

August 1 - 4, 2024



Fear Not, for the Lord Is with You

St. John's Ev. Lutheran Church

Juneau

Salem-Lowell

Horicon

Eleventh Sunday of Pentecost August 1-4, 2024

Hymn 844

“What God Ordains Is Always Good”



1 What God or-dains is al - ways good: his will is just and
2 What God or-dains is al - ways good: he nev - er will de -
3 What God or-dains is al - ways good: though I the cup am
4 What God or-dains is al - ways good: this truth re - mains un -



ho - ly. As he di - rects my life for me, I fol - low
ceive me; he leads me in his right - eous way and nev - er
drink - ing which sa - vors now of bit - ter-ness, I take it
shak - en. Though sor - row, need, or death be mine, I shall not



meek and low - ly. My God in - deed in ev - 'ry need knows
will he leave me. I take con - tent what he has sent; his
with - out shrink - ing. For af - ter grief God grants re - lief, my
be for - sak - en. I fear no harm, for with his arm he



well how he will shield me; to him, then, I will yield me.
hand that sends me sad - ness will turn my tears to glad - ness.
heart with com - fort fill - ing and all my sor - row still - ing.
will em - brace and shield me; so to my God I yield me.

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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,



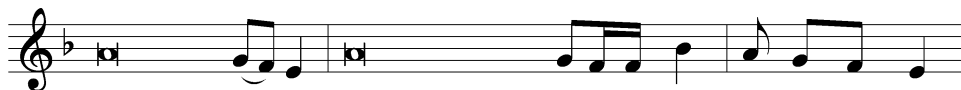
we give thanks to you, for your great glory, O Lord God, heav'n-ly King,



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;



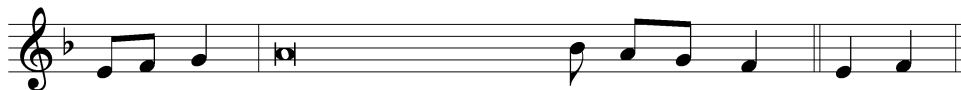
have mercy on us. You take away the sin of the world; re-ceive our prayer.



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 and most merciful God, the protector of all who trust in you, strengthen our faith, and give us courage to believe that in your love you will rescue us from all adversities; 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

2 Kings 6:8–17

⁸Now when the king of Aram was waging war against Israel, he would make plans with his officials, saying, “My camp will be at such and such a place.”

⁹But the man of God would send a message to the king of Israel, saying, “Be careful when you pass this place because the Arameans are going down there.” ¹⁰So the king of Israel would send scouts to the place that the man of God had pointed out. So the man of God warned him, and he was kept safe—and not just once or twice.

¹¹The king of Aram was enraged because of this. He summoned his officials and said to them, “Won't you tell me who of us is for the king of Israel?”

¹²One of his officials said, “No, my lord the king. It is Elisha, the prophet in Israel, who tells the king of Israel the words which you speak in your bedroom.”

¹³Then he said, “Go and see where he is. Then I'll send men and capture him.” He was told, “Dothan is where he is.”

¹⁴So he sent horses and chariots and a strong force there. They came at night and surrounded the city. ¹⁵When the man of God's servant got up early and went

out, there were soldiers, horses, and chariots surrounding the city. So his attendant said to Elisha, “Oh no, my lord! What will we do?”

¹⁶He answered, “Don't be afraid, for those who are with us are more than those who are with them.”

¹⁷Then Elisha prayed and said, “O LORD, open his eyes so that he can see.” Then the LORD opened the servant's eyes, and he saw that the hills were full of horses and chariots of fire, all around Elisha.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Psalm of the Day 46

CW '93

Refrain



The might-y Lord is with us; the God of Ja-cob is our for-tress.

Psalm tone



God is our refuge and strength,*
an ever-present help in trouble.

Therefore we will not fear, though the earth give way*
and the mountains fall into the heart of the sea,
though its waters roar and foam*
and the mountains quake with their surging.

Refrain

There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God,*
the holy place where the Most High dwells.

God is within her, she will not fall;*
God will help her at break of day.

“Be still, and know that I am God;*
I will be exalted among the nations,
I will be exalted in the earth.”

**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

2 Timothy 4:6–8,16–18

⁶You see, I am already being poured out like a drink offering, and the time of my departure has come. ⁷I have fought the good fight; I have finished the race; I have kept the faith. ⁸From now on, there is reserved for me the crown of righteousness. The Lord, the righteous Judge, will give it to me on that day, and not only to me but also to everyone who loved his appearing.

¹⁶At my first hearing, no one came to my defense, but everyone deserted me. May it not be counted against them. ¹⁷But the Lord stood by me and strengthened me, so that through me the message would be fully proclaimed and all the Gentiles would hear it, and I was rescued from the lion's mouth. ¹⁸The Lord will rescue me from every evil work and will bring me safely into his heavenly kingdom. To him be the glory forever and ever. Amen.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Stand

Gospel Acclamation

Mark 6:50

Alleluia. Jesus spoke to them and said, "Take courage! It is I. Don't be afraid."
Alleluia.

