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Leader: People of St. John, what is our purpose?

All: To live for the Lord who made us, to love as Jesus taught us, and to serve where the Spirit leads us.

Prelude

+ Confession and Forgiveness

Stand The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

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.

Kneel/Stand Silence for reflection and 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**

1 On - ward, Chris - tian sol - diers, march - ing as to war,
 2 Like a might - y ar - my moves the church of God;
 3 Crowns and thrones may per - ish, king - doms rise and wane,
 4 On - ward, then, you faith - ful, join our hap - py throng;

with the cross of Je - sus go - ing on be - fore.
 let us bold - ly fol - low where the saints have trod.
 but the church of Je - sus con - stant will re - main;
 blend with ours your voic - es in the tri - umph song.

Christ, the roy - al mas - ter, leads a - gainst the foe;
 We are not di - vid - ed; all one bod - y we;
 gates of hell can nev - er 'gainst the church pre - vail.
 Glo - ry, laud, and hon - or un - to Christ the king.

for - ward in - to bat - tle, see, his ban - ners go!
 one in hope and doc - trine, one in char - i - ty.
 We have Christ's own prom - ise, and that can - not fail.
 We through count - less a - ges with the an - gels sing:

Refrain

On - ward, Chris - tian sol - diers, march - ing as to war,

with the cross of Je - sus go - ing on be - fore.

+ Apostolic 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

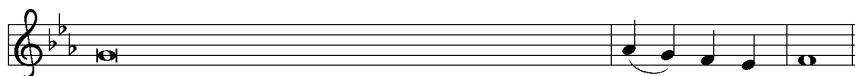
(Luke 17:13)



In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



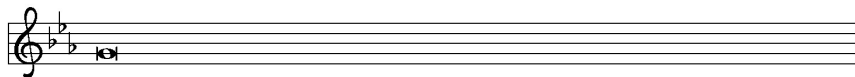
Lord, have mer - cy.



For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



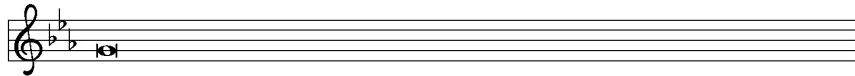
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gra - cious Lord.



A - men, a - men.

+ Prayer of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Let us pray. . **Benevolent, merciful God: When we are empty, fill us. When we are weak in faith, strengthen us. When we are cold in love, warm us, that with fervor we may love our neighbors and serve them for the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen**

Children's Sermon

Children will be dismissed to Children's Church following the Children's Sermon

Hymn

I Was There to Hear Borning Cry

#770

Please use your blue With One Voice Hymnal for hymn #770.

Holy Baptism

The candidates, sponsors, and parents gather at the font.

P In Holy Baptism our gracious heavenly Father liberates us from sin and death by joining us to the death and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ. We are born children of a fallen humanity; in the waters of Baptism we are reborn children of God and inheritors of eternal life. By water and the Holy Spirit we are made members of the Church which is the body of Christ. As we live with him and with his people, we grow in faith, love, and obedience to the will of God.

A sponsor for each candidate, in turn, presents the candidate with these or similar words:

I present [name] to receive the Sacrament of Holy Baptism.

The minister addresses those candidates who are able to answer for themselves:

P [Name], do you desire to be baptized?

R I do.

P *(when only young children are baptized:)*

In Christian love you have presented *this child* for Holy Baptism. You should, therefore, faithfully bring *him* to the services of God's house, and teach *him* the Lord's Prayer, the Creed, and the Ten Commandments. As *he* grows in years, you should place in *his* hands the Holy Scriptures and provide for *him* instruction in the Christian faith, that, living in the covenant of *his* Baptism and in communion with the Church, *he* may lead a *godly* live until the day of Jesus Christ.

R Do you promise to fulfill these obligations?
I do.

P *(When older children and adults are baptized also, the minister says:)*
In Christian love you have presented these people for Holy Baptism. You should, therefore, faithfully care for them and help them in every way as God gives you opportunity, that they may bear witness to the faith we profess, and that, living in the covenant of their Baptism and in communion with the Church, they may lead godly lives until the day of Jesus Christ.

P Do you promise to fulfill these obligations?

R I do.

THANKSGIVING

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

P Holy God, mighty Lord, gracious Father: We give you thanks, for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters and you created heaven and earth. By the gift of water you nourish and sustain us and all living things.

