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Lutheran Church & School

February 9th, 2020 ~ Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany

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PRELUDE: "Thy Strong Word"

John A. Behnke

(Text for meditation: See the Hymn of the Day)

OPENING HYMN: "O Holy Spirit, Enter In"

913



1 O Ho - ly Spir - it, en - ter in, And in our hearts
2 Give to Your Word im - pres - sive pow'r, That in our hearts
3 O might - y Rock, O Source of life, Let Your dear Word,



Your work be - gin, Your dwell - ing place now make us.
from this good hour As fire it may be glow - ing,
in doubt and strife, In us be strong - ly burn - ing



Sun of the soul, O Light di - vine, A - round and in
That in true Chris - tian u - ni - ty We faith - ful wit -
That we be faith - ful un - to death And live in love



us bright - ly shine, To joy and glad - ness wake us
ness - es may be, Your glo - ry ev - er show - ing.
and ho - ly faith, From You true wis - dom learn - ing.



That we may be Tru - ly liv - ing, To You giv - ing
Hear us, cheer us By Your teach - ing; Let our preach - ing
Your grace and peace On us show - er; By Your pow - er



Prayer un - ceas - ing And in love be still in - creas - ing.
And our la - bor Praise You, Lord, and serve our neigh - bor.
Christ con - fess - ing, Let us see our Sav - ior's bless - ing.

Stand

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

P In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

P Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

P Our help is in the name of the Lord,
C who made heaven and earth.
P I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,
C and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

P O almighty God, merciful Father,
C I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.
P Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C Amen.

SERVICE OF THE WORD

INTROIT

(Antiphon, Ps. 95:6-7; Ps. 95:1-3)

Come, let us worship and | bow down;*
 let us kneel before the LORD, our Maker, for he | is our God.
Oh, come, let us sing | to the LORD;*
 let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our sal- | vation!
 Let us come into his presence with thanks- | giving;*
 let us make a joyful noise to him with | songs of praise.
 For the LORD is a | great God,*
 and a great King a- | bove all gods.
 Glory be to the Father and | to the Son*
 and to the Holy | Spirit;
 as it was in the be- | ginning,*
 is now, and will be forever. | Amen.
 Come, let us worship and | bow down;*
 let us kneel before the LORD, our Maker, for he | is our God.

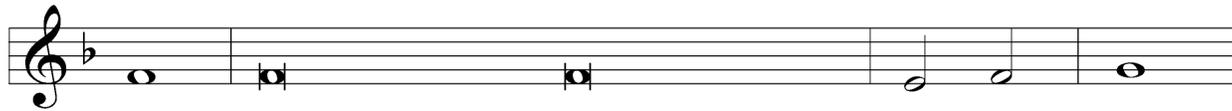
KYRIE

C Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -
 on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS



Glory be to God on high: and on earth peace, good - will toward



men. We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we wor - ship Thee,



we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory.



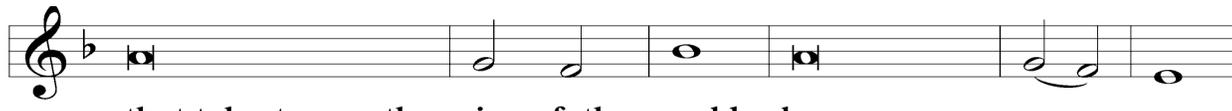
O Lord God, heav'n-ly King, God the Fa - ther Al - mighty.



O Lord, the only begotten Son, Je - sus Christ;



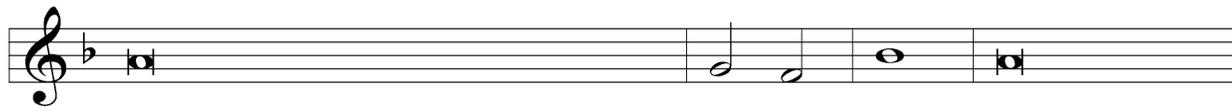
O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,



that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy up - on us.



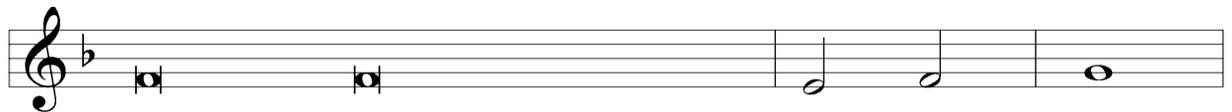
Thou that takest away the sin of the world, re - ceive our prayer.



Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy up -



on us. For Thou only art holy; Thou on - ly art the Lord.



Thou only, O Christ, with the Ho - ly Ghost,



art most high in the glory of God the Father. A - men.

SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.



C And with thy spir - it.

P Let us pray.

P O Lord, we implore You to keep Your Church and household continually in Your true religion that they who lean upon the hope of Your heavenly grace may evermore be defended by Your mighty power; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



C A - men.

Sit

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Isaiah 58:3-9a

‘Why have we fasted, and you see it not? Why have we humbled ourselves, and you take no knowledge of it?’ Behold, in the day of your fast you seek your own pleasure, and oppress all your workers. Behold, you fast only to quarrel and to fight and to hit with a wicked fist. Fasting like yours this day will not make your voice to be heard on high. Is such the fast that I choose, a day for a person to humble himself? Is it to bow down his head like a reed, and to spread sackcloth and ashes under him? Will you call this a fast, and a day acceptable to the LORD?

“Is not this the fast that I choose: to loose the bonds of wickedness, to undo the straps of the yoke, to let the oppressed go free, and to break every yoke? Is it not to share your bread with the hungry and bring the homeless poor into your house; when you see the naked, to cover him, and not to hide yourself from your own flesh? Then shall your light break forth like the dawn, and your healing shall spring up speedily; your righteousness shall go before you; the glory of the LORD shall be your rear guard. Then you shall call, and the LORD will answer; you shall cry, and he will say, ‘Here I am.’”

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

GRADUAL

Psalm 112

Praise the LORD! Blessèd is the man who | fears the LORD,*
who greatly delights in his com- | mandments!

His offspring will be mighty | in the land;*
the generation of the upright | will be blessed.

Wealth and riches are | in his house,*
and his righteousness endures for- | ever.

Light dawns in the darkness for the | upright;*
he is gracious, merciful, and | righteous.

It is well with the man who deals generous- | ly and lends; *
who conducts his affairs with | justice.

**For the righteous will nev- | er be moved; *
he will be remembered for- | ever.**

He is not afraid of | bad news; *
his heart is firm, trusting | in the LORD.

**His heart is steady; he will not | be afraid, *
until he looks in triumph on his adver- | saries.**

He has distributed freely; he has given to the poor; his righteousness endures for- | ever; *

his horn is exalted in | honor.

**The wicked man sees it and is angry; he gnashes his teeth and | melts
away; ***

the desire of the wicked will | perish!

EPISTLE 1

Corinthians 2:1-12

And I, when I came to you, brothers, did not come proclaiming to you the testimony of God with lofty speech or wisdom. For I decided to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ and him crucified. And I was with you in weakness and in fear and much trembling, and my speech and my message were not in plausible words of wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power, that your faith might not rest in the wisdom of men but in the power of God.

Yet among the mature we do impart wisdom, although it is not a wisdom of this age or of the rulers of this age, who are doomed to pass away. But we impart a secret and hidden wisdom of God, which God decreed before the ages for our glory. None of the rulers of this age understood this, for if they had, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory. But, as it is written, “What no eye has seen, nor ear heard, nor the heart of man imagined, what God has prepared for those who love him”—these things God has revealed to us through the Spirit. For the Spirit searches everything, even the depths of God. For who knows a person’s thoughts except the spirit of that person, which is in him? So also no one comprehends the thoughts of God except the Spirit of God. Now we have received not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit who is from God, that we might understand the things freely given us by God.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Stand

ALLELUIA



C Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia.

“I am the light of the world,” says the Lord. “Whoever follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life.”



Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia.

HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 5:13-20

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 5th chapter.



Glo - ry be to Thee, O Lord.

[Jesus said:] “You are the salt of the earth, but if salt has lost its taste, how shall its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything except to be thrown out and trampled under people’s feet.

“You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden. Nor do people light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a stand, and it gives light to all in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven.

“Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have not come to abolish them but to fulfill them. For truly, I say to you, until heaven and earth pass away, not an iota, not a dot, will pass from the Law until all is accomplished. Therefore whoever relaxes one of the least of these commandments and teaches others to do the same will be called least in the kingdom of heaven, but whoever does them and teaches them will be called great in the kingdom of heaven.

