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**August 21, 2022**

**8:30 a.m. & 11:00 a.m. WORSHIP SERVICE**



St. John's Lutheran Church is part of the North American Lutheran Church. We welcome you and are glad you are participating in the Service of the Word this morning as we celebrate the **Eleventh 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:*

*God, our rock, the foundation for all life, we praise You for Your presence and seek Your guidance. Show us the way You would have us go, now and every day. We pray in the precious name of Jesus. Amen*

**PRELUDE**

*"Let All Things Now Living"*

*arr. Hamlin*

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

**P** We worship this day in the name of the Father, and of the ✠ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**C Amen**

**P** Let us confess our sin in the presence of God.

*Silence for self-examination.*

**P** Holy and gracious God,

**C I confess that I have sinned against You this day. Some of my sin I know—the thoughts and words and deeds of which I am ashamed—but some is known only to You. In the name of Jesus Christ, I ask forgiveness.**

**P** The Almighty and Merciful Lord grants you pardon, forgiveness, and remission of all your sins. In the Name of the Father, and of the ✠ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**C Amen**

**\*OPENING HYMN**

*"Come, Thou Almighty King"*

*LBW 522*

**\*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.**

**\*KYRIE**



**A** In peace, let us pray to the Lord. **B** Lord, have mer - cy.



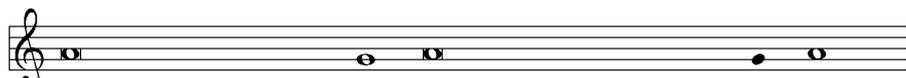
**A** For the peace from a-bove, and for our sal-vation, let us pray to the Lord.



**B** Lord, have mer - cy.

\*Those who are able, please stand

LBW—Green Hymnal WOV—Blue Hymnal



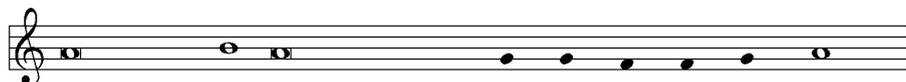
**A** For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



and for the u - ni - ty of all, let us pray to the Lord.



**Q** Lord, have mer - cy.



**A** For this holy house, and for all who offer here their wor - ship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord. **Q** Lord, have mer - cy.



**A** Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gra - cious Lord. **Q** A - men

### \*HYMN OF PRAISE



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



**Q** 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.  
God of all creation, You reach out to call people of all nations to Your kingdom. As You gather disciples from near and far, count us also among those who boldly confess Your Son Jesus Christ as Lord.  
**Amen**

**FIRST LESSON: Isaiah 58:9b-14**

**A** The First Lesson is from the fifty-eighth chapter of Isaiah.

<sup>9</sup> Then you shall call, and the LORD will answer;  
you shall cry, and he will say, 'Here I am.'  
If you take away the yoke from your midst,  
the pointing of the finger, and speaking wickedness,  
<sup>10</sup> if you pour yourself out for the hungry  
and satisfy the desire of the afflicted,  
then shall your light rise in the darkness

and your gloom be as the noonday.  
<sup>11</sup> And the LORD will guide you continually  
and satisfy your desire in scorched places  
and make your bones strong;  
and you shall be like a watered garden,  
like a spring of water,  
whose waters do not fail.  
<sup>12</sup> And your ancient ruins shall be rebuilt;  
you shall raise up the foundations of many generations;  
you shall be called the repairer of the breach,  
the restorer of streets to dwell in.  
<sup>13</sup> "If you turn back your foot from the Sabbath,  
from doing your pleasure on my holy day,  
and call the Sabbath a delight  
and the holy day of the LORD honorable;  
if you honor it, not going your own ways,  
or seeking your own pleasure, or talking idly;  
<sup>14</sup> then you shall take delight in the LORD,  
and I will make you ride on the heights of the earth;  
I will feed you with the heritage of Jacob your father,  
for the mouth of the LORD has spoken."

