

“One body in Christ, Growing, Living and Sharing God’s Love”



## **Drive-in Worship Sunday**

**September 27<sup>th</sup> 10 AM**

### **What to expect when you worship, drive-in style---**

- Try to come early to accommodate parking.
- Plan to enter the Drive-In Worship via Fremont Ave/Cty. Rd. 4 and exit from the East [Fellowship Hall] side of the building.
- We love you and want to see you, but please, if you have any COVID-19 symptoms (cough, fever, shortness of breath, fatigue, muscle or body aches, headache, loss of taste or smell, diarrhea, etc.) join us for worship online via our Facebook Page: [St. John Facebook Page](#)
- Sound will be completely controllable by you! We will broadcast via your FM radio in your vehicle. Tune to FM 105.7 in the parking lot.
- The order of worship is available to you via your mobile [in this email] & on our website: [St. John website](#)
- We will have a no-contact offering option, but we encourage everyone to please consider electronic giving.
- It is wonderful to see everyone...and so tempting to get out of our cars to say “hi”, but we Lutherans know how to avoid temptation, so we will stay in our vehicles.

- We will celebrate Holy Communion in our vehicles. [It is a *safe* bet that Luther never could have imagined it, even though he was a forward-thinking guy!]
- It is Kick Off Sunday too, so plan to wear your favorite team's colors, just for fun.
- If you have Sunday School age kids, we encourage you to go to the web-site and register for *Takin it Home Sunday School*. Not only does this register you for Sunday School, it assures that we have the correct information to keep in touch with you during COVID19.

## Update on in-sanctuary Worship Services

*"It is not as simple as unlocking the doors and letting people back into the building."*

St. John has a safety task force in place to work on the steps to move us back to in-person worship as soon as we can safely do so. We have several guidelines to follow and benchmarks to meet before we return to in-person worship safely. With an uptick in the # of cases in our immediate area, we will not be returning to the Sanctuary in September. We will reevaluate the situation in 30 days. Online worship continues every Sunday. Drive-in worship on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays. This situation changes rapidly, please follow information in this newsletter and our website

[St. John website](#)

## Resources for Faith Building @ Home



**Kids at home? Wondering about Sunday School? Come & get your Blessing Bag for Takin' it Home Sunday School this weekend!**

**We have another fantastic resource for you. It is called Faith Finders Fun!**

This is an online version of Sunday School. Families can choose the videos that fit their schedule best. These recordings are teaching moments/recordings by ELCA pastors for your children! Over 120 recordings to choose from for any day of the week. Click on the link below:

[Faith Finders at Home](#)

## How to get your weekly offering to the church



Please consider signing up for scheduled giving. Scheduled giving is done electronically, and you are in complete control of how much you give, how often you give, and you can easily change every week if you choose to.

- 1/ Give via mobile app [ **GIVE+** ]
- 2/ Give electronically either through your own bank or the St. John website [St. John website](#) [this function is under construction on our website. It will be back soon!].
- 3/ Mail your weekly offering to 13045 Fremont Ave. Zimmerman, 55398

*Thank you!*

## G.P.S. MIDWEEK DEVOTIONS

Take some time, during your demand-filled week to be reminded of God's Peace.

*G.P.S.---"God's Peace Surrounds" is Pastor Kari's mid-week devotion for you. Join on St. John's Facebook Page-- [www.facebook.com/greenchurch1897](http://www.facebook.com/greenchurch1897)*

*Wednesdays at 7 pm.*

## CONFIRMATION FOR OUR 10<sup>TH</sup> GRADERS

## PARENTS & STUDENTS

Confirmation service **Reformation Sunday, October 25<sup>th</sup>**. At our meeting this week, parents and students opted for a drive-in worship service option on the 25<sup>th</sup>. We look forward to celebrating with our brand new 10<sup>th</sup> Graders and their families at this special worship service.

Your Faith Packets were emailed last Spring--- Packets, Sermon Notes, Acts of Kindness are due ~~September 23<sup>rd</sup>~~ — **October 21<sup>st</sup> due date extended**. More information is on the website, under the Confirmation tab.

**reminder**

Confirmation Classes—7-9<sup>th</sup> Graders & Parents—*Info Sessions*

7<sup>th</sup> Graders—*What's new?* Wednesday, September 30<sup>th</sup> at 6 PM

Parents & Students this is an exciting new start! Join the Zoom meeting to find out more.

[Join Meeting](#) ← Simply click link or call: 1-312-626-6799 Meeting ID 519-114-0024

8<sup>th</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup> Graders—*What about us?* Wednesday, September 30<sup>th</sup> at 6:45 PM

Parents & Students this is a different kind of year. Join the Zoom meeting for Q & A.

