

*Divine Service*  
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## **First Lesson**

## **Exodus 19:2–8**

<sup>2</sup>They set out from Rephidim and came into the wilderness of Sinai, and they encamped in the wilderness. There Israel encamped before the mountain, <sup>3</sup>while Moses went up to God. The LORD called to him out of the mountain, saying, “Thus you shall say to the house of Jacob, and tell the people of Israel: <sup>4</sup>You yourselves have seen what I did to the Egyptians, and how I bore you on eagles’ wings and brought you to myself. <sup>5</sup>Now therefore, if you will indeed obey my voice and keep my covenant, you shall be my treasured possession among all peoples, for all the earth is mine; <sup>6</sup>and you shall be to me a kingdom of priests and a holy nation. These are the words that you shall speak to the people of Israel.” <sup>7</sup>So Moses came and called the elders of the people and set before them all these words that the LORD had commanded him. <sup>8</sup>All the people answered together and said, “All that the LORD has spoken we will do.” And Moses reported the words of the people to the LORD.

## **Gospel Lesson**

## **Matthew 9:35—10:8**

<sup>35</sup>And Jesus went throughout all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the gospel of the kingdom and healing every disease and every affliction. <sup>36</sup>When he saw the crowds, he had compassion for them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. <sup>37</sup>Then he said to his disciples, “The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; <sup>38</sup>therefore pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest.” <sup>1</sup>And he called to him his twelve disciples and gave them authority over unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to heal every disease and every affliction. <sup>2</sup>The names of the twelve apostles are these: first, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother; James the son of Zebedee, and John his brother; <sup>3</sup>Philip and Bartholomew; Thomas and Matthew the tax collector; James the son of Alphaeus, and Thaddaeus; <sup>4</sup>Simon the Cananaean, and Judas Iscariot, who betrayed him. <sup>5</sup>These twelve Jesus sent out, instructing them, “Go nowhere among the Gentiles and enter no town of the Samaritans, <sup>6</sup>but go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel. <sup>7</sup>And proclaim as you go, saying, ‘The kingdom of heaven is at hand.’ <sup>8</sup>Heal the sick, raise the dead, cleanse lepers, cast out demons. You received without paying; give without pay.

# The harvest is plentiful . . .



Sharing the news about Jesus with someone else begins with a period of time in which we are praying for that person—that the Holy Spirit would prepare their heart to receive this good news. For whom are you praying?

## **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.

### **Prayer Requests**

The family and friends of Marjean Rath, Charlotte Ross, Betty Steuck, Neil Walter, Jan Jenks, Logan Davies, Dorothy Dooley, Marcie Moore, Noel Easton, Charlene Ostenson, Marianne, 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 home-bound. Additionally, please pray for the protection of all of those who serve in the military.

## Prayers of our South Wisconsin District

As our fathers are honored this week, let us remember to also fervently pray for them at all times, asking our heavenly Father to give these men spiritual guidance to lead their families in the way of Truth.

## Attendance & Offerings for Sunday, June 11

Attendance: 59

Offerings to General Fund: \$3,199.00, Missions: \$20.00

Capital Needs: \$100.00

## This Week at St. John's

Sun, June 18, 9:00 am	Divine Service
10:15 am	Fellowship
10:30 am	Bible Class
Mon, June 19, 10:00 am	Board of Finance Mtg.
Mon, June 19, 1:00 pm	Women's Bible Class
Mon, June 19, 4 to 8 pm	Scoopie Night at Culvers
Mon, June 19, 6:00 pm	Board of Elders Mtg.
Tues, June 20, 5:00 pm	Board of Personnel Mtg.
Tues, June 20, 6:30 pm	Puppet Recording for the Catechism Class

## Announcements

1. Please join us tomorrow evening (Monday) for a Scoopie Night at Culvers in Beloit from 4:00 to 8:00 pm. This is a wonderful fundraiser for our Women's Guild and a lot of fun for everyone!
2. October 31, 2017 marks the 500th anniversary of the beginning of the Lutheran Reformation. Beginning this morning, we will be studying the foundational document of our Church—the Augsburg Confession of 1530. This class, led by Pastor Roser, in the Fellowship Hall will continue throughout the summer. Please join us for a refresher course in what Lutherans believe, teach, and confess.

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

**Elder:** Jeff Vander Kooi

**Acolyte:** Hunter Griinke

**Music:** Bill Cunningham

**Communion:** Chris Peterson  
& Wally Prins

**Altar Guild:** Nancy Nohr &  
Dolores Steil

**Greeters:** Marcia Stenberg &  
Beulah Knutson

**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:** Lee Fassett

**Acolyte:** Sydney Dashner

**Music:** Bill Cunningham

**Communion:** Lee Fassett and  
Bob Burns

**Altar Guild:** Doris Rind-  
fleisch

**Greeters:** Sandy Saunders and  
Christi Bickford

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

**Counters:** Beulah Knutson  
and Beverly Bottoms

***This Week's Micro-epistle from Pastor***

Dear Friends,

On Tuesday evening, we had the special privilege of spending time with Pastor Micah Wildauer and his lovely family. Pastor Wildauer and his wife, Robin, have four children: Samuel, Elizabeth, David, and Lydia. God has blessed St. John's so that we are able to contribute toward the missionary work of Pastor Wildauer in Dapaong, Togo, Africa. Our Synod's website describes his work as follows: "Micah teaches courses in Lutheran theology at The Centre Luthérien d'Etudes Théologiques (CLET), or Lutheran Center for Theological Studies, in Dapaong, Togo, West Africa. CLET is the seminary of the Lutheran Church of Togo (ELT). He also teaches some distance learning and continuing education courses throughout Francophone West Africa as needed. In addition to his teaching responsibilities, he coordinates visiting professors to CLET."

On Tuesday evening, Pastor Wildauer described these activities in detail

and also spoke about his family's experiences in France and Togo. Before they could begin their time in Africa, the Wildauer's needed to learn French - which is the primary language spoken in Togo. They completed intensive French language studies over several months in France before moving to Togo. It was wonderful to hear Pastor Wildauer speak some French for us and even offer the evening's benediction in the language in which his teaching is given.

The stories which Pastor Wildauer shared about the school and the students were heart-warming and inspiring. I was surprised to learn that many of the students who come to the seminary are from countries in Africa whose cultures differ from that of Togo, to the extent that their families are as alien as the Wildauer's. I was also surprised to learn that when most of the students arrive at the seminary they are not able to return home until after their three years of instruction is completed. It was delightful to hear about the increased church-planting that is occurring in Africa because of the work of these students. When you make gifts to St. John's marked "missions" you are helping to equip students who will take the precious Gospel of Jesus Christ to persons who may never have heard anything about it! This past Sunday, our Gospel lesson from Matthew 28 described Jesus' plan for disciples making disciples. If Pastor Wildauer were only to go around the villages in the area of Togo preaching, he would reach only those people with whom he came into contact, but by his teaching of the men who are coming to him at the seminary he is multiplying the reach of his message by each student who hears his teaching.

Please pray for the Wildauer's and ask our Father in Heaven that He will not only bless them but also multiply the impact of their work for the sake of the Gospel and the building of His Kingdom!

In Christ Jesus,  
Pastor