

WELCOME

Home

OUR NEED FOR CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY



St. John's EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

Welcome! Thank you for joining us for worship this morning. In our service we gather before our almighty God to offer him our worship and praise. We also gather to strengthen ourselves through the study of God's holy and powerful Word.

☞ **Restrooms** are located inside one of the children's rooms and across from the elevator.

☞ **Friendship Registers** are located on the center aisle of each pew. We ask that before worship or during the offering, you fill it out so we have a record of your visit.

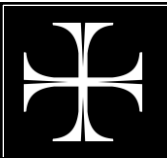
☞ **Prayer before worship**

O Lord—our Maker, Redeemer, and Comforter—we are assembled in your presence to hear your holy Word. We pray that you would open our hearts by your Holy Spirit, that through the preaching of your Word we may repent of our sins, believe in Jesus, and grow day by day in grace and holiness. Hear us for Jesus' sake. Amen.

OUR THEME FOR TODAY

"Army of One" was the shortest-lived recruiting slogan in US military history. It was meant to stress the strength of the individual. The Army dropped the slogan relatively quickly because they realized it was contrary to the reality that, in the army, you are completely reliant upon your team. In a stressful situation, the individual can be overwhelmed. He or she needs others. God knows this. The first time God looked at Creation and noticed something was off, the issue was that an individual (Adam) was isolated. "It is not good for the man to be alone" (Genesis 2:18). Humans are hardwired by God to need fellowship, not just with him, but with one another. So, God is determined to bring believers into a loving, nurturing community—the Church.

Perhaps you have been a part of this Christian family for a long time. Perhaps you once belonged to a church, but for whatever reason drifted away. Perhaps you have never belonged to a church. Whatever may be the case for you, may God bless you as you listen to his Word today. May he help us all to realize that this Christian community—this spiritual home—is something we badly need. Welcome home!



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.

✠ Gathering ✠

OPENING HYMN — 365

Love Divine, All Love Excelling

INVOCATION

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

C: Amen.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

M: God has called us to live as family. Yet, our love for God and for each other is not what it should be. Our priorities and choices are often flawed. But the power of God's love enables us to live a new life. Let us confess our sins to God and ask for his forgiveness.

C: Almighty God, merciful Father, I confess to you that I have not loved you with all my heart. In what I have done and left undone, I have pursued my ways instead of your ways. I have not loved my brothers and sisters as myself. For this I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity. I am truly sorry for my sins. I repent of them. I beg for your mercy, O Lord.

Silence for meditation

M: Forgive us for the sake of Jesus Christ who suffered and died for us.

**C: Cleanse me from my sins. Release me from my guilt.
Help me to live faithfully as part of your family.**

M: God has been merciful to us and has sent his Son to die for all. For his sake, God forgives our sins and empowers us to be his people. 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: Amen.

M: Our Lord Jesus Christ has forgiven us and reconciled us to God and has promised us the power to forgive and love each other. In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord.

After a brief introduction, all sing:



1 All peo - ple that on earth do dwell, Sing to the
2 To Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost, The God whom
Lord with cheer - ful voice. Him serve with fear; his praise
heav'n and earth a - dore, From us and from the an -
forth - tell; Come ye be - fore him and re - joice.
gel host Be praise and glo - ry ev - er - more.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

M: O Lord Jesus Christ,
preserve the family of believers with your never-failing mercy.
Bind us together with the bond of your love.
Help us avoid whatever is wicked and harmful,
and guide us in the way that leads to our salvation;
for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

✠ The Word ✠

FIRST LESSON

Ecclesiastes 4:7-12

Scripture says that people are not wired to be rugged individuals. God created us to need one another. Two are better than one. Even better is having Christ as the third strand within a relationship. He provides the love and grace that keeps that bond strong.

- ⁷ Again I saw something meaningless under the sun:
⁸ There was a man all alone;
 he had neither son nor brother.
 There was no end to his toil,
 yet his eyes were not content with his wealth.
 “For whom am I toiling,” he asked,
 “and why am I depriving myself of enjoyment?”
 This too is meaningless—
 a miserable business!
- ⁹ Two are better than one,
 because they have a good return for their labor:
- ¹⁰ If either of them falls down,
 one can help the other up.
 But pity anyone who falls
 and has no one to help them up.
- ¹¹ Also, if two lie down together, they will keep warm.
 But how can one keep warm alone?
- ¹² Though one may be overpowered,
 two can defend themselves.
 A cord of three strands is not quickly broken.