By the waters of the flood you condemned the wicked and saved those whom you had chosen, Noah and his family. You led Israel by the pillar of cloud and fire through the sea, out of slavery into the freedom of the promised land. In the waters of the Jordan your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Spirit. By the baptism of his own death and resurrection your beloved Son has set us free from the bondage to sin and death, and has opened the way to the joy and freedom of everlasting life. He made water a sign of the kingdom and of cleansing and rebirth. In obedience to his command, we make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Pour out your Holy Spirit, so that *those who are* here baptized may be given new life. Wash away the sin of *all those who are* cleansed by this water and bring *them* forth as *inheritors* of your glorious kingdom.

To you be given praise and honor and worship through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

C **Amen**

P I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin,
and confess the faith of the Church, the faith in which we baptize.

P Do you renounce all the forces of evil, the devil, and all his empty promises?

R I do.

P Do you believe in God the Father?

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

P Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

C **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.**

P Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

C **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**

P [Name], I baptize you
in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

*Those who have been baptized kneel. Sponsors or parents holding young children stand.
The minister lays both hands on the head of each of the baptized and prays for the Holy Spirit:*

P God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, we give you thanks for freeing
your sons and daughters from the power of sin and for raising them up to a new
life through this holy sacrament. Pour your Holy Spirit upon [name]: the spirit of
wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of
knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence.

C **Amen**

*The minister marks the sign of the cross on the forehead of each of the baptized. Oil prepared
for this purpose may be used. As the sign of the cross is made, the minister says:*

P [Name], child of God, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked
with the cross of Christ forever.

*The sponsor or the baptized responds: Amen
After all have received the sign of the cross, they stand.*

A lighted candle may be given to each of the baptized (to the sponsor of a young child) by a representative of the congregation who says:

Let your light so shine before others that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.

When small children are baptized, this prayer may be said.

P O God, the giver of all life, look with kindness upon the *fathers* and *mothers* of *this child*. Let them ever rejoice in the gift you have given them. Make them teachers and examples of righteousness for their *child*. Strengthen them in their own Baptism so they may share eternally with their *child* the salvation you have given them, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C **Amen**

The ministers and the baptismal group turn toward the congregation; a representative of the congregation says:

Through Baptism God has made *this brother* a member of the priesthood we all share in Christ Jesus, that we may proclaim the praise of God and bear his creative and redeeming Word to all the world.

C **We welcome you into the Lord's family. We receive you as fellow members of the body of Christ, children of the same heavenly Father, and workers with us in the kingdom of God.**

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C **And also with you.**

First Reading: Habakkuk 1:1-4; 2:1-4

¹ The oracle that the prophet Habakkuk saw.

² O LORD, how long shall I cry for help,
and you will not listen?

Or cry to you "Violence!"
and you will not save?

³ Why do you make me see wrongdoing
and look at trouble?

Destruction and violence are before me;
strife and contention arise.

⁴ So the law becomes slack,
and justice never prevails.

The wicked surround the righteous;
therefore judgment comes forth perverted.

^{2:1} I will stand at my watchpost
and station myself on the rampart;

I will keep watch to see what he will say to me
and what he will answer concerning my complaint.

² Then the LORD answered me and said:

Write the vision;
make it plain on tablets,
so that a runner may read it.

³ For there is still a vision for the appointed time;
it speaks of the end and does not lie.

If it seems to tarry, wait for it;
 it will surely come; it will not delay.
⁴ Look at the proud!
 Their spirit is not right in them,
 but the righteous live by their faithfulness.

Second Reading: 2 Timothy 1:1-14

¹ Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, for the sake of the promise of life that is in Christ Jesus,
² To Timothy, my beloved child:
 Grace, mercy, and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord.
³ I am grateful to God—whom I worship with a clear conscience, as my ancestors did—when I remember you constantly in my prayers night and day. ⁴ Recalling your tears, I long to see you so that I may be filled with joy. ⁵ I am reminded of your sincere faith, a faith that lived first in your grandmother Lois and your mother Eunice and now, I am sure, lives in you. ⁶ For this reason I remind you to rekindle the gift of God that is within you through the laying on of my hands, ⁷ for God did not give us a spirit of cowardice but rather a spirit of power and of love and of self-discipline.
⁸ Do not be ashamed, then, of the testimony about our Lord or of me his prisoner, but join with me in suffering for the gospel, in the power of God, ⁹ who saved us and called us with a holy calling, not according to our works but according to his own purpose and grace, and this grace was given to us in Christ Jesus before the ages began, ¹⁰ but it has now been revealed through the appearing of our Savior Jesus Christ, who abolished death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel. ¹¹ For this gospel I was appointed a herald and an apostle and a teacher, ¹² and for this reason I suffer as I do. But I am not ashamed, for I know the one in whom I have put my trust, and I am sure that he is able to guard until that day the deposit I have entrusted to him. ¹³ Hold to the standard of sound teaching that you have heard from me, in the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. ¹⁴ Guard the good deposit entrusted to you, with the help of the Holy Spirit living in us.

