

# St. John's Lutheran Church

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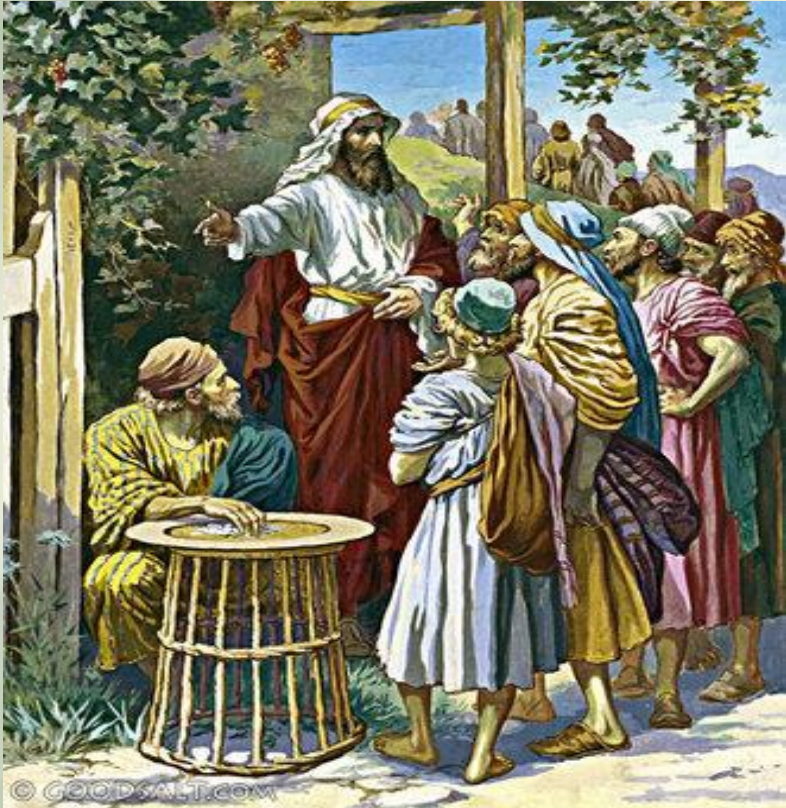
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The Rev. Carl A. Johnson, Pastor

**October 11, 2026**

**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 worship this morning as we celebrate the **Twentieth Sunday of 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:*

*Lord, as we join brothers and sisters in praying 'give us this day our daily bread,' help us to feed on Your Word and be clothed in Your righteousness so that whether in this world or the next, we will be at home with You. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.*

**PRELUDE***"Contemplation"**arr. Wold***\*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.

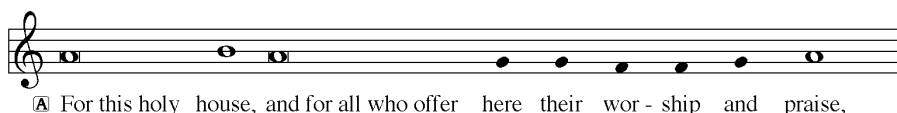
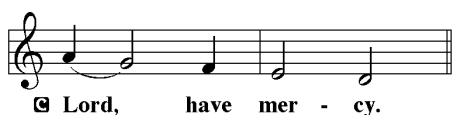
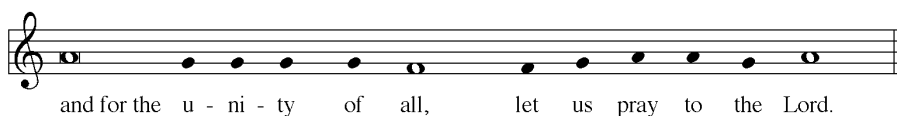
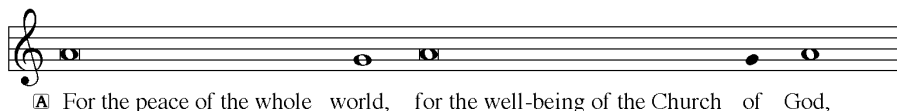
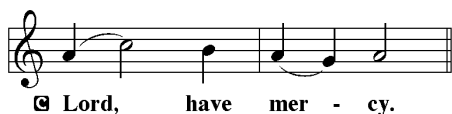
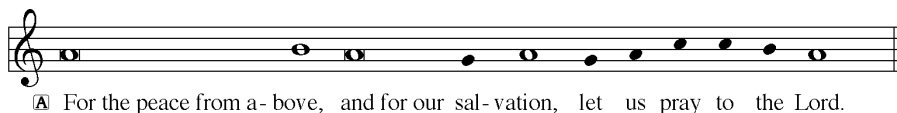
**C** **Amen**

