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Where Your Treasure Is

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Welcome!

We extend a very warm and friendly welcome to all who've joined us for worship today. We pray that the God of grace, who sent his Son to save you and who proved his love for you by raising him from the dead, will fill your heart with joy in knowing that your salvation has been made sure through Jesus. May God bless your worship!

If you're a guest with us this morning, please sign the Friendship Register in your row, checking any applicable boxes. If you need assistance of any kind, don't hesitate to ask one of the ushers. If you'd like to learn more about St. John congregation or the Bible's teachings, please speak with Pastor Mike Gehl. And if you don't already have a church-home, feel free to return and worship with us again at your earliest convenience.

Our restrooms are located downstairs (through the entryway). Activity bags to help keep children occupied are on a hanger in the entryway. We love having your children sit with you during the service, but if you feel that your infant or toddler is getting a little too fussy, you may briefly step out of the sanctuary until they're ready to come back in.

Today's order of service is displayed on the screen and printed out in the worship folder (with music notes) for your convenience. Hymns are found in the red book in front of you.

St. John also operates an all-day preschool and a full-day kindergarten through eighth grade Lutheran Elementary School. We're a member of the Fox Valley Lutheran High School federation. If you are interested in hearing more about these opportunities for Christian education, please speak with Pastor Gehl or Principal Tim Raddatz.

At Your Service Today:

	<u>7:45</u>	<u>10:15</u>
Greeters:	Jean Brandt Marna Johns Lynn Zirbel	Karen Geiger Judy Wicker Courtney S Heather Schisel
Ushers:	Gary Brandt Jack Zirbel Andy Vickman Terry Schaeuble Loree Baumgartener	Mike Geiger Roy Schisel Perry Schisel Troy Schisel Reece Schisel
PowerPoint:	Phil Roberts	Rebecca Wicks
Altar Guild:	Lou Ann B, Mary F, & Aura Lee G	

Mission and Purpose

St. John Lutheran Church exists as part of the Holy Christian Church on earth. We engage in the continuing development of disciples of Jesus Christ by **GATHERING** for worship, education, and fellowship in order to **GROW** in faith and knowledge of our Lord and Savior. By God's **GRACE** we **GO** to proclaim Christ and his Word with our lips and lives. We realize that it's only through the **GOSPEL** in Word and Sacraments that one can be equipped for discipleship and bringing **GLORY** to God.

Holy Baptism

This order incorporates Holy Baptism into congregational worship by combining the sacrament of baptism with the confession of sins. Martin Luther said that confessing sins and receiving forgiveness is nothing else than a reliving of baptism. Thus this order provides opportunity not only to baptize but also to recall the lasting blessings of baptism.

Hymn.....“*See This Wonder in the Making*” (CW 300)

Greeting

The grace of our Lord [✠] Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you.

And also with you.

Confession of Sins and Absolution

Our Savior Jesus Christ commanded baptism when he said: “Go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.” All of us are born into this world with a deep need for baptism. From our parents we inherit a sinful nature; we are without true fear of God and true faith in God and are condemned to eternal death. But Jesus took away our sin by giving his life on the cross. At our baptism he clothes us with the robe of his righteousness and gives us a new life. Our sinful nature need not control us any longer. We recall what baptism means for our daily lives as we speak these words:

Baptism means that the sinful nature in us should be drowned by daily sorrow and repentance, and that all its evil deeds and desires be put to death. It also means that a new person should daily arise to live before God in righteousness and purity forever.

As baptized children of God we confess our sins:

Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful, and that I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. For this I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior Jesus Christ, I pray: Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner.

God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given his only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. 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.

Amen.

The Sacrament of BaptismHudson Bauer

In obedience to the command of our Lord and trusting in his promise, you have brought Hudson to be baptized. Jesus told us: “Let the little children come to me and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these.” It is in baptism that God grants the new life of forgiveness, joy, and peace to little children. By the power of God’s Word, this gracious water of life washes away sin, delivers from death and the devil, and gives eternal salvation to all who believe.

Receive the sign of the cross on the head and heart [✠] to mark you as a redeemed child of Christ.

