



MEANINGLESS WITHOUT JESUS

11TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

St. John Evangelical Lutheran Church
4911 Brauer Road - Sturgeon Bay, WI 54235

Welcome to our worship service! In our services here at St. John we have two chief goals. Our first goal is to be built up in our faith through the only means God has given to us, the gospel found in God's Word and Sacraments. Our second goal is to give praise to God—Father, Son, & Holy Spirit—alone. As we seek these two goals we are equipped to carry out our mission—*Come, Grow, Live, and Share Christ!* May the Lord bless our worship today.

Guests

We welcome you to St. John with joy in our hearts that you chose to worship with us today! Instructions for worship are found in the bulletin and will be announced by pastor. There is a **cry room** in the back of church available for parents to calm and care for their children during the service. **Bathrooms** are located downstairs and to the left. A **changing table** is available in the women's bathroom. Should you have any other questions, please speak with one of the ushers or with pastor.

Today's Service

The order of service is called *Morning Praise*. It begins on page 45 in the red pew hymnal: *Christian Worship*. The hymns and psalm today can also be found in the hymnal.

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MORNING PRAISE

OPENING HYMN: *Seek Where You May to Find a Way* CW 395

Please stand and turn to page 45 in the front part of the hymnal.

FIRST LESSON: Ecclesiastes 1:2, 2:18-26

² “Meaningless! Meaningless!”
says the Teacher.
“Utterly meaningless!
Everything is meaningless.”

¹⁸I hated all the things I had toiled for under the sun, because I must leave them to the one who comes after me. ¹⁹And who knows whether he will be a wise man or a fool? Yet he will have control over all the work into which I have poured my effort and skill under the sun. This too is meaningless. ²⁰So my heart began to despair over all my toilsome labor under the sun. ²¹For a man may do his work with wisdom, knowledge and skill, and then he must leave all he owns to someone who has not worked

for it. This too is meaningless and a great misfortune. ²²What does a man get for all the toil and anxious striving with which he labors under the sun? ²³All his days his work is pain and grief; even at night his mind does not rest. This too is meaningless.

²⁴A man can do nothing better than to eat and drink and find satisfaction in his work. This too, I see, is from the hand of God, ²⁵for without him, who can eat or find enjoyment? ²⁶To the man who pleases him, God gives wisdom, knowledge and happiness, but to the sinner he gives the task of gathering and storing up wealth to hand it over to the one who pleases God. This too is meaningless, a chasing after the wind.

PSALM OF THE DAY: *Psalms 34* CW p. 80

SECOND LESSON: *James 5:1-11*

¹Now listen, you rich people, weep and wail because of the misery that is coming upon you. ²Your wealth has rotted, and moths have eaten your clothes. ³Your gold and silver are corroded. Their corrosion will testify

against you and eat your flesh like fire. You have hoarded wealth in the last days. ⁴Look! The wages you failed to pay the workmen who mowed your fields are crying out against you. The cries of the harvesters have reached

the ears of the Lord Almighty. ⁵You have lived on earth in luxury and self-indulgence. You have fattened yourselves in the day of slaughter. ⁶You have condemned and murdered innocent men, who were not opposing you.

⁷Be patient, then, brothers, until the Lord's coming. See how the farmer waits for the land to yield its valuable crop and how patient he is for the autumn and spring rains. ⁸You too, be patient and stand firm,

because the Lord's coming is near. ⁹Don't grumble against each other, brothers, or you will be judged. The Judge is standing at the door!

¹⁰Brothers, as an example of patience in the face of suffering, take the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord. ¹¹As you know, we consider blessed those who have persevered. You have heard of Job's perseverance and have seen what the Lord finally brought about. The Lord is full of compassion and mercy.

VERSE OF THE DAY: *John 14:23*

Alleluia. Jesus replied, "If anyone loves me, he will obey my teaching. My Father will love him, and we will come to him and make our home with him." Alleluia.

GOSPEL: *Luke 12:13-21*

¹³Someone in the crowd said to him, "Teacher, tell my brother to divide the inheritance with me."

¹⁴Jesus replied, "Man, who appointed me a judge or an arbiter between you?" ¹⁵Then he said to them, "Watch out! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; a man's life does not consist in the abundance of his possessions."

¹⁶And he told them this parable: "The ground of a certain rich man produced a good crop. ¹⁷He thought to himself, 'What shall I do? I have no place to store my crops.'

¹⁸"Then he said, 'This is what I'll do. I will tear down my barns and build bigger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods.

¹⁹And I'll say to myself, 'You have plenty of good things laid up for many years. Take life easy; eat, drink and be merry.' "

²⁰"But God said to him, 'You fool! This very night your life will be demanded from you. Then who will get what you have prepared for yourself?'

