

TENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
MEANINGFUL MINISTRY:
GOD MEETS OUR NEED TO MEET OTHERS' NEEDS



Pastor Zietlow's Sermon:
2 Corinthians 9:6-11
"Be a Cheerful Giver...
Not a Grim Reaper!"

WELCOME! WE'RE GLAD YOU'RE HERE!

We pray that you find comfort, peace, and motivation through God's Word today. In our worship bulletin, you will find an outline of **today's order of worship**. The entire service can be found in the hymnal, up on the screen on Sunday at St. John's and Emmanuel and livestreamed at www.stjohnsmontello.org and also at St. John's in the Lower Level. At St. John's, the **restrooms** are located in the link way, out the church entry way, to the left and down the stairs. At Emmanuel, they are located in the Parish Hall. You may also find a **nursery changing station** in the lower level of St. John's.

ST. JOHN'S & EMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCHES-WELS

July 27 & 28, 2024

Emmanuel: Sun. 8:00am

St. John's: Sat. 4:30pm & Sun. 10:00am

MEANINGFUL MINISTRY

"Ministry" is one of those churchy words that is often used, yet perhaps not fully understood. Ministry comes from the Latin word for "service." Ministry involves serving others with love, compassion, and empathy. Helping someone with physical needs is sometimes called "compassion ministry." Helping someone with their spiritual needs, sharing the good news of Christ, is generally called "gospel ministry." We misunderstand ministry if we think of it as something only ministers do. While pastors are called to perform gospel ministry on behalf of others, ultimately every believer is called by God to reflect Christ-like love and share the message of salvation as God provides those opportunities.

GOD MEETS OUR NEED TO MEET OTHERS' NEEDS

King David explains, "The earth is the LORD's and everything in it" (Psalm 24:1). That word "everything" doesn't leave any wiggle room, does it? That word "everything" means that your home and all its furnishings, your vehicle and all that's in the trunk, your bank account, the twenty-eight dollars in your wallet, the wallet itself, and the pocket in which you carry your wallet all belong to God. Everything you have was given to you by your good and gracious Father. We need to understand that. But it is just as important that we understand why God provides for our physical needs. As we have seen throughout this worship series, God has called us to ministry. He asks us to reflect his love in meeting the physical and spiritual needs of others. Believers want to serve others in those ways. By providing for us, God meets our need to meet others' needs. This week Jesus promises that he will provide the resources necessary to conduct meaningful ministry.

ORDER OF SERVICE: SJ Sat. and Emmanuel Sun.: Setting One, pp.154-170

SJ Sun: Holy Baptism: pp. 261-265, 160-170

HYMNS: 749 (Sun. at SJ 684), 827, 575, 506

PSALM: 145 "I Will Exalt My God and King"

SERMON: 2 Corinthians 9:6-11 "Be a Cheerful Giver...Not a Grim Reaper!"

OPENING HYMN: 749 "God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending" (Sun. at SJ: 684 "Father Welcomes")



- 1 God, whose giv - ing knows no end - ing, from your rich and
- 2 Skills and time are ours for press - ing toward the goals of
- 3 Trea - sure, too, you have en - trust - ed, gain through pow'rs your



end - less store: na - ture's won - der, Je - sus' wis - dom,
 Christ, your Son: all at peace in health and free - dom,
 grace con - ferred: ours to use for home and kin - dred,



cost - ly cross, grave's shat - tered door— gift - ed by you, we turn
 rac - es joined, the church made one. Now di - rect our dai - ly
 and to spread the gos - pel word. O - pen wide our hands in



to you, of - f'ring up our - selves in praise; thank - ful
 la - bor, lest we strive for self a - lone; born with
 shar - ing, as we heed Christ's age - less call, heal - ing,



songs shall rise for - ev - er, gra - cious do - nor of our days.
 tal - ents, make us ser - vants fit to an - swer at your throne.
 teach - ing, and re - claim - ing, serv - ing you by lov - ing all.