Hudson Bow Bauer, I baptize you in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

The Almighty God – Father, Son, and Holy Spirit – has forgiven all your sins. By your baptism, you are born again and made a dear child of your Father in heaven. May God strengthen you to live in your baptismal grace all the days of your life. Peace be with you.

Exhortation

Brothers and sisters in Christ:

Our Lord commands that we teach his precious truths to all who are baptized. Christian love therefore urges all of us, especially parents and sponsors, to assist in whatever manner possible so that Hudson may remain a child of God until death. If you are willing to carry out this responsibility, then answer: Yes, as God gives me strength.

Yes, as God gives me strength.

Let us pray:

Merciful Father in heaven, we thank you for the blessing of baptism by which you offer and grant the forgiveness of sins, life, and salvation. Help us to regard our baptism as the robe of righteousness we are to wear all the days of our life. Look with special favor on Hudson and grant him a rich measure of your Spirit that he may grow in faith and godly living. Make us willing to carry out our responsibilities to those who have been baptized, so that all of us may finally come to the blessed joys of heaven, through Jesus our Lord.

Amen.

The Biblical Practice of Close Communion

Through the apostle Paul, God speaks of his desire for all of us to reach perfect unity (Ephesians 4:12,13). We members of St. John Congregation certainly share his desire. We seek to express that unity – with our current members, with those who desire membership, and also with Christians around the world.

Scripture speaks of two different types of unity. First, Christ has reconciled every single one of us to God through his perfect life and death on our behalf. Even now, God considers us saints and heirs of heaven, clothed with Christ’s righteousness. You might think of this as a “vertical” unity – purely between the individual and his or her God. Through Christ, peace with God has been restored. Then, there’s also an outward and public unity – a “horizontal” unity – as fellow saints worship side-by-side. The celebration of Holy Communion is guided by both types.

For communion to be celebrated in a beneficial way, those attending will come united with their God and also with their fellow-communicants. The former is established by repentance – a sorrow over sin and a trust in God’s forgiveness – that he himself produces. It’s a matter of the heart. The latter is established by the outward confession of what each of us believes. It’s a matter of the mouth.

We do not presume to look into the heart, for only God is able to do that. We do, however, seek to establish outward unity by studying God’s Word together so that we share a common confession. Our congregation offers a Bible study course that’s designed for just that purpose.

And so, out of love for God and his Word, we kindly ask that all visitors speak with the pastor about how we can establish that outward unity prior to your attending Holy Communion here at St. John. We desire to make that goal a priority, so that you may receive the Sacrament as soon as possible.

May God bless your hearing of the Word today as he reminds you of his full and free forgiveness in Christ!

News & Notes

WELS Mission to the Children Collection

This year's collection from NE WI congregations, LWMS groups, and individuals is for new children's undergarments (t-shirts, underwear, and socks). Items must be **NEW** and **IN STORE PACKAGING** in order to transport them across the border. The mission serves many children in northern Mexico with services, Bible classes, food coupons, and humanitarian items. Several vehicles will take the items to Tucson in mid-October, so please have your donations in the narthex boxes **no later than TODAY**.

FVLHS Updates

Please see the sheet on the bulletin board for info regarding...

- Grandparents day(s) (10/5 and 10/6)
- Fall Band & Choir Concert (10/8)
- Fall Play: Vintage Hitchcock (10/19,21,22)
- 8th Grade Welcome Night (10/30)

Fall LWMS Rally – Oct 14th

The Paperland Circuit's fall rally is planned for Saturday, October 14th at St. Paul, Algoma. Registration begins at 8:00 am and the opening devotion is at 9:00. The rally concludes around 12:30 pm, with lunch and fellowship to follow. Contact Lou Beard for info – 920.532.4980.

WELS United Events at Sister Congregations

Speak with Pastor for any info on the following:

- **Recovery through Christ** (for addicts) and **Peace through Christ** (for friends and family of addicts) at Mt. Olive, Appleton
- **Dave Ramsey's "Financial Peace"** seminar at Immanuel, Greenville
- **DivorceCare** at Immanuel, Greenville and St. Paul, Appleton
- **GriefShare** at Beautiful Savior, Green Bay

A New Sunday Bible Study

...starts up next weekend. "Reformation: Grace, Faith, Scripture" will explore 12 important biblical principles that were important for Luther and are still important for us today.