[Join Meeting](#)

← Simply click link or call: 1-312-626-6799 Meeting ID 519-114-0024

This Zoom information is also on the St. John website: [St. John Website](#)

If you do not know how to use Zoom, we are happy to help you learn this easy technology. Call 763-856-4561 or find out more here: [How to ZOOM](#) or if you prefer a video how-to, click here: [How to Join a Zoom Meeting](#)

## BE A PART OF BRINGING US BACK TOGETHER

**WE NEED YOUR HELP!** We need to know if we have families and individuals willing to help sanitize rooms and materials used if/when we are back to in-person Sunday School, Confirmation, and Worship. Our church is us working together! We can't offer these programs without your good help. Call 763-856-4561 or email [churchoffice@green-church.org](mailto:churchoffice@green-church.org) to let us know you are willing to be a part of bringing us back together! Please let us know now so we can plan for ahead.

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**We miss you!**

Deadline for weekly newsletter submissions is 12Noon on Wednesdays, please submit to [churchoffice@green-church.org](mailto:churchoffice@green-church.org). Subject line: Newsletter

**We can't wait to see you again!**

“This is the Day the LORD has made, let us rejoice and be glad in it!”



**Order for Worship Sunday, September 27**

On your FM radio in the parking lot 105.7

On line @ our Facebook Page [Click Here St. John Facebook Page](#)

**JESUS LOVE ME AND JESUS LOVE YOU**

Jesus loves me, this I know, for the Bible tells me so. Little ones to Him belong, they are weak, but He is strong. Yes, Jesus loves me, Yes Jesus loves me, Yes, Jesus loves me! The Bible tells me so.

Jesus loves you, this I know, for the Bible tells me so. Little ones to Him belong, they are weak, but He is strong. Yes, Jesus loves you, Yes Jesus loves you, Yes, Jesus loves you! The Bible tells me so.

**THE BIBLE**

The B-I-B-L-E, yes, that’s the book for me! I stand alone on the word of God, the B-I-B-L-E!

**THIS LITTLE LIGHT OF MINE**

This little light of mine, I’m gonna let it shine, this little light of mine, I’m gonna let it shine, let it shine [x3]

Additional verses; Hide it under a bushel: NO!

Shine all over Zimmerman, I’m gonna let it shine

Shine cuz of our Baptism, we’re gonna let it shine!

**Welcome and Announcements**

**Kick-off Sunday**

**Invocation and Litany**

(from Psalm 121:1-4, 7-8)

P: In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit. **C: Amen.**

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. *(2 Corinthians 13:13)*

**C: And also with you.**

P: You are the treasured people of the Lord,

**C: a people holy to the Lord our God.**

P: Keep the words of the Lord in your heart; teach them to your children.

**C: Talk about them when you are at home and when you are away, when you lie down and when you rise.**

P: One does not live by bread alone,

**C: but by every word that comes from the mouth of the Lord.** *(Deuteronomy 26, 11, 8)*

## Confession and Forgiveness

P: Let us confess our sins to God and ask his forgiveness for the sake of Jesus our Savior.

**C: Almighty God, we have sinned against you in our thoughts, words and actions. We do not love you or share your love with others as we should. We put our needs ahead of the needs of others. We listen to your Word but then turn away to follow our own way. Have mercy on us and forgive our sins.**

P: God, in mercy, sent his Son to be our Savior. Jesus carried our sins in to the cross. He rose from the dead, and through faith in his name we have the hope and promise of eternal life. I announce to you that your sins are forgiven in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

## Opening Song

## Open Up the Heavens

Verse 1

We've waited for this day  
We're gathered in Your Name  
Calling out to You

Your glory like a fire  
awakening desire  
Will burn our hearts with truth

You're the reason we're here  
You're the reason we're singing

Chorus 1

Open up the heavens  
we want to see You  
Open up the floodgates  
a mighty river

Flowing from Your heart  
Filling every part of our praise

Verse 2

Your presence in this place  
Your glory on our face  
We're looking to the sky

Descending like a cloud  
You're standing with us now  
Lord unveil our eyes

You're the reason we're here  
You're the reason we're singing

Open up the heavens we want to see  
You  
Open up the floodgates a mighty  
river  
Flowing from Your heart  
Filling every part of our praise

Bridge

Show us show us Your glory  
Show us show us Your power  
Show us show us Your glory Lord

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Show us show us Your glory Lord  
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## Prayer of the Day

P: O Lord God, you teach us that without love, our actions gain nothing. Pour into our hearts your most excellent gift of love, that, made alive by your Spirit, we may extend your blessings, kindness and peace to others, through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **C: Amen**

## Scripture Readings

Psalms 103:(1-7), 8-13

P: Bless the LORD, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless his holy name.

**C: Bless the LORD, O my soul, and do not forget all his benefits—**

P: It is He who forgives all your iniquity, who heals all your diseases, who redeems your life from the Pit, who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy, who satisfies you with good as long as you live so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's.

**C: The LORD is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.**

P: He will not always accuse, nor will he keep his anger forever.

**C: He does not deal with us according to our sins, nor repay us according to our iniquities.**

P: For as the heavens are high above the earth, so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him; as far as the east is from the west, so far he removes our transgressions from us.

