

THE 3rd WEEKEND AFTER PENTECOST

MATINS SERVICE

June 29, 2025



For the convenience of all worshipers at St. John, we have:

- **Large-Print Bulletins and Hymnals**
- **A Quiet Room** for families needing to take their child(ren) out of Worship, located at the back (left side) of Church, with a large window and speakers, so that families may still see and hear the Worship Service
- **Restrooms** located at the back of the Church in the Narthex
- **Activity bags for children** which are available in the Narthex, hanging on "Ginny the Giraffe". Children may take home the pictures they color. Please return books, crayons, and bags to "Ginny".

(Please ask an Usher to direct you to any of the above)



St. John Ev. Lutheran Church

and Day Care & Development Center

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AS WE GATHER

Keep your eye on the goal! Let nothing deter you! We hear this a lot in every sports season. This is also what God says to Elijah and Jesus says to a potential disciple. God gave Elijah an amazing “win” against the Prophets Baal; but then Elijah, threatened by Queen Jezebel, “felt defeated, depressed, and ready to give up.” God strengthens and rouses him to action: “Get up; go where I tell you, and do what I tell you!” In our reading from Luke, the Samaritans rejected Jesus and refused Him entry to their city – because He was committed to go to Jerusalem. And, several men asked to be among Jesus’ Disciples, but were not ready for full, immediate commitment. We don’t know if either of the men ever got a second chance.

IN THE NAME OF OUR BLESSED SAVIOR

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

+ PREPARATION +

Pastor: O Lord, open my lips,

All: and my mouth will declare Your praise.

Pastor: Make haste, O God, to deliver me;

All: make haste to help me, O Lord.

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

Praise to You, O Christ. Alleluia.

PSALMODY

Pastor: Blessed be God: the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

All: O come, let us worship Him.

VENITE *(O Come, Let Us Sing)*

LSB 220

All: O come, let us sing to the Lord,

let us make a joyful noise to the Rock of our Salvation.

Let us come into His Presence with thanksgiving,

let us make a joyful noise to Him with songs of praise.

**For the Lord is a Great God, and a Great King above all gods.
The deep places of the Earth are in His Hand;
the strength of the hills is His also. The Sea is His, for He made it,
and His Hand formed the dry land.
O come, let us worship and bow down,
let us kneel before the Lord, our Maker.**

**For He is our God,
and we are the People of His Pasture and the Sheep of His Hand.
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son,
and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning,
is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

Pastor: Blessed be God: the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

All: O come, let us worship Him.

HYMN *"God, Whose Almighty Word"*

MISSIONS 317

- 1 God, Whose Almighty Word, chaos and darkness heard,
and took their flight: hear us, we humbly pray,
and where the Gospel Day, sheds not its Glorious Ray, let there be Light!
- 2 Lord, Who once came to bring, on Your Redeeming Wing,
healing and sight, health to the sick in mind,
sight to the inly blind: oh, now to humankind, let there be Light!
- 3 Spirit of Truth and Love, Life-Giving, Holy Dove,
speed forth Your Flight; move on the water's face,
bearing the Lamp of Grace, and in Earth's darkest place, let there be Light!
- 4 Holy and Blessèd Three, Glorious Trinity,
Wisdom, Love, Might! Boundless as ocean's tide,
rolling in fullest pride, through the Earth, far and wide, let there be Light!

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INTROIT FOR PENTECOST 3

Psalm 85:8–10, 13; antiphon: v. 7

All: Show us Your Steadfast Love, O LORD, and grant us Your Salvation.

Pastor: Let me hear what God the LORD will speak, for He will speak Peace to His People, to His Saints; but let them not turn back to folly.

All: Surely His Salvation is near to those who fear Him, that Glory may dwell in our land.

Pastor: Steadfast Love and Faithfulness meet; Righteousness and Peace kiss each other.

All: Righteousness will go before Him and make His Footsteps a Way.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

Show us Your Steadfast Love, O LORD, and grant us Your Salvation.

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SALUTATION

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: Let us pray.

Lord of all Power and Might, Author and Giver of all good things, graft into our hearts the Love of Your Name and nourish us with all goodness that we may love and serve our neighbor; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, Who Lives and Reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, One God, now and forever.

