

July 7, 2019



Salem Ev. Lutheran Church

Lowell, Wisconsin

St. John's Ev. Lutheran Church

Juneau, Wisconsin

SERVICE OF THE WORD

This service offers the congregation a form of worship that focuses on the proclamation of God's Word. Believers respond to this divine gift with prayer, praise, and thanksgiving.

HYMN 32

“When Sinners See Their Lost Condition”

STAND

M: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

CONFESSION OF SINS

M: We have come into the presence of God, who created us to love and serve him as his dear children. But we have disobeyed him and deserve only his wrath and punishment. Therefore, let us confess our sins to him and plead for his mercy.

C: **Merciful Father in heaven, I am altogether sinful from birth. In countless ways I have sinned against you and do not deserve to be called your child. But trusting in Jesus, my Savior, I pray: Have mercy on me according to your unfailing love. Cleanse me from my sin, and take away my guilt.**

M: God, our heavenly Father, has forgiven all your sins. By the perfect life and innocent death of our Lord Jesus Christ, he has removed your guilt forever. You are his own dear child. May God give you strength to live according to his will.

C: **Amen.**

PRAYER AND PRAISE

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

C: Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good. Bless - ed are they who take ref - uge in him. Your Word, O Lord, is eter - nal; it stands firm in the heav - ens. Your faith - ful - ness con - tin - ues for - ev - er. Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good. Bless - ed are they who take ref - uge in him.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

M: O God, protector of all the faithful, you alone make strong; you alone make holy. Show us your mercy and forgive our sins day by day. Guide us through our earthly lives that we do not lose the things you have prepared for us in heaven; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: A - men.

BE SEATED

THE WORD

FIRST LESSON

2 Chronicles 33:1-6, 10-16 (NIV)

Manasseh was twelve years old when he became king, and he reigned in Jerusalem fifty-five years. ² He did evil in the eyes of the LORD, following the detestable practices of the nations the LORD had driven out before the Israelites. ³ He rebuilt the high places his father Hezekiah had demolished; he also erected altars to the Baals and made Asherah poles. He bowed down to all the starry hosts and worshiped them. ⁴ He built altars in the temple of the LORD, of which the LORD had said, "My Name will remain in Jerusalem forever." ⁵ In both courts of the temple of the LORD, he built altars to all the starry hosts. ⁶ He sacrificed his children in the fire in the Valley of Ben Hinnom, practiced divination and witchcraft, sought omens, and consulted mediums and spiritists. He did much evil in the eyes of the LORD, arousing his anger.

¹⁰ The LORD spoke to Manasseh and his people, but they paid no attention. ¹¹ So the LORD brought against them the army commanders of the king of Assyria, who took Manasseh prisoner, put a hook in his nose, bound him with bronze shackles and took him to Babylon. ¹² In his distress he sought the favor of the LORD his God and humbled himself greatly before the God of his ancestors. ¹³ And when he prayed to him, the LORD was moved by his entreaty and listened to his plea; so he brought him back to Jerusalem and to his kingdom. Then Manasseh knew that the LORD is God.

¹⁴ Afterward he rebuilt the outer wall of the City of David, west of the Gihon spring in the valley, as far as the entrance of the Fish Gate and encircling the hill of Ophel; he also made it much higher. He stationed military commanders in all the fortified cities in Judah.

¹⁵ He got rid of the foreign gods and removed the image from the temple of the LORD, as well as all the altars he had built on the temple hill and in Jerusalem; and he threw them out of the city. ¹⁶ Then he restored the altar of the LORD and sacrificed fellowship offerings and thank offering son it, and told Judah to serve the LORD, the God of Israel.

