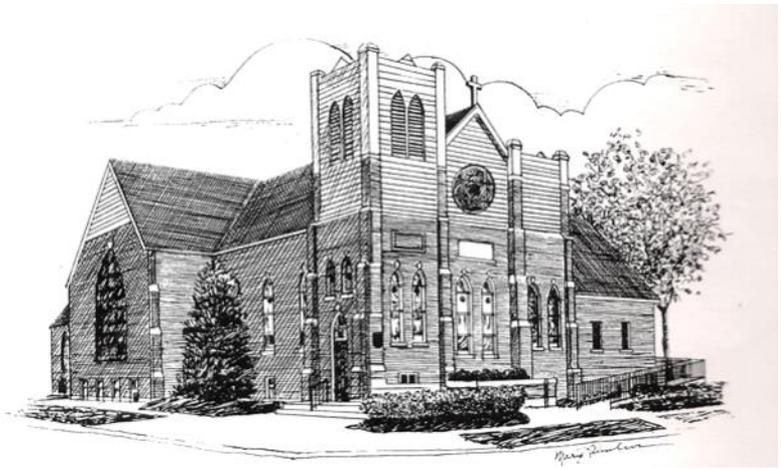


Divine Service
Sunday, July 9, 2017



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First Lesson Rom 7:14-25a

¹⁴For we know that the law is spiritual, but I am of the flesh, sold under sin. ¹⁵I do not understand my own actions. For I do not do what I want, but I do the very thing I hate. ¹⁶Now if I do what I do not want, I agree with the law, that it is good. ¹⁷So now it is no longer I who do it, but sin that dwells within me. ¹⁸For I know that nothing good dwells in me, that is, in my flesh. For I have the desire to do what is right, but not the ability to carry it out. ¹⁹For I do not do the good I want, but the evil I do not want is what I keep on doing. ²⁰Now if I do what I do not want, it is no longer I who do it, but sin that dwells within me.

²¹So I find it to be a law that when I want to do right, evil lies close at hand. ²²For I delight in the law of God, in my inner being, ²³but I see in my members another law waging war against the law of my mind and making me captive to the law of sin that dwells in my members. ²⁴Wretched man that I am! Who will deliver me from this body of death?

²⁵Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord! So then, I myself serve the law of God with my mind, but with my flesh I serve the law of sin.

Gospel Lesson Matt 11:25-30

²⁵At that time Jesus declared, "I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, that you have hidden these things from the wise and understanding and revealed them to little children; ²⁶yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. ²⁷All things have been handed over to me by my Father, and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him. ²⁸Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. ²⁹Take my yoke upon you, and

learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. ³⁰For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.”

Next week’s lessons . . .

First Lesson - Rom 8:12-17

Gospel Lesson - Matt 13:1-9, 18-23

Prayer Requests

Beverly Bottoms, Tom Drost, Adam Divine, Darlene Willing, Charlotte Ross, Betty Steuck, Neil Walter, Jan Jenks, Logan Davies, Marcie Moore, Noel Easton, Charlene Ostenson, Colleen Begonia, Jean Bickford, Rev. Roy Jacob, Russell Ultsch, Donna Hall, Bruce Mielke, Joyce Nelson, Laura Jo Pearson, Cayden Krueger, Nadine Polzin, Janice Hemerley, Hope Ann Block, and all of our members who are homebound. Additionally, please pray for the protection of those who serve in the military, emergency services, and all who work for the common good.

Communion Practices of this congregation . . .

The Lord's Supper is celebrated at St. John's every Sunday in the confession and glad confidence that, as he says, our Lord Jesus gives into our mouths not only bread and wine but his very body and blood to eat and to drink for the forgiveness of sins and to strengthen our union with him and with one another. Our Lord invites to his table those who trust his words, repent of all sin, and set aside any refusal to forgive and love as he forgives and loves us, that they may show forth his death until he comes.

Because those who eat and drink our Lord's body and blood unworthily do so to their great harm and because Holy Communion is a confession of the faith which is confessed at this altar, any who are not yet instructed, in doubt, or who hold a confession differing from that of this congregation and The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, and yet desire to receive the Sacrament, are asked first to speak with the pastor or an elder. In addition to the members of this congregation, visitors from our sister LCMS congregations and other Lutheran denominations with whom we enjoy altar fellowship are invited to join us at the Lord's Table.

For further study, please see Matthew 5:23f.; 10:32f.; 18:15-35; 26:26-29; and 1 Cor. 11:17-34.

