

# St. John's Lutheran Church

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**October 6, 2024**

**11:00 a.m. WORSHIP SERVICE**



St. John's Lutheran Church is part of the North American Lutheran Church in America. We welcome you and are glad you are participating in the Service of the Word this morning as we celebrate the **Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost**. Please register your attendance in the blue pad at the end of the pew. HOLY COMMUNION is celebrated the first and third Sundays of each month and on Festival Sundays. All who are baptized and believe that Christ is truly present in the Lord's Supper are invited to receive this Sacrament with us.

*Prayer upon entering God's House:*

*Father, whatever stage of life we are in – infant, child, adult, elder – we know we can turn to You for comfort. Thank you for our life, may we use it to serve and honor You. Amen.*

**PRELUDE**

*“Variations on an American”*

*Hymn tune. Young*

**\*BRIEF ORDER FOR CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

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

**C** Amen

**P** Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of Your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love You and worthily magnify Your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**C** Amen

**P** If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

*Silence for self-examination.*

**P** Most merciful God,

**C** **we confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways, to the glory of Your holy name. Amen**

**P** Almighty God, in His mercy, has given His Son to die for us and, for His sake, forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen

**\*OPENING HYMN**

*“Crown Him with Many Crowns”*

*LBW 170*

**\*GREETING**

**P** The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**C** **And also with you.**





☩ Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us



free to be peo - ple of God. Pow - er and rich - es and wis - dom and



strength, and hon - or and bless - ing and glo - ry are his.



This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God. Al - le - lu - ia.



Sing with all the peo - ple of God and join in the



hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless - ing and hon - or and glo - ry and



might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.

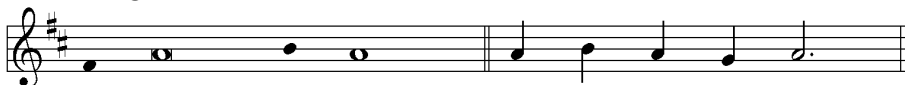


This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God, for the Lamb who was slain



has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

### \*PRAYER OF THE DAY



☩ The Lord be with you. ☩ And al - so with you.

**P** Let us pray.

Our Lord Jesus, You have endured the doubts and foolish questions of every generation. Forgive us for trying to be judge over You, and grant us the confident faith to acknowledge You as Lord.

**AMEN**

## FIRST LESSON:

## GENESIS 2:18-24

**A** The First Lesson is from the second chapter of Genesis.

<sup>18</sup> Then the LORD God said, "It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him a helper fit for him." <sup>19</sup> Now out of the ground the LORD God had formed every beast of the field and every bird of the heavens and brought them to the man to see what he would call them. And whatever the man called every living creature, that was its name.

<sup>20</sup> The man gave names to all livestock and to the birds of the heavens and to every beast of the field. But for Adam there was not found a helper fit for him. <sup>21</sup> So the LORD God caused a deep sleep to fall upon the man, and while he slept took one of his ribs and closed up its place with flesh. <sup>22</sup> And the rib that the LORD God had taken from the man he made into a woman and brought her to the man. <sup>23</sup> Then the man said, "This at last is bone of my bones

and flesh of my flesh;

she shall be called Woman,

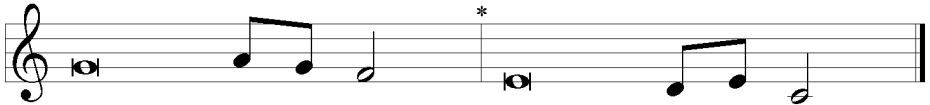
because she was taken out of Man."

<sup>24</sup> Therefore a man shall leave his father and his mother and hold fast to his wife, and they shall become one flesh.

**A** Here ends the reading.

## PSALM:

## Psalm 8



O | LORD our LORD,\*

how exalted is Your name in | all the world!

**<sup>2</sup>Out of the mouths of in- | fants and children\***

**Your majesty is praised a- | bove the heavens.**

<sup>3</sup>You have set up a stronghold against Your | adversaries,\*  
to quell the enemy and | the avenger.

**<sup>4</sup>When I consider Your heavens, the work | of Your fingers,\*  
the moon and the stars You have set | in their courses,**

<sup>5</sup>what is man that You should be mind- | ful of him,\*  
the son of man that You should | seek him out?

**<sup>6</sup>You have made him but little lower | than the angels;\***

**You adorn him with glo- | ry and honor;**

<sup>7</sup>You give him mastery over the works | of Your hands;\*  
You put all things un- | der his feet:

**<sup>8</sup>all | sheep and oxen,\***

**even the wild beasts | of the field,**

<sup>9</sup>the birds of the air, the fish | of the sea,\*  
and whatsoever walks in the paths | of the sea.

