

**November 16-19, 2023**



**THE TIME** **IN BETWEEN**

*Part 4 of 5  
A Time for Faithful Service*

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

Juneau

Salem-Lowell

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# Proper 28

November 16-19, 2023

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Hymn 739

“Forth in Your Name, O Lord, I Go”

*Stand*

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

**Amen.**

## Confession

CW 188

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 190

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. A - men.

# Glory to God in the Highest

CW 191

The musical score is written in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of ten staves of music. The lyrics are: "Glo - ry to God in the high - est, glo - ry to God, and peace to his peo - ple on earth, 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. 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".

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

you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the

Lord, you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus

Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir - it in the

glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

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

God, and peace to his peo - ple on earth,

and peace to his 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 Almighty, so rule and govern our hearts and minds by your Holy Spirit that we may always look forward to the end of this present evil age and the day of your righteous judgment. Keep us steadfast in true and living faith, and present us at last holy and blameless before you; 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 1:10–18 (EHV)

Hear the word of the LORD, you rulers of Sodom! Listen to the law of our God, you people of Gomorrah! <sup>11</sup>What do your many sacrifices mean to me? says the LORD. I have more than enough rams as burnt offerings and enough fat from well-fed animals. I am not pleased with the blood of bulls or the blood of lambs and male goats. <sup>12</sup>When you come to appear before me, who has asked for this from your hands: this trampling on my courts? <sup>13</sup>Stop bringing worthless offerings! Your incense is an abomination to me. I cannot stand your sinful assemblies on the new moons, Sabbaths, and holy days. <sup>14</sup>Deep in my soul I hate your new moons and your appointed feasts. They have become a burden to me. I am tired of putting up with them. <sup>15</sup>When you spread out your hands, I will hide my eyes from you. Indeed, even though you make many prayers, I will not hear. Your hands are full of blood. <sup>16</sup>Wash yourselves. Purify yourselves. Remove your evil deeds from my sight. Stop doing evil. <sup>17</sup>Learn to do good. Seek justice. Relieve the oppressed. Seek justice for the fatherless. Plead for the widow. <sup>18</sup>Come now, and let us reason together, says the LORD. Though your sins are like scarlet, they will be as white as snow. Though they are as red as crimson, they will be like wool.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## Psalm 128C

## “Blest Are Those Who Love You”

### Refrain



Blest are those who love you, hap - py those who  
fol - low you, blest are those who seek you, O God.

### Tone



Blessed are all who / fear the Lord,  
who walk in obedi- / ence to him.  
You will eat the fruit of your / labor;  
blessings and prosperity / will be yours.  
Your wife will be like a fruitful vine with- / in your house;  
your children will be like olive shoots around your / table. *Refrain*

Yes, this will be the / blessing  
for the man who / fears the LORD.  
May the LORD bless you from / Zion;  
may you see the prosperity of Jerusalem all the days / of your life.  
May you live to see your children's / children—  
peace be on / Israel.

**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***

## Second Reading

**Romans 12:1–8 (EHV)**

Therefore I urge you, brothers, by the mercies of God, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice—holy and pleasing to God—which is your appropriate worship. <sup>2</sup>Also, do not continue to conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, so that you test and approve what is the will of God—what is good, pleasing, and perfect. <sup>3</sup>So by the grace given to me, I tell everyone among you not to think of yourself more highly than you ought, but think in a way that results in sound judgment, as God distributed a measure of faith to each of you. <sup>4</sup>For we have many members in one body, and not all the members have the same function. <sup>5</sup>In the same way, though we are many, we are one body in Christ, and individually members of one another. <sup>6</sup>We have different gifts, according to the grace God has given us. If the gift is prophecy, do it in complete agreement with the faith. <sup>7</sup>If it is serving, then serve. If it is teaching, then teach. <sup>8</sup>If it is encouraging, then encourage. If it is contributing, be generous. If it is leadership, be diligent. If it is showing mercy, do it cheerfully.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## Special Singing

Grades 3-4

"My Sins Have Been Forgiven"

6:30 PM

PreK-2

"Jesus is the King Ruler Over Everything"

8:00 AM

## Gospel Acclamation

**Revelation 2:10 (NIV)**

Alleluia! Be faithful, even to the point of death, and I will give you life as your victor's crown. Alleluia!

*Stand*

## Gospel

**Matthew 25:14–30 (EHV)**

"You see, the kingdom of heaven is like a man going on a journey. He called his servants and entrusted his possessions to them. <sup>15</sup>To one he gave five talents, to another two talents, and to still another one talent, each according to his own ability. Then he went on his journey. <sup>16</sup>The servant who had received the five talents immediately put them to work and gained five more talents. <sup>17</sup>In the same way, the servant who had received the two talents gained two more. <sup>18</sup>But the servant who had received one talent went away, dug a hole in the ground, and hid his master's money. <sup>19</sup>"After a long time the master of those servants came and settled accounts with them. <sup>20</sup>The servant who received the five talents came and



