



**Sunday School 2021/2022.** We are in need of a supervisor/teacher for the 2021/2022 school year. If no one is willing or able to fill this position for next year, Sunday School will not be able to return. If you are interested please contact Pastor (phone numbers and e-mail address is on the front of the bulletin). Please consider if God can use you for this important ministry.

**Watering the Grass** at St. John's will be getting automated in the near future. The Voters' Assembly decided to pursue an automated sprinkler system and will be gathering estimates to be voted on at the next assembly.

**Life thought from Lutherans For Life:** Many in the world and some in the churches won't listen to the sanctity of human life. It doesn't mean we've failed. Both Ezekiel (Ezekiel 2:5) and Jesus (Mark 6:3) experienced rejection. So, we may borrow their boldness. The Lord perfects His power (2 Corinthians 12:9) even in surprise pregnancy or terminal diagnosis. His creating, redeeming, and calling grace prevails in our weakness as well. And all ages, appearances, and abilities will know He Himself has been among them.

**Orphan Grain Train Christmas Boxes** are being gathered now. Their goal this year is to share another 1500 gift boxes through Orphan Grain Train so even more children can hear the Christmas story. You can help them fill these boxes using monetary gifts or donations of clothes and toys. Each box contains a t-shirt, socks, underwear, coloring book, stickers, crayons, ball, toothbrush, stuffed animal, and toy. The boxes are for children ages 2 to 12. They are collecting new underwear, new socks, 24 count boxes of crayons, coloring books, pages of stickers, plastic and rubber balls, and toothbrushes in individual packages. Used items to be donated include t-shirts, stuffed animals, and toys including dolls, Barbies, blocks (Legos, Duplos, wooden), and children's puzzles. Items and monetary donations (marked "Grace Lutheran Christmas Box Project") can be sent to Grace Lutheran Church or Orphan Grain Train, Norfolk, NE. Donations will be collected through July 31<sup>st</sup>. If you have any questions or would like to help pack the boxes, contact Kelly Asbury at 402-371-3521.

**Three-year Bible reading guide** Each day's reading in the three-year guide includes Old and New Testament selections as well as a psalm or part of a psalm. The reader who follows the guide will read through the entire Old Testament once and the New Testament twice over the three-year period, with the Book of Psalms being read in full twice each year. Certain church festivals such as Christmas, Easter and Pentecost have readings appointed for the specific occasion. Also included are weekly Luther readings from *Luther on the Scriptures* by Johann Michael Reu. The reading guide and schedules are available for free download at [lcms.org/bible-reading-schedule-2021-to-2023](https://lcms.org/bible-reading-schedule-2021-to-2023). This guide is a different guide from our Week in the Word insert, but whichever guide you follow, it's a great benefit to be in God's Word.

#### **Those desiring long term prayers:**



*John Clark (Grandson of Bob & Jere Schwartzkopf), Floyd Dunbar, Randy Cain, Cheryl Weekly & family (Francis Mares daughter), Paul Cain, Laura Knight (Francis Mares's sister), Sam Lee, Mick Scarlett, Frances Mares, Matthew Ropers (Grandson of Dolores Ropers) Howard Lee, Pastor John Ryding, Judy Steimle (friends of Kenn & Jan Stobbe), Roger & Deb Stevenson (friends of Bob & Jere Schwartzkopf), Darlene Shermo, Evelyn Detlefsen (Resident of CMHC), Jodi Sonneman (Sister of John Hansen)*

#### **Those desiring short term prayers:**

*Vern Perrot, Velma Cain, Mary Milkman and our medical professionals as they continue to work many extra hours and shifts at this time.*

#### **Those serving in the military:**

**Eric Donner, Tom Ziegler, Rebecca Fines, Brandon Kammerer, and Tate Phillipps**

## Service Outline:

Opening Hymn: 550 “Lamb of God”

Confession and Absolution, pg. 203

Introit

Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good!

**Blessed is the man who takes refuge in him!**

For the Lord has chosen Zion;

**He has desired it for his dwelling place:**

“This is my resting place forever;

**Here I will dwell, for I have desired it.**

I will abundantly bless her provisions;

**I will satisfy her poor with bread.**

Her priests I will clothe with salvation,

**And her saints will shout for joy.”**

**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.**

Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good!

**Blessed is the man who takes refuge in him!**

Kyrie/Gloria in Excelsis pg. 204

Collect/Readings

*Old Testament Lesson: Ezekiel 2:1 – 5*

*Epistle Lesson: 2<sup>nd</sup> Corinthians 12:1 – 10*

*Gospel Lesson: Mark 6:1 – 13*

Hymn of the Day: 531 “Hail, Thou Once Despised Jesus”

Sermon: “Who Is This Jesus?”

Sermon Text: Mark 6:1 – 13

Apostles’ Creed, pg. 207

Prayers of the Church

**P** let us pray to the Lord:

**G Lord, have mercy.**

Offertory: 545 “Word of God, Come Down on Earth”

\*\*At this point the stream will be cut off, and communion will be offered to those physically present. For those who are streaming, here is a recommended conclusion to today’s service for the head of the household to lead\*\*

**L**: Let us pray,

Blessed Lord, You have caused all Holy Scriptures to be written for our learning. Grant that we may so hear them, read, mark, learn, and take them to heart that, by the patience and comfort of Your holy Word, we embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who taught us to pray ...

**G: 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.**

**L**: The grace of our Lord † Jesus Christ and the love of god and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with us all.

**G: Amen.**