

St. John's Ev. Lutheran Church & School

(Wisconsin Ev. Lutheran Synod)

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Pentecost/Confirmation

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Prayer: “My Maker, be with me, The light of life to give, And guide me patiently, While here on earth I live. To You my heart I tender, And all my pow’rs surrender; Make it my one endeavor, To love and serve You ever. Help me Your loving care to see; My Maker, be with me.” Amen. (Hymn #598, v. 1)

Divine Service II

(Christian Worship – Supplement, page 28.)

The Hymns: 183 – 599 – 171, v. 6 – 598/176 – 596.

Organist: Donna Schmitz.

Worship Notes: 1) In the late service we will follow the “Service of the Word” on page 38 in the front of the hymnal. 2) We will omit the first reading and the psalm. 3) Our Junior Choir will sing “Holy Spirit” between the epistle and gospel readings. 4) The Rite of Confirmation will take place after the Lord’s Prayer. 5) For our third hymn we will sing #598.

The Old Testament Reading: Ezekiel 37:1-14 – With this vision we are reminded of the power of the Holy Spirit and His Word. Through His Word – which we both hear and share – the Holy Spirit gives eternal life and hope to the spiritually dead.

Psalm 51a, page 87.

The Second Reading: Acts 2:1-21 (sermon/examination).

The Gospel Reading: John 14:25-27 – Jesus explains the Holy Spirit’s role in our hearts and lives. The Spirit comes to us to teach us Jesus’ Word and to fill us with Jesus’ peace.

The Sermon/Examination: Acts 2:1-21 –

The Miracle of Pentecost Continues

Confession of Faith: As we celebrate the Holy Spirit’s work in us we will confess our faith with Luther’s explanation to the Third Article of the Apostles’ Creed:

“I believe that I cannot by my own thinking or choosing believe in Jesus Christ, my Lord, or come to Him.

“But the Holy Spirit has called me by the gospel, enlightened me with His gifts, sanctified and kept me in the true faith. In the same way He calls, gathers, enlightens and sanctifies the whole Christian Church on earth, and keeps it with Jesus Christ in the one true faith.

“In this Christian Church He daily and fully forgives all sins to me and all believers.

“On the Last Day He will raise me and all the dead; and He will give eternal life to me and all believers in Christ.

“This is most certainly true.”

Holy Communion will be celebrated today (early and Wednesday). Since the Sacrament is also a public declaration of a unity of faith we practice Communion Fellowship. We ask that only members of our congregation or the Wisconsin Synod receive the Sacrament. Thank you.

This Week at St. John’s

Monday		4K-5 th grade field trips
Tuesday	7:00 p.m.	Voters Meeting
Wednesday	7:00 p.m.	Worship/ Graduation (Holy Communion; Grades 3 – 7 sing)
Friday	9:00 a.m.	Closing Service
	9:30 - 10:45 a.m.	School Carnival
Sunday	8:00 & 9:30 a.m.	Worship

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Our greeters are Shirley Parks (early); Ed and Ellen Igl (late).

Last Week: 207 (120+67+20) gathered around God’s Word to grow in their faith and praise their Savior. 22 came to Sunday School and 45 came to Bible class. Offerings received:

	<u>Last Week</u>	<u>Budget year to date</u>
Needed:	\$7,802	\$358,892
Received:	\$10,520	\$358,697

This includes \$4,060 for school tuition. We also received \$75 for Madison chaplains, \$60 for Wisconsin Lutheran Child and Family Services and in memory of Buzz Pillsbury \$110 for our Sound System fund.

Please be sure to pick up a Christian Worship – Supplement for the early and Wednesday evening services. We will be following Divine Service II on page 28 in the Supplement. Note: Psalm 42 is in the hymnal and not the Supplement. We will also be using the “modern” Lord’s Prayer.

Confirmation: Having completed instruction in the basic truths of God’s Word and having confessed their faith based on God’s Word we welcome the following into communicant membership through the Rite of Confirmation:

Destiny Le Claire

Zachary Pausma

Hospitalized: Please remember in your daily prayers Jan Rabehl (St. Mary's).

Large print bulletins and hymnals are available on the table in the back of church.

New Sound System: Plans are for the new sound system to be installed the first part of this week. The cost of just under \$24,000 will be covered with All-Purpose Fund money from the Endowment/Trust Fund. If you would like to make a special gift, memorial, etc., toward this project, please put it in an envelope and mark it "Sound System Fund." We would like to eventually repay this money back to the fund.

Our 8th grade graduation will be held during this Wednesday night's service. Holy Communion will be celebrated. After the service there will be cake and refreshments in honor of the graduating class in the fellowship hall. Everyone is invited.

Winnebago Lutheran Academy will have their spring concert **tonight** at **7:00** p.m.

Our summer schedule of Sunday worship at 8:00 and 9:30 a.m. will begin next Sunday. The Wednesday service will remain the same.

Donations: We will once again be accepting donations for the Lutheran Military Support Group in honor of Memorial Day. An ammo box for donations is on the cabinet in the back of church.

"Meditations" are available in the entry-way. The new issue starts June 3. The cost is \$4.00. Please remember to return your old ones so they can be used for prison ministries.

Flower Beds: We can use YOUR help this summer weeding and taking care of our church flower beds (by the car-port and the sign). There's a sign-up sheet in the fellowship hall. Thanks ahead of time for YOUR help (if YOU don't help WHO will?)

Last week's aluminum can drive amounted to \$390. The money received is used to help cover busing costs for field trips. Thank you to everyone who donated!

St. John's CPT would like to thank everyone that helped support our candy bar fundraiser sale. We were able to raise a total profit of \$1417.50 for our school. We could not have done this without all or your help and support!

Second Impressions Thrift store in Fond du Lac is hiring for the position of Assistant Manager. This position will be part time (15-30 hours per week). Starting pay will begin at a minimum of \$13/hour to commensurate with experience. Interested parties should deliver or mail applications by Friday, June 1, to: Second Impressions Thrift Store, 325 Winnebago Drive, Fond du Lac, WI 54935. A copy of the application/more information is on the bulletin board in the hallway. If you would like a copy, please contact the school office.

Prayer for Confirmation

M: Gracious Father, You have adopted us in Baptism and anointed us with Your Holy Spirit. Renew and strengthen us by that same Spirit so that we may continue to grow in faith and boldly confess You before others. Lord in Your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer.

M: Move us to faithfully hear Your Holy Word and joyfully receive Your Sacrament that we may again and again be assured of Your gracious love and forgiveness. Lord in Your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer.

M: Give us the sincere desire to die each day to sin and put on the new self, created to be like You in true righteousness and holiness. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer.

M: Clothe us with the kindness, humility and patience of Christ so we may live at peace with all the members of Christ's body and with all people. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer.

M: Protect us from the powers of evil and give us the strength to fight against the devil. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer.

M: Lead back all who have strayed from You and fallen for the ways of the world. By Your Word keep us faithful and holy so that we may inherit eternal life, through Jesus Christ our Lord,

C: Amen.