**<sup>10</sup>O | LORD our LORD,\***

**how exalted is Your name in | all the world!**

## SECOND LESSON:

## HEBREWS 1:1-4; 2:5-12

**A** The Second Lesson is from the first & second chapters of Hebrews.

Long ago, at many times and in many ways, God spoke to our fathers by the prophets, <sup>2</sup> but in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son, whom he appointed the heir of all things, through whom also he created the world. <sup>3</sup> He is the radiance of the glory of God and the exact imprint of his nature, and he upholds the universe by the word of his power. After making purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high, <sup>4</sup> having become as much superior to angels as the name he has inherited is more excellent than theirs..

<sup>5</sup> For it was not to angels that God subjected the world to come, of which we are speaking. <sup>6</sup> It has been testified somewhere,

“What is man, that you are mindful of him,  
or the son of man, that you care for him?”

<sup>7</sup> You made him for a little while lower than the angels;  
you have crowned him with glory and honor,

<sup>8</sup> putting everything in subjection under his feet.”

Now in putting everything in subjection to him, he left nothing outside his control. At present, we do not yet see everything in subjection to him. <sup>9</sup> But we see him who for a little while was made lower than the angels, namely Jesus, crowned with glory and honor because of the suffering of death, so that by the grace of God he might taste death for everyone.

<sup>10</sup> For it was fitting that he, for whom and by whom all things exist, in bringing many sons to glory, should make the founder of their salvation perfect through suffering. <sup>11</sup> For he who sanctifies and those who are sanctified all have one source. That is why he is not ashamed to call them brothers, <sup>12</sup> saying,

“I will tell of your name to my brothers;  
in the midst of the congregation I will sing your praise.”

**A** Here ends the reading.

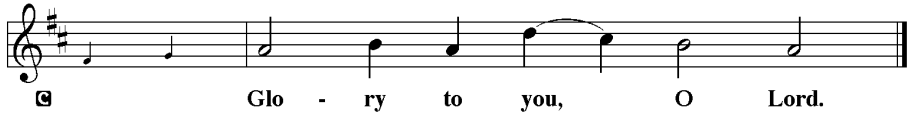
### \*VERSE



**GOSPEL:**

**MARK 10:2-16**

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark the tenth chapter.

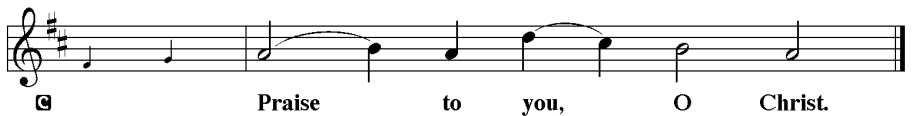


<sup>2</sup> And Pharisees came up and in order to test him asked, “Is it lawful for a man to divorce his wife?” <sup>3</sup> He answered them, “What did Moses command you?” <sup>4</sup> They said, “Moses allowed a man to write a certificate of divorce and to send her away.” <sup>5</sup> And Jesus said to them, “Because of your hardness of heart he wrote you this commandment. <sup>6</sup> But from the beginning of creation, ‘God made them male and female.’ <sup>7</sup> ‘Therefore a man shall leave his father and mother and hold fast to his wife, <sup>8</sup> and the two shall become one flesh.’ So, they are no longer two but one flesh. <sup>9</sup> What therefore God has joined together, let not man separate.”

<sup>10</sup> And in the house the disciples asked him again about this matter. <sup>11</sup> And he said to them, “Whoever divorces his wife and marries another commits adultery against her, <sup>12</sup> and if she divorces her husband and marries another, she commits adultery.”

<sup>13</sup> And they were bringing children to him that he might touch them, and the disciples rebuked them. <sup>14</sup> But when Jesus saw it, he was indignant and said to them, “Let the children come to me; do not hinder them, for to such belongs the kingdom of God. <sup>15</sup> Truly, I say to you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God like a child shall not enter it.” <sup>16</sup> And he took them in his arms and blessed them, laying his hands on them.

**P** The Gospel of the Lord.



**CHILDREN’S SERMON**

**\*HYMN OF THE DAY** “Love Divine, All Loves Excelling” LBW 315

**SERMON**

**PASTOR BISH**

### **\*NICENE CREED**

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven; by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen**

### **\*THE PRAYERS**

Let us intercede before the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ for the sake of the Church, the world, and one another.

*A brief silence*

Thank you, dear Father, that we may call you our Father, and trust Jesus our Brother and know each other as sisters and brothers, united to Jesus through your Holy Spirit. Thank you that this happens even when our earthly family is troubled or absent. Help us extend your family-love to all who need you most.

