



WELCOME TO ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH!

In Jesus' name we welcome you to worship today. May God bless you through his Word of grace and give you the peace and joy that come only from Jesus! Hearing assistance units and large print materials are available from the ushers.

Guests, we ask that you do us the honor of completing a "Welcome to Worship" card (found in pew racks) to leave us a record of your visit with us. Should you desire any further information about St. John's, our pastors will be happy to speak with you after the service.

Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

August 22 & 23, 2010

SUMMER SERIES: THE LIFE OF FAITH

Today's Focus: Fighting the Good Fight All Christians are engaged in a battle against the temptations and lies of Satan. God condemns the false prophets who "lead [his] people astray with their reckless lies" (First Lesson). Jesus says that no true peace exists between believers and unbelievers, only battle lines (Gospel). But God has supplied us with the armor of God (Second Lesson) so that we can take a firm stand against Satan and fight the good fight of faith.

WELCOM & GREETING

OPENING HYMN

♪ "Rise! To Arms! With Prayer Employ You"

CW 455

Rise! To arms! With prayer employ you, O Christians, lest the foe destroy you,
For Satan has designed your fall.
Wield God's Word, a weapon glorious; Against each foe you'll be victorious;
Our God will set you o'er them all.
Fear not the prince of hell—Here is Immanuel! Sing hosanna!
The strong ones yield To Christ, our shield, And we as conqu'rors hold the field.

Jesus, all your children cherish, And keep them that they never perish
Whom you have purchased with your blood.
Let new life to us be given That we may look to you in heaven
Whenever fearful is our mood.
Your Spirit on us pour That we may love you more,
Heart's o'erflowing; And then shall we, From sin set free, Sing praise through all eternity.

LITURGY

Common Service

Christian Worship page 15

Stand

M: In the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: ♪ Amen.

CONFESSION OF SINS

M: Beloved in the Lord: let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins to God our Father, asking him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

C: **Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful and that I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. For this I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior Jesus Christ, I pray: Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner.**

C: ♪ **Lord, have mercy on us. Christ, have mercy on us. Lord, have mercy on us.**

M: God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given his only Son to be that atoning sacrifice for our sins. Therefore, as a called and ordained 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.

C: ♪ Amen.

PRAYER AND PRAISE

M: In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord.

C: GLORY BE TO GOD

♪ Glory be to God on high, and on earth peace, good will toward men.

We praise you, we bless you, we worship you, we glorify you, we give thanks to you, for your great glory,
O Lord God, heav'nly King, God the Father almighty.

O Lord, the only begotten Son, Jesus 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 in of the world; receive our prayer.
You sit at the right hand of God the Father; have mercy on us.

For you only are holy; you only are the Lord. You only, O Christ, with the Holy Spirit,
Are most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

M: The Lord be with you.

C: **♪** And also with you.

M: Let us pray. Almighty and merciful God, it is only by your gift of grace that we come into your presence and offer true and faithful service. Grant that our worship on earth may always be pleasing to you and in the life to come give us the fulfillment of what you have promised; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: **♪** Amen.

Be Seated

FIRST LESSON

Jeremiah 23:23-32 (pg. 1212)

²³ "Am I only a God nearby," declares the LORD, "and not a God far away?" ²⁴ Can anyone hide in secret places so that I cannot see him?" declares the LORD. "Do not I fill heaven and earth?" declares the LORD.

²⁵ "I have heard what the prophets say who prophesy lies in my name. They say, 'I had a dream! I had a dream!'" ²⁶ How long will this continue in the hearts of these lying prophets, who prophesy the delusions of their own minds? ²⁷ They think the dreams they tell one another will make my people forget my name, just as their fathers forgot my name through Baal worship. ²⁸ Let the prophet who has a dream tell his dream, but let the one who has my word speak it faithfully. For what has straw to do with grain?" declares the LORD. ²⁹ "Is not my word like fire," declares the LORD, "and like a hammer that breaks a rock in pieces?"

³⁰ "Therefore," declares the LORD, "I am against the prophets who steal from one another words supposedly from me. ³¹ Yes," declares the LORD, "I am against the prophets who wag their own tongues and yet declare, 'The LORD declares.'" ³² Indeed, I am against those who prophesy false dreams," declares the LORD. "They tell them and lead my people astray with their reckless lies, yet I did not send or appoint them. They do not benefit these people in the least," declares the LORD.

HYMN

♪ "Wondrous Are Your Ways, O God"

CW 307

Wondrous are your ways, O God! No one can escape you!
Farthest space nor greatest depth Cannot hide me from you!
Long before I came to birth, Your eye saw and knew me.
Even in life's darkest hour In your hand you hold me.