PSALM OF THE DAY

Psalm 133-134

Printed on page 115 in the hymnal. Please sing in unison.

SECOND LESSON

Hebrews 2:9-18

Jesus became our brother so that by his suffering, death and resurrection he might unite us to himself and knit us together into a spiritual family

⁹But we do see Jesus, who was made lower than the angels for a little while, now crowned with glory and honor because he suffered death, so that by the grace of God he might taste death for everyone.

¹⁰In bringing many sons and daughters to glory, it was fitting that God, for whom and through whom everything exists, should make the pioneer of their salvation perfect through what he suffered. ¹¹Both the one who makes people holy and those who are made holy are of the same family. So Jesus is not ashamed to call them brothers and sisters.

¹²He says,

“I will declare your name
to my brothers and sisters;
in the assembly I will sing your praises.”

¹³And again,

“I will put my trust in him.”

And again he says,

“Here am I, and the children God has given me.”

¹⁴Since the children have flesh and blood, he too shared in their humanity so that by his death he might break the power of him who holds the power of death—that is, the devil— ¹⁵and free those who all their lives were held in slavery by their fear of death. ¹⁶For surely it is not angels he helps, but Abraham’s descendants. ¹⁷For this reason he had to be made like them, fully human in every way, in order that he might become a merciful and faithful high priest in service to God, and that he might make atonement for the sins of the people. ¹⁸Because he himself suffered when he was tempted, he is able to help those who are being tempted.

VERSE OF THE DAY

M: Alleluia! I will declare your name to my brothers and sisters;
in the assembly I will sing your praises. Alleluia!
(Tune: *O Sons and Daughters of the King - Refrain*)

C: 
Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

SCHOOL CHILDREN

10:30 Service

Growing

GOSPEL

Matthew 11:25-30

Jesus wants us in his family so that he might give us rest and peace

²⁵ At that time Jesus said, “I praise you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and learned, and revealed them to little children. ²⁶ Yes, Father, for this is what you were pleased to do.

²⁷ “All things have been committed to me by my Father. No one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and those to whom the Son chooses to reveal him.

²⁸ “Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. ²⁹ Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. ³⁰ For my yoke is easy and my burden is light.”

M: This is the Gospel of our Lord.

C: Praise be to you, O Christ!

HYMN OF THE DAY — 532

God Is Here! As We His People

SERMON

Luke 15:31-32 (EHV)

We Have to Celebrate!

³¹ “The father said to him, ‘Son, you are always with me, and all that I have is yours. ³² But it was fitting to celebrate and be glad, because this brother of yours was dead and is alive again. He was lost and is found.’”

CONFESSION OF FAITH

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.

OFFERING / ADULT CHOIR

8:00 & 10:30 AM

If We Will Seek the Lord

✠ Prayers ✠

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Prayers and petitions are made on behalf of the Church

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

Silent prayer

LORD'S PRAYER

M: We pray in Jesus' name and as he taught.

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.

ADULT CHOIR

8:00 & 10:30 AM

Benediction

BLESSING *(6:30 PM & 9:30 AM Services)*

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: Amen.

CLOSING HYMN 332

Go, My Children, with My Blessing

Preacher: Paul Schupmann

Liturgists: David Brandt & Joel Luetke

Organists: Becky Schultz & Madeline Horton

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Announcements

Trunk or Treat: Thank you for all the donations and willingness to help host a trunk. Come visit the Trunks at the St. John's Campus from 3:30-4:30 on Sunday, October 27.

Quarterly Voter's Meeting: Our St. John's Quarterly Voter's Meeting will be on Sunday, October 27th at 6:30 PM. It will be held at the Salem-Lowell Campus (not the Juneau Campus). We hope to see you there!

Walking K-Group: The last Walking K-Group is tonight (10/20) from 5-6 PM. Please meet at the Juneau Campus parking lot and we'll walk around Juneau. Kids, strollers and pets are welcome!

Worship Attendance (10/20 Weekend)
584 (49, 54, 169, 312)

Bible Class Attendance

Sunday Juneau Bible Class:	18
Sunday Lowell Bible Class:	8
Monday Night Bible Class:	8
Tuesday Morning Bible Class:	15
Clearview Bible Class:	19
Jesus Cares:	19
Mid-Week Worship	21
Total:	108

Offerings given to our Lord the weekend of October 13th

Offerings from all 3 campuses

General	\$15,580.64
Debt	\$438.00
Improvement	\$275.00
Lakeside	\$105.00
Missions	\$1,301.00
Total	\$17,699.64

150th Anniversary Meal
Free-Will Offering \$718.00

Welcome Home
Free-Will Offering \$39.00

Thursday, October 17, 2019

Ryan is called to teach our Sunday morning Bible Classes.