You're Invited...

The Trinity, Kaukauna Ladies' Aid invites our members to a presentation by the Kaukauna Police Department's K-9 team: Lucas and Rocko. See the sheet on the bulletin board for info.

Church Cleaners

Any extra help is always welcome! Come in during office hours – or coordinate with Pastor to have the door unlocked – and check the cleaning log that's hanging in the church office to see what tasks need to be done. You can also speak with Phil Roberts if you have questions.

Choir / Handbells

Handbells practice on Thursdays at Trinity in Kaukauna. Our choir will start practicing here on October 11th and Wednesdays thereafter. Speak with Jeremy Uecker for more info.

Mark Your Calendars

St. John School Silent Auction – Sun, Dec. 3rd

Apple Valley Food Pantry

This month's donations are due by the 15th. Especially needed: stuffing; evaporated milk; chunky soups; pancake mix & syrup; canned meats (tuna, chicken); canned pasta; canned fruit; rice; boxed & canned potatoes; all crackers; cereal.

Reminder: any Christmas donations are needed by the November collection date.

Divine Service I

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

Glory to God..... (Gloria in Excelsis)

C Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and peace to his peo - ple on earth. Lord God, heav - en - ly King, al - might - y God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry! Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and peace to his peo - ple on earth. Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on us. You are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther; re -

ceive our prayer, re - ceive our prayer.
 Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and peace to his peo - ple on
 earth. For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One,
 you a - lone are the Lord, you a - lone are the
 Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the
 Ho - ly Spir - it in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther.
 Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and peace to his peo - ple on
 earth. Glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God!

Prayer of the Day

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

Lord God, your Son came among us to serve and not to be served, and to give his life for the sins of the world. Lead us by his love to serve those to whom the world offers no comfort and little help. Through us give hope to the hopeless, love to the unloved, peace to the troubled, and rest to the weary; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

***Last Week's Stewardship of the Means of Grace
and the Means for His Work***

Worship: 126

ABC: 27

	<u>Sept 24</u>	<u>YTD</u>	<u>YTD Goal</u>
Church Offerings	\$3,173	\$89,787.81	\$108,719.26

The Week+ Ahead as We Live in God's Grace

Today (1st)	7:45 am	Worship w/ Holy Communion (LWMS door offering)
	9:00 am	Sunday School (God Calls Moses) Adult Bible Class (Galatians)
Tue (3rd)	10:15 am	Worship w/ Holy Communion (LWMS door offering)
	7:30 pm	Reformation Hymn Festival (at Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary)
Wed (4th)	9:00 am	Martha's Circle
	6:00 pm	Events Committee Meeting – TBD
	7:00 pm	Board of Elders Meeting
Thu (5th)	6:45 am	Breakfast & Bible Study (The Augsburg Confession) – TBD
	8:15 am	St. John School Chapel (at church; FVLHS devotion leader)
	3:30 pm	6 th -8 th Grade Catechism Class – TBD
Sun (8th)	7:00 pm	Handbells Practice (at Trinity, Kaukauna)
	7:45 am	Worship
Mon (9th)	9:00 am	Sunday School (The Plagues) Adult Bible Class (Reformation: Grace, Faith, Scripture)
	10:15 am	Worship
	1:30 pm	FVL Bands / Choirs Fall Concert (at FVLHS)
	7:30 pm	Church Council Meeting
Tue (10th)	6:30 pm	Endowment Committee Meeting
Sat (14th)		Fall LWMS Rally (at St. Paul's, Algoma)
Mon (16th)	7:30 pm	Quarterly Voters Meeting
Oct 19th, 21st, 22nd		FVLHS Fall Play – "Vintage Hitchcock: A Live Radio Play"
Sat (21st)		Trunk or Treat (3:00 – 6:00 pm)
Tue (24th)	7:00 pm	Long-Range Planning Meeting
Thu (26th)	7:30 pm	Board of Education Meeting
Sat (28th)	2:00 pm	Joint Reformation Service (at Fox Cities P.A.C.) – SOLD OUT
Sun (29th)		Mission Festival: Ministry to the Hmong
Mon (30th)	5:00 pm	FVLHS 8 th Grade Welcome Night (at FVLHS)
Sat (Nov 11th)	6:30 pm	Church Movie Night – "I'm Not Ashamed"