All: Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT *1 Kings 19:9b–21*

ESV 0354

Behold, the Word of the LORD came to [Elijah], and God said to him, “What are you doing here, Elijah?” ¹⁰He said, “I have been very jealous for the LORD, the God of Hosts. For the people of Israel have forsaken Your Covenant, thrown down Your Altars, and killed Your Prophets with the sword, and I, even I only, am left, and they seek my life, to take it away.” ¹¹And He said, “Go out and stand on

the mount before the LORD.” And behold, the LORD passed by, and a great and strong wind tore the mountains and broke in pieces the rocks before the LORD, but the LORD was not in the wind. And after the wind an earthquake, but the LORD was not in the earthquake. ¹²And after the earthquake a fire, but the LORD was not in the fire. And after the fire the sound of a low whisper. ¹³And when Elijah heard it, he wrapped his face in his cloak and went out and stood at the entrance of the cave. And behold, there came a Voice to him and said, “What are you doing here, Elijah?” ¹⁴He said, “I have been very jealous for the LORD, the God of Hosts. For the people of Israel have forsaken Your Covenant, thrown down Your Altars, and killed Your Prophets with the sword, and I, even I only, am left, and they seek my life, to take it away.” ¹⁵And the LORD said to him, “Go, return on your way to the wilderness of Damascus. And when you arrive, you shall anoint Hazael to be king over Syria. ¹⁶And Jehu the son of Nimshi you shall anoint to be King over Israel, and Elisha the son of Shaphat of Abel-meholah you shall anoint to be Prophet in your place. ¹⁷And the one who escapes from the sword of Hazael shall Jehu put to death, and the one who escapes from the sword of Jehu shall Elisha put to death. ¹⁸Yet I will leave seven thousand in Israel, all the knees that have not bowed to Baal, and every mouth that has not kissed him.”

¹⁹So he departed from there and found Elisha the son of Shaphat, who was plowing with twelve yoke of oxen in front of him, and he was with the twelfth. Elijah passed by him and cast his cloak upon him. ²⁰And he left the oxen and ran after Elijah and said, “Let me kiss my father and my mother, and then I will follow you.” And he said to him, “Go back again, for what have I done to you?” ²¹And he returned from following him and took the yoke of oxen and sacrificed them and boiled their flesh with the yokes of the oxen and gave it to the people, and they ate. Then he arose and went after Elijah and assisted him.

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE *Galatians 6:1–10, 14–18*

ESV 1157

¹Brothers, if anyone is caught in any transgression, you who are spiritual should restore him in a spirit of gentleness. Keep watch on yourself, lest you too be tempted. ²Bear one another’s burdens, and so fulfill the Law of Christ. ³For if anyone thinks he is something, when he is nothing, he deceives himself. ⁴But let each one test his own work, and then his reason to boast will be in himself alone and not in his neighbor. ⁵For each will have to bear his own load. ⁶One who is taught the Word must share all good things with the one who teaches. ⁷Do not be

deceived: God is not mocked, for whatever one sows, that will he also reap. ⁸For the one who sows to his own flesh will from the flesh reap corruption, but the one who sows to the Spirit will from the Spirit reap Eternal Life. ⁹And let us not grow weary of doing good, for in due season we will reap, if we do not give up. ¹⁰So then, as we have opportunity, let us do good to everyone, and especially to those who are of the household of faith. . . .

¹⁴But far be it from me to boast except in the Cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by which the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world. ¹⁵For neither circumcision counts for anything, nor uncircumcision, but a New Creation. ¹⁶And as for all who walk by this rule, peace and mercy be upon them, and upon the Israel of God. ¹⁷From now on let no one cause me trouble, for I bear on my body the marks of Jesus. ¹⁸The Grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit, brothers. Amen.

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

HOLY GOSPEL *Luke 9:51–62*

ESV 1031

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the ninth chapter.

All: Glory to You, O Lord.

⁵¹When the days drew near for [Jesus] to be taken up, He set His Face to go to Jerusalem. ⁵²And He sent messengers ahead of Him, who went and entered a village of the Samaritans, to make preparations for Him. ⁵³But the people did not receive Him, because His Face was set toward Jerusalem. ⁵⁴And when His Disciples James and John saw it, they said, “Lord, do you want us to tell fire to come down from Heaven and consume them?” ⁵⁵But Jesus turned and rebuked them. ⁵⁶And they went on to another village.