**\*OPENING HYMN***"Come, You Thankful People, Come"**LBW 407***\*GREETING**

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

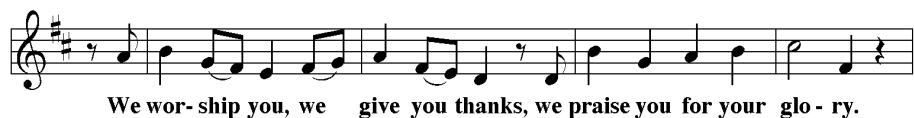
**C** **And also with you.**

## \*KYRIE



## \*HYMN OF PRAISE





We wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo-ry.



Lord Je-sus Christ, on-ly Son of the Fa-ther, Lord God, Lamb of God:



You take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.



You are seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa-ther; re-ceive our prayer.



For you a-lone are the Ho-ly One, you a-lone are the Lord,

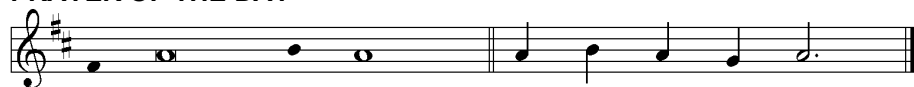


you a-lone are the Most High, Je-sus Christ, with the Ho-ly Spir-it,



in the glo-ry of God the Fa-ther. A-men

### \*PRAYER OF THE DAY



☐ The Lord be with you. ☑ And al-so with you.

**P** Let us pray.

Almighty God, source of every blessing, Your generous goodness comes to us anew every day. By the work of Your Spirit lead us to acknowledge Your goodness, give thanks for Your benefits, and serve You in willing obedience; through Your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

**C** Amen

## FIRST LESSON:

Isaiah 25:1–9

**A** The First Lesson is from the twenty-fifth chapter of Isaiah.

O LORD, you are my God;

I will exalt you; I will praise your name,  
for you have done wonderful things,  
plans formed of old, faithful and sure.

<sup>2</sup> For you have made the city a heap,  
the fortified city a ruin;  
the foreigners' palace is a city no more;  
it will never be rebuilt.

<sup>3</sup> Therefore strong peoples will glorify you;  
cities of ruthless nations will fear you.

<sup>4</sup> For you have been a stronghold to the poor,  
a stronghold to the needy in his distress,  
a shelter from the storm and a shade from the heat;  
for the breath of the ruthless is like a storm against a wall,

<sup>5</sup> like heat in a dry place.

You subdue the noise of the foreigners;  
as heat by the shade of a cloud,  
so the song of the ruthless is put down.

<sup>6</sup> On this mountain the LORD of hosts will make for all peoples  
a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wine,  
of rich food full of marrow, of aged wine well refined.

<sup>7</sup> And he will swallow up on this mountain  
the covering that is cast over all peoples,  
the veil that is spread over all nations.

<sup>8</sup> He will swallow up death forever;  
and the Lord GOD will wipe away tears from all faces,  
and the reproach of his people he will take away from all the earth,  
for the LORD has spoken.

<sup>9</sup> It will be said on that day,  
“Behold, this is our God; we have waited for him,  
that he might save us.

This is the LORD; we have waited for him;  
let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.”

**A** Here ends the reading.



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## PSALM:

IN UNISON

<sup>1</sup> *The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want.*

<sup>2</sup> *He maketh me to lie down in green pastures:  
He leadeth me beside the still waters.*

<sup>3</sup> *He restoreth my soul:  
He leadeth me in the paths of righteousness  
for His name's sake.*

<sup>4</sup> *Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,  
I will fear no evil: for Thou art with me;  
Thy rod and Thy staff they comfort me.*

<sup>5</sup> *Thou preparest a table before me  
in the presence of mine enemies:  
Thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over.*

<sup>6</sup> *Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me  
all the days of my life:  
and I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever.*

## GOD'S GENEROSITY TEMPLE TALK

### SECOND LESSON:

### PHILIPPIANS 4:1–9

**A** The Second Lesson is from the fourth chapter of Philippians. Therefore, my brothers, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm thus in the Lord, my beloved.

<sup>2</sup> I entreat Euodia and I entreat Syntyche to agree in the Lord. <sup>3</sup> Yes, I ask you also, true companion, help these women, who have labored side by side with me in the gospel together with Clement and the rest of my fellow workers, whose names are in the book of life.