**A** Here ends the reading.

**PSALM:**

**Psalms 103:1–8**

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

**<sup>2</sup>Bless the LORD, O my soul,  
and forget not all his benefits.**

<sup>3</sup>He forgives all your sins  
and heals all your infirmities;

**<sup>4</sup>he redeems your life from the grave  
and crowns you with mercy and loving kindness;**

<sup>5</sup>he satisfies you with good things,  
and your youth is renewed like an eagle's.

**<sup>6</sup>The LORD executes righteousness  
and judgment for all who are oppressed.**

<sup>7</sup>He made his ways known to Moses  
and his works to the children of Israel.

**<sup>8</sup>The LORD is full of compassion and mercy,  
slow to anger and of great kindness.**

**SECOND LESSON:**

**Hebrews 12:18–29**

**A** The Second Lesson is from the twelfth chapter of Hebrews.

<sup>18</sup>For you have not come to what may be touched, a blazing fire and darkness and gloom and a tempest <sup>19</sup>and the sound of a trumpet and a

voice whose words made the hearers beg that no further messages be spoken to them. <sup>20</sup> For they could not endure the order that was given, "If even a beast touches the mountain, it shall be stoned." <sup>21</sup> Indeed, so terrifying was the sight that Moses said, "I tremble with fear." <sup>22</sup> But you have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to innumerable angels in festal gathering, <sup>23</sup> and to the assembly of the firstborn who are enrolled in heaven, and to God, the judge of all, and to the spirits of the righteous made perfect, <sup>24</sup> and to Jesus, the mediator of a new covenant, and to the sprinkled blood that speaks a better word than the blood of Abel.

<sup>25</sup> See that you do not refuse him who is speaking. For if they did not escape when they refused him who warned them on earth, much less will we escape if we reject him who warns from heaven. <sup>26</sup> At that time his voice shook the earth, but now he has promised, "Yet once more I will shake not only the earth but also the heavens." <sup>27</sup> This phrase, "Yet once more," indicates the removal of things that are shaken—that is, things that have been made—in order that the things that cannot be shaken may remain. <sup>28</sup> Therefore let us be grateful for receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, and thus let us offer to God acceptable worship, with reverence and awe, <sup>29</sup> for our God is a consuming fire.

**A** Here ends the reading.

**\*VERSE**

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?

You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

**GOSPEL:**

**Luke 13:10–17**

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke the thirteenth chapter.

Glo - ry to you, O Lord.

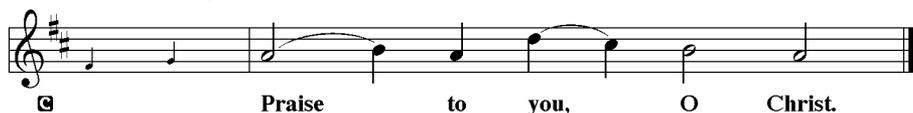
<sup>10</sup> Now he was teaching in one of the synagogues on the Sabbath.

<sup>11</sup> And behold, there was a woman who had had a disabling spirit for eighteen years. She was bent over and could not fully straighten herself. <sup>12</sup> When Jesus saw her, he called her over and said to her, "Woman, you are freed from your disability." <sup>13</sup> And he laid his hands on her, and immediately she was made straight, and she glorified God.

<sup>14</sup> But the ruler of the synagogue, indignant because Jesus had healed on the Sabbath, said to the people, "There are six days in which work

ought to be done. Come on those days and be healed, and not on the Sabbath day.”<sup>15</sup> Then the Lord answered him, “You hypocrites! Does not each of you on the Sabbath untie his ox or his donkey from the manger and lead it away to water it?”<sup>16</sup> And ought not this woman, a daughter of Abraham whom Satan bound for eighteen years, be loosed from this bond on the Sabbath day?”<sup>17</sup> As he said these things, all his adversaries were put to shame, and all the people rejoiced at all the glorious things that were done by him.