Distribution

Thanksgiving

Song of Simeon (Nunc Dimittis)



In peace, Lord, you let your
 ser - vant now de - part ac - cord - ing to your word. For my
 eyes have seen your sal - va - tion, which you have pre - pared for
 ev - 'ry peo - ple, a light to light - en the Gen - tiles and the
 glo - ry, the glo - ry of your peo - ple Is - ra - el.

Closing Prayer and Blessing

O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good.

And his mercy endures forever.

We give thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us with this holy supper. We pray that through it you will strengthen our faith in you and increase our love for one another. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

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.

Amen.

Closing Hymn "Have No Fear, Little Flock" (CW 442)

First Lesson Daniel 6:10-23 (EHV / CSB)

¹⁰Now, when Daniel learned that the document had been signed, he went to his house. It had windows on its upper story that opened toward Jerusalem. Three times each day he would get on his knees and pray and offer praise before his God. He continued to do that just as he had been doing before this. ¹¹Then these men came as a group and found Daniel praying and seeking favor from his God. ¹²Then they went and said to the king concerning the decree, "Your Majesty, did you not sign a decree that anyone who prays to any god or person for thirty days except to you, Your Majesty, would be thrown into the den of lions?" The king answered, "Indeed I did. The command is like the law of the Medes and the Persians that cannot be revoked." ¹³Then they replied to the king, "Daniel, one of the Judean exiles, has ignored you, the king, and the edict you signed, for he prays three times a day." ¹⁴As soon as the king heard this, he was very displeased; he set his mind on rescuing Daniel and made every effort until sundown to deliver him. ¹⁵Then these men went together to the king and said to him, "You know, Your Majesty, that it is a law of the Medes and Persians that no edict or ordinance the king establishes can be revoked." ¹⁶Then the king gave the order, and Daniel was brought and thrown into the lions' den. The king said to Daniel, "May your God, whom you serve continually, rescue you." ¹⁷A stone was brought and placed over the mouth of the pit and the king sealed it with his signet ring and the signet rings of his nobles so that nothing could be changed with regard to Daniel's situation. ¹⁸Then the king went to his palace. He spent the night without food, and no entertainment was brought before him, and he could not sleep. ¹⁹Then at dawn the king arose as soon as it was light and hurried to the lions' den. ²⁰As he came near the pit, he cried out in a fearful voice. The king said to Daniel, "Daniel, servant of the living God, your God whom you serve continually: Was he able to rescue you from the lions' den?" ²¹Then Daniel spoke with the king, "Your Majesty, may you live forever! ²²My God sent his angel and shut the mouth of the lions, and they have not hurt me because he found me innocent before him. Also before you, Your Majesty, I have committed no crime." ²³Then the king was very glad, and said that Daniel should be brought up from the pit. So Daniel was brought up from the pit, and he was unharmed because he trusted in his God.

Second Lesson Philippians 3:7-11 (EHV)

⁷But, whatever things were a profit for me, these things I have come to consider a loss because of Christ. ⁸But even more than that, I consider everything to be a loss because of what is worth far more: knowing Christ Jesus, my Lord. For his sake, I have lost all things and consider them rubbish, so that I may gain Christ ⁹and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own, which comes from the law, but that which comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness that comes from God by faith. ¹⁰I do this so that I may know him and the power of his resurrection and the fellowship of his sufferings, being conformed to his death, ¹¹in the hope that in some way I may arrive at the resurrection from the dead.

Verse of the Day Matthew 6:24 (EHV)

No one can serve two masters. Either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve both God and mammon.¹

Gospel Lesson Luke 12:27-34 (EHV)

Today's Gospel reading is recorded in the 12th chapter of the Gospel according to St. Luke, beginning at the 27th verse.