Gospel

Mark 6:45-56

⁴⁵Immediately Jesus made his disciples get into the boat and go ahead to the other side, to Bethsaida, while he himself dismissed the crowd. ⁴⁶After he had sent them off, he went up the mountain to pray.

⁴⁷When it was evening, the boat was in the middle of the sea, and Jesus was alone on the land. ⁴⁸He saw them straining at the oars, because the wind was against them. About the fourth watch of the night, he went to them, walking on the sea. He was ready to pass by them. ⁴⁹When they saw him walking on the sea, they thought he was a ghost, and they cried out. ⁵⁰They all saw him and were terrified. Immediately he spoke with them and said, "Take courage! It is I. Do not be afraid." ⁵¹Then he climbed up into the boat with them, and the wind stopped. They were completely amazed, ⁵²because they had not understood about the loaves. Instead, their hearts were hardened.

⁵³When they had crossed over, they landed at Gennesaret and anchored there. ⁵⁴As soon as they stepped out of the boat, people recognized Jesus. ⁵⁵They ran around that whole region and began to bring sick people on their stretchers to where they heard he was. ⁵⁶Wherever he entered villages, cities, or the countryside, they were laying sick people in the marketplaces and pleading with him that they might just touch the edge of his garment. And all who touched it were made well.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to you, O Christ!

Be seated

Hymn 820

“O God, Our Help in Ages Past”



1 O God, our help in a - ges past, our hope for years to come,
2 Un - der the shad - ow of your throne your saints have dwelt se - cure;
3 Be - fore the hills in or - der stood or earth re - ceived its frame,
4 A thou - sand a - ges in your sight are like an eve - ning gone,



our shel - ter from the storm - y blast, and our e - ter - nal home:
suf - fi - cient is your arm a - lone, and our de - fense is sure.
from ev - er - last - ing you are God, to end - less years the same.
short as the watch that ends the night be - fore the ris - ing sun.

5 Time, like an ever-rolling stream,
soon bears us all away;
we fly forgotten, as a dream
dies at the op'ning day.

6 O God, our help in ages past,
our hope for years to come,
still be our guard while troubles
last and our eternal home!

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Sermon

Mark 6:45–56

Fear Not, for the Lord Is with You

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 died and rose again.
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 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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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 848

“For Me to Live Is Jesus”



- 1 For me to live is Je - sus, to die is gain for me;
- 2 For Christ, my Lord and broth - er, I leave this world so dim
- 3 My woes are near - ly o - ver though long and dark the road;
- 4 In my last hour, Lord, grant me a slum - ber soft and still,
- 5 Thus, bound to you, my Sav - ior, death's brief and harm-less night



so, when my Sav - ior pleas - es, I meet death will - ing - ly.
and glad - ly seek an - oth - er, where I shall be with him.
my sin his mer - its cov - er, and I have peace with God.
no doubts to vex or haunt me, safe an - chored in your will.
gives way to joy for - ev - er with you in heav'n - ly light.

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Announcements

Pantry/Card Shower for the Flunkers

Our new Senior Assistant and his family will be arriving soon! We are having a pantry/card shower for them, if you are willing and able to welcome them in this way, it would be greatly appreciated! Items may be brought to any campus now through Sunday, August 25th. SCRIP Cards for gas and grocery are also appreciated. They are available for purchase at the Juneau Campus after the Thursday and Sunday services.

St. John's Endowment Fund

There are always things we would like to do at St. John's that don't fit into the budget. In the last couple of years, we have started an Endowment Fund. 5% of the Endowment Fund is to be distributed each year. Any group, committee or member of St. John's can submit an application for the available funds (or a portion of them) for a non-budgeted need or project at St. John's. This year there is about \$3,200 available for disbursement. Applications are available in the narthex and are due by August 30. A completed application can be submitted to any Pastor, the church office, or any member of the Church Council.

Bruce and Diana Wietzke's Open House/House warming party

- All welcome (*rain or shine*)- Bring a lawn chair
- Sunday, September 22, Noon - 4pm
- N6984 Thompson Road
Beaver Dam, WI 53916

Items Approved at Voter's Meeting:

Several items were approved by the voters at the last meeting on July 14th. These items include:

- Installing A/C at school
- Calling a ¼ time retired pastor
- Seal coating the parking lot at Salem-Lowell
- Repairing the Juneau Campus church bells

St. John's School Registration Day

St. John's Lutheran School

PK-2, PK-3, PK-4, and K-8

Registration Day: Wednesday, August 7

10 A.M. to 2 P.M and 4 P.M. to 7 P.M.

Before and After School Care available.