⁵⁷As they were going along the road, someone said to Him, “I will follow you wherever you go.” ⁵⁸And Jesus said to him, “Foxes have holes, and birds of the air have nests, but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay His Head.” ⁵⁹To another He said, “Follow Me.” But he said, “Lord, let me first go and bury my father.” ⁶⁰And Jesus said to him, “Leave the dead to bury their own dead. But as for you, go and proclaim the Kingdom of God.” ⁶¹Yet another said, “I will follow you, Lord, but let me first say farewell to those at my home.” ⁶²Jesus said to him, “No one who puts his hand to the plow and looks back is fit for the Kingdom of God.”

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord

All: Praise to You, O Christ.

RESPONSORY

LSB 221

Pastor: Forever, O Lord, Your Word is firmly set in the Heavens.

All: Lord, I love the Habitation of Your House, and the Place where Your Glory dwells.

Pastor: Blessed are those who hear the Word of God and keep it.

All: Lord, I love the Habitation of Your House, and the Place where Your Glory dwells.

Pastor: Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.

All: Lord, I love the Habitation of Your House and the Place where Your Glory dwells.

HYMN *“Speak, O Lord, Your Servant Listens”*

LSB 589

- 1 Speak, O Lord, Your servant listens. Let Your Word to me come near;
Newborn Life and Spirit give me, let each Promise still my fear.
Death's dread pow'r, its inward strife, wars against Your Word of Life.
Fill me, Lord with Love's strong fervor, that I cling to You forever!
- 2 Oh what blessing to be near You, and listen to Your Voice.
let me ever love and hear You. Let Your Word be now my choice!
many hardened sinners, Lord, flee in terror at Your Word;
but to all who feel sin's burden, You give Words of Peace and Pardon.
- 3 Lord, Your Words are Waters Living, when my thirsting spirit pleads.
Lord, Your Words are Bread Life-Giving; on Your Words my spirit feeds.
Lord, Your Words will be my Light, through death's cold and dreary night.
Yes, they are my Word prevailing, and my Cup of Joy unfailing!
- 4 As I pray, dear Jesus, hear me. Let Your Words in me take root.
May Your Spirit e'er be near me, that I bear abundant fruit.
May I daily sing Your praise, from my heart glad anthems raise,
till my highest praise is given, in the endless Joy of Heaven.

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SERMON

**All: We praise You, O God; we acknowledge You to be the Lord.
All the Earth now worships You, the Father Everlasting.
To You all Angels cry aloud, the Heavens and all the Pow'rs therein.
To You Cherubim and Seraphim continually do cry:**

**Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Sabaoth;
Heaven and Earth are full of the Majesty of Your Glory.
The glorious company of the Apostles praise You.
The goodly fellowship of the Prophets praise You.**

**The noble army of Martyrs praise You.
The Holy Church throughout all the World does acknowledge You:
The Father of an Infinite Majesty; Your Adorable, True, and Only Son;
also the Holy Ghost, the Comforter.**

**You are the King of Glory, O Christ;
You are the Everlasting Son of the Father.**

**When You took upon Yourself to deliver man,
You humbled Yourself to be born of a virgin.
When You had overcome the sharpness of Death,
You opened the Kingdom of Heaven to all believers.**

**You sit at the Right Hand of God in the Glory of the Father.
We believe that You will Come to be our Judge.
We therefore pray You to help Your servants,
whom You have redeemed with Your Precious Blood.
Make them to be numbered with Your Saints in Glory Everlasting.**

**O Lord, save Your People and bless Your Heritage.
Govern them and lift them up forever.
Day by day we magnify You.
And we worship Your Name forever and ever.**

**Grant, O Lord, to keep us this day without sin.
O Lord, have mercy upon us, have mercy upon us.
O Lord, let Your mercy be upon us, as our trust is in You.
O Lord, in You have I trusted; let me never be confounded.**

OFFERING *(received and brought to the Altar)*

KYRIE

LSB 227

All: Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy.

LORD'S PRAYER

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.

COLLECTS

Pastor: O Lord, hear my prayer.

All: And let my cry come to You.



COLLECT OF THE DAY

Pastor: Merciful and Eternal God, Your Holy Apostles Peter and Paul received grace and strength to lay down their lives for the sake of Your Son. Strengthen us by Your Holy Spirit that we may confess Your Truth and at all times be ready to lay down our lives for Him Who laid down His Life for us, Jesus Christ, our Lord, Who lives and Reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, One God, now and forever.

All: Amen.