“For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

APOSTLES’ CREED

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

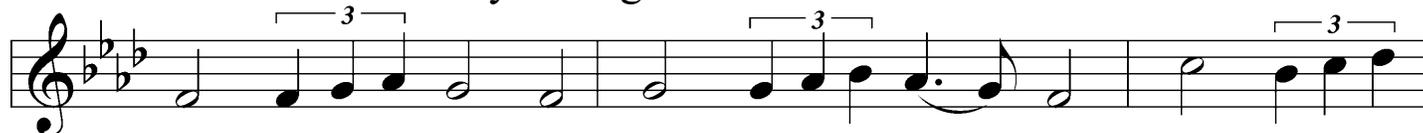
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

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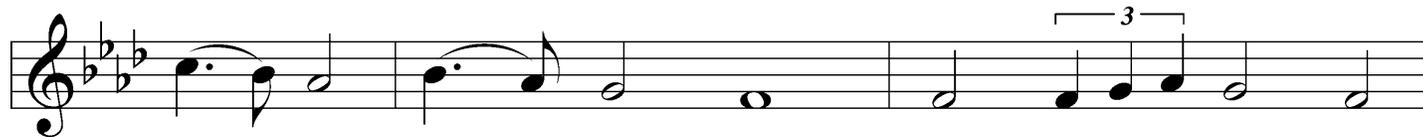
CHILDREN’S SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY: "Thy Strong Word"

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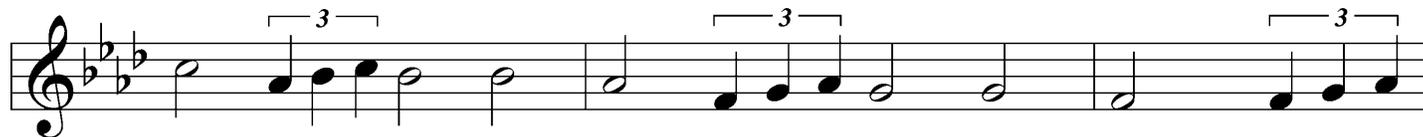
1 Thy strong word did cleave the dark - ness; At Thy
 2 Lo, on those who dwelt in dark - ness, Dark as
 3 Thy strong Word be - speaks us righ - teous; Bright with
 4 From the cross Thy wis - dom shin - ing Break - eth



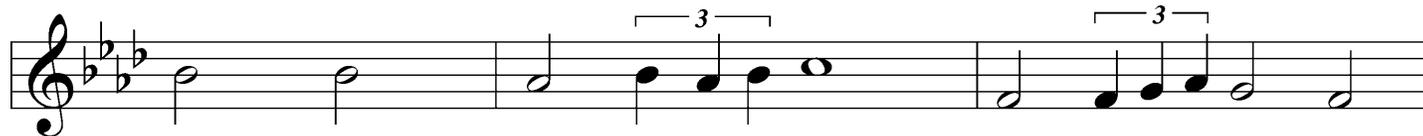
speaking it was done. For cre - at - ed
 night and deep as death, Broke the light of
 Thine own ho - li - ness, Glo - rious now, we
 forth in con - qu'ring might; From the cross for -



light we thank Thee, While Thine or - dered sea - sons run.
 Thy sal - va - tion, Breathed Thine own life - breath - ing breath.
 press toward glo - ry, And our lives our hopes con - fess.
 ev - er beam - eth All Thy bright re - deem - ing light.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Praise to
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Praise to
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Praise to
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Praise to



Thee who light dost send! Al - le - lu - ia,
 Thee who light dost send! Al - le - lu - ia,
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 Thee who light dost send! Al - le - lu - ia,



al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia with - out end!
 al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia with - out end!
 al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia with - out end!
 al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia with - out end!

5 Give us lips to sing Thy glory,
 Tongues Thy mercy to proclaim,
 Throats that shout the hope that fills us,
 Mouths to speak Thy holy name.
 Alleluia, alleluia!
 May the light which Thou dost send
 Fill our songs with alleluias,
 Alleluias without end!