Search me God, and know my heart, Lord of truth and mercy.
From afar, O Lord, you know All my thoughts, my secrets.
And if any wicked way Should be found within me,
Cleanse, forgive me by your grace; By your Spirit guide me.

SECOND LESSON

Ephesians 6:10-18 (pg. 1824)

¹⁰Finally, be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power. ¹¹Put on the full armor of God so that you can take your stand against the devil's schemes. ¹²For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms. ¹³Therefore put on the full armor of God, so that when the day of evil comes, you may be able to stand your ground, and after you have done everything, to stand. ¹⁴Stand firm then, with the belt of truth buckled around your waist, with the breastplate of righteousness in place, ¹⁵and with your feet fitted with the readiness that comes from the gospel of peace. ¹⁶In addition to all this, take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming arrows of the evil one. ¹⁷Take the helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God. ¹⁸And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the saints.

VERSE OF THE DAY

♪ Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Stand

M: The Holy Gospel is written in St. Luke chapter twelve.

C: ♪ Glory be to you, O Lord!

GOSPEL LESSON

Luke 12:49-53 (pg. 1619)

⁴⁹ "I have come to bring fire on the earth, and how I wish it were already kindled! ⁵⁰But I have a baptism to undergo, and how distressed I am until it is completed! ⁵¹Do you think I came to bring peace on earth? No, I tell you, but division. ⁵²From now on there will be five in one family divided against each other, three against two and two against three. ⁵³They will be divided, father against son and son against father, mother against daughter and daughter against mother, mother-in-law against daughter-in-law and daughter-in-law against mother-in-law."

M: This is the Gospel of our Lord.

C: ♪ Praise be to you, O Christ!

NICENE CREED

**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 fully 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.

4We look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Fight the good fight With all your might; Christ is your strength and Christ your light.
Lay hold on life, and it shall be Your joy and crown eternally.

Run the straight race Through God’s good grace; Lift up your eyes and seek his face.
Life with its way before us lies; Christ is the path and Christ the prize.

Cast care aside, Lean on your guide; His boundless mercy will provide.
Lean, and the trusting soul shall prove Christ is its life and Christ its love.

Faint not nor fear; His arms are near. He changes not, and you are dear.
Only believe, and you will see That Christ is Lord eternally.

SERMON — Jeremiah 23:23-32

Rev. Kirk Lahmann

LIES!

1. Doctrine isn’t that important.
2. Christianity unites people.
3. The Christian life is easy.

Stand

C:

♪ Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.
Cast me not away from your presence, and take not your Holy Spirit from me.
Restore unto me the joy of your salvation, and uphold me with your free Spirit. Amen.

Be Seated

OFFERING

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

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.

9:30—The service will continue on page 8.

THE SACRAMENT

CW Page 21


M: The Lord be with you.

C: ♪ And also with you.

M: Lift up your hearts.


C:  **We lift them up unto the Lord.**

M: Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.

C:  **It is good and right so to do.**

M: 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 till 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:

C:

 **Holy, holy, holy Lord God of heavenly hosts: heav'n and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he, blessed is he, blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.**

WORDS OF INSTITUTION


M: 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."

M: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C:  **Amen.**

C:

 **O Christ, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.
O Christ, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.
O Christ, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; grant us your peace. Amen.**

Be seated

Guests and visitors, please see the statement "Our Communion Practice" on page 7.

DISTRIBUTION

 **Distribution Hymns**

"Lift High the Cross"

CW 579

"For All the Saints"

CW 551


"Bless Our Loved Ones, Holy Father"

CW 504

Stand

THANKSGIVING

C:


 **Lord, now you let your servant depart in peace according to your word.
For my eyes have seen your salvation, which you have prepared before the face of all people,
A light to lighten the Gentiles and the glory of your people Israel.**

M: O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good.

C:  **And his mercy endures forever.**

M: We give thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us with this Holy Supper. 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.

C:  **Amen.**

M: 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.

C:  **Amen. Amen. Amen.**

CLOSING HYMN

 **“Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus”**

CW 474

Be Seated

Presiding Minister
Organist

Rev. Kirk Lahmann
Cindy Klink

OUR COMMUNION PRACTICE

The Bible tells us that the Lord’s Supper (Holy Communion) is one of the greatest blessings the Risen Christ has given to his Church. It is his very body and blood, given to assure an individual that his sacrifice on the cross really counts for *me*. But what is a tremendous spiritual blessing for one who knows and believes Jesus’ teaching can also be a spiritual detriment for a person who hasn’t learned or doesn’t believe Jesus’ teaching on the Supper. *“Anyone who eats and drinks without recognizing the body of the Lord eats and drinks judgment on himself.” I Corinthians 11:29.*

The Bible also tells us that Holy Communion is an expression of oneness in faith and teaching among those who participate in it. *“Because there is one loaf, we who are many are one body, for we all partake of the one loaf.” I Corinthians 10:17.* For these reasons we at St. John’s follow the ancient Christian practice of “Close Communion,” (as in “close friends”), admitting to our communion table members of our congregation and members of other WELS or ELS congregations in doctrinal fellowship with our congregation.