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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 T 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,



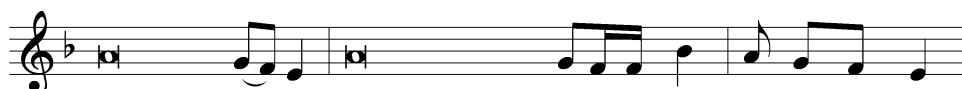
we give thanks to you, for your great glory, O Lord God, heav'n-ly King,



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;



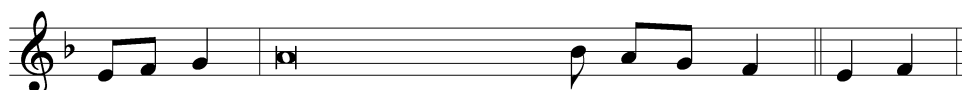
have mercy on us. You take away the sin of the world; re-ceive our prayer.



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. Heavenly Father, though we do not deserve your goodness, still you provide for all our needs of body and soul. Grant us your Holy Spirit that we may acknowledge your gifts, give thanks for all your benefits, and serve you in willing obedience; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

FIRST READING: Exodus 16:1-15

(The LORD graciously and miraculously provides for the physical needs of the children of Israel.)

¹The whole Israelite community set out from Elim and came to the Desert of Sin, which is between Elim and Sinai, on the fifteenth day of the second month after they had come out of Egypt. ²In the desert the whole community grumbled against Moses and Aaron. ³The Israelites said to them, "If only we had died by the LORD's hand in Egypt! There we sat around pots of meat and ate all the food we wanted, but you have brought us out into this desert to starve this entire assembly to death." ⁴Then the LORD said to Moses, "I will rain down bread from heaven for you. The people are to go out each day and gather enough for that day. In this way I will test them and see whether they will follow my instructions. ⁵On the sixth day they are to prepare what they bring in, and that is to be twice as much as they gather on the other days." ⁶So Moses and Aaron said to all the Israelites, "In the evening you will know that it was the LORD who brought you out of Egypt, ⁷and in the morning you will see the glory of the LORD, because he has heard your grumbling against him. Who are we, that you should grumble against us?" ⁸Moses also said, "You will know that it was the LORD when he gives you meat to eat in the evening and all the bread you want in the morning, because he has heard your grumbling against him. Who are we? You are not grumbling against us, but against the LORD." ⁹Then Moses told Aaron, "Say to the entire Israelite community, 'Come before the LORD, for he has heard your grumbling.' " ¹⁰While Aaron was speaking to the whole Israelite community, they looked toward the desert, and there was the glory of the LORD appearing in the cloud. ¹¹The LORD said to Moses, ¹²"I have heard the grumbling of the Israelites. Tell

them, 'At twilight you will eat meat, and in the morning you will be filled with bread.

Then you will know that I am the LORD your God.' " ¹³That evening quail came and covered the camp, and in the morning there was a layer of dew around the camp.

¹⁴When the dew was gone, thin flakes like frost on the ground appeared on the desert floor. ¹⁵When the Israelites saw it, they said to each other, "What is it?" For they did not know what it was. Moses said to them, "It is the bread the LORD has given you to eat."

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM: 145 "I Will Exalt My God and King"



* 1 I will ex - alt my God and King, and I will
* 3 The LORD our God is rich in grace, both ten - der
* 4 All you have made will praise you, LORD; your might - y



ev - er praise your name. I will ex - tol you ev - 'ry
and com - pas - sion - ate. His an - ger is most slow to
acts your saints will show, till all the peo - ples on the



day and ev - er - more your praise pro - claim.
rise; his love and kind - ness are most great.
earth the splen - dor of your king - dom know.



You, LORD, are great - ly to be praised; your great-ness
The LORD is good in all his ways; his crea-tures
E - ter - nal is your king - dom, LORD, for - ev - er



is be - yond all thought. From age to age your peo - ple
know his con - stant care. To all his works his love ex -
strong and ev - er sure; while gen - er - a - tions rise and



tell the might - y won - ders you have wrought.
 tends; all crea - tures in his mer - cies share.
 die, your glo - rious reign will still en - dure.

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SECOND READING: 2 Corinthians 9:6-11(Sermon Text)

(Paul teaches that God blesses us abundantly so that we have the resources to abound in every good work, generously helping others in all their needs.)

⁶Remember this: Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows generously will also reap generously. ⁷Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.