brought five more talents. He said, 'Master, you entrusted five talents to me. See, I have gained five more talents.' <sup>21</sup>"His master said to him, 'Well done, good and faithful servant! You were faithful with a few things. I will put you in charge of many things. Enter into the joy of your master.' <sup>22</sup>"The servant who received the two talents came and said, 'Master, you entrusted me with two talents. See, I have gained two more talents.' <sup>23</sup>"His master said to him, 'Well done, good and faithful servant! You were faithful with a few things. I will put you in charge of many things. Enter into the joy of your master.' <sup>24</sup>"Then the servant who received one talent came and said, 'Master, I knew that you are a hard man, reaping where you did not plant and gathering where you did not scatter seed. <sup>25</sup>Since I was afraid, I went away and hid your talent in the ground. See, you have what is yours.' <sup>26</sup>"His master answered him, 'You wicked and lazy servant! You knew that I reap where I did not plant and gather where I did not scatter seed? <sup>27</sup>Well then, you should have deposited my money with the bankers so that when I came I would get my money back with interest. <sup>28</sup>Take the talent away from him and give it to the servant who has the ten talents. <sup>29</sup>Because everyone who has will be given more, and he will have an abundance. But the one who does not have, even what he has will be taken away from him. <sup>30</sup>Throw that worthless servant into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

*Be seated*

**Hymn 751**

**"O God, Your Hand the Heavens Made"**

**Sermon**

**Matthew 25:14-30**

*Now is the time to put your Master's wealth to work.*

*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 and gracious Father, today we end another year of grace. Once again the Holy Spirit has nourished and strengthened our faith as we reviewed the words and works of Jesus recorded in the Gospels. We have rejoiced to hear that you kept the promises you made to your ancient people. We were encouraged as we remembered how you empowered your followers to proclaim the good news in their world.

**Work in us every day to believe the truths of your Word and apply them in our lives.**

We are aware that we live in dangerous times as Satan and his forces of evil assault your people again and again. Give us wisdom to discern teachings that subtly deny the Scriptures. Provide courage to stand against the attacks of godless opponents. Strengthen our resolve to confess the truth and then to speak the truth in love.

**Work in us every day to be watchful and cautious as we live in our world.**

Help us take to heart that your Son, our Lord Jesus, is coming again to judge the living and the dead. Since the day of his return is unknown to us, lead us to note the signs that signal the end of time. Spare us from fear as trouble and woe increase, and fill us with hope as we long for that great day.

**Work in us every day to be ready for the moment of his coming.**

Fill us with concern for family members and friends who are not taking seriously their need for Jesus and his forgiveness. Provide opportunities to reach out to them with patient persistence and to lovingly lead them to your Word and sacraments. Make us generous with our offerings so that others can go in our place to proclaim the good news.

**Work in us every day to witness to Christ and his love for sinners.**

Lead us to see our Savior's face in the faces of the poor and hungry, the lonely and forgotten, the oppressed and imprisoned, and move to support them whenever we can.

[Today we ask that you keep in your care... *here name the person and the cause of the*

*petition.*] Empower our faith to be lights in the world so that people may see our good works and glorify you and your Son.

**Work in us every day to imitate your love for the lost, the least, and the last.**

If you call us to glory before the final day comes, carry our souls to heaven where we will await the resurrection of our bodies. Comfort those who may grieve over losing us and point them to the day when they will join us at the marriage feast of the Lamb.

**Work in us every day so that we are ready whenever you call us home.**

Hear us, Lord, as we pray in silence.

*Silent prayer*

Fill us with hope and joy as we await your Son's return. Cause us to enjoy your earthly blessings in light of your eternal glories and to realize that heaven is really our home. Lead us to long for the splendor of Paradise where you will wipe away all tears from our eyes.

**Work in us every day as we listen for the sound of the final trumpet. 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 / WELS Connection**

*Stand*

**Offering Hymn 748 v.1**

**“Brothers, Sisters, Let Us Gladly”**

## **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 T give you peace.

**Amen.**

## Hymn 930

## “Go, My Children, with My Blessing”

### Acknowledgments

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### Announcements:

**Church Car for Sale:** St. John’s is selling the old church car! For details and pictures, see the flyer in the narthex and submit your sealed bid before Nov. 22nd. For questions or to test drive, contact Tim Weisensel: 920-382-4782.

**Every Member Visits:** Every member is encouraged to sign up for a time to connect with Pastor Mount as a 30-minute, informal get-to-know at the Juneau church office Please sign up using the QR code or on our app or website. If you need assistance, please call the church office at 920-386-3313.



**Favorite Christmas Carol:** St. John’s will have a special advent service comprised of the favorite christmas carols of our members. Sign up in the narthex or call (920-386-3313) to let us know your favorite carol by Nov. 20<sup>th</sup>.

### **School Thanksgiving dinner- Last Call!**

Our school’s annual Thanksgiving Dinner will be held on Wednesday, November 22, at 11:30 AM. in the Juneau church basement. If you would like to attend the dinner, please contact Mrs. Leissring in the school office at 920-386-4644 or email her at [school@stjohnsjuneau.org](mailto:school@stjohnsjuneau.org). The cost is \$3.50 for adults and \$2.75 for ages 6-14. Kindergarten and under are free. Donations of apple or pumpkin desserts are also needed. If you have any questions or would like to donate a dessert, please contact Mrs. Leissring.