²¹"This is how it will be with anyone who stores up things for himself but is not rich toward God."

SERMON HYMN: *Brothers, Sisters, Let Us Gladly* CW 484:1-2

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE: In front of the sanctuary

SERMON HYMN: *Brothers, Sisters, Let Us Gladly* CW 484:3

SERMON TEXT: *Luke 12:13-21*

JUST ON LOAN

After the sermon, please stand and turn to page 48 in the hymnal as we sing the song "We Praise You, O God."

PRAYER OF THE DAY

O God, you reveal your mighty power chiefly in showing mercy and kindness. Grant us the full measure of your grace that we may obtain your promises and become partakers of your heavenly glory; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

CLOSING HYMN: *All Depends on Our Possessing* CW 421

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Our Shut-Ins—Betty Kiehnau, Ruth Stephan.

Jason Staats & Family, that the Lord would bless Jason and the rest of his division with safety and vigilance as they are now deployed to the Middle East. We also ask that the Lord bless and keep Nicole and the children while Jason serves our country and the people of Afghanistan.

Easton Grasse, (young grandson of David & Tamie Grasse), that the Lord would continue to bless Easton's progress with taking food by mouth so that he can move off of the feeding tube soon.

Gene Dennis, who is struggling with health issues, some of which are still undiagnosed.

Darlene Krauel, prayers of thanksgiving that she has been told the cancer is gone, that the Lord keep the cancer away and bless her continued recovery and further treatments.

Ruth Stephan, who was recently diagnosed with lung cancer.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Fish Boil

Our annual Fish Boil will be held on **Sunday, September 8th**. The boil will consist of trout, onions and baby red potatoes. There will also be hot dogs for those who don't care for fish. A free will offering will be gathered to help cover some of the costs of the meal (if needed). All other monies raised will be given to the Zion School Wish List Fund. Please see the three different signup sheets on the shelf below the mailboxes: 1) set up & clean up; 2) attendance; 3) food items.

Sunday School

Will begin on **Sunday, September 15**. Sunday School parents will soon be receiving a letter in the mail with information on the year and their classrooms.

This is (y)our life

The book of Ephesians is an incredibly practical book for Christians at every stage of life. Here we see what the Christian life looks like, and what it doesn't look like. Leading up until Christmas, we will explore Paul's letter to the Ephesians as if we were paging through a family photo album. We'll see how we were adopted into God's family (baby photos), how we're united into one family (group family picture). We'll also page through photos on our worship life, weddings, even military ID and more. This is your life! Yet, thankfully, because we're all in this together—this is OUR life! Join us starting on **Sunday, September 15** in the sanctuary for Bible Class.

Adopt-A-Soldier

We will be collecting items to send to Jason Staats through the Adopt-A-Soldier Organization until the end of August. Items that can be dropped off in the box under the large windows in the entryway: Licorice, Corn Nuts, Double-Bubble Gum, beef jerky, Starburst, K-cups of coffee, gum, Twix, M&Ms (regular & peanut). Other items you think they may need or want, not chocolate (besides the two mentioned, it's hot in the Middle East).

Church Mowing

The signup sheet is posted on the church bulletin board. Everything you need is provided for you in the church shed: riding lawnmower, trimmer, fuel. If more fuel is needed, please speak to Kevin Wilke or Pastor. Mowing and trimming includes lawn around the church, cemetery, and field.

ST. JOHN WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

August 25-26, 2019

Schedule

Monday 6:30 p.m. - Worship
Wednesday 6:30 a.m. - DC WELS Bible Class @ Wanda Jeans
Sunday 10:00 a.m. - Worship

Birthdays

Aug. 29- Valerie Bittorf, Lacey Haberli & Karley Schram; 30th-Eric Ott

Anniversaries

Missed last week: Aug. 23-Kevin and Tricia Wilke. Aug. 31-Brad and Teresa LaPlant

Altar Guild

Sept. 1-Jane Goggins; 2nd-Amber Enstad; 15th- Dorothy Magle; 16th-Mary Kramer

Ushering

August - Chas Gulley & Austin Gulley
September - Lynn Nelson & Paul Nelson

Communion Server

August - Ed Staats
September - Gene Dennis

Church Cleaning

Week beginning: Aug. 25th-Paul Magle Family; Sept. 2-Gordon Magle Family; 9th-Elmer Tanck Family; 16th-Ehlers/Grasse Family; 23rd-Wilke Family; 30th-Lynn Nelson Family; Oct. 7-Tomjanovich Family; 14th-Dean Schumacher Family; 21st-Barb Schaefer & Christine Polster; 28th-Annie Gilbert, Mary Kramer & Phyllis Simon

Scrip

Please remember that Scrip is available in our library before and after services. They are honored by many area businesses at face value, and a portion goes to our church. Gift boxes available.