

SCRIPTURE ALONE



October 5th & 8th, 2017

St. John's Ev. Lutheran Church
Juneau, Wisconsin

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Part 2 of 5

HYMN 221

“Blessed Jesus, at Your Word”

OPENING OF SERVICE

- P) In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C) **(spoken) Amen.**
- P) For you have been born again, not of perishable seed, but of imperishable, through the living and enduring word of God. - *1 Peter 1:23*
- C) **For the word of God is alive and active. Sharper than any double-edged sword, it penetrates even to dividing soul and spirit, joints and marrow; it judges the thoughts and attitudes of the heart.** - *Hebrews 4:12*
- P) And we also thank God continually because, when you received the word of God, which you heard from us, you accepted it not as a human word, but as it actually is, the word of God, which is indeed at work in you who believe. - *1 Thessalonians 2:13*
- C) **For prophecy never had its origin in the human will, but prophets, though human, spoke from God as they were carried along by the Holy Spirit.** - *2 Peter 1:21*
- P) All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, - *2 Timothy 3:16*
- C) **God is not human, that he should lie, not a human being, that he should change his mind. Does he speak and then not act? Does he promise and not fulfill?** - *Numbers 23:19*

- P) I warn everyone who hears the words of the prophecy of this scroll: If anyone adds anything to them, God will add to that person the plagues described in this scroll. - *Revelation 22:18*
- C) **Do not add to what I command you and do not subtract from it, but keep the commands of the LORD your God that I give you.** - *Deuteronomy 4:2*
- P) For the time will come when people will not put up with sound doctrine. Instead, to suit their own desires, they will gather around them a great number of teachers to say what their itching ears want to hear. -2 *Timothy 4:3*
- C) **For we did not follow cleverly devised stories when we told you about the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ in power, but we were eyewitnesses of his majesty.** -2 *Peter 1:16*
- All) **But these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.** - *John 20:31*

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

- P) So often we have despised God's Word and failed to gladly hear and learn it. For this and all our sins, we bow before God and humbly ask his 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.**
- P) God gave his Word so "that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name" (*John 20:31*). The Scriptures testify about Jesus, who lived a perfect life for you, died on the cross to pay for all your sins, and rose again to assure you of your salvation. 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.
- C) *(spoken)* **Amen.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P) Let us pray.

Lord God, heavenly Father,
govern and guide us
through your Holy Spirit
that we hear your Word
with our whole hearts, receive it,
and become sanctified through it,
so that we may put all our trust and hope
in Jesus Christ, your Son,
be protected from all offenses and pride,
and finally be saved through your grace in Christ;
through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

C) *(spoken)* **Amen.**

BE SEATED

THE WORD

FIRST LESSON

Isaiah 55:10-13 (EHV)

¹⁰Just as the rain and the snow come down from the sky
and do not return there unless they water the earth,
make it give birth, and cause it to sprout,
and it gives seed to the sower and bread to the eater,
¹¹so it will be with my Word that goes forth from my mouth.

It will not return to me empty.

Rather, it will accomplish whatever I please,
and it will succeed in the purpose for which I sent it.

¹²Because in joy you will go forth,
and in peace you will be carried along.

The mountains and the hills will burst forth before you with shouts of joy,
and all the trees of the field will clap their hands.

¹³Instead of the thorn, a fir tree will grow up.
Instead of the brier, a myrtle tree will grow up.
And it will make a name for the LORD,
an everlasting sign that will not be cut off.

SECOND LESSON

Acts 17:10-14 (EHV)

¹⁰ That same night, the brothers sent Paul and Silas away to Berea. When they arrived, they went into the Jewish synagogue. ¹¹ Now the Bereans were more noble-minded than the Thessalonians. They received the word very eagerly and examined the Scriptures every day to see if these things were so. ¹² Many of them believed, along with more than a few prominent Greek women and men. ¹³ But when the Jews in Thessalonica learned that the word of God was being proclaimed by Paul in Berea, they also went there to agitate and stir up the crowds. ¹⁴ Then the brothers immediately sent Paul away to the seacoast, but Silas and Timothy stayed there.

STAND

GOSPEL

Luke 8:4-15 (EHV)



C: Glo - ry be to you, O Lord!

⁴As a large crowd was gathering and people from one town after another were making their way to him, he spoke using a parable. ⁵“A farmer went out to sow his seed. As he sowed, some fell along the path. It was trampled, and the birds of the sky devoured it. ⁶Other seed fell on rocky ground. As soon as it grew, it withered away, because it had no moisture. ⁷Other seed fell among thorns. The thorns grew up with it and choked it. ⁸Other seed fell into good soil. It grew and produced fruit—one hundred times as much as was sown.” As he said these things, he called out, “Whoever has ears to hear, let him hear!”

