

FAITH ALONE



**St. John's Ev. Lutheran Church
Juneau, Wisconsin
October 12th & 15th, 2017**

FAITH ALONE

Part 3 of 5

HYMN 224

“God Himself is Present”

STAND

FAITH ALONE

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.

M: We are justified by God’s grace alone, through faith alone, which receives the righteousness of Christ.

C: The entire Christ, God and man, is our righteousness.

M: Our righteousness before God consists in forgiveness in Christ, without our works, and God’s application of Christ’s righteousness to us.

C: Faith is the means, or instrument, by which we receive Christ’s righteousness, not the cause of our righteousness in Christ.

M: The Holy Spirit, working through the means of grace, bestows the gift of faith.

C: We are saved by God’s grace in Christ through faith alone, but that does not mean that faith is ever alone.

M: Good works are the fruit of justifying faith.

C: Those who willfully, knowingly, and continually choose to commit sins show they no longer possess saving faith.

M: For such people the Law must drive them to despair over their dire circumstances and the sure prospect of hell, and the Gospel must cleanse, pardon, and renew them through faith in Christ.

C: King David’s repentance of adultery and murder, and the prophet Nathan’s comforting absolution, is used to illustrate this truth.

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 OF THE DAY

M: Let us pray.

O Holy Spirit, by the power of the gospel you created faith in our hearts—faith in Jesus as our only Savior and faith to live as his disciples. Never let us doubt that you have the power to do what you have promised. Instead strengthen our faith as we grow in your Word. And finally, lead us by faith to the eternal Promised Land.

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

BE SEATED

THE WORD

FIRST LESSON

1 Samuel 16:1–13 (NIV)

¹ The LORD said to Samuel, “How long will you mourn for Saul, since I have rejected him as king over Israel? Fill your horn with oil and be on your way; I am sending you to Jesse of Bethlehem. I have chosen one of his sons to be king.” ² But Samuel said, “How can I go? If Saul hears about it, he will kill me.” The LORD said, “Take a heifer with you and say, ‘I have come to sacrifice to the LORD.’” ³ Invite Jesse to the sacrifice, and I will show you what to do. You are to anoint for me the one I indicate.” ⁴ Samuel did what the LORD said. When he arrived at Bethlehem, the elders of the town trembled when they met him. They asked, “Do you come in peace?” ⁵ Samuel replied, “Yes, in peace; I have come to sacrifice to the LORD. Consecrate yourselves and come to the sacrifice with me.” Then he consecrated Jesse and his sons and invited them to the sacrifice. ⁶ When they arrived,

Samuel saw Eliab and thought, “Surely the LORD’s anointed stands here before the LORD.”⁷ But the LORD said to Samuel, “Do not consider his appearance or his height, for I have rejected him. The LORD does not look at the things people look at. People look at the outward appearance, but the LORD looks at the heart.”⁸ Then Jesse called Abinadab and had him pass in front of Samuel. But Samuel said, “The LORD has not chosen this one either.”⁹ Jesse then had Shammah pass by, but Samuel said, “Nor has the LORD chosen this one.”¹⁰ Jesse had seven of his sons pass before Samuel, but Samuel said to him, “The LORD has not chosen these.”¹¹ So he asked Jesse, “Are these all the sons you have?” “There is still the youngest,” Jesse answered. “He is tending the sheep.” Samuel said, “Send for him; we will not sit down until he arrives.”¹² So he sent for him and had him brought in. He was glowing with health and had a fine appearance and handsome features. Then the LORD said, “Rise and anoint him; this is the one.”¹³ So Samuel took the horn of oil and anointed him in the presence of his brothers, and from that day on the Spirit of the LORD came powerfully upon David. Samuel then went to Ramah.

Sunday Services

Choir

“On Faith Alone”

SECOND LESSON

1 Corinthians 13:1–13 (NIV)

¹ If I speak in the tongues of men or of angels, but do not have love, I am only a resounding gong or a clanging cymbal. ² If I have the gift of prophecy and can fathom all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have a faith that can move mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing. ³ If I give all I possess to the poor and give over my body to hardship that I may boast, but do not have love, I gain nothing. ⁴ Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. ⁵ It does not dishonor others, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. ⁶ Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. ⁷ It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres. ⁸ Love never fails. But where there are prophecies, they will cease; where there are tongues, they will be stilled; where there is knowledge, it will pass away. ⁹ For we know in part and we prophesy in part, ¹⁰ but when completeness comes, what is in part disappears. ¹¹ When I was a child, I talked like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child. When I became a man, I put the ways of childhood behind me. ¹² For now we see only a reflection as in a mirror; then we shall see face to face. Now I know in part; then I shall know fully, even as I am fully known. ¹³ And now these three remain: faith, hope and love. But the greatest of these is love.