PSALM OF THE DAY 32

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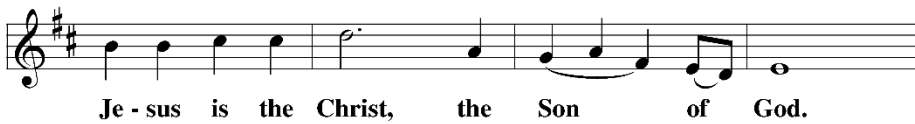
SECOND LESSON

1 Corinthians 6:9-11 (EHV)

⁹ Or do you not know that the unrighteous will not inherit the kingdom of God? Do not be deceived. Neither the sexually immoral, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor males who have sex with males, ¹⁰ nor thieves, nor the greedy, nor drunkards, nor the verbally abusive, nor swindlers will inherit the kingdom of God. ¹¹ And some of you were those types of people. But you were washed, you were sanctified, you were justified in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ and by the Spirit of our God.

VERSE OF THE DAY

M: Alleluia. May your priests be clothed with righteousness; may your saints sing for joy. Alleluia. (Psalm 132:9)



CHILDREN'S DEVOTION

STAND

GOSPEL

Luke 7:36-50 (EHV)

³⁶ A certain one of the Pharisees asked Jesus to eat with him. Jesus entered the Pharisee's house and reclined at the table. ³⁷ Just then a sinful woman from that town learned that he was reclining in the Pharisee's house. She brought an alabaster jar of perfume, ³⁸ stood behind him near his feet weeping, and began to wet his feet with her tears. Then she began to wipe them with her hair while also kissing his feet and anointing them with the perfume. ³⁹ When the Pharisee who had invited him saw this, he said to himself, "If this man were a prophet, he would realize who is touching him and what kind of woman she is, because she is a sinner."

⁴⁰ Jesus answered him, "Simon, I have something to tell you." He said, "Teacher, say it."

⁴¹ "A certain moneylender had two debtors. The one owed five hundred denarii, and the other fifty. ⁴² When they could not pay, he forgave them both. So, which of them will love him more?"

⁴³ Simon answered, "I suppose the one who had the larger debt forgiven."

Then he told him, “You have judged correctly.” ⁴⁴ Turning toward the woman, he said to Simon, “Do you see this woman? I entered your house, but you did not give me water for my feet. Yet she has wet my feet with her tears and wiped them with her hair. ⁴⁵ You did not give me a kiss, but she, from the time I entered, has not stopped kissing my feet. ⁴⁶ You did not anoint my head with oil, but she has anointed my feet with perfume. ⁴⁷ Therefore I tell you, her many sins have been forgiven; that is why she loved so much. But the one who is forgiven little loves little.” ⁴⁸ Then Jesus said to her, “Your sins have been forgiven.”

⁴⁹ Those reclining at the table with him began to say among themselves, “Who is this who even forgives sins?”

⁵⁰ He said to the woman, “Your faith has saved you. Go in peace.”

M: The gospel of our Lord.



BE SEATED

HYMN OF THE DAY 397 vv. 1-2, 5-6

“Just As I Am”

SERMON

Luke 7:36-50

The Most Relevant Teaching in the Bible – Jesus Welcomes Sinners Like Me

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.

THANKSGIVING

OFFERING

OFFERING HYMN 477 v.3

“What Is the World to Me”

Please stand and sing as the ushers bring the plates forward.

**The world seeks after wealth And all that money offers,
Yet never is content Though gold should fill its coffers.
I have a higher good; Content with it I'll be;
My Jesus is my wealth—What is the world to me!**

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

M: Lord God, our maker and preserver, we praise and thank you for all that you give us day after day.

C: **We are not worthy of all the mercies you show us.**

M: You have given us your precious Word to nourish our souls and to protect us from the temptations of the devil, the world, and our sinful nature.

C: **We thank you for those who teach and preach your saving truth at this place and everywhere. Grant them a rich measure of patience, wisdom, and love.**

M: Heavenly Father, we pray that you shield us from every kind of danger: sudden catastrophe, terrors of crime, and the pain of disease. Watch over those who travel by land, sea, and air. Keep our loved ones from whatever perils may threaten them.

C: **Heal those who are sick, cheer those who are sad, calm those who are distressed, and comfort all who are old and infirm.**

M: Bless our land, our people, and those who hold offices of high trust. Keep our government and schools upright and strong for the advancement of good citizenship and useful vocations, that we may enjoy your gifts of peace, security, and well-being.