We invite you to study the basic teachings of our faith with us in our *New Life in Christ* Bible information class. If, at the end of that course, you agree with our understanding of the Bible’s teachings, we will be happy to recognize your oneness in faith with us through church membership and participation in Holy Communion here at St. John’s. Thank you for understanding our close communion practice. Please let us know if you are interested in further study in the *New Life in Christ* Bible information classes.



9:30 Service Continues Here

Be Seated

HYMN

♪ “Lift High the Cross”

CW 579

Refrain: Lift high the cross; the love of Christ proclaim
Till all the world adore his sacred name.

Come, Christians, follow where our captain trod,
Our king victorious, Christ, the Son of God. **Refrain**

Led on their way by this triumphant sign,
The hosts of God in conqu’ring ranks combine. **Refrain**

So shall our song of triumph ever be:
Praise to the Crucified for victory. **Refrain**

M: Blessed Lord, you have given us your Holy Scriptures for our learning. May we so hear them, read, learn and take them to heart, that being strengthened and comforted by your holy Word, we may cling to the blessed hope of everlasting life, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: ♪ Amen.

M: 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.

C: ♪ Amen. Amen. Amen.

CLOSING HYMN

♪ “Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus”

CW 474

Stand up, stand up for Jesus, Ye soldiers of the cross!
Life high his royal banner; It must not suffer loss.
From vict’ry unto vict’ry His army shall he lead
Till ev’ry foe is vanquished And Christ is Lord indeed.

Stand up, stand up for Jesus! The trumpet call obey;
Forth to the mighty conflict In this his glorious day!
Ye that are brave, now serve him Against unnumbered foes;
Let courage rise with danger And strength to strength oppose.

Stand up, stand up for Jesus! Stand in his strength alone.
The arm of flesh will fail you; Ye dare not trust your own.
Put on the gospel armor; Each piece put on with prayer;
Where duty calls or danger, Be never wanting there.

Stand up, stand up for Jesus! The strife will not be long;
This day the noise of battle, The next, the victor’s song.
To him that overcometh A crown of life shall be;
He with the King of glory Shall reign, eternally.

Be Seated

Presiding Minister
Pianist

Rev. Kirk Lahmann
Cindy Klink

THANK YOU

Dear Friends,

Thank you so very much for all the cards, phone calls and visits while I was in the hospital and in rehab. Above all, thank you for all the thoughts and prayers! They helped for a speedy recovery. It's such a blessing to have so many friends.

*Thanks again and God's blessings to all.
Joyce Tigges*

TRIP TO HOLYLAND

Pastor Lahmann will lead a study tour to Israel this spring. See the display in the narthex and speak with Pastor for more details.

FORWARD IN CHRIST SUBSCRIPTIONS

You may purchase or renew a subscription to the monthly magazine "Forward in Christ" through the church for a yearly price of \$9.00. Just use the envelope included in your contribution envelope box and the church office will add your name to our mailing list. Magazines will be mailed directly to your home.

"B4D"

The weekend of October 3rd, St. John's will host the "B4D" and the "B4D4X4BT." Curious? Watch future *Guides* for more information!

NEW SEASON FOR CHOIRS

A new season of the senior handbell choir will begin with their first practice on Thursday, September 16th at 6:30 pm. This year we are in need of an additional ringer. If you are interested in joining bells, please come to our first practice or contact choir director, Bill Baker (763-2602).

The Senior Choir will begin their practices on Wednesday, September 8th from 7:00-8:00 pm.

All confirmed members of the congregation are welcome to join the choir!

COFFEE HOUR & HARVEST SHARE

All summer we have been enjoying wonderful treats and fellowship between our Sunday services hosted by the leadership teams of our church and school. On Sunday, September 5th, we would like to ask our congregation members to host the final fellowship coffee hour, as a "Thank You" to our pastors, teachers and council members.

We would also invite those who have an abundance of garden produce, to bring your bounty in on that Sunday to share with those who may not have the opportunity to enjoy fresh garden produce.

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

Lutheran Pioneers currently has the following opportunities:

Office Manager: the position is a part time paid position of approximately 20+ hours per week. Persons applying for this position should have knowledge of office practices and be comfortable working with Microsoft Office programs or be willing to learn them.