COLLECT

Pastor: Merciful God, we humbly implore You to cast the Bright Beams of Your Light upon Your Church that we, being instructed by the doctrine of the Blessed Apostles, may walk in the Light of Your Truth and finally attain to the Light of Everlasting Life; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

All: Amen.

COLLECT

Pastor: O Father of Mercies and God of all Comfort, our only help in time of need, look with favor upon Your servant(s) [name(s)]. Assure [him/her/them] of Your mercy, deliver [him/her/them] from the temptations of the evil one, and give [him/her/them] patience and comfort in [his/her/their] illness. If it please You, restore [him/her/them] to health, or give [him/her/them] grace to accept this tribulation with courage and hope; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

All: Amen.

COLLECT FOR GRACE

Pastor: O Lord, our Heavenly Father, Almighty and Everlasting God, You have safely brought us to the beginning of this day. Defend us in the same with Your Mighty Power and grant that this day we fall into no sin, neither run into any kind of danger, but that all our doings, being ordered by Your Governance, may be righteous in Your sight; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, Who Lives and Reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, One God, now and forever.

All: Amen.

BENEDICAMUS

LSB 228

Pastor: Let us bless the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

BENEDICTION

LSB 228

Pastor: The Grace of our Lord ✠ Jesus Christ and the Love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

All: Amen.

HYMN *“Christ Be My Leader”*

LSB 861

- 1 Christ be my Leader by night as by day;
safe through the darkness, for He is the Way.
Gladly I follow, my Future His care,
darkness is Daylight when Jesus is there.
- 2 Christ be my Teacher in age as in youth,
drifting or doubting, for He is the Truth.
Grant me to trust Him; though shifting as sand,
doubt cannot daunt me; in Jesus I stand.

3 Christ be my Savior in calm as in strife;
death cannot hold me, for He is the Life.
Nor darkness nor doubting nor sin and its stain,
can touch my Salvation: with Jesus I reign.

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THOSE WHO SERVE

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Elder on Duty:

Mark Baggenstoss

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Jim Fahser

Jim Papala

Organist:

Sat: Kristi DeVries

Altar Guild:

Upkeep: Pat Mueller

Sun: Lynn Anderson



IN OUR PRAYERS WE REMEMBER...

† friends of our family of Faith: Larry Squiers, Rita Fuchs, and Steven Schmadl

ALTAR FLOWERS

The flowers adorning the Altar this week are placed to the Glory of God by Craig and Jane Butler in memory of Merle Seehafer, who passed away on 7/23/2019.

MUSLIM MISSIONARY HERE TO SHARE HIS OUTREACH

Ebou Faye, a Missionary with People of the Bible Lutheran Outreach [POBLO] will have a short introduction to his Outreach at our worship services **July 5 and 6.**

He will also be sharing his work among Muslims, Sikh, and Hindu in the Milwaukee area, during Bible Study hour on Sunday.



OUR RESPONSE TO GOD'S LOVE FOR LAST WEEK

Weekend Worship Service: 99

FINANCIAL POSITION FOR MAY 2025

GENERAL FUND

	Month to Date	FY to Date
Received:	\$ 20,952.00	\$ 335,435.14
Obligations:	\$ <u>29,768.07</u>	\$ <u>349,133.26</u>
Balance:	\$ (8,816.07)	\$ (13,698.12)
Beginning Fiscal Year General Fund Balance		\$ 25,000.00
YTD General Fund Balance		\$ 11,801.88

Property Improvement Loan

Monthly Amount Needed	Received MTD	Balance Needed
\$2,491.37	\$3,187.00	0

Thank you for your donations this month. Money received above the "amount needed" will go towards paying down our principle.

BIBLICAL GIVING - 2 Corinthians 9:12

This service that you perform is not only supplying the needs of God's people but is also overflowing in many expressions of thanks to God.

TITHING

1 Corinthians 16:2 – "On the first day of every week, each of you should set aside a sum of money in keeping with your income for the work of the Lord." Sometimes we may forget. You can give automatically by the week, the month, or the year. Forms to start electronic giving can be found on the credenza near the Church Office door. Contact the Church Office for more information, call (414-481-0520).

POTLUCK THIS WEEKEND!!

This Sunday, June 29, (the 5th Sunday of June) our Worship Service time was changed to **10:00am**. This is so we can enjoy fellowship with our Brothers and Sisters in Christ, along with a Potluck after the Church Service. Please come and take advantage sharing this time with others in our Congregation, and all the good food provided.