VERSE OF THE DAY

C: *(sing)* Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

**These words are written that we may believe
That Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

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“By Faith”

STAND

GOSPEL

Luke 18:31–43 (NIV)

³¹ Jesus took the Twelve aside and told them, “We are going up to Jerusalem, and everything that is written by the prophets about the Son of Man will be fulfilled. ³² He will be delivered over to the Gentiles. They will mock him, insult him and spit on him; ³³ they will flog him and kill him. On the third day he will rise again.” ³⁴ The disciples did not understand any of this. Its meaning was hidden from them, and they did not know what he was talking about. ³⁵ As Jesus approached Jericho, a blind man was sitting by the roadside begging. ³⁶ When he heard the crowd going by, he asked what was happening. ³⁷ They told him, “Jesus of Nazareth is passing by.” ³⁸ He called out, “Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!” ³⁹ Those who led the way rebuked him and told him to be quiet, but he shouted all the more, “Son of David, have mercy on me!” ⁴⁰ Jesus stopped and ordered the man to be brought to him. When he came near, Jesus asked him, ⁴¹ “What do you want me to do for you?” “Lord, I want to see,” he replied. ⁴² Jesus said to him, “Receive your sight; your faith has healed you.” ⁴³ Immediately he received his sight and followed Jesus, praising God. When all the people saw it, they also praised God.

M: The gospel of our Lord.

C: *(sing)* Praise be to you, O Christ!

BE SEATED

HYMN 756

Please see bulletin insert

“We Walk by Faith and Not by Sight”

SERMON

Luke 18:31–43

“ Faith Alone”

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.

BE SEATED

THANKSGIVING

OFFERING / 500TH ANNIVERSARY VIDEO

STAND

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

M: Let us pray to the Lord for the Christian church on earth and for all people everywhere.

M: For all who gather here today and for our entire congregation, that through the gospel the Lord would give us growth in faith and increase our love:

C: We ask you to bless us, O Lord.

M: For the spreading of the gospel throughout the world; for all pastors, missionaries, and their families, that they may boldly proclaim Christ to the nations:

C: We ask you to hear us, O Lord.

M: For the promises you have made to us and the trust you seek from us; for the faith you have given your people to believe in the saving work of our Savior Jesus; and for the Spirit's power to be faithful in the ministry you have given us to do, knowing that our labor in the Lord is not in vain:

C: We magnify your name, O Lord.

M: For the people of our country; for the Lord's blessings on our work; for those seeking employment; for good health; and for good weather:

C: We beg for your mercy, O Lord.

M: For all who are sick in body or mind; for the hungry and the homeless; for those who are in prison; for those who are dying and those who are mourning:

C: We ask you to help them according to your will, O Lord.

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

Silent prayer

M: All this we ask, O Father, through your Son, Jesus Christ, who has taught us to pray:

All: 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.

BE SEATED

HYMN 202

“If God Had Not Been By Our Side”

lyrics by Martin Luther

STAND

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: *(sing)* Amen.

BENEDICTION

(2 Thessalonians 2:16,17 NIV)

M: “May our Lord Jesus Christ himself and God our Father, who loved us and by his grace gave us eternal encouragement and good hope, encourage your hearts and strengthen you in every good deed and word.”

C: *(sing)* Amen. Amen. Amen.

HYMN 403

“I Know My Faith Is Founded”

Pastor: Paul Schupmann

Organist: Ruth Affeld

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Faith Alone...taken from the Formula of Concord, Epitome iii...The Righteousness of Faith Before God

St. John's Announcements

Baby Drive for New Beginnings: St. John's is hosting a Baby Drive for New Beginnings (a home for mothers based in Milwaukee). Please consider donating baby items and bringing them to the church narthex by October 29th. Your donations are greatly appreciated! Here is a list of needed items: DVDs (Family-Friendly Only), Hand Soap Refills, 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, and 3" Binders.

Canvassing: Do you enjoy going for walks, especially on a nice fall day? Would you be willing to hand out flyers in the Juneau and Horicon communities (at your own convenience before November 12th) while getting a little exercise? Starting October 29th, you can pick up a bag of flyers with a map detailing where to deliver them in our communities. We are looking to invite as many people as we can to our upcoming Thanksgiving and Christmas Services! Please consider volunteering and getting some fresh air in the process!

Communications Coordinator Wanted: The parish nurses are looking for a volunteer to help with coordinating our events, getting articles in the Welcome and Eagle Claws, updating our new communications board, getting info together for facebook and the church website and more. If you would like to be a part of our parish nurse ministry, please call Karen Greenwald at 920-386-2419.

Rock River Area Owls: Our local chapter of the Organization of WELS Seniors (OWLS) will hold its second meeting of the new 2017-2018 season at Trinity Lutheran Church in Watertown on October 17th at 1:30 PM. Professor Daniel Deutschlander will present "How Luther became a Lutheran." Refreshments to be served, courtesy of the Trinity ladies. Trinity pastors are Brett Brauer and Dustin Yahnke. The Organization of WELS Seniors (OWLS) appeals to those who are retired and/or 50 years old, who look for meaningful activity, enjoy spiritual growth and the fellowship of neighboring WELS and ELS members. Trinity is located at 605 S. 4th Street in Watertown, about seven blocks west of the LPS campus and next to a park. Bring a friend. Everyone is welcome!