△ 6 God the Father, light-creator,
 To Thee laud and honor be.
 To Thee, Light of Light begotten,
 Praise be sung eternally.
 Holy Spirit, light-revealer,
 Glory, glory be to Thee.
 Mortals, angels, now and ever
 Praise the holy Trinity!

SERMON

Stand

VOTIVE

☐ The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.

☑ Amen.

OFFERTORY



☑ Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -
 new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a -
 way from Thy pres - ence, and take not Thy Ho - ly Spir - it
 from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of Thy sal - va -
 tion, and up - hold me with Thy free spir - it. A - men.

Sit

OFFERING

Choir: "Blessed Are the Sons of God"

*Blessèd are the sons of God,
They are bought with Christ's own blood;
They are ransomed from the grave,
Life eternal they shall have:
With them numbered may we be
Here and in eternity!*

*They are justified by grace,
They enjoy the Savior's peace;
All their sins are washed away,
They shall stand in God's great Day:
With them numbered may we be
Here and in eternity!*

*They are lights upon the earth,
Children of a heav'nly birth;
One with God, with Jesus one;
Glory is in them begun:
With them numbered may we be
Here and in eternity!*

- Joseph Humphreys, 1743

Stand

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

SALUTATION AND BENEDICAMUS

P The Lord be with you.



CLOSING HYMN: "If Your Beloved Son, O God"

568



1 If Your be - lov - ed Son, O God, Had not to earth de -
2 But now I find sweet peace and rest; De - spair no more reigns
3 I trust in Him with all my heart; Now all my sor - row
4 All righ-teous-ness by works is vain; The Law brings con - dem -



scend - ed And in our mor - tal flesh and blood Had not sin's
o'er me. No more am I by sin op - pressed, For Christ has
ceas - es. His words a - bid - ing peace im - part; His blood from
na - tion. True righ-teous-ness by faith I gain; Christ's work is



pow - er end - ed, Then this poor, wretch-ed soul of mine In
borne sin for me. Up - on the cross for me He died That,
guilt re - leas - es. Free grace through Him I now ob - tain; He
my sal - va - tion. His death, that per - fect sac - ri - fice, Has



hell e - ter - nal - ly would pine Be - cause of my trans - gres - sion.
rec - on-ciled, I might a - bide With You, my God, for - ev - er.
wash-es me from ev - 'ry stain, And pure I stand be - fore Him.
paid the all - suf - fi - cient price; In Him my hope is an - chored.

△ 5 My guilt, O Father, You have laid
On Christ, Your Son, my Savior.
Lord Jesus, You my debt have paid
And gained for me God's favor.
O Holy Spirit, Fount of grace,
The good in me to You I trace;
In faith and hope preserve me.

POSTLUDE: "Thy Strong Word"

Charles W. Ore

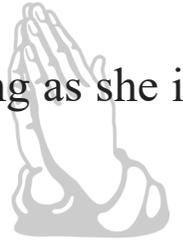
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In Our Prayers

Family of Kenny Morava: Passed away.

Deb Scarberry: (former St. John's teacher) Prayers of Thanksgiving as she is now home from the hospital.



Are you or someone you know looking for a babysitter?

Hello, my name is Grace Thieme!! I am Ryan Groh's fiancée! I just moved here and I will be here through the summer. If you ever need a babysitter, just give me a call or shoot me a text!!! I have worked at a preschool for the past three years, I am CPR certified, and I have experience babysitting all ages. My number is 573-397-3529! Thank you so much!



ATTENTION!!!

Voters Meeting

February 16, 2020

Following

Sunday School/Adult Bible Class

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*A proposed change to the Synod's constitution has been posted on the bulletin board asking all voters to review prior to the next Voter's meeting where it will be voted on by our congregation.*  
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LWML asks you to give them the t-shirt off your back

LWML's In As Much project for February will be to donate new or gently used t-shirts to Oklahoma City's City Rescue Mission. While mild weather has come in January, February and March are predicted to be colder months. Those who are homeless or spend extended time outside could use an extra layer of warmth. When summer hits, and less layers are needed, a t-shirt is just right on its own. Most of us have several t-shirts in a drawer that we rarely wear (perhaps forgot we owned) that could be an extra layer to someone else. LWML asks you to consider giving those who could use them the t-shirt off your back. T-shirts should be clean and free of stains, rips, or tears when donated. Place them in the baskets in the narthex. Thank you for your support of this important project.