**L** The Gospel of the Lord.



## CHILDREN'S SERMON

**\*HYMN OF THE DAY**

*“Rejoice, the Lord Is King!”*

*LBW 171*

## SERMON

**\*APOSTLES' CREED**

**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**

**\*THE PRAYERS**

Let us pray for the Church, the world, and for one another.

*A brief silence*

Heavenly Father, thank you for showing us what you would have us do, even when it is hard. Give us strength and grace to worship you in the beauty of holiness, and to share your love, justice, and mercy with others. Thank you for establishing for us a kingdom that can never be shaken. Lord in Your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

*(Other intercessions are offered.)*

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

**C Amen**

**\*PEACE**

**P** The peace of the LORD be with you always.

**C And also with you.**

**ANTHEM**

*"Reaching"*

*arr. Fettke*

*Duet – Jeanette Nestor and Rebecca Veith*

**\*OFFERTORY**



**C** Let the vine-yards be fruit-ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of



bles-sing. 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** Merciful Father,

**C** We offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us – ourselves, our time, and our possessions, signs of your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of him who offered 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.

**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:

♪ 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**

**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**

*LBW 197, 203, 214, WOV 709*

**\*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)*

The body of Christ, given for you.                      The blood of Christ, shed for you.  
**Amen.**

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

**C** Amen

**\*CANTICLE**



☩ 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.



☩ A - men

**CLOSING HYMN**

“This is My Father’s World”

LBW 554

**\*DISMISSAL**

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

**POSTLUDE**

“Sortie”

Dubois

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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 flower chart for 2022 is posted in the narthex.** There are dates available to sign up for flowers that you would like to place on the altar in memory or in honor of a loved one or special event. Flowers are \$50.00.

## THIS WEEK AT ST. JOHN'S

<b>TODAY</b>	8:30 a.m.	Worship: Communion
	11:00 a.m.	Worship: Communion
<b>Sunday 8/28</b>	8:30 a.m.	Worship: Communion
	11:00 a.m.	Worship
	12:00 p.m.	Worship & Music meeting



### Katie's Cupboard

More than 38 million people-including 12 million children-in the U.S. experience food insecurity, leaving families to make hard choices between paying bills or buying groceries. Together, let's help everyone get enough to eat.

#### Suggested food pantry items:

- Canned tuna, ham or chicken
- Beef stew, chili or hearty soups
- Peanut butter and jelly
- Canned fruit
- Pasta sauce, Macaroni and cheese
- Cereals
- Toiletries
- Paper products

Donations to Katie's Cupboard can be left in the church parlor or in the outside cupboard at any time. Also, St. Johns accepts your donations of monetary gifts to buy items to stock the cupboard.

We are also looking for Volunteers to coordinate the stocking & maintaining of Katie's Cupboard. For more information, please contact Tammy Fleegeer ☎ 724-664-1773.

**Thank you for your donations and helping this ministry to meet the needs of our community!**



## **A Summer Ministry Project**

### **Give a Child the Opportunity to Succeed in School**

Why school supplies? To the children who receive School Kits, these supplies mean the difference in keeping up in class. Public school is free, but few supplies are given to the students. These much needed supplies, may be more than some parents can afford. These supplies will have a HUGE impact on many children's education and love of learning. Please place your donated items in the box in the church narthex or the box in the new narthex (Gathering area). Thank you for your help!

#### **All of us can collect school supplies! For each School Kit:**

- **Four 70-sheet notebooks:** of wide or college-ruled paper approximately 8" X 10½"; no loose-leaf paper
- **One 30-centimeter ruler:** or a ruler with centimeters on one side and inches on the other
- **One pencil sharpener**
- **One blunt scissors** (safety scissors with embedded steel blades work well)
- **Five unsharpened #2 pencils with erasers;** secure together with a rubber band
- **Five black or blue ballpoint pens** (no gel ink); secure together with a rubber band
- **One box of 16 or 24 crayons**
- **One 2½" eraser**
- **One sturdy drawstring backpack-style cloth bag** approximately 14" X 17" with shoulder straps or a standard backpack.