**Military Care Packages:** The Military Support Group will be meeting Nov. 29<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 PM in the Juneau church basement to assemble care packages for our members in the military. Please bring care package donations to the meeting. Questions can be directed to Matt: 920-306-0994

**Advent by Candlelight:** The ladies of St. Johns are invited to participate in this special event with fellowship, songs, readings, and delicious treats on Dec. 3<sup>rd</sup> at 6:00 PM in Juneau. Ladies willing to host a table and those wishing to attend are encouraged to sign up in the narthex. See the event flyer for more information!

**Joint Advent Service:** Will be held on Dec. 6<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 PM at our Juneau campus. Please sign up in the narthex if you are willing to provide cookies or bars for the event. The service is held in fellowship with St. Stephen's and Good Shepherd in Beaver Dam and will feature special songs and messages from the pastors.

**WELS Wind Ensemble- Time Correction:** The Ladies Aid invites you to attend the WELS Wind Ensemble on Dec. 10<sup>th</sup> at 2 PM in Fall River. Please sign-up in the narthex if you are interested. If you need a ride, there will be a carpool leaving from Juneau at 1 PM. Dining at Park Avenue Sports Café in Beaver Dam following the event.

**Area Christmas Concerts:**

- Christmas at Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary will be held Dec. 10<sup>th</sup>, 3 PM and 7 PM
- Luther Prep's will be held at LPS on Dec. 17<sup>th</sup>, 3-4 PM
- Lakeside Lutheran's will be held at LLHS on Dec. 17<sup>th</sup>, at 4 PM

**Poinsettias:** Once again, 25 poinsettias have been ordered from Robin's Countryside Gardens to be purchased by members for the Juneau Campus this Christmas. The cost for the plant is \$15. If you would like to donate a poinsettia to church for the Christmas season, please see the sign-up sheet in the Juneau narthex or call the church office by December 18th.



**Do you know a Family in Need this Christmas season?**

St. John's is making a "Giving Tree" this Christmas for those in need in our church and community. If you or someone you know would like some help to make this Christmas extra special, please contact Pastor Brandt **by Nov. 27<sup>th</sup>** with the specifics of a gift, clothing sizes, etc. All requests will be kept confidential. In December, our members will have the opportunity to purchase those needed items and they will be delivered before Christmas. Please email your requests to Pastor Brandt at [pastorbrandt@live.com](mailto:pastorbrandt@live.com).

### Ladies Aid Upcoming Work Days:

- November 29 @ 5:00 pm: Cleaning the kitchen---please bring degreaser, Windex, and/or floor cleaner. Please bring rubber gloves if you wear them.
- December 7th @ 6:45 pm: No Ladies Aid meeting, but we are getting together to sign cards for shut-ins for Christmas.

**Christmas for Kids:** Join us on Dec. 9<sup>th</sup> from 9-10:30 AM with your kids for crafts, snacks, and activities to celebrate our coming Messiah. The theme this year is "Follow the Star". Parents with their kids up to 6<sup>th</sup> grade are welcome. The event will be held at school.

## Thanksgiving Worship Opportunities

- ❖ Wednesday, Nov. 22<sup>nd</sup> at 6:30 PM in Juneau
- ❖ Thursday, Nov. 23<sup>rd</sup> at 9:30 AM in Lowell

Hope to see you there for a special service of songs and reflection on the blessings God has granted us!

(There will be no Thursday evening worship on 11/23)

## Volunteers (11/16-11/19)

### **Greeters:**

6:30 PM Luke and Jenifer Hirschfeld & family, Matt and Char Lober  
8:00 AM Carol Soldner, Lexi Voigt, Bob, Jody Paplham & Family  
10:30 AM Carol Leissring, Linda Tonn

### **Ushers:**

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

# This Week at St. John's

## Sunday (11/19)

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)

Blood Pressure Checks 9:00 AM- J

## Monday (11/20)

Readings Bible Study 6:30 PM- J

## Tuesday (11/21)

Jesus Cares- Clearview

## Wednesday (11/22)

School Thanksgiving Dinner- J

Confirmation 5:00 PM- J

Worship 6:30 PM- J

## Thursday (11/23)

Worship 9:30 AM- SL

## Saturday (11/25)

Worship 5:00 PM- H

## Sunday (11/26)

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)

## Statistics

### *Offerings given to our Lord*

|             | <u>11/2-11/5</u> |
|-------------|------------------|
| General     | \$ 16,652.22     |
| Debt        | \$ 119.00        |
| Improvement | \$ 125.00        |
| Lakeside    | \$ 154.90        |
| Missions    | \$ 729.90        |
| Total       | \$ 17,781.02     |

### *Attendance*

Weekend of Nov. 5<sup>th</sup> 391 (39,33,155,52,112)

*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 \$148,472.64 from the line of credit. Please continue to support St. John's through your time, talents, treasures, and prayers. Thank you!*

# 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.

### Pastors & Assistant

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Richard Cody 920-386-4644

### Staff Minister

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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