⁹His disciples asked him, “What does this parable mean?”

¹⁰He said, “To you it has been given to know the mysteries of the kingdom of God, but to the rest I speak in parables so that ‘even though they see, they may not see, and even though they hear, they may not understand.’ ¹¹This is the meaning of the parable: The seed is the word of God. ¹²Those along the path are the ones who hear it, but then the Devil comes and takes away the word from their hearts to keep them from believing and being saved. ¹³Those on the rocky ground are the ones who, when they hear, receive the word with joy, but they have no root. So they believe for a while, but then fall away in a time of testing. ¹⁴The seeds that fell into the thorns are the ones who hear

the word, but as they go on their way they are choked by the worries, riches, and pleasures of life, so they do not mature. ¹⁵And the seeds in the good ground are the ones who hear the word with an honest and good heart, hold on to it tightly, and produce fruit as they patiently endure.



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

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HYMN OF THE DAY 203

“Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word”

lyrics by Martin Luther

SERMON

Luke 8:4-15

“Scripture Alone”

STAND



C: Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -
new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a -
way from your pres-ence, and take not your Ho - ly Spir - it
from me. Re-store un - to me the joy of your sal - va -
tion, and up-hold me with your free Spir-it. A - men.

BE SEATED

OFFERING

STAND

OFFERING HYMN 483 vs. 1, 3

Please sing as the offering plates are brought forward.

Lord of all good, our gifts we bring you now;
Use them your holy purpose to fulfill.
Tokens of love and pledges they shall be
That our whole life is offered to your will.

Father, whose bounty all creation shows;
Christ, by whose willing sacrifice we live;
Spirit, from whom all life in fullness flows:
To you with grateful hearts ourselves we give.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

LORD'S PRAYER

- C) 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.

THE SACRAMENT

PREFACE

- P) The Lord be with you.



C: And al - so with you.

- P) Lift up your hearts.



C: We lift them up un - to the Lord.

- P) Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.



C: It is good and right so to do.

- P) 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:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY



C: 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.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

P) 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."

P) The peace of the Lord be with you always.



C: A - men.

O CHRIST, LAMB OF GOD

Agnus Dei

C: 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.

BE SEATED

We are a Sacramental Church

*At St. John's we believe that in the Lord's Supper, along with the bread and wine, we miraculously receive the real body and blood of Christ for the forgiveness of sins. Scripture connects a warning with this miracle: **"Anyone who eats and drinks without recognizing the body of the Lord eats and drinks judgment on himself"** (1 Corinthians 11:29). Therefore, in light of Scripture's warning, if you are not familiar with the teaching of the real presence of Christ's body and blood, we ask that you speak with one of the pastors before taking the Lord's Supper. We greatly look forward to celebrating the Lord's Supper with you one day.*

DISTRIBUTION



Just a reminder the Nursery help is available this Sunday for your little ones during communion. If you'd like to use this free service, please come to the back of church during distribution to drop off your child(ren). Of course, all parents are welcome to bring their children to the front with them while they commune – if they so choose.

- HYMNS** **317** **“O Lord, We Praise You”** lyrics by Martin Luther
 288 **“The Gospel Shows the Father’s Grace”**
 309 **“Draw Near and Take the Body of the Lord”**

THANKSGIVING

STAND

SONG OF SIMEON

C: Lord, now you let your servant de - part in peace ac-cord-ing
to your word. For my eyes have seen your salvation, which you have pre-
pared be - fore the face of all people, a light to light - en the
Gen - tiles and the glo - ry of your peo-ple Is - ra - el.

P) O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good.

C: And his mercy endures for - ev - er.

- P) 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: A - men.

- P) 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: A - men. A - men. A - men.

HYMN 293

“God’s Word Is Our Great Heritage”

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Preacher: David Brandt

Liturgist: Paul Schupmann

Organist: Joan Hohenstein / Matthew Lober

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*Sign up in the Narthex  
to take the free  
St. John's Bus!*

# **Timeless Truths**

**Sunday, October 29, 2017**

**Alliant Energy Center Coliseum**  
1919 Alliant Energy Center Way, Madison, WI

**Festival Worship – 4:00 p.m.**

**Koiné Hymn Sing – 6:00 p.m.**

Visit informational displays and vendor booths.

## **New Beginnings**

*New Beginnings – A Home for Mothers*, located in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, provides a loving and supportive place for single mothers to start a new life. This Christian-based home for mothers allows a resident to become a responsible parent – by raising her new baby in a caring environment.