Bussing available.

Address: 402 S. Main Street, Juneau, WI

Phone: 920-386-4644

Email: school@stjohnsjuneau.org



150th Anniversary News and Notes!

Kick-Off Event!

Sunday, September 8, 9:30 AM

Mark your calendar for our first 150th Anniversary Celebratory Service! This Festival service will include special music, guest preacher District President Michael (Mike) Jensen, and a fellowship brunch served after the service!

Please note: this will be the only service held the weekend of Sept. 8. There will be no services on Thursday, Saturday, or at Salem-Lowell. We encourage you to join together in praising our God for 150 years of His grace at our Juneau Campus!

Brunch Info & Service Opportunity

If you are considering attending the fellowship brunch, we would appreciate you signing up using the sheets in the narthex at any of our campuses. Food donations and help with setting and cleaning up the meal are also needed! Please indicate on the sign-up sheets if you can help in either of those ways.

School Alumni Reunion: Classes of 1980s-1990s

Sunday October 6, 8:00 AM

The first of our St. John's School Alumni Reunion Services will be Oct. 6 at the 8:00 AM service in Juneau with guest preacher Pastor Wietzke. We encourage anyone who graduated/was confirmed between 1980 and 1999 to join us in the celebration!

Coffee and snacks will be available. Please help spread the word to anyone who may be interested! Bible class and other weekend services will be held at their usual times.

Service Opportunity

We are looking for alumni from these decades to help contact other alumni and organize games or other "fun stuff" for their reunion day. Please come to one of the meetings or contact Char Lober (920-219-0122) / volunteer@stjohnsjuneau.org if you might be interested!



Planning Meeting!

The next planning meeting is scheduled for August 20th at 6:30 PM in the Juneau Campus Fellowship Hall. Anyone is welcome to attend and be a part of this historic event!

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

Thank you volunteers! (8/1-8/4)

Greeters:

6:30 PM Pastors, Deb Wolter, Matt and Char Lober

8:00 AM Pastors, Bob and Karen Bischoff

Ushers:

6:30 PM Neil Foch and Paul Schmidt

8:00 AM Rick Bassette, Ralph Kaul, Dennis Affeld, Shawn Affeld

10:15 AM Don Gibson, Dan Becker

Lawn Mowing: (*Week of August 5th*)

Juneau: Team One Stan Smith and Chuck Wolfram

Lowell: Team One Dennis Kohn, Matt & Isaiah Yuenger

This Week at St. John's

Sunday (8/4)

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

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

Monday (8/5)

Board of Ed. 6:30 PM- School

Wednesday (8/7)

School Registration

10:00-2:00 PM & 4:00-7:00 PM

Thursday (8/8)

Worship 6:30 PM- J

Saturday (8/10)

Worship 5:00 PM- H

Sunday (8/11)

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

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

Statistics

Offerings given to our Lord

7/18-7/21

General	\$ 10,563.32
Debt	\$ 540.00
Improvement	\$ 40.00
Lakeside	\$ 134.90
Missions	\$ 834.90
Total	\$ 12,113.12

Attendance

Weekend of July 21st 283 (45,31,135,72)

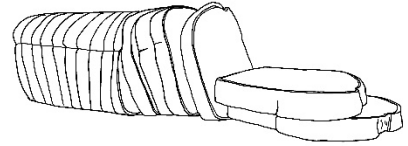
*At our Voter's Meeting, our congregation approved a weekly budget with an average total of \$20,246 (includes General, Lakeside and Missions) needed every week. **Since the beginning of 2022, our congregation has gone from zero debt to drawing a total of \$170,842.91 from the line of credit.** Please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

“From this time many of his disciples turned back and no longer followed him” (John 6:66).

What happened?! Jesus had recently fed many thousands of people. Everywhere he went, he was mobbed by a multitude looking for the hope and healing Jesus provided. In the first part of Jesus’ ministry, he was extremely popular. That changed so quickly. At this time many followers walked away from Christ. What had Jesus done that was so bad? He said, “I am the bread of life.” That statement seems, at worst, to be

cryptic. It doesn’t seem offensive. But as the crowd grasped what Jesus was claiming, they decided they no longer wanted anything to do with him.

Bread is a staple food, something people eat every day (especially in Jesus’ day). Scripture will sometimes refer to bread and water as all one needs to sustain physical life. In this worship series we will examine what Jesus is teaching when he calls himself “the Bread of Life.” We will discuss why people would abandon Jesus for making that claim. And we will wrestle with whether we would ever do the same.



I AM THE **BREAD** **O** **F** **LIFE**

Join us next week for a new 3-part sermon series

I Am the Bread of Life

8.11 Spiritual Food for Those Focused on the Earthly

8.18 The Bread that Gives Wisdom and Life

8.25 The Only Food We Really Need

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

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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