⁸And God is able to bless you abundantly, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work. ⁹As it is written: "They have freely scattered their gifts to the poor; their righteousness endures forever." ¹⁰Now he who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will also supply and increase your store of seed and will enlarge the harvest of your righteousness. ¹¹You will be enriched in every way so that you can be generous on every occasion, and through us your generosity will result in thanksgiving to God.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

Psalm 145:15,16

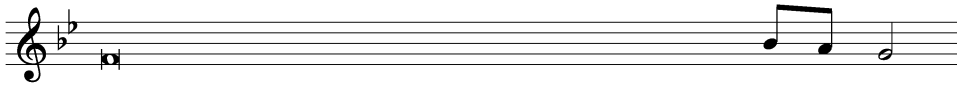


Refrain



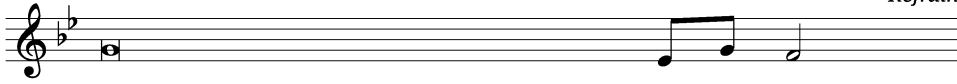
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Tone



The eyes of all look to you, and you give them their food at the prop - er time.

Refrain



You open your hand and satisfy the desires of every liv - ing thing.

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GOSPEL READING: Mark 6:35-44

(Jesus ministers to people by sharing the good news of salvation and by providing for their physical needs.)

³⁵By this time it was late in the day, so his disciples came to him. "This is a remote place," they said, "and it's already very late. ³⁶Send the people away so that they can go to the surrounding countryside and villages and buy themselves something to eat." ³⁷But he answered, "You give them something to eat." They said to him, "That would take more than half a year's wages! Are we to go and spend that much on bread and give it to them to eat?" ³⁸"How many loaves do you have?" he asked. "Go and see." When they found out, they said, "Five—and two fish." ³⁹Then Jesus directed them to have all the people sit down in groups on the green grass. ⁴⁰So they sat down in groups of hundreds and fifties. ⁴¹Taking the five loaves and the two fish and looking up to heaven, he gave thanks and broke the loaves. Then he gave them to his disciples to distribute to the people. He also divided the two fish among them all. ⁴²They all ate and were satisfied, ⁴³and the disciples picked up twelve basketfuls of broken pieces of bread and fish. ⁴⁴The number of the men who had eaten was five thousand.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to you, O Christ!

HYMN OF THE DAY: 827 "Rejoice, My Heart, Be Glad and Sing"



1 Re - jice, my heart, be glad and sing, a cheer - ful
2 Did not his love and truth and pow'r guard ev - 'ry
3 His wis - dom nev - er plans in vain nor fal - ters



trust main - tain; for God, the source of ev - 'ry - thing, your
 child - hood day? And did he not in threat - 'ning hour turn
 nor mis - takes; all that his coun - sels may or - dain a



trea - sure shall re - main. Why spend the day in blank de -
 dread - ed ills a - way? He al - ways will with pa - tience
 bless - ed end - ing makes. Up - on your lips, then, lay your



spair, in rest - less thought the night? On your Cre - a - tor
 chide, his rod falls gent - ly down; and all your sins he
 hand, and trust his guid - ing love; then like a rock your



cast your care; he makes your bur - dens light.
 casts a - side in o - cean depths to drown.
 peace shall stand here and in heav'n a - bove.

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SERMON: 2 Corinthians 9:6-11 "Be a Cheerful Giver...Not a Grim Reaper!"

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We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation, he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary, and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate. He suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end. We believe in the Holy

Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who in unity with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

PRAYER FOR GODLY CONTENTMENT AND GENEROSITY & INTERCESSORY PRAYERS

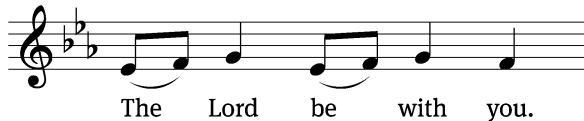
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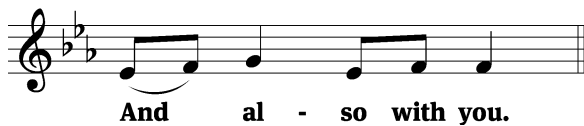
For our Communion Practice see

PREFACE

CW 165



The Lord be with you.