**C: As a father has compassion for his children, so the LORD has compassion for those who fear him.**

## The Holy Gospel

*After the reading:*

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

**C: Praise to you, O Christ.**

**A Word for Today**

**“Bless You”**

**Pastor K**

**Blessing Bags for Takin’ it Home Sunday School**

**Pastor, Michelle, Jennifer**

**Song for Today**

**Amazing Grace**

1/ Grace, how sweet the sound, that saved a soul like me.  
I once was lost but now am found, was blind, but now I see.

2/ T’was grace that taught my heart to fear, and grace my fears relieved,  
how precious did that grace appear, the hour I first believed.

3/ Through many dangers, toils, and snares, I have already come;  
Tis grace has brought me safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.

4/ The LORD has promised good to me, His word my hope secures; He will my shield and  
portion be, as long as life endures.

## Statement of Common Christian Faith

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried.**

**He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

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

**Prayers** each prayer will end with: "Lord in your mercy"; please respond: "Hear our prayer."

Confident of your care and helped by the Holy Spirit, we pray for the church, the world, and all who are in need. *A brief silence.*

P: Lord, in your mercy **C: hear our prayer.**

Please pray for: The family of Joey Sanborn, as they prepare for a service of celebration of life on Saturday, October 3<sup>rd</sup>. Joey died on August 8<sup>th</sup>. His services will be held at Williams Dingmann Funeral Home in Princeton at 12:30 pm on 10/03/20, which is Joey's 14<sup>th</sup> birthday.

Also pray for: Delores, Mason, Bryson, Rocky, Kaye and several St. John families who have been quarantined...

## The Sacrament of Holy Communion

We will all take the bread and the wine together, after the Lord's Prayer. Pastor will let you know when.

## Lord's Prayer

**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. 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.**

## Receive Holy Communion

Wait for Pastor to proclaim: "This is the body of Christ, given for you" ---then eat the bread/wafer

Wait for Pastor to proclaim: "This is the blood of Christ, shed for you" ---then drink the wine/juice

## Blessing (Romans 15)

P: May the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ fill you with every spiritual blessing. **C: Amen.**

P: May the God of faithfulness and encouragement grant you to live in harmony with one another, in accordance with Christ Jesus. **C: Amen**

P: May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit. **C: Amen**

## Benediction

P: May the LORD bless you and keep you. May the LORD make his face to shine upon you and be gracious unto you. May the LORD look upon you with his favor, and grant you his peace. In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen. Go forth in Peace, to serve our Lord!

**C: Amen. Thanks be to God!**

## Song **Go, My Children, with My Blessing**

text: Jaroslav Vajda/tune: welsch

Go, my children, with my blessing, never alone. Waking, sleeping, I am with you, you are my own. In my love's baptismal river, I have made you mine forever. God, my children, with my blessing, you are my own.

Go, my children, sins forgiven, at peace and pure.

Here you learned how much I love you, what I can cure. Here you heard my dear Son's story, here you touched him, saw his glory. Go, my children, sins forgiven, at peace and pure.

Go, my children, fed and nourished, closer to me.

Grow in love and love by serving, joyful and free. Here my Spirit's power filled you, here my tender comfort stilled you. Go, my children, fed and nourished, joyful and free. I the LORD will bless and keep you, and give you peace. I the LORD will smile upon you, and give you peace. I the LORD will be your Father, Saviour, Comforter, and Brother, Go, my children, I will keep you and give you peace.

## **October Worship Schedule**

Every Sunday at 10 AM and Every Wednesday at 7 PM G.P.S.—God's Peace Surrounds--midweek service, on-line

### **04—On-line**

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### **11—Drive-in & On-line**

November Blessing Bags handed out!

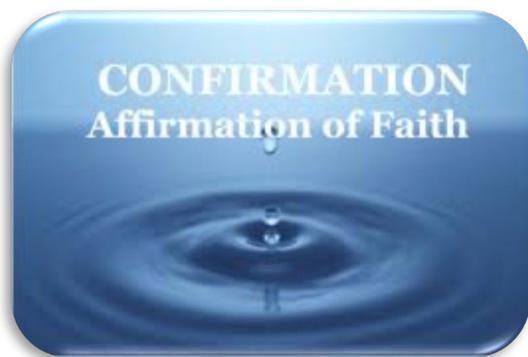
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### **18—On-line**

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### **25—Affirmation of Baptism! Confirmation**

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The families of our Confirmands have chosen the option of a Drive-in worship service for Confirmation. We are so excited for our 10<sup>th</sup> graders & their families!! Normally, we encourage you all to worship & celebrate with the Confirmands. This year is a bit different. Because of limited space in our parking lot, we are asking most St. John members to worship from home, on-line, on the 25<sup>th</sup>.

**We miss you!**

The office will not be open this Monday, due to a funeral. The main office is staffed this week from Tuesday-Thursday from 10:30 AM to 4 PM. And Friday from 10:30 AM-2PM