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

It is with great humility and joy-filled anticipation I send this letter of acceptance for the position of Staff Minister at St. John's, Juneau. I thank the Lord for this opportunity and look forward to partnering with you in the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ. Please keep me in your prayers, as you are in mine, as I prepare for this transition.

Yours in Christ,
Ryan Kummerow

This Week at St. John's

Sunday (10/20) Welcome Home!

- 8:00 AM Welcome Home Worship @ Juneau
- 8:30 AM Life of David Bible Class & Sunday School @ Lowell
- 9:15 AM Blood Pressure Screening @ Juneau
- 9:15 AM Life of David Bible Class, Sunday School & Catechism @ Juneau
- 9:30 AM Welcome Home Worship @ Lowell
- 10:30 AM Welcome Home Worship @ Juneau
- 12:00 PM Welcome Home Meal @ Juneau Community Center
- 5:00 PM Walking K-Group @ Juneau

Monday (10/21)

- 6:30 PM Connecting Sinai to Calvary Bible Class @ Lowell

Tuesday (10/22)

- 8:15 AM When Christ Walked Among Us Bible Class @ Juneau
- 9:30 AM BINGO @ Juneau
- 10:00 AM Luke Bible Class @ Clearview
- 7:00 PM Old Testament Bible Class @ Juneau

Wednesday (10/23)

- 5:00 PM Catechism @ Juneau
- 7:00 PM Adult Choir @ Juneau

Thursday (10/24)

- 6:30 PM Worship w/ Communion @ Juneau

Saturday (10/26)

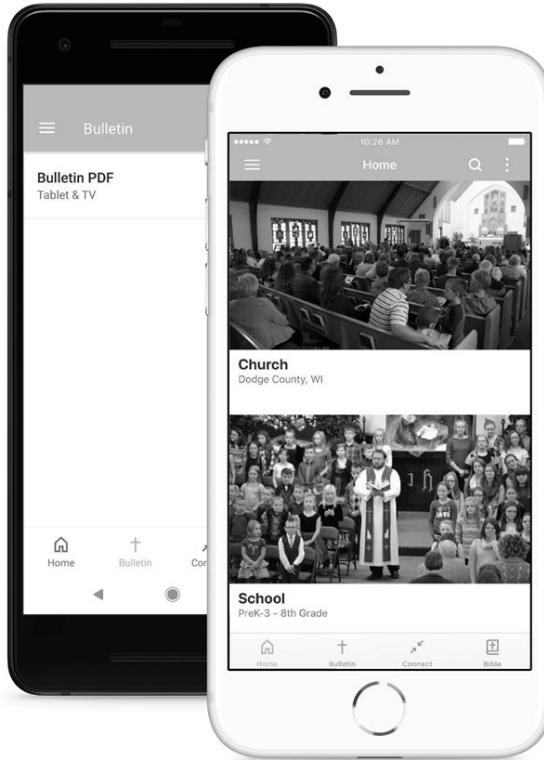
- 4:00 PM Trunk or Treat @ Horicon
- 5:00 PM Worship w/ Communion @ Horicon

Sunday (10/27)

- 8:00 AM Worship w/ Communion @ Juneau
- 8:30 AM Life of David Bible Class & Sunday School @ Lowell
- 9:15 AM Life of David Bible Class, Sunday School & Catechism @ Juneau
- 9:30 AM Worship w/ Communion @ Lowell
- 10:30 AM Worship w/ Communion @ Juneau
- 3:30 PM Trunk or Treat @ Juneau
- 6:00 PM Usher Meeting @ Lowell
- 6:30 PM Voter's Meeting @ Lowell

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Richard Cody

Worship Services

(same service at all locations)

Thursday

6:30pm Juneau

Saturday

5:00pm Horicon

Sunday

8:00am Juneau

9:30am Lowell

10:30am Juneau

Bible Class & Sunday School

Sunday Bible Class and Sunday School

Juneau Campus 9:15-10:15

Salem-Lowell Campus 8:30-9:15 AM

WELCOME

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

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