+ Alleluia Verse

John 6:68

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,
 al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.
 Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of e - ter - nal life.

Repeat alleluia

+ The Gospel: Luke 17:5-10

The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke the 17th chapter.

C Glory to you, O Lord.

⁵ The apostles said to the Lord, "Increase our faith!" ⁶ The Lord replied, "If you had faith the size of a mustard seed, you could say to this mulberry tree, 'Be uprooted and planted in the sea,' and it would obey you.

⁷ "Who among you would say to your slave who has just come in from plowing or tending sheep in the field, 'Come here at once and take your place at the table'?" ⁸ Would you not rather say to him, 'Prepare supper for me; put on your apron and serve me while I eat and drink; later you may eat and drink'?" ⁹ Do you thank the slave for doing what was commanded? ¹⁰ So you also, when you have done all that you were ordered to do, say, 'We are worthless slaves; we have done only what we ought to have done!'"

P The Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ

Sermon

Pastor Janet Hatch

Silence For Reflection

Hymn of the Day

Jesus, Still Lead On

#341



1 Je - sus, still lead on, till our rest be won; and, al - though the
2 If the way be drear, if the foe be near, let no faith - less
3 When we seek re - lief from a long - felt grief, when temp - ta - tions
4 Je - sus, still lead on, till our rest be won; heav'n - ly lead - er,



way be cheer - less, we will fol - low, calm and fear - less;
fears o'er - take us, let not faith and hope for - sake us;
come al - lur - ing, make us pa - tient and en - dur - ing;
still di - rect us, still sup - port, con - sole, pro - tect us,



guide us by your hand to our Fa - ther's land.
safe - ly past the foe to our home we go.
show us that bright shore where we weep no more.
till we safe - ly stand in our Fa - ther's land.

Text: Nicolaus L. von Zinzendorf, 1700–1760; tr. Jane L. Borthwick, 1813–1897, alt.
Music: SEBASTIANBRAUTIGAM, Adam Drese, 1620–1701

+ THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

P Let us pray.

P Renewed in God's everlasting grace, let us pray for the church, the world, and all creation.

A brief silence.

P O God of the church, you give the church a treasure in Jesus Christ. Draw us into the gift of faith passed down from generation to generation. Remind your people that faith the size of a mustard seed is enough. God of grace,

C receive our prayer.

P O God of creation, you nourish the earth with grace and mercy. Bring favorable weather during the harvest season and sustain all creation along with all who labor in the field. Ensure the welfare of animal companions whose presence offers comfort, safety, and joy. God of grace,

C receive our prayer.

P O God of nations and communities, you govern and guard the world. Give leaders and people in authority a spirit of making just and righteous laws. Bring peace to countries affected by war and violence (*especially*). God of grace,

C receive our prayer.

P O God of those in need, you care for those who are sick, oppressed, bereaved, lonely, and poor. Come to the help of all in need (*especially*). Help us to trust that you will come to us at the right time. God of grace,

C receive our prayer.

P O God of this congregation, you nurture our faith. Thank you for those of all ages who teach, lead, and learn in this congregation and beyond. Give growth to the seeds of faith watered by faithful examples of baptismal living. God of grace,

C receive our prayer.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

P O Holy Spirit, We pray for our next pastor. We know not who you are making ready to come and be with us, but we ask that you speed our meeting with one another, and that you make us ready to seek new adventures with a new shepherd at our side. Grant that we might make ready today to find the new tomorrow you desire for St. John Lutheran Church. God of grace,

C receive our prayer.

P O God of ages past, thank you for the witness of those who have died in faith (*especially*). May the faith of those who now rest in your merciful arms, like Lois and Eunice, shape our faith in your Son, Jesus Christ. God of grace,

C receive our prayer.

P We offer our prayers, O God, trusting in your everlasting grace and mercy, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C Amen.

+ The Peace [shared among the congregation]
 P The peace of the Lord be with you always.
 C **And also with you.**

The ministers and congregation may greet one another in the name of the Lord.

Peace be with you R Peace be with you.