Reformation 500: The Western Wisconsin District of the WELS celebrates the 500th Anniversary of the Reformation on Sunday, October 29th at the Alliant Energy Center Coliseum (1919 Alliant Energy Center Way, Madison) with a festival worship service at 4pm. A Koine hymn sing follows at 6pm. There is a sign-up sheet in the narthex if you are interested in taking a bus to the event.

St. Johns Weekly Schedule October 15-22

Sunday	Worship 8:00 & 10:30am Blood Pressure Screening, Bible Class & Sunday School 9:15am Clearview 2:30pm
Monday	Board of Ed 7pm
Tuesday	Jesus Cares 1:30pm Return to Grace Bible Study 7pm (Part 1 of 4)
Wednesday	Clearview 10am Mid-Week Communion 11am Shut-In Meeting 11am Public School Confirmation 5pm Faith & Fitness – gym 6pm Choir 7pm
Thursday	Blood Pressure Screening 6pm Worship 6:30pm
Friday	District Mission Board Meeting 10am-3pm – PS
Saturday	LWMS Rally - Markesan

Attendance October 8th Weekend

452 (72, 242, 136)

Offerings given to the Lord 10/8

General	\$10,603.40
Missions	\$974.00
Improvement	\$154.00
Debt	\$814.00
Lakeside	\$154.00
Organ	\$198.00
Total:	\$12,897.40

St. John's Mission Festival

November 2nd & 5th

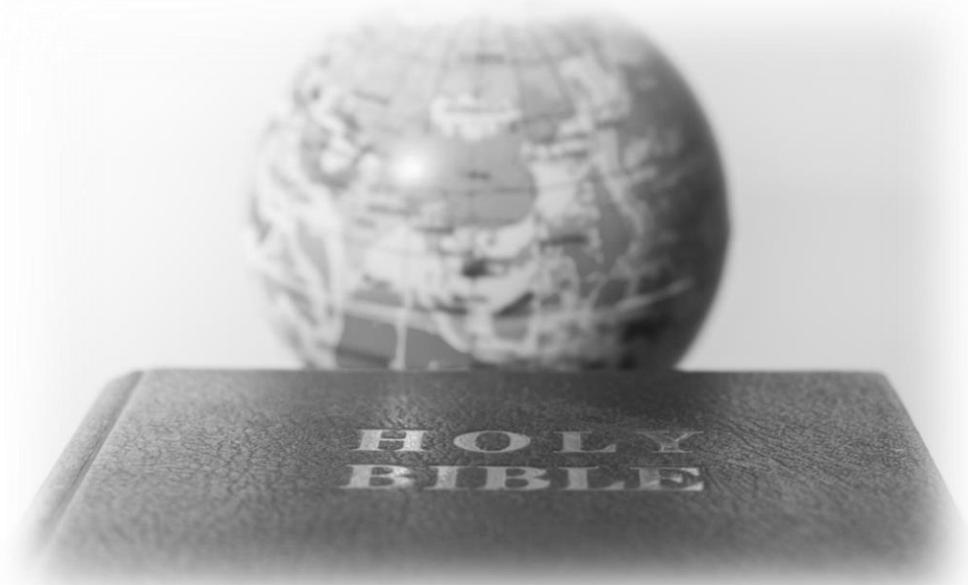
with Guest Pastor, Pastor Dan Lewig

Our Ladies Aid are organizing a special Brunch Potluck Meal between Services on Sunday, November 5th. Please bring a brunch/continental breakfast dish to pass.

No need to sign-up, but please come and hear the presentation by Pastor Lewig. Any questions? Please contact Heide Brandt at 989-574-5976.

Daniel Lewig serves as the pastor of two rural Wisconsin congregations in Hillpoint (St John's) and Lime Ridge (Trinity), located in the country about a half hour west of Baraboo. Over the past two years, Pastor Lewig has partnered with his congregations to create a home and outreach focus, developing a parent-taught and pastor-guided catechism class, and focused ministry efforts on starting a third congregation in the nearby community of Richland Center and have begun exploratory mission work. Please come and hear more about how the Holy Spirit blesses ministry in western Wisconsin!

You are invited to a
Brunch Potluck &
Mission Presentation
between Sunday Services
please bring a "brunch" dish to pass





Beaver Dam Circuit
Fall Rally
October 21, 2017
St. John, Markesan



"God's Amazing Love and Grace"

"For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, and are justified freely by his grace through the redemption that came by Christ Jesus." Romans 3:23-24

Rally Schedule

Service Project: Didion Assistance We will be collecting money and/or supplies for the families affected by the Didion Mill explosion. See your reporter for details and specific items needed

- 9:15am Registration Begins
- 9:30am Reporter's Meeting
- 10:00am Bible Study
- 10:30am Business Meeting
- 11:30am Lunch
- 12:30am Welcome, Devotion, Offering
- 1:00pm **Pastor Dustin Blumer** featured speaker
Amazing Love Lutheran Church
Frankfort, IL
Pastor Blumer was one of our 2015/16 Befriend A Missionary assignments!
- 2:00pm Roll Call, Spring Rally Invitation, Installation
- 2:25pm Closing Prayer

Join us for a few hours of fellowship and bring a friend or two

WELCOME TO ST. JOHN'S

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

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