PROJECT CONCERN – JULY

Project Concern of Cudahy & St. Francis is holding a **SHAMPOO** drive in July. You can bring your donations to the Church and place them in the baskets located in the Project Concern area behind the Church Office.

FACEBOOK USERS – HELP US SPREAD THE VBS NEWS!!

Our VBS program is coming up fast. Help us spread our VBS dates and times with the information that is posted on the St. John Cudahy Facebook page. You can take a “snapshot” of that information and post it on your FB page. This would help greatly in spreading the information to our surrounding areas.



JULY 4th PARADE – COME WALK WITH US

We will be having our decorated float in the Cudahy 4th of July parade again this year. We would love to have you join us in walking the parade. You can find the sign-up sheet in the Narthex along with a “footprint” page which shows the route on the back.

VBS ORGANIZATION COMMITTEE MEETING

Tuesday, July 8 at 6:30pm in the Council room across from the Church Office.

VBS: SAVE THE DATE – JULY 21-25 and DONATION / BORROW BOARD

How can YOU help? Check out the *Volunteer sheets* on the table and our VBS “Donation / Borrow” Board in the Narthex to choose how you may help us reach and teach kids with the “7 C’s” of Bible History.

Sharing the Good News



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**St. John Lutheran
Cudahy, WI**

GOD BLESS YOU ON YOUR CELEBRATION...

...of birth

Jun 28

Marilyn Bartlett
Jacquelyn Damask
Janelle Stella

Jun 29

Courtney (Brandstrom) Basterash

Jul 01

Tammy Scholz

Jul 02

Robert Weber

Jul 03

Darlene Fix

...of baptism

Jun 28

Blake Baranowski
Amy Seymour

Jun 29

Mark Baggenstoss

Jun 30

Hudson Jonas

Jul 01

Bella Chojnacki

Jul 03

Maria Buttke
Judith Mozwiak

Jul 04

Richard Mikula

....of marriage

Jul 04

Kevin & Lynn Anderson



If your celebration day is incorrect (or doesn't appear), please notify the Church Office at 414-481-0520.

WEEKLY BIBLE STUDIES AT ST. JOHN

These classes are free, and Bibles are provided. All are always welcome to join.

- **Sunday Mornings – 10:30am: *From Passover to Communion***
In the St. John Old Fellowship Hall
- **Monday Evenings – 6:30pm: *Studying the Book of Galatians***
In the St. John Old Fellowship Hall
- **Tuesday Mornings – 7:00am: *Studying the Book of Hebrews***
Men's Bible Study at Oak Creek Diner meeting in the back dining room
- **Thursday Afternoons – 1:30pm: *Bible Tour***
In the St. John Old Fellowship Hall

Mission Statement

St. John Lutheran Church, Cudahy WI

**Our primary purpose is to share the Good News
of salvation through Jesus Christ alone.**

In order to do this, we:

GROW together in our faith through word and Sacrament

DISCOVER our spiritual gifts

SHARE God's Law and Gospel

SERVE God by meeting the needs of others in mind, body and spirit, and

WELCOME all people to learn and embrace our faith

CALENDAR: JUNE / JULY

June 26-29: National LWML Convention – Omaha Nebraska			
Sat.	28	3:00pm	Communion Worship Service
Sun.	29	10:00am	(Page 219 in our Hymnal) MATINS Worship Service
		11:00am	Pot Luck Lunch
Mon.	30	6:30pm	Adult Bible Study: <i>(Book of Galatians)</i>
Tue.	01	7:00am	Men's Bible Study (OC) – <i>(Book of Hebrews)</i>
			No Elders Meeting Today
Wed.	02	9:30am	AdvaCare Assisted Living SF
			NO Dorcas Society Meeting Today
Thur.	03	9:00am	Oak Creek Place Worship Service
		9:30am	Day Care Devotions
		1:30pm	Adult Bible Study: <i>Join the Tour; Know the Book</i>
		7:00pm	Sheepshead
Fri.	04	 INDEPENDENCE DAY: CHURCH AND DAY CARE CLOSED	
		July 5-11 DeVries Family Vacation	
Sat.	05	3:00pm	Communion Worship Service
Sun.	06	9:00am	Communion Worship Service
		10:00am	Coffee Koinonia <i>(Fellowship Time)</i>
		10:30am	Adult Bible Study



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