Lord, in your mercy,

**hear our prayer.**

*(Other intercessions are offered.)*

**P** Into your hands, O LORD, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy; through Jesus Christ our LORD.

**C Amen**

**ANTHEM**

One Faith, One Hope, One Lord

Courtney

**\*OFFERTORY**

☐ Let the vine-yards be fruit-ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of  
bless-ing. Gath-er a har-vest from the seeds that were sown, that we may be  
fed with the bread of life. Gath-er the hopes and dreams of all; u -  
nite them with the prayers we of - fer. Grace our ta - ble with your  
pres - ence, and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

**\*OFFERTORY PRAYER**

**A** Let us pray.

**A** Blessed are You,

**C** O Lord our God, maker of all things. Through Your goodness You have blessed us with these gifts. With them we offer ourselves to Your service and dedicate our lives to the care and redemption of all that You have made, for the sake of Him who gave Himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

**THE GREAT THANKSGIVING**

☐ The Lord be with you. ☑ And al - so with you.  
☐ Lift up your hearts. ☑ We lift them to the Lord.



Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



It is right to give him thanks and praise.

**\* PREFACE**

**P** It is indeed right and salutary that we should at all times and in all places offer thanks and praise to you, O Lord, holy Father, through Christ our Lord; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. And so, with the Church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

**SANCTUS**



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might:



Heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.



Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes



in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

**EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER**

**P** Blessed are You, LORD of heaven and earth. In mercy for our fallen world, You gave Your only Son, that all those who believe in Him should not perish, but have eternal life. We give thanks to You for the salvation You have prepared for us through Jesus Christ. Send now Your Holy Spirit into our hearts, that we may receive our Lord with a living faith as He comes to us in His holy supper.

**C Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

**P** In the night in which He was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to His disciples, saying:

Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.

Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, He took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying:

This cup is the new covenant in my blood,  
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.

### \*THE LORD'S PRAYER

**C:** 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



☐ Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world;



grant us peace, grant us peace.

### COMMUNION HYMNS

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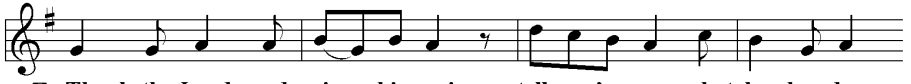
### \*COMMUNION

*All who are baptized and believe that Christ is truly present  
In the Lord's Supper are invited to receive this Sacrament with us.  
Gluten-Free Communion Wafers are available, please inform the Pastor of your needs.*

**P** The body and blood of our LORD Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in His grace.

**C** Amen

**\*CANTICLE**



**C** Thank the Lord and sing his praise; tell ev- 'ry-one what he has done.



Let ev- 'ry-one who seeks the Lord re- joice and proud- ly bear his name.



He re- calls his prom - is - es and leads his peo - ple forth in joy



with shouts of thanks - giv - ing. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

**\*POST-COMMUNION PRAYER**

**A** Let us pray....Pour out upon us the spirit of Your love, O LORD, and unite the wills of those whom You have fed with one heavenly food; through Jesus Christ our LORD.

**C** Amen

**\*BENEDICTION**

**P** The LORD bless you and keep you. The LORD make His face shine on you and be gracious to you. The LORD look upon you with favor and give you peace. In the name of the Father, and of the ✠ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.



**C** A - men

**\*RECESSIONAL HYMN**

*"Our Father, By Whose Name"*

*LBW 357*

**\*DISMISSAL**

**A** Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

**POSTLUDE**

*"Toccata"*

*Belier*

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A Nursery/Cry Room is available on the second floor of the Education Building for those who may need it.

## "The Bucket List"



The Social Ministry project is collecting items to be inserted and stored in 5 gallon "flood buckets" for disasters. These buckets can then be sent where emergency relief efforts are needed following floods, hurricanes and other natural disasters.

- ✓ **1 five-gallon bucket with lid**
- ✓ **1 jug bleach (1/2 gal. or smaller)**
- ✓ **2 large trash bags (Contractor 3 mil)**
- ✓ **1 roll paper towels**
- ✓ **2 rags**
- ✓ **Comet or scouring cleanser**
- ✓ **Pine Sol or liquid cleaner**
- ✓ **Scrub brush**
- ✓ **Gloves, 1 pair each, size L preferred**
  - **Rubber (reusable, i.e. Platex, dishwashing type)**
  - **Leather**
  - **Cotton**



In addition to the items listed here, we will need to obtain clean 5 gallon buckets with lids. Please fill free to donate this item as well. If you don't wish to shop for any of these items, we welcome cash donations so that the Social Ministry Committee can do the shopping for you. Thank you for your support!