All items should be new and in good condition.

Watch for sales as many items are on sale now for "Back to School".

***Last year we collected 86 backpacks that were distributed. The challenge is before us!***

### **Letter from Bishop Selbo:**

We encourage you to be praying for the people in Ukraine, for the families torn apart by the war, for the humanitarian efforts that will be needed for some time, as well as for the hearts of the leaders of Russia and Ukraine to find ways to bring this conflict to an end, to move forward in ways that would lead to peace, and that people would be drawn to the One in whom all lasting peace is found, the Lord Jesus Christ.

The following prayer for Ukraine is offered for your use, individually, as families and in your congregations:

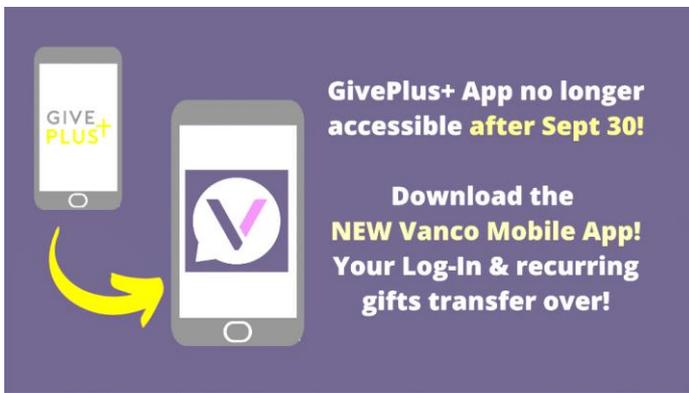
*Gracious God, we come to You as people who know we have fallen short of Your call, who are in daily need of Your forgiveness and grace, and who have no lasting hope apart from the promises we have in Jesus. And yet we come with thankful and expectant hearts, knowing that You have promised to hear and to answer prayer.*

*We pray for You to be working in the hearts and the lives of the people in Russia and the Ukraine who are caught in this senseless war and whose lives are being torn apart because of the conflict. We pray for the families who have been separated from their loved ones, for those who have been physically hurt as a result of the fighting, and for those lives that have been lost. We pray, Lord, that You would open doors for peace talks and negotiations to happen that would bring an end to the war and that would save the lives of many for whom our Lord Jesus died.*

*Work through the nations of our world, through their governments, the United Nations, and through those leaders who have authority and opportunity to influence and impact what is happening in Christ-honoring ways. Be with our missionaries and mission agencies — that their work would be a witness to the love You have for all people, and to the desire You have for Your world that we would live in peace.*

*Help us to never lose sight of the promises we have in Jesus and to never lose hope in the One who, through His cross and resurrection from the dead, has overcome the world. In His most holy and precious name we pray. Amen.*

**“I have told you these things, so that in me you may have peace. In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world.”  
—John 16:33 NIV**



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**You can make a contribution to St. John's through a mobile app!**

To get started, download "Vanco Mobile" for free from the App Store or Google Play. Simply search for "Vanco Mobile" to quickly find and download the app today. Then, you can easily make donations directly from your smartphone using your debit/credit card or checking/savings account.

You can also choose to donate as a guest or set up an account that allows you to securely and conveniently schedule recurring donations and manage and review your giving history.

We hope you enjoy this new way to contribute to our ministry and thank you for your support!

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For those already using Give Plus, the app will no longer be available after January 2022.

## SERVICE PARTICIPANTS

Assisting Ministers	Nancy Pierce (E) Deborah Bouch (L)
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Acolytes	Colvin Adkins (E) Lucas Bowser (L)
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Director of Children's & Youth Ministry	Julie Smith
Secretary	Christine Lettrich
Sexton	Michael Craft
Organist/Choir Director/Director of Music	Rebecca Veith
Sr. Choir Accompanist	Elizabeth Cramer

## 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.

**GRACE**  
*happens*



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