

# ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

Helen Township, Minnesota

(Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod)

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**WELCOME:** *"Come and listen, all you who fear God; let me tell you what he has done for me."* (Psalm 66: 16) *Welcome to all in the name of our gracious God. May his blessings rest on you. If you are visiting with us today, we would enjoy the opportunity to get to know you. Please sign our guest book.*

**Theme:** Take time to fuel up with Christ.

**Thoughts for a Prayer Before Worship:** Jesus desires that the fire of faith be alive and glowing in the lives of all. Sometimes we don't take the time or make the effort to fuel our faith, and so we allow things to hinder and diminish our faith. Pray that the Lord work powerfully in your life to remove those things that stand in the way of your faith glowing brightly.

## SILENT PRAYER AND MEDITATION

### WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION

*Order of Worship: Service of Word and Sacrament (p. 26)*

**OPENING HYMN: 241** "Alleluia! Let Praises Ring"

**Chimes** "Jesus Lover of My Soul"

**Lesson:** Ephesians 2:11-22 (P. Bible p. 1760)

People from every background and nationality have one common access point to the Father, and that is through Jesus Christ. Since this is the case, he has united the many into one body for the benefit of us all.

**Lesson:** John 17:6-23 (Pew Bible p. 1627)

In a matter of hours, Jesus would be separated from his disciples. He prays on behalf of them and all of who are his disciples by faith. He prays that we all cherish the fellowship he has established for his people.

**HYMN OF THE DAY: 492** "Son of God, Eternal Savior"

**SERMON:** Acts 2:37-47 (Pew Bible p. 1640)  
**"Fuel The Flame Of Faith"**

1. Aglow through the Word
2. Glowing within Christ's family

**NICENE CREED**

**OFFERING**

**PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

**LORD'S PRAYER**

**THE SACRAMENT**

**DIST. HYMNS: 538** "The Church's One Foundation"

**313** "Jesus Christ, Our Blessed Savior"

**PRAYER**

**BLESSING**

**CLOSING HYMN: 494 v. 1, 4&5** "Blest Be the Tie that Binds"

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**Organist: Christy Ittel**

**A MEASURE OF OUR FAITHFULNESS**

*At worship, Sunday, September 26<sup>th</sup>: 79*

*Attendance at weekly Bible Studies: 25*

**THE LORD'S SUPPER:** *We are celebrating the Lord's Supper today. All those planning to partake, please review the information about the Lord's Supper printed on the laminated sheet in the hymnal racks or pews in the balcony.*

**NEWSLETTERS** *and Forward In Christ magazines for the month of October are available. Please stop by the meeting room and pick yours up today.*

**PUZZLES:** *We are looking for gently used or new Bible themed puzzles for our Sunday School. If you would like to donate a puzzle please leave it on the table in the meeting room. If you have any questions you may speak with Teresa Ross.*

### THIS WEEK IF GOD WILLS

Today	9:00 am	Worship w/ Communion
	10:00am	Sunday School
	10:20am	Bible Class
Monday	6:30 pm	Ladies Aid
	6:35 pm	Elders
	7:00 pm	Church Council
Tuesday	7:00 pm	Table Talk (Sermon Text)
Wednesday	3:45 pm	5-6 Grade Catechism
	4:45 pm	7-8 Grade Catechism
	6:30 pm	Chimes
	7:30 pm	Choir
Thursday	6:30 pm	Jesus Cares Ministry
Sunday	9:00 am	Mission Festival Worship
	10:00 am	Sunday School
	10:20am	Bible Class
	11:15am	Youth Pizza Party/Ditch Clean-up

**MISSION FESTIVAL:** *Next Sunday is our fall Mission Festival. We are planning to do a worship service that is typical of how worship is conducted at our campus center in the Twin Cities. After worship, we will have a 45 minute presentation and discussion on the kingdom work being done among the college students there. Everyone is encouraged to join us for worship and the presentation afterwards.*

**DITCH CLEAN-UP / YOUTH FUNDRAISING:** *If anyone is interested in helping with ditch clean-up next Sunday, Oct. 10<sup>th</sup> after Sunday School, there is a sign-up sheet on the table in the narthex. **Please sign up TODAY so we know how much pizza we will need! Also, we are looking for input from the congregation on fundraising ideas. If you have an idea please speak with Gene Roush.***

**LADIES AID ANNIVERSARY:** *The Ladies Aid will be observing their 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary. In commemoration of the anniversary, there will be a special service on Sunday, October 17. Coffee and donuts will be served following the service.*

**THE LADIES AID** *is sponsoring a tour of The Lutheran Home and the Kingsway Retirement Home in Belle Plaine next Saturday, October 9<sup>th</sup>. All church members are invited to join us that day. We will meet at church at 9am to carpool. Lunch will be purchased at the Retirement Home. We may also stop at the thrift store in Belle Plaine.*

**HARVEST PARTY:** *Apples, apples, apples! That is the theme for this year's Congregational Fall Harvest Party. The party will be held Friday, October 29<sup>th</sup> here at church beginning at 6:00 pm. People are encouraged to come in costume for the costume contest. We also will be having an Apple Recipe Bake-off, a Pumpkin Decorating/Carving Contest and hayrides. An evening of activities has been planned for young and old. If you plan on attending, please sign up on the sheet in the narthex as soon as possible so we can purchase the necessary amount of supplies in time for the party. Please keep in mind that we greatly depend on the numbers provided by those who sign-up. If you are, for some reason, unable to attend after signing up, please let Pauline Schmidt know a.s.a.p. More details about the Harvest Party will be available in the Sunday bulletins. Information will also be posted on the "St. John's Happenings" bulletin board by the stairs.*

**\*\*\*We are looking for people to decorate and run scenes outside for the hayride. If you are interested or would like more information about the scenes, please speak with Althea Mathwig.**

**SERMON OF THE FUTURE:** *Our guest speaker for Mission Festival next week will be sharing with us insight on the ministry and mission work being done on college campuses in the Twin Cities. Recently the students there were challenged to answer these two questions: Of all the religions in the world, why do you think yours is the correct one? Within Christianity, why have you chosen to be joined with the church group, of which you are now a member? And now I ask you, how would you answer those two questions? Come next week as we hear our guest speaker address this topic.*