Looking for a few good "soup-er" stars ~ We need about 5 crockpots of homemade soup for the District Convention October 19th. If you are available to assist, please call or text Tammy Fleegeer (724) 664-1773



On **Sunday, October 27<sup>th</sup>** following worship we will eat, drink and celebrate! This year it's for everyone from one to ninety-nine. Bring your appetite for Reformation food and get ready to frolick the day away. ***The sign up sheet is in the right hand column.***

*Be sure to wear RED on Sunday, October 27<sup>th</sup>!*

## Women's Bible Study

... will return at the King's restaurant on **Thursday, October 10<sup>th</sup> at noon.** Any questions, please contact Rose Montgomery at [rosetrix38@comcast.net](mailto:rosetrix38@comcast.net). All are welcome!



## October Men's Prayer Breakfast

Saturday, October 12<sup>th</sup> at 8:00 a.m.

The men of St. John's will be meeting Saturday morning for breakfast and study. Following the meal will be a brief program concluding by 9:00 a.m.



## Harvest Home Sunday is October 13<sup>th</sup>!

Donations of non-perishable food items or monetary donations are being collected through October 13<sup>th</sup> and may be placed in the chancel area of the sanctuary. Monetary donations should be marked on your offering envelopes "Katie's Cupboard". All food will be given to Katie's Cupboard. There is GREAT need in our community and this is a wonderful way to share God's love by giving to our cupboard to help our neighbors in need.

**PLEASE NOTE:** *Home-canned goods cannot be distributed.*

## THIS WEEK AT ST. JOHNS

|                       |            |                                   |
|-----------------------|------------|-----------------------------------|
| <b>Today</b>          | 9:45 a.m.  | Sunday School                     |
|                       | 10:00 a.m. | Senior Choir                      |
|                       | 11:00 a.m. | Anniversary Service – Pastor Bish |
| <b>Monday 10/7</b>    | 7:00 p.m.  | Property meeting                  |
| <b>Wednesday 10/9</b> | 9:30 a.m.  | Children's Hour                   |
|                       | 5:30 p.m.  | New Bells                         |
|                       | 6:15 p.m.  | Senior Bells                      |
|                       | 7:00 p.m.  | PJ's Bible Study                  |
|                       | 7:30 p.m.  | Senior Choir                      |
| <b>Thursday 10/10</b> | 9:30 a.m.  | Children's Hour                   |
|                       | 12:00 a.m. | Women's Bible Study at King's     |
|                       | 2:45 p.m.  | Catechism                         |
|                       | 7:00 p.m.  | Catechism                         |
| <b>Saturday 10/12</b> | 8:00 a.m.  | Men's breakfast                   |
| <b>Sunday 10/13</b>   | 9:45 a.m.  | Sunday School                     |
|                       | 10:00 a.m. | Senior Choir                      |
|                       | 11:00 a.m. | Worship: Communion: Rev. Adams    |
|                       | 6:30 p.m.  | Youth Group                       |

Today we welcome **Pastor Kirk W. Bish** back to lead worship this day. He was pastor of St John's from 1983 to 1995. He left St. John's to become the assistant to the bishop and retired in 2009. We are deeply thankful for the years he spent guiding the faith and life of St. John's. Please stay for a fellowship hour in his honor immediately following worship to thank him for his ministry here among us.



**The flower chart for 2025 has been posted in the narthex.** Please take this opportunity to sign up for the dates that you would like to place flowers on the altar in memory or in honor of a loved one or special event. You may also call the church office. Flowers are \$50.00.

## SERVICE PARTICIPANTS

Assisting Ministers  
Lectors  
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Acolytes

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Lance & Christine Whiteman  
Elizabeth Smoyer, Colvin Adkins,  
Callie Adkins, Kendall Bailey  
Bailey and Jazwinski Families  
Bill Bouch

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Secretary  
Sexton  
Organist/Choir Director/Director of Music  
Sr. Choir Accompanist

Julie Smith  
Angela B. Clever  
Colin Toy  
Rebecca Veith  
Elizabeth Cramer



**The flowers on the altar** this morning are presented to the Glory of God and in honor of Gene Jazwinski's birthday by his family.

**The flowers on the chancel** are presented to the Glory of God, and in honor of the ministry of Pastor Bish, by Gene Hughes.

## OUR MISSION

St. John's Lutheran Church is a group of people who believe that we are saved by God's grace and who respond to God's love by joyfully serving God, each other, our community and our world. We will humbly and lovingly serve by proclaiming the Gospel, teaching the Word, offering Sacraments, leading others to fellowship, supporting those in need, giving generously of our talents as well as our resources and by thanking and praising God.



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