C: **Grant your blessing to every nation on earth. Where there are wars, may there be peace. Where there is hatred, let it be healed. Where there is poverty, danger, or disaster, come with your almighty power to help and restore.**

Special prayers and intercessions may follow.

M: Hear us, Lord, as we bring you our private petitions.

Silent prayer.

M: We bring these requests before you in the name of Jesus our Lord, and ask you to hear us. Take all that we have, our bodies and minds, our time and skills, our ministries and offerings, and use them to your glory.

C: **We give ourselves to you that we may serve you in whatever way is pleasing in your sight. Amen.**

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.**

M: Almighty God, we thank you for teaching us the things you want us to believe and do. Help us by your Holy Spirit to keep your Word in pure hearts that we may be strengthened in faith, guided in holiness, and comforted in life and in death, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



C: A - men.

M: Brothers and sisters, go in peace. Live in harmony with one another. Serve the Lord with gladness.

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 619

“God Bless Our Native Land”

Preacher: Mark Rieke

Liturgist: Timothy Walsh // David Brandt

Organist: Matthew Lober // Dale Grulke

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After their service today, St. John's will have a special Question and Answer opportunity! The Q&A will take place in the church sanctuary and your children are welcome to go in the church basement at this time (we have volunteers ready to watch them). For this Q&A, please pick up a Merger Proposal document.

Similarly, Salem members will have an Informational Meeting after their service today and their children are welcome to go to the church basement during this meeting. Salem members, please pick up a Merger Proposal document.

The purpose of these meetings is to discuss the possible merger between our congregations and to answer any questions you may have. May God bless our efforts!



Canvassing Opportunity! Whether you feel comfortable sharing your faith or you'd rather come along and watch someone else do it, join us for Canvassing in Horicon! Throughout the month of July, we will continue to knock on doors in Horicon and invite people to our upcoming worship services. Vicar Walsh will be leading this adventure. If you'd like to participate or would like more information, please contact Vicar Walsh or the St. John's church office.

After School Care Supervisor Position: The After School Care Program at St. John's Lutheran School is looking for some supervisors for the upcoming school year. We are looking for members of St. John's that are 18 years old or over. We would like them to be available from 3:00 to 6:00 P.M. If interested, please contact Mrs. Crystal Schultz (cschultz@stjohnsjuneau.org) or call the school office (920-386-4644).

Dear Members and friends of Salem,

I have received your call to serve as a pastor among you as well as in area WELS congregations. After prayerful reflection I am pleased to confidently accept this call as from the Lord himself, through you, his dear people. I thank you for the work which you have entrusted to me. May the Lord of the Church graciously give strength and safety as we endeavor to confess his saving name within your area congregations and communities. I look forward to meeting you in the near future.

You have asked me to provide a short summary of my ministry and situation in life. I'll keep it reasonably short. Julie and I were married in 1976 in June at her home church of Salem, Owosso, Michigan. I was a vicar at St. Paul in Ottawa, Canada. There our first children – twins – were born. The Lord has blessed us with 5 children and 16 grandchildren.

I am a 1978 graduate of Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary. I served full time in two locations: Resurrection in Virginia Beach, Virginia, for nearly 20 years. While there I watched and worked as Resurrection daughtered 3 congregations. In 1998 I began ministry at Zion in Olivia, Minnesota. There the area pastors were in a cooperative ministry working to serve four congregations. In 2014 these congregations opened Little Lambs Learning Center, in Danube. I retired one year ago. The Lord enabled us to purchase a home here in Watertown about ½ mile south of LPS.

In retirement I have continued to serve 316NOW (formerly China Partners) by teaching various courses for Asian Christians [online] and by preparing some of the courses we offer through Grace Bible Institute. I have done some supply preaching in the area during the last year and serve about 6 times a year bringing God's Word to men and women at the Jefferson County jail. Julie works as a job coach for Bethesda here in Watertown and various places in Dodge and Jefferson counties. She enjoys this work very much.