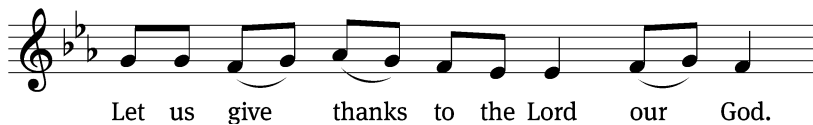
And al - so with you.



Lift up your hearts.



We lift them up to the Lord.



Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



It is right to give him thanks and praise.

It is truly good and right that we should at all times and in all places give you thanks, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who promised that wherever two or three come together in his name, there he is with them to shepherd his flock until he comes again in glory. Therefore, with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:

Holy, Holy, Holy

CW 167



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of heav - en-ly hosts:



heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho-san - na, ho -



san - na, ho-san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he,



bless-ed is he, bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.



Ho-san - na, ho-san - na, ho-san - na in the high - est.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

We give thanks to you, O God, through your dear Son, Jesus Christ, whom you sent to be our Savior, our Redeemer, and the messenger of your grace. Through him you made all things; in him you are well pleased. He is the incarnate Word, conceived by the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. To fulfill your promises, he stretched out his hands on the cross and released from eternal death all who believe in you. As we remember Jesus' death and resurrection, we thank you that you have gathered us together to receive your Son's body and blood. Send us your Spirit, unite us as one, and strengthen our faith so that we may praise you in your Son, Jesus Christ. Through him, we glorify and honor you, O God our Father, with the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever.

Amen.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me." Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me." The peace of the Lord be with you always.

Amen.

O Christ, Lamb of God

CW 169

The musical score is written on five staves in a single system. It begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The melody consists of quarter and eighth notes, with some phrases spanning across bar lines. The lyrics are printed below the notes, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across notes. The final phrase 'A - - - men.' has a long horizontal line under the 'A' and a double bar line at the end of the system.

O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world;
have mer - cy on us. O Christ, Lamb of God,
you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on us.
O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world;
grant us your peace. A - - - men.

DISTRIBUTION HYMN: 575 "Be Grace, I'm Saved"



1 By grace I'm saved, grace free and bound-less; my soul, be -
2 By grace God's Son, our on - ly Sav - ior, came down to
3 By grace! O mark this word of prom - ise when you are
4 By grace to tim - id hearts that trem - ble, in trib - u -
5 By grace! On this I'll rest when dy - ing; in Je - sus'



lieve and doubt it not. Why wa - ver at this word of
earth to bear our sin. Was it be - cause of your own
by your sins op - pressed, when Sa - tan plagues your trou - bled
la - tion's fur - nace tried, by grace, de - spite all fear and
prom - ise I re - joice, for though I know my heart's con -



prom - ise? Has Scrip - ture ev - er false - hood taught? So then this
mer - it that Je - sus died, your soul to win? No, it was
con - science, and when your heart is seek - ing rest. What rea - son
trou - ble, the Fa - ther's heart is o - pen wide. Where could I
di - tion, I al - so know my Sav - ior's voice. My heart is



word must true re - main: by grace you, too, shall heav'n ob - tain.
grace, and grace a - lone, that brought him from his heav'n - ly throne.
can - not com - pre - hend God by his grace to you did send.
help and strength se - cure if grace were not my an - chor sure?
glad, all grief has flown since I am saved by grace a - lone.

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Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;

his mercy endures forever.

Whenever we eat this bread and drink this cup,

we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

We give thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us with this saving gift. We pray that through it you will strengthen our faith in you and increase our love for one another.

We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

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.

CLOSING HYMN: 506 "For the Fruits of His Creation"



1 For the fruits of his cre - a - tion, thanks be to God.
2 In the just re - ward of la - bor, God's will is done.
3 For the har - vests of the Spir - it, thanks be to God.



For his gifts to ev - 'ry na - tion, thanks be to God.
In the help we give our neigh - bor, God's will is done.
For the good we all in - her - it, thanks be to God.