*New Beginnings* enables a single mother to live away from cultural influences and nurture her baby in a positive environment. We provide a unique opportunity for generationally poor mothers to break the cycle of dependency.

Currently, our program provides opportunities to advance education, learn fundamental parenting and financial skills, participate in counseling sessions, and acquire an objective baseline for responsible living through a structured faith-based program.

Ultimately, our vision is to equip each mother with the skills and education needed to earn self-sustaining wages, without an indeterminate need for government assistance.

### **New Beginnings' 2017 Needs List**

#### **Entertainment**

DVDs (Family-Friendly Only)

#### **General Household**

Hand Soap Refills

#### **Residents'/Children's Needs**

Size 3 and Size 4 Diapers

Gift Cards: \$25 Walmart, Amazon, Target,

Pick 'n Save, etc.

Mouthwash – For Mothers

Children's Motrin

First Aid Kits (Neosporin and Band-Aids)

Lanolin

Pull-Ups

Baby Monitors

Highlighters for school

Binders (3" binding)

St. John's

October Drive

for

### **New Beginnings**

Please consider donating. Bring items to the church narthex during the month of October and/or return a baby bottle with loose change.

Your donations are greatly appreciated!

## LADIES NIGHTTIME BIBLE STUDY

MONDAY, OCTOBER 9th AT 7pm



Join other ladies of the congregation for October's  
discussion when we ask,

### **“Hey Martin.....What’s the BIG deal?”**

If you cannot commit much time, but want to form new Godly friendships, make connections and learn more about our amazing Savior, then the Monday night women's bible study may be a good fit.

Just come.....No homework and no prep work required.

**New Beginnings - A Home for Mothers:** The time is here to turn in your Change for Life baby bottles. Congratulations your loose change is making a difference! You are providing hope for a young mother and her child who need a new beginning. "Dear children, let us not love with words or tongue but with actions and in truth" 1 John 3:18. If you have a bottle, please bring it to the church office or put in the display box in the narthex. You could call me, Linda Schaalma 386-5509 and I will arrange to get it from you if you prefer. If there is anyone who did not take a *Change for Life bottle* but would like to make a donation you may. Cash is always welcome, or make your check to 'New Beginnings - A Home for Mothers'. *See also the flyer in the bulletin for baby items that can be donated throughout the month of October.* Thank you for supporting this vital ministry!

#### Attendance

10/1 400 (87, 153, 160)

#### Offerings given to the Lord 10/1

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|-------------|-------------|
| General     | \$13,371.20 |
| Missions    | \$1,020.67  |
| Improvement | \$159.81    |
| Debt        | \$733.86    |
| Lakeside    | \$71.89     |
| Organ       | \$395.81    |
| Total:      | \$15,753.24 |

#### St. Johns Weekly Schedule October 8-14

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|-----------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Sunday    | Bible Class, Teen Class & Sunday School 9:15am<br>Elders Training 11:30am<br>Evangelism 11:30am |
| Monday    | Nighttime Women's Bible Study 7pm<br>Church Council 7pm                                         |
| Tuesday   | Bible Study 7pm                                                                                 |
| Wednesday | Public School Confirmation 5pm<br>Faith & Fitness 6pm<br>Choir 7pm                              |
| Thursday  | Worship 6:30pm                                                                                  |
| Friday    | CYFM Meeting - PS                                                                               |

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## *WELCOME TO ST. JOHN'S*

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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 in our congregation. Please join us again soon!

### **INFORMATION**

- Our ushers are here to point you in the right direction and assist you in any way. Please ask.
- Restrooms: our first restroom is located inside the comfort station/children's room by turning right outside the sanctuary doors. A second restroom is located left in the narthex, across from the elevator. Additional restrooms are located in the basement.
- We have two comfort stations/children's rooms if your little ones need a moment. Proceed left out of the sanctuary doors and turn either right or left.
- Children's activity bags are available and are located in the comfort station/children's room. Proceed out of the sanctuary doors and turn right. We also have Children's Bulletins. Please ask an usher for assistance.

### **PERSONAL PRAYER BEFORE WORSHIP**

Heavenly Father, I have come to worship you. Draw near to me in your gracious Word, and assure me of your loving kindness. Curb my wandering thoughts, that with undivided attention I may hear your voice and sing your praise. Amen.



### **Pastors:**

David Brandt  
Paul Schupmann

### **Principal:**

Richard Cody

### **Services:**

Thursday 6:30pm  
Sunday 8 & 10:30am

### **Bible Class:**

Sunday 9:15am

### **Sunday School:**

9:15am

### **Church Office:**

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