C Glo-ry be to you, O Lord! Glo-ry be to you, O Lord!

²⁷Consider how the wild flowers grow. They do not labor or spin. But I tell you, not even Solomon in all his glory was dressed like one of these. ²⁸If this is how God clothes the grass in the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the furnace, how much more will he clothe you, you of little faith? ²⁹Do not constantly chase after what you will eat or what you will drink. Do not be worried about it. ³⁰To be sure, the nations of the world chase after all of these things, but your Father knows that you need them. ³¹Instead, continue to seek the kingdom of God, and all these things will be added to you. ³²Do not be afraid, little flock, because your Father is pleased to give you the kingdom. ³³Sell your possessions and give to the needy. Provide money bags for yourselves that do not become old, a treasure in the heavens that will not fail, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. ³⁴For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

...this is the Gospel of our Lord.



C Praise be to you, O Christ! Praise be to you, O Christ!

The Nicene Creed

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation, he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary, and became fully human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate. He suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

Words of Institution

Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

Amen.

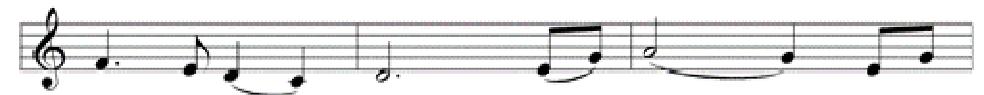
O Christ, Lamb of God.....(Agnus Dei)



O Christ, Lamb of



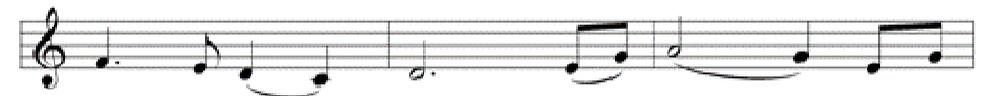
God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have



mer - cy on us. O Christ, Lamb of



God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have



mer - cy on us. O Christ, Lamb of



God, you take a - way the sin of the world;



grant us your peace. A - men. A - men.

¹ Mammon is an Aramaic term for worldly wealth and property.

The Sacrament

Preface

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.

It is good and right so to do.

It is truly good and right that we should at all times and in all places give you thanks, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who promised that wherever two or three come together in his name, there he is with them to shepherd his flock till he comes again in glory. Therefore, with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:

Holy, Holy, Holy..... (Sanctus)

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er,
 God of might: heav'n and earth are full of your glo -
 ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless -
 ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san -
 na in the high - est. Ho-san - na in the high - est.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who in unity with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Hymn of the Day..... "Where Your Treasure Is" (CWS 757)

Refrain
 Where your treas-ure is, there your heart shall be.
 All that you pos - sess will nev - er set you
 free. Seek the things that last; come and learn from
 me. Where your treas-ure is, your heart shall be.

- 1 *What do you gain from all your worry,
 What you should eat or what to wear?
 There is no peace in stress or hurry.
 Do you not know that you are held within God's care?.....[refrain]*
- 2 *Look at the ravens high above you.
 They do not work their whole life through,
 And yet God feeds them and protects them.
 So how much more will God protect and care for you?.....[refrain]*
- 3 *Behold the lilies in their splendor.
 In grace and beauty they are dressed,
 And yet so soon their bloom is faded.
 So how much more will those who look to God be blessed?.....[refrain]*
- 4 *O little flock, do not be frightened;*

*Yours is the kingdom of the Lord.
Give your possessions to the needy;
Obtain a treasure in God's heaven safely stored.....[refrain]*

Sermon **Luke 12:27-34**

Joyful Generosity – Where Your Treasure Is

Create in Me

Cre - ate in me a pure heart, O God, and re -
new a right spir - it with - in me.
Do not cast me a - way from your pres - ence or
take your Ho - ly Spir - it from me. Re -
store to me the joy of your sal - va - tion, and up -
hold, up - hold me with your free Spir - it.

Thank-Offering

*These offerings are used to support the ministries of our church, both locally and worldwide.
Our guests should not feel compelled to give an offering, but may do so if they desire.*

Prayer of the Church

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.