For the plow - ing, sow - ing, reap - ing, si - lent growth while we are
In our world-wide task of car - ing for the hun - gry and de -
For the won - ders that as - tound us, for the truths that still con -



sleep - ing, fu - ture needs in earth's safe - keep - ing, thanks be to God.
spair - ing, in the har - vests we are shar - ing, God's will is done.
found us, most of all, that love has found us, thanks be to God.

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The Emmanuel congregational meeting is today, Sunday, July 28th following the service.

THEME FOR NEXT SUNDAY:

Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost-- MEANINGFUL MINISTRY:

FEAR NOT, FOR THE LORD IS WITH YOU

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COMMUNION PRACTICE: Today our congregation will be receiving the Lord's Supper. Those who are members of Emmanuel, St. John's, another WELS church, or a church in full doctrinal agreement with the WELS, are invited to attend. Others are politely asked to refrain until communion fellowship is established. There are two Scriptural reasons we distribute the Lord's Supper this way. 1.) Receiving the Lord's Supper improperly results in harm, not blessing, to the recipient. (1 Cor. 11:27) Like a prescription it must be administered with care. 2.) Recipients of the Supper publicly proclaim their unity in the faith. (1Cor. 10:17) Members of other denominations have, by joining those church bodies, publicly declared their allegiance to the teaching of those churches. By also communing here at this altar it would send a confusing message regarding not only what the believe, but also what the Bible teaches and what this church and its members believe and confess. We'd love to speak to you about this more fully so that all are prepared and speak with one voice as we proclaim Christ to the world. For more information, and especially if you are interested in becoming a communicant member of this congregation, please speak to Pastor Zietlow.

St. John's is hiring a Custodian for the Church and Education Center!

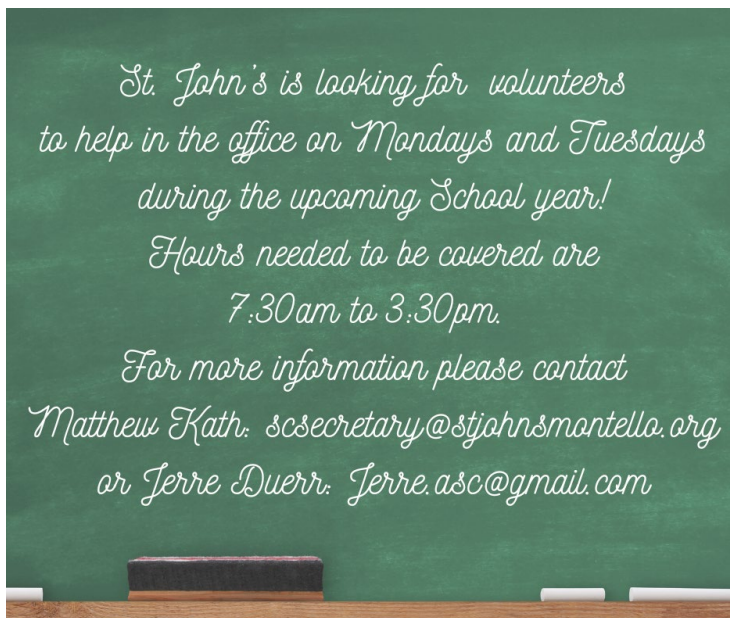
Part-time work with flexible hours.