ATTENTION!

Please Review the bids on the bulletin board before our February Voter's meeting so we can vote on a company to redo the Asphalt in our parking lots. We will be voting between Gorman Paving and Armor Asphalt. A little info:

Turning Point, Inc.

\$84,500.00

Northeast & Southwest Parking Lot Renovation. Layout & Stripe parking lots to originally specifications, removal of traffic control devices and clean up.

Also recommended \$10,300.00

Seal Coating Proposal (minimum of 6 months after resurfacing) With a new asphalt parking lot, the optimum time to apply the first seal of coating is 6 months after resurfacing, this allows time for the surface to cure.

Gorman Paving

Willing to attend board meeting if anyone has questions for him.

\$68,850.00

Covers the North parking lot, and the half of the school parking lot that needs to be replaced. Includes all paint to repaint stripes & yellow curbs.

OR \$17,200.00

For minimal work the parking lot would need to function. Includes patching low spots, filling in cracks, applying sealer to both lots and paint to repaint stripes & yellow curbs.

Armor Asphalt

\$79,492.15

Cover's both parking lots entirely (School and North parking lot). Includes all paint to repaint stripes & yellow curbs.

For all of the details checkout the bids on the bulletin board!



SCHOLARSHIPS

*And I heard the voice of the Lord saying,
"Whom shall I send,
and who will go for us?"
Then I said, "Here I am! Send me"
(Isaiah 6:8 ESV)*

Answering God's call is a weighty decision, especially when doing so means paying for education. To become a full-time church worker can be expensive. St. John's Lutheran Church has a scholarship fund available for members who plan to enter or are presently enrolled in an academic program leading to full-time church work. Scholarships are awarded annually prior to the start of the fall term. This year's application process will begin in March with a submission deadline of August 15. Scholarships will be awarded soon after that date. Scholarship amounts are completely dependent upon contributions from the members of St. John's Lutheran Church. Each year available funds will be divided equally between those who apply. Anyone who would like to contribute to the St. John's Church Worker Scholarship Fund is asked to write in the memo of their check prior to donating "Church Worker Scholarship Fund." Thank you for your financial support of our future church workers.

Get to know your church family

Get Involved, Make a Difference.

WHAT	WHEN	WHERE
Bible Study w/ Pastor Bersche	Sundays, 9:15am	Library
Grounded: Current Issues	Sundays, 9:15am	Library
Sunday School	Sundays, 9:15am	School
Youth Group	Sundays, 9:15am	School
Handbell Choir	Mondays, 5:45pm	Sanctuary
Choir	Mondays, 6:45pm	Choir Loft
Tuesday Night Bible Class	Tuesdays, 6:00pm (we skip the 1st Tuesday of each month)	Blanchard Hall
Senior Saints	2nd & 4th Tuesday each month	Blanchard Hall
WOW: Women of the Word	Tuesdays, 2:00pm	Library
LWML	1st Tuesday of the month, 7:00pm	Blanchard Hall
Mission Board	2nd Tuesday each month, 7:00pm	Library
Quilters	Wednesdays, 9:00am-11:00am	Blanchard Hall
Wednesday Bible Study	Wednesdays, 11:00am	Library
Young Adult Bible Study	Sundays, 09:15am	School
In Christ Alone Bible Study	Thursdays, 7:00pm	Varies
Men's Bible Study	3rd Saturday every month, 08:00am	Blanchard Hall

IF YOU'RE INTERESTED OR WOULD LIKE TO LEARN MORE PLEASE REFER TO THE BULLETIN BOARD IN THE WEST HALLWAY!

Happy Anniversary!

Happy Birthday!

February 2020

No Anniversaries

February 9th: Al Cardwell

February 13th: Bret Tollers

February 15th: Benjamin Christian, Dana Graumann

Missing Birthday or Anniversary? Email Lacy at: Lacy@stjohnsmoore.life
We may not have a Family Record Form on file or it may need to be updated.