<sup>4</sup> Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, rejoice. <sup>5</sup> Let your reasonableness be known to everyone. The Lord is at hand; <sup>6</sup> do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. <sup>7</sup> And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

<sup>8</sup> Finally, brothers, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence, if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. <sup>9</sup> What you have learned and received and heard and seen in me—practice these things, and the God of peace will be with you.

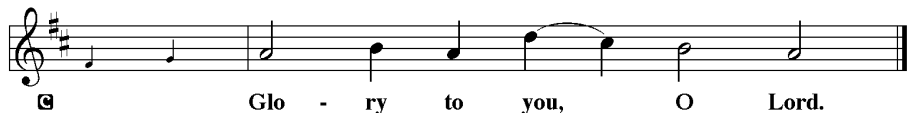
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## GOSPEL:

## MATTHEW 22:1-14

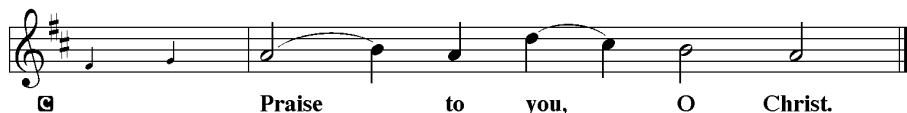
**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew the 22nd chapter.



And again Jesus spoke to them in parables, saying, <sup>2</sup>“The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding feast for his son, <sup>3</sup>and sent his servants to call those who were invited to the wedding feast, but they would not come. <sup>4</sup>Again he sent other servants, saying, ‘Tell those who are invited, “See, I have prepared my dinner, my oxen and my fat calves have been slaughtered, and everything is ready. Come to the wedding feast.”’ <sup>5</sup>But they paid no attention and went off, one to his farm, another to his business, <sup>6</sup>while the rest seized his servants, treated them shamefully, and killed them. <sup>7</sup>The king was angry, and he sent his troops and destroyed those murderers and burned their city. <sup>8</sup>Then he said to his servants, ‘The wedding feast is ready, but those invited were not worthy. <sup>9</sup>Go therefore to the main roads and invite to the wedding feast as many as you find.’ <sup>10</sup>And those servants went out into the roads and gathered all whom they found, both bad and good. So the wedding hall was filled with guests.

<sup>11</sup>“But when the king came in to look at the guests, he saw there a man who had no wedding garment. <sup>12</sup>And he said to him, ‘Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding garment?’ And he was speechless. <sup>13</sup>Then the king said to the attendants, ‘Bind him hand and foot and cast him into the outer darkness. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.’ <sup>14</sup>For many are called, but few are chosen.”

The Gospel of the Lord.



## CHILDREN'S SERMON

**\*HYMN OF THE DAY**

*“Praise and Thanksgiving”*

LBW 409

**SERMON**

*“Generous God, Generous People”*

## 1 Chronicles 29:14

<sup>14</sup>“But who am I, and what is my people, that we should be able thus to offer willingly? For all things come from you, and of your own have we given you.

### \*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.

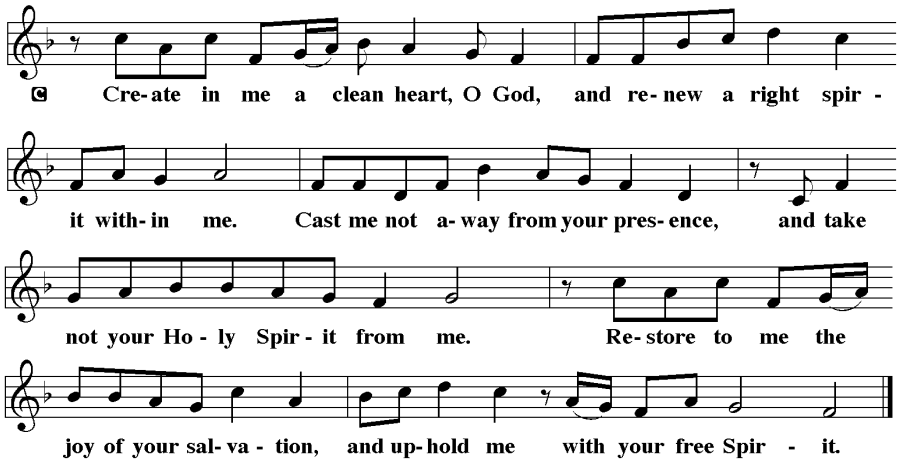
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen

### ANTHEM

*“Sing to the Lord of Harvest”*

*Larson*

### \*OFFERTORY



Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re-new a right spir -

it with-in me. Cast me not a-way from your pres-ence, and take

not your Ho - ly Spir - it from me. Re-store to me the

joy of your sal-va - tion, and up-hold me with your free Spir - it.