Bookkeeper: this position is a part-time paid position of approximately 3-6 hours per week. The amount of time will vary based on the time of month and year. Persons applying for the Bookkeeper position should have a strong knowledge of regular bookkeeping and accounting practices. A knowledge of Peachtree Accounting programs would be helpful but not necessary.

Accounting and Financial Advisor to the Board of Directors of Lutheran Pioneers: this volunteer person would prepare reports for the Board and advise them in setting up yearly budgets and spending plans. This would take about 3-5 hours a month or less depending on the time of year. This person would also act as an internal auditor for the program.

If interested please contact Dale Lorfeld at 262-534-5124 or at lpexecdir@tds.net for more information and an application form. Positions will begin as soon as possible.



School starts for St. John's on
Monday, August 23rd at 8:15 AM.
This is for PK4 &
all K-8th grade students.

Membership Changes for August

Departing Members:

By Transfer: Laura Lundgren to Mt. Lebanon,
Milwaukee

Nancy Wilson to Living Water, Wind
Lake

BIBLE STUDIES AT ST. JOHN'S

Watch upcoming bulletins for our new fall Bible studies!

Tuesdays

Breakfast Bible Study—6:00 AM—Revelation

Lucky Star, Burlington

Join us Tuesday mornings as we focus on Revelation. Led by Pastor Laabs.

Wednesdays

Morning Bible Study —8:45 AM—Study of 1 Samuel

Meeting Room

God called Samuel, even as a child, to be a prophet and judge for the Israelites, who wanted a king. The books of Samuel outline the history of Israel's first kings, Saul and David. Through many acts of deliverance and forgiveness, God kept safe the line of the King of kings, our Savior Jesus Christ.

Led by Pastor Lahmann.

Men's Bible Study & Fellowship—8:00 PM—Book of 1 Samuel

St. John's Gym

Next class on August 25th. Led by Bob Edgington.

Come Celebrate our 50th Anniversary!

**TENTH ANNUAL CAMP OAKRIDGE
CORN & PIG ROAST / TURKEY FRY**

Saturday, September 4, 2010

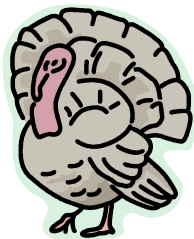
**All Members of the Oakridge Federation
are Welcome!**

Get together for a great weekend of camping or
join us for just the day.

The meal will be served at 5:00 PM.
Please bring a dish to pass and a serving utensil.

Church service with guest preacher Pastor Aaron
Dolan from First Lutheran, Racine will follow
immediately after the meal.

**COST:
Freewill Donation**



For directions to Camp
Oakridge or for questions,
please contact camp directors,
John & Gloria Jensen (763-
7410) or Tom Bird (763-9351).

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

BIRTHDAYS

8/23—Doris Collins, Harrison Halkowski, Vicky
Huphrey, Dan Kramer, Tom Krause, Barb Remer,
Rochelle Willkomm

8/24—David Gill

8/25—Leah Amborn, Erica Jensen

8/26—Myrna Borchardt, Abbey Sime, Sonia Thoun,
Carolyn Vohs

8/27—Kerry Witbrod

ANNIVERSARIES

8/24—Matt & Terri Burke (25)

8/25—Scott & Tracy Rausch (3)

8/26—Ross & Jill Stowell (21)

8/27—Gary & Kathy Lesperance (33)

8/31—Eric & Kerry Witbrod (14)



OUR MISSION STATEMENT:

“St. John’s Lutheran Church exists to BUILD UP THE BODY OF CHRIST so that we might know Christ and make Him known.”

We Love Him Because He First Loved Us

ATTENDANCE (week of August 15)

8:00	141
10:30	146
<u>Monday</u>	<u>39</u>
Total Attendance at Worship Services	326
Wednesday Bible study	15



How to Contact Your Staff

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Those Who Serve

GREETERS NEXT WEEK

8:00—Open 9:30—Open

Please visit the sign-up table in the church entryway to sign-up for a Sunday or Monday to greet.

COUNTING TEAM for August 23

Team #5: Marion Getka, Marian Heflin, Pam Kerr, Eunice Robers

USHER SCHEDULE for August 29

8:00 AM - Team B: Dick Lodle, Nate Duda, Justin Lodle, Dan Peterson, Ken Witt, Mark Uttech, Tim Mielke, Randy Vosberg

9:30 AM - Team G: Tom Sorensen, Dale Lorfeld, Brian Pesick, Mark Stein, Harvey Beaster

AUGUST ALTAR GUILD

Allison Sorensen (539-2288) & Joette Mather (763-5000)

Please call one of the women listed above if you would like to have flowers placed in the church in memory of a loved one or to honor an event. Please contact the church office if you would like the flowers listed in the bulletin.