I am looking forward to accomplishing the various ministry tasks outlined in the call you have sent to me. May the Lord Jesus richly bless the time we have to serve together in his kingdom of grace.

Pastor Joel T. Luetke

**Offerings given to our Lord – St. John's
June 30th weekend**

General	\$11,237.98
Debt	\$217.18
Improvement	\$530.00
Lakeside	\$62.50
Missions	\$734.50
Total	\$12,782.16

**Worship Attendance
(weekend of June 30th)**

Thursday: 73
Saturday: 27
Sunday: 235, 56
Total: 391

The **Salem Altar Guild** is in need of volunteers to handle the following months: May and October.

Volunteers can be married couples, women, and yes, men!
Please contact Beverly Gullickson if you are interested and would like more information.

Salem's Information Meeting: Salem will have an information meeting for all its members after the 10:00 AM service.

Attention 6-8th Graders! Would you be interested in helping watch young children during Holy Communion? If so, please sign up on the sheet in the narthex.

Salem's Semi-Annual Meeting: On Wednesday, July 10th at 7:00 PM, Salem will have its Semi-Annual meeting. Salem's Church Council will meet prior to the Semi-Annual Meeting at 6:00pm.

Merger talks between St. John's & Salem: At the Juneau Campus between July 7 - 18, we will have an informal merger Question & Answer following the church services. The Q&A will be in the church sanctuary. Bible Class will follow in the fellowship hall on July 7 & 14. St. John's will host an Open Forum on Sunday, July 21st from 9:45-10:30am. The Voter's Meeting to vote on approval of the merger is planned for Sunday, July 28th at 6:30pm.

Please come to the Q&A, the Open Forum and/or Voter's Meeting to learn more about this possible historic merger. Also, please keep all these meetings and discussions in your prayers as St. John's and Salem contemplate how best to serve our Lord.

Church Janitor: St. John's Church is hiring a new church janitor. If anyone is interested in applying as our church janitor, please contact the church office at 386-3313 or email trustees@stjohnsjuneau.org for more information. Thank you!

This Week at St. John's & Salem

Sunday (7/7)	8:30 AM	Worship @ Juneau Campus – Q&A to follow
	9:00 AM	Bible Study @ Salem-Lowell
	9:45 AM	Bible Study @ Juneau Campus
	10:00 AM	Worship @ Salem-Lowell
	10:30 AM	Elders @ Juneau Campus
	11:00 AM	Information Meeting @ Salem-Lowell
Tuesday (7/9)	10:00 AM	Luke Bible Class @ Clearview
	7:00 PM	Old Testament Bible Study @ Juneau Campus
Wed. (7/10)	6:00 PM	Salem's Church Council
	6:30 PM	Church Softball @ Juneau City Park
	7:00 PM	Salem's Semi-Annual Mtg
Thursday (7/11)	6:30 PM	Worship w/ Communion @ Juneau Campus - Q & A to follow
Saturday (7/13)	5:00 PM	Worship w/ Communion @ Horicon Campus
Sunday (7/14)	8:30 AM	Worship w/ Communion @ Juneau Campus – Q&A to follow
	9:00 AM	Bible Study @ Salem-Lowell
	9:45 AM	Bible Study @ Juneau Campus
	10:00 AM	Worship @ Salem-Lowell

Welcome to St. John's & Salem

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Principal

Richard Cody

Worship Services

(same service at all locations)

Thursday

6:30pm Juneau Campus

Saturday

5:00pm Horicon Campus

Sunday

8:30am Juneau Campus

10:00am Salem-Lowell

Bible Class

Families of the Bible ~ Sundays 9:00am @ Salem-Lowell

Families of the Bible ~ Sundays 9:45am @ Juneau Campus

Old Testament ~ Tuesdays 7:00pm @ Juneau Campus (2nd & 4th Tuesdays)

WELCOME

We are so glad you joined us to worship our Lord Jesus today! St. John's and Salem are members of the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod (WELS). We are happy to answer your questions about our service, our beliefs, or communicant membership in either of our congregations.

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.

Our Locations

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