### \*THE PRAYERS

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

Father, you promise to throw a wedding feast for all whom you redeem through Jesus' death and resurrection. Sometimes we act like it's no big deal or we look forward to the entertainment, so to speak, more than being joined to our heavenly Bridegroom. Thank you for your patience. Open our hearts to the joy you have set before us. Keep us always centered in Jesus, our Savior and our true love.

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 Your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

**C** Amen

**\*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

**\*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.



**\*CLOSING HYMN**

*"Sing to the Lord of Harvest"*

*LBW 412*

**\*DISMISSAL**

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

**POSTLUDE**

*"Toccata Giocosa"*

*Martin*

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*Everyone is invited for a time of fellowship following worship in the Gathering space.*





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**You can now make a contribution to our church through a mobile app!**

Scan the QR code for St. John's Lutheran Church:

**Options Include:** *Local Expenses, Improvement Fund, Benevolence, Capital Appeal, Evangelism, Sunday School, Youth, World Hunger, Katie's Cupboard and Other.* **When choosing "Other" please indicate which fund you are contributing to. Thank you for supporting your church.**

"Give according to your income,  
lest God make your income  
according to your giving."



## THIS WEEK AT ST. JOHN'S

### Sunday 10/11

#### Harvest Home / Generosity Sunday

9:45 a.m. Sunday School  
10:00 a.m. Senior Choir  
11:00 a.m. Worship

#### Celebration Dinner

### Tuesday 10/13

Noon Women's Bible Study  
6:15 – 7:30 p.m. SPARK

### Wednesday 10/14

9:30 a.m. Children's Hour  
6:15 p.m. Senior bells  
6:30 p.m. PJ's Bible Study  
7:30 p.m. Senior Choir

### Thursday 10/15

9:30 a.m. Children's Hour  
2:45 p.m. Catechism  
7:00 p.m. Catechism

### Friday 10/16

10:00 p.m. Children's Hour Field Trip

### Sunday 10/18

9:30 a.m. Acolyte Training  
10:00 a.m. Senior Choir  
11:00 a.m. Worship: Communion

## Mark Your Calendars

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|--------|---------------------|
| Oct 25 | Reformation Sunday  |
| Nov 8  | Turkey / Ham Dinner |
| Dec 6  | Christmas Concert   |



## Internet Streaming St. John's Live

The St. John's worship service is broadcast live on You Tube each Sunday at 11:00 a.m. as well as 8:30 a.m. service Sundays. <http://www.youtube.com/@st.johnskittanning2251>

**Don't forget to check out your Church Web Site:**

[www.stjohnskittanning.org](http://www.stjohnskittanning.org)

**Here you will find:** Bulletins, Newsletters, Morning Prayers, Upcoming events, program information, and more.



**Thursday Oct. 29<sup>th</sup>**

**AT ST. JOHN'S  
5:00-6:30PM**

**CARS NEEDED!!**  
**Adults and Families:**  
**Bring Your Car!**  
**Donate Candy!**  
**Decorations available,**  
**if you need!**

**KIDS 12 AND UNDER  
Trunk or Treat FUN!!!**

## Women's Bible Study

will return at the King's restaurant on **Tuesday,**  
**October 13<sup>th</sup> at noon.** Any questions, please contact  
Cheryl Mechling at [rock92@comcast.net](mailto:rock92@comcast.net) .  
All are welcome!



## SERVICE PARTICIPANTS

Assisting Minister  
Lector  
Welcome Team  
Acolyte  
Camera Operator

Lance Whiteman  
Sophia Holt  
TBD  
TBD  
Nick Wranich

## STAFF MEMBERS

Director of Children's & Youth Ministry  
Secretary  
Sexton  
Organist/Choir Director/Director of Music  
Sr. Choir Accompanist

Julie Smith  
Angela B. Clever  
TBD  
Rebecca Veith  
Elizabeth Cramer



**The flowers on the altar** this morning are presented to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Jeane Smart's birthday by Daniel and Ruth Ann Crawford.

## 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.

*St. John's is a group of sinners  
who have been claimed by God  
to gather in this place, to worship Him,  
to learn about Him, to bask in His love,  
to share His love with other people  
and to spread that love with the entire world!*

**GRACE**  
*happens*



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