Prayers of our South Wisconsin District

Pray for Milwaukee's SOS ministry this week as they partner with District congregations this month with VBS programs for the children of the inner city neighborhoods. Please ask for the Holy Spirit's work in the hearts of these children and their families as they often struggle for survival, needing the gospel's saving message of eternal peace through Jesus Christ.

Attendance & Offerings for Sunday, July 9

Attendance: 57

Offerings to General Fund: \$3,192.00, Missions: \$5.00

Capital Needs: \$152.50

This Week at St. John's

Sun, July 9,	9:00 am	Divine Service
	10:15 am	Fellowship
	10:30 am	Bible Class
Mon, July 10,	1:00 pm	Women's Bible Class
Tues, July 11,	6:00 pm	Board of Trustees Mtg.
Wed, July 12,	9:00 am	Sewing Guild
Thurs, July 13,	6:00 pm	Bible Class in Spanish
Sat, July 15,	6:00 pm	Cookies & Ice Cream Social
	7:00 pm	American Composers Concert

Announcements

1. The flowers in the chancel are given to the glory of God by Bob & Lynda Bue in celebration of their wedding anniversary.
2. The cd ministry for this week is given to the glory of God by Dolores Steil in loving memory of Mel and Jim.
3. On Friday evening, we received Bellah Stowers into membership through the Sacrament of Holy Baptism. Please pray for her and her parents, Jenna and Jesy.
4. We are still in need of volunteers to help serve snacks and lunch to the children who attend our day camp at the end of the month. We also need volunteers to assist in accompanying the students to their classes. Additionally, we are in need of members to bake cookies for the July 30 fellowship after the children's program that morning. There is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board in the narthex. Please consider helping.
5. We offer our thanks to everyone who has signed up to sponsor our CD ministry. All of the weeks for 2017 are now sponsored! We continue to receive positive feedback from our homebound members who are now able to tune into the service. We want to remind everyone that the fee for sponsoring this ministry is only \$35.00 per week.

**Those serving the Lord and
His people today:**

Elder: Ron Kassal

Acolyte: Hunter Griinke

Music: Bill Cunningham

Communion: Ron Kassal and
Jeff Crall

Altar Guild: Kathy Carter

Greeter: Jeff Crall

Ushers: Mahlon Hemerley,
Bartz Sons, Harold Bauling,
Kevin & Richard Rindfleisch,
and David Koebernick

Counters: Beulah Knutson
and Beverly Bottoms

**Those serving the Lord and
His people next week:**

Elder: Bill Pearson

Acolyte: Sydney Dashner

Music: Bill Cunningham

Communion: Bill Pearson and
Bob Burns

Altar Guild: Nancy Nohr

Greeters: Wally & Kathy
Prins

Ushers: Mahlon Hemerley,
Bartz Sons, Harold Bauling,
Kevin & Richard Rindfleisch,
and David Koebernick

Counters: Beulah Knutson

This Week's Micro-epistle from Pastor

Dear Friends,

One of my favorite resources produced by the Church for the Church is the daily devotional *Portals of Prayer*. In order to place this valuable resource into the hands of our members, we have a standing subscription for both the regular and large-print issues. In fact, each of our homebound members receives a copy of the large-print volume when it comes out each quarter.

I was delighted to learn this week that Concordia Publishing House has now released an app which is available on both the Android and iPhone platforms. You can download the app from either the Google Play or iTunes store for your device. The app enables you to read each day's devotion right from your smartphone or tablet. The subscription cost is \$9.99 per year.

If you prefer listening to audio rather than reading, you are in luck, the app has an audio feature in which the prayers, Scripture, and devotion can be read to you. You can also use the app to search the previous 7 years of devotions.

The Android app can be installed on your device by going to https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=org.cph.portals_of_prayer&pcampaignid=MKT-Other-global-all-co-prtnr-py-PartBadge-Mar2515-1

You can access the iPhone/iPad app by going to <https://itunes.apple.com/us/app/portals-of-prayer/id1139206276>

If you do not have a smartphone or tablet, but would like to access *Portals of Prayer* via your computer, please go to <https://www.cph.org/portals>. You can subscribe to *Portals* in the Amazon Kindle Store and then read the devotional in your internet browser via the Kindle Cloud Reader. Of course, if you have a Kindle, you can read it on that device as well.

Certainly, we will continue to make the *Portals* available to you each quarter in its original paper form. It is wonderful to have these digital resources available—particularly as we hope to attract younger readers—but paper is not going away any time soon. I was surprised to learn that this excellent publication has been in print since 1937! What a gift to God's people!

In Christ Jesus,
Pastor