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INTERCESSORY PRAYERS

- For the sick and others facing trials, including: Gale "Blackie" Boyd, Mike Brown, Bob Buehrens, Vicki Davis (Marilyn Riemer's sister), Agnes Dassow, Edith Duesterhoeft, Don Ebert, Kaye Edwards (Mark Emond's friend), Ken Elmer (Sally's husband), Earl Ewert, Judy Fandrey, Bob & Christine Ferber, John Gaedke (Dan Finger's uncle), Donna Gatzke, Dennis Gray (Mary Dahlke's brother), Kelleen Grucza, Kim Hanko (Judy Fandrey's daughter), Randy Hardell, Del & Jean Henke, LuAnn Hoffman-Reber (Barb Hoffman's step-daughter), Jerry & Darlene Hunter (Bonnie Chapman's parents), Xzander Jahr, Kris Kemp (Diane Hintz' daughter), Dale Kozlowski, Emily Krueger, Jeff Krueger (Diane Hintz's son), Jacob Kwit (Suzie Weber's son), Lucy Laun, Darren Marceau, Ken McKenzie (Mark Emond's friend), Julie Moran, Kathy Ninneman, Ken Pabelick, Debbie & Steve Parrish, Milo Petrick, Sharon Prieuwe, Melissa Prater, Sharon Prieuwe, Karen Radke, Marilyn Riemer, Roxanne Schmanke, Ashley Schroeder, Eloise Schultz, Lynn Sellnow, Bob Sluga (Sherry's husband), DuWayne Sommerfeld, Amanda Stalker, Tom Stempniak (Carol's husband), Pastor Josh Stibb (Evie Blada's grandson), DuWayne Sommerfeld, Billy & Gloria Tucker, James & Suzanne Weber, Paul Weldon, Tama Zuehls (Zeb's mother) (added this week: Kelly Grucza, Jean Henke, LuAnn Hoffman-Reber)

- For Sloan Timothy Lange, the infant son of Jasmine Lange & Daniel Riego, who will be baptized in today's (7/28) worship service at St. John's



ANNOUNCEMENTS

This Week: July 28-August 3, 2024

Today	9:00 a.m.	Emmanuel Congregational Meeting
Tuesday thru Friday		WELS Worship Conference Kenosha, WI
Tuesday	thru Friday	Matt will not be in the office
Saturday	4:30 p.m.	SJ Worship

Next Sunday: August 4, 2024

8:00 a.m.	Emmanuel Worship
10:00 a.m.	St. John's Worship

Attendance

Date	EM	SJ
7/20/24	-	7
7/21/24	-	63

Total June Offerings	Budget Needs	June Expenses	Year to Date Offerings	Year to Date Expenses
\$19230.45	\$33939.58	\$33595.40	\$163646.32	\$338522.09

*Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. **2 Corinthians 9:7***

St. John's	Usher's Schedule
Saturday, July 27 Sunday, July 28	Saturday, Aug. 3 Sunday, Aug. 4
James Wachholz Zeb Zuehls Thomas Wojtalewicz Kenny Wojtalewicz Chuck Boetcher Jesse Schable	Paul Van Treeck Matt Borzick Ken Borzick James Henke Haiden Van Treeck Nolan Van Treeck Brody Henke Milo Henke

PLEASE NOTE: I will NOT be in the office July 30-Aug. 2, I will be going to the Worship Conference. I will be in the office on Monday, July 29 8am-5pm. Thank you!--- Matt Kath



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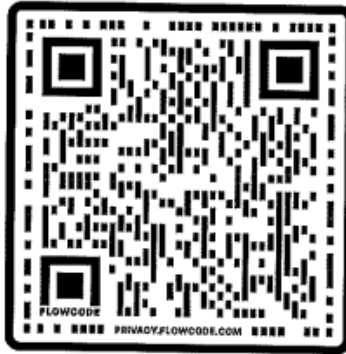
“Whoever acknowledges me before men, I will also acknowledge him before my Father in heaven” (Matthew 10:32). With these words Jesus indicates that he wants Christians to confess publicly what they believe in their hearts. This We Believe is one way the members of the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod have chosen to confess their faith in Christ. It publicly summarizes the main teachings of our church body. This We Believe was first published in 1967. A minor revision was undertaken in 1980. In consultation with the Conference of Presidents, the Commission on Inter-Church Relations completed the present revision in 1999. This second revision seeks to simplify the language and to add some important points of doctrine not addressed in the first two editions. The current revision was not undertaken because of doctrinal disagreement with the previous editions. The current document does not claim to be a full treatment of all the Bible’s teachings. For a fuller exposition of the doctrines of Scripture, the reader is referred to other sources, including the pamphlet Doctrinal Statements of the WELS (Northwestern Publishing House, 1997). It should also be noted that This We Believe was not specifically designed to serve as an outreach tool for unchurched people, but as a basis for doctrinal discussions with other church bodies and informed individuals. It is our conviction that over the years This We Believe has been a great blessing to the church. This revised edition is presented with the fervent prayer that it may continue to serve Christ’s church, to the glory of his name and for the extension of his kingdom.

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