Kitchen Project

We are needing approximately \$10K to complete the kitchen remodeling project. The additional funding will pay for a new stove, counter tops, exhaust hood, and hardware for the new kitchen cabinets. Please donate what you can to help us complete this project. Thank you for your support. We currently have \$1,744.45~*The Kitchen Committee*



ST. JOHN'S HEAT & AIR FUND

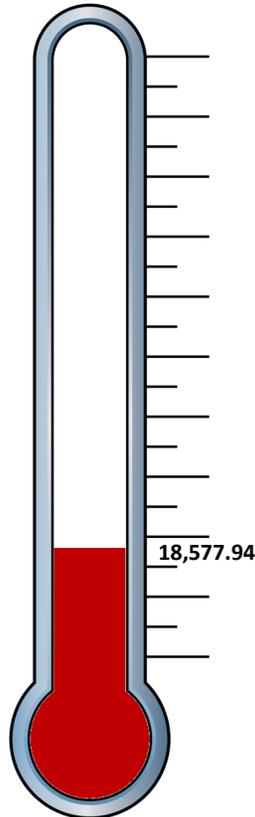
Several of our old heat and air units here at the church really need to be replaced as soon as possible, in order to do that \$61,300 will need to be collected and put into the heat and air fund. Considering we have about 125 active members, that would average to about \$500 per person. If you would like to donate please mark envelopes "St. John's heat & air fund"

Our current fund only has about \$18,577.94, but if systems don't get replaced soon that money will quickly get depleted as we pay to maintain our old heat & air units. Keep an eye on the bulletin for updates.

Please and Thank you!
~Ricco

GOAL!

\$61,300



ATTENDANCE

Wednesday, January 22nd

06:30pm: no record

Sunday, January 26th

09:00am: 114

Children's Sunday School: 7

STEWARDSHIP

Wednesday, January 15th

\$370.00

Sunday, January 19th

\$5,679.92

HAVING TROUBLE HEARING OUR WORSHIP SERVICE?

We have listening devices that will help you to concentrate on the worship service and also shut out surrounding noise distractions. If you would like to try one you may speak to Larry Urish, Beverly Eskew, or one of the Elders. They will be very happy to help you try a listening device at one of our worship services.

CHILDREN ARE WELCOME

A cry room with speakers is provided in the back of the sanctuary during both services.

ALTAR FLOWERS

See the sign up sheet on the main bulletin board. You may purchase one or two vases at \$20 each. Just fill out the envelope, include your payment and the dedication, then drop it in the collection plate. If needed, there are temporary containers in the Sacristy for you to borrow so that you may take flowers home. However, please remember to bring back our flower containers so that we may reuse them. Thank you!

St. John's Lutheran Church

For the Week of February 9th, 2020 - February 16th, 2020

Sunday

February 9th

Worship Service

09:00am, Sanctuary

Bible Study

Following the service

Young Adult Bible Study

Following the service

Children's Sunday School

Following the service

Monday

February 10th

Handbell Rehearsal

05:45pm, Sanctuary

Choir Rehearsal

06:45pm, Choir Loft

Sunday

February 16th

Worship Service: Communion

09:00am, Sanctuary

Bible Study

Following the service

Young Adult Bible Study

Following the service

Children's Sunday School

Following the service

Tuesday

February 11th

Tuesday Night Bible Study

06:00pm, Library

Wednesday

February 12th

School Chapel

09:00am, School Gym

Quilters

09:00am-11:00am, Blanchard Hall

Bible Study

Cancelled until further notice

Worship Service

06:30pm, Sanctuary

USHERS

1st Sunday of the Month

J. Groh, M. Mathews, C. Corey, S. Lake

2nd Sunday of the Month

M. Tolman, S. Frazier, C. Corey, L. Urish, J. Olson, S. Christopher, C. Karner

3rd Sunday of the Month

J. O'Laughlin, R. Barker, B. Baird, R. Brensdal, S. Reynolds, K. Wilson, R. Malson

4th Sunday of the Month

R. Picione, P. Shurow, G. Hinrichs, L. Grummer, T. Kuter

Floater

R. Harpham & F. Reichert

ALTAR GUILD

Wendy Bersche, Dawn Brouwer,
Kathleen Peck



Save the Date for VBS

June 22nd - 25th from 6-8pm.

Watch the bulletin for
more info

We are asking for Empty Paper Towel rolls for a Vacation Bible School craft project. We have placed a box in the Narthex for these.

Our Sunday School Children will be singing February 23rd!