick up your 2022 Offering Statements and Offering Envelopes. They are available at our St. John's church office. Also, if you would like your statement emailed to you, please contact Jen at contributionmanager@stjohnsjuneau.org Thank you!

Volunteers (3/5)

Greeters:

8:00 AM Rick and Lisa Cody, Nikki Gunst, Crystal Schultz, Rachel Christie
10:30 AM Ruth Ockerlander and Family, Bella, Hailey and Caleb

Ushers:

8:00 AM Rick Bassette, Ralph Kaul, Dennis Affeld, Sean Affeld
9:30 AM Don Gibson, Dan Becker
10:30 AM Tom Selchert, Mark Ockerlander, Mason Ockerlander, Logan Ockerlander

Snow Removal: (*Week of 3/6*)

Team 1: Rick Leissring and Tony Colantonio

Time & Talent Survey

Thank you to those who completed the Time & Talent Surveys last weekend! These surveys are crucial to help St. John's know how our members wish to give back to our Lord. If you did not complete a survey, please pick one up in the narthex, complete it, and return it to an usher or place it in the offering plate. Thank you!



Vacation Bible School!

June 12-15th (12:15-3:30PM)

Juneau Campus

Ages: 3K - 6th Grade

Statistics 2/16-2/19

Offerings given to our Lord

General \$9,597.55

Debt \$195.00

Improvement \$95.00

Lakeside \$25.00

Missions \$5,551.90

Total \$15,464.45

Adopt a Bill \$1,407.50 (*received 2/26*)

Attendance 320

(cancelled, 35, 147, 77, 61)

*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 \$103,622.38 from the line of credit.** Please continue to support St. John's through your time, talents, treasures, and prayers. Thank you!*

APRIL 8 9:00-10:30AM

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This Week at St. John's

Sunday (3/5) Christian Education Sunday

Worship 8:00 & 10:30 AM – J

Worship 9:30 AM – SL

Bible Class 8:15 AM – SL; 9:30 AM - J

Sunday School 8:30 AM – SL; 9:15 AM – J

Open House 9:15 AM & 11:30 AM – School

Salem-Lowell Altar Guild 10:30 AM - SL

Monday (3/6)

Readings Bible Class 6:30 PM – J

Board of Education 6:30 PM - J

Tuesday (3/7)

Jesus Cares 1:30 PM - Clearview

Wednesday (3/8)

Lenten Worship 3:30 PM & 6:30 PM - J

Lenten Meal 4:30 – 6:00 PM - J

Confirmation 5:00 PM – J

Adult Choir 7:15 PM - J

Thursday (3/9)

Elders 6:00 PM – J

Trustees 6:00 PM - J

Saturday (3/11)

Worship 5:00 PM - H

Sunday (3/12)

Worship 8:00 & 10:30 AM – J

Worship 9:30 AM – SL

Bible Class 8:15 AM – SL; 9:30 AM - J

Sunday School 8:30 AM – SL; 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

(same service at all locations)

Wednesday *(during Lent)*

3:30pm & 6:30pm Juneau

Saturday

5:00pm Horicon

Sunday

8:00am & 10:30 Juneau

9:30am Lowell

Bible Classes

Sunday

Juneau Campus

9:30-10:15

Salem-Lowell Campus

8:15-9:00 AM

Monday

Juneau Campus

6:30 PM

Tuesday (2nd, 4th, 5th)

Juneau Campus

6:30 PM

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