

# St. John Evangelical Lutheran Congregation of Schwer

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Our mission is to know, love, and follow Jesus that His Kingdom will be advanced.

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Prelude Tracy Scherf & Nola Wagner

Ring of the Bell

Welcome and Announcements

Invocation

Prayer over Students leaving for college

Call to Worship Psalm 8

Opening Prayer

**Opening Hymn: I Saw the Light**

Confession of Sins: Kyrie p.2

Declaration of Grace

**Old Testament Lesson: Isaiah 29:17-24**

Is it not yet a very little while until Lebanon shall be turned into a fruitful field, and the fruitful field shall be regarded as a forest? **18** In that day the deaf shall hear the words of a book, and out of their gloom and darkness the eyes of the blind shall see. **19** The meek shall obtain fresh joy in the LORD, and the poor among mankind shall exult in the Holy One of Israel. **20** For the ruthless shall come to nothing and the scoffer cease, and all who watch to do evil shall be cut off, **21** who by a word make a man out to be an offender, and lay a snare for him who reproves in the gate, and with an empty plea turn aside him who is in the right. **22** Therefore thus says the LORD, who redeemed Abraham, concerning the house of Jacob: "Jacob shall no more be ashamed, no more shall his face grow pale. **23** For when he sees his children, the work of my hands, in his midst, they will sanctify my name; they will sanctify the Holy One of Jacob and will stand in awe of the God of Israel. **24** And those who go astray in spirit will come to understanding, and those who murmur will accept instruction."

**New Testament Lesson: 2 Corinthians 3:4-11**

Such is the confidence that we have through Christ toward God. **5** Not that we are sufficient in ourselves to claim anything as coming from us, but our sufficiency is from God, **6** who has made us sufficient to be ministers of a new covenant, not of the letter but of the Spirit. For the letter kills, but the Spirit gives life. **7** Now if the ministry of death, carved in letters on stone, came with such glory that the Israelites could not gaze at Moses' face because of its glory, which was being brought to an end, **8** will not the ministry of the Spirit have even more glory? **9** For if there was glory in the

ministry of condemnation, the ministry of righteousness must far exceed it in glory. **10** Indeed, in this case, what once had glory has come to have no glory at all, because of the glory that surpasses it. **11** For if what was being brought to an end came with glory, much more will what is permanent have glory.

**Gospel Lesson: Mark 7:31-37**

Then he returned from the region of Tyre and went through Sidon to the Sea of Galilee, in the region of the Decapolis. **32** And they brought to him a man who was deaf and had a speech impediment, and they begged him to lay his hand on him. **33** And taking him aside from the crowd privately, he put his fingers into his ears, and after spitting touched his tongue. **34** And looking up to heaven, he sighed and said to him, "Ephphatha," that is, "Be opened." **35** And his ears were opened, his tongue was released, and he spoke plainly. **36** And Jesus charged them to tell no one. But the more he charged them, the more zealously they proclaimed it. **37** And they were astonished beyond measure, saying, "He has done all things well. He even makes the deaf hear and the mute speak."

Here ends the reading of God's Word.

**Congregation sings: God be praised for His glad tidings.**

Confession of Faith Apostles Creed Gloria Patri p. 4

Children's Message

**Hymn: Just a Closer Walk with Thee #779**

Message Title: A Sight to Behold  
Message Text: Genesis 28:10-22 (NASB)

Prayer & The Lord's Prayer

Benediction

**Closing Hymn: Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee #197**

Go in peace and serve the Lord  
**Thanks be to God!**

## This Week's Prayer Guide

### Shut-ins:

**Those in need of Healing:** Bill Adsit, Mike Adsit, Bob Buhr, Alan Carley, Pamela Breymeyer, Juanita Geiken, Phyllis Gibson, Norm Hansen, Pastor Steve Jensen, Ron Knapp, Matt Kreeb, Ken Lehmann, Viola Lucht, Diane Nehls, Elaine Reiners, Eunice Reiners, Michael Schaumburg, Tim Schaumburg, Ty Schaumburg and Delbert Weaver

**Cradle Roll:** Braxton Grabow, Elle Heeren, Alana Jensen, Kennedy Pickett, Jameson Rogers, Charlotte and JoyAnna Steiner, Vivian Swalls, Riley Summer, and Austin Wilson

**Church Council:** Keith Roth, Quentin Schaumburg, Darrin Kregel, Steve Lehmann and Lynn Reiners

### Pray for our Government

Pray for World leaders and those in authority

Pray for our US Military and their families

Pray for teachers (and everyone else in the education system), parents and especially the students

Pray for our Sunday School teachers

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**Announcements**

**8-30-2020**  
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--Sunday School Teacher appreciation dinner today. Everyone welcome

--I would like to thank everyone for the prayers, cards, calls, and texts that I received after my fall and surgery. It was greatly appreciated thanks again.  
Verna Roth

--Offering today is for the Schwer Student Aid Fund

-- Jr. Youth group and FLY today at 6:30 pm

--Tomorrow is Sewing/Blanket Project Day. We are not planning a potluck for lunch, instead everyone encouraged to bring a sack lunch.

--Men's Bible Study on Tuesday Sept 1 at 6:30 am.

--Adult Bible study this Wednesday Sept 2 on Live-feed & Facebook at 7 pm.

--Next Sunday September 6 Sunday School at 9 am. Worship with Communion \$ General Fund will start at 10 am also on Live-feed and Facebook.

--Cemetery and grounds cleanup is schedule for Saturday September 12 at 8 am. If anyone wants to keep cemetery decorations, please have them removed before then. Rain date is September 19.

--Mission Festival is Sunday September 20. Pastor Jim Johnson will be the speaker this year. Morning Worship will begin at 10 am. Potluck lunch at 11:30 am. Afternoon Service will begin at 1 pm. offering for the day will be divided between Home/World Missions.

--Since the Fall Festival will not be held this year due to Covid- 19, Prairieview Lutheran Home is sponsoring a carry-out fish fry on Friday, September 11, from 11 am - 2 pm and from 4 - 7 pm. You can order and pick up complete dinners from without ever leaving your car. Seating will be available outside and an area for walk-up orders if you'd rather. These dinners can be paid for by free-will donation and include a fish sandwich, coleslaw, chips, and 2 cookies. Want to help serve or fry fish? See details on the bulletin board for details, worker requirements and forms.

--Donations of school supplies can be deposited in the marked containers, especially needed are #2 pencils, notebooks, colored pencils, crayons, Kleenex and folders.

--The Water Improvement Project: Water jug (missions) in the entryway has plenty of room for monetary donations.

-- Attendance on August 23 was 57

--Pick up your September calendar