Parish Announcements

Offering

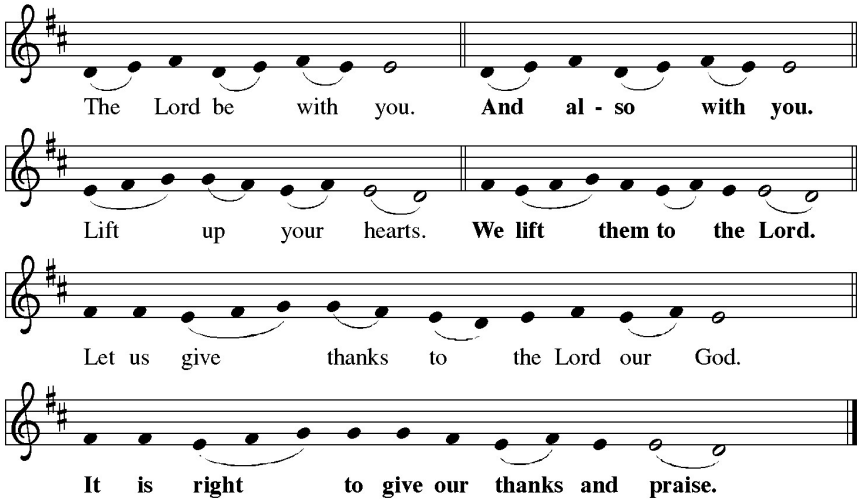
+ Offertory *Let the Vineyards be Fruitful, Lord*
 1 Corinthians 10:16 & John 6:35

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 the dreams of all; u - nite them with the
 prayers we of - fer now. Grace our ta - ble with your
 pres - ence, and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

+ The Prayer

P Let us pray. Merciful Father,
 C **we offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us—
 our selves , our time, and our possessions, signs of your gracious
 love. Receive them for the sake of him who gave himself for us,
 Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen**

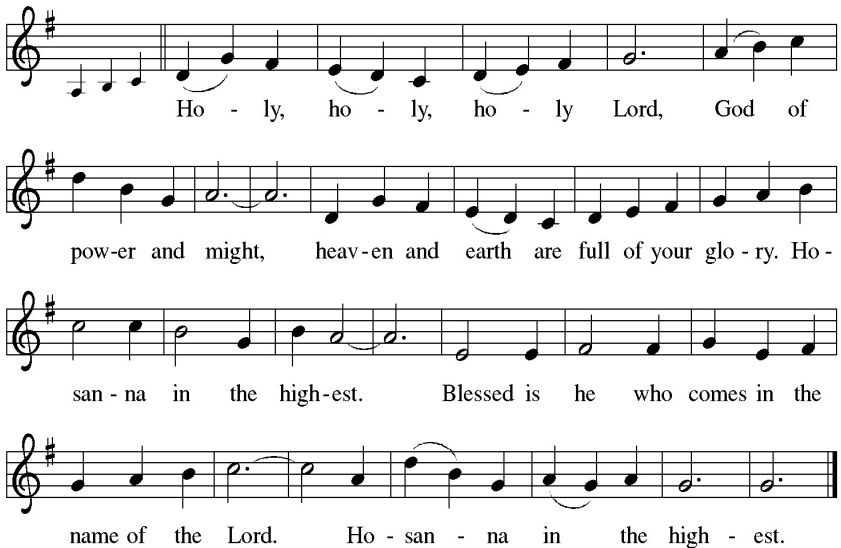
+ The Great Thanksgiving



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 our 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 rose beyond the bounds of death and, [on this day,] as he had promised, poured out your Spirit of life and power upon the chosen disciples. At this the whole earth exults in boundless joy. And so, with the Church on earth and the host of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Isaiah 6:3 & Matthew 21:9



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of
pow-er and might, heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
san - na in the high-est. Blessed is he who comes in the
name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Matthew 26:26-28, Luke 22:17-20
Mark 14:22-24, 1Corinthians 11:23-26

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.

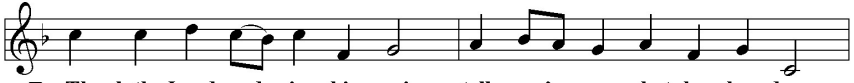
+The Lord's Prayer

Matthew 6:9-13

**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**

+ Post-Communion Canticle

Thank the Lord



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



Let all who seek 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

Romans 5:5

P Let us pray. We give you thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us through the healing power of this gift of life; and we pray that in your mercy you would strengthen us, through this gift, in faith toward you and in fervent love toward one another; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.

C Amen

+ The Benediction

Now Go in Peace

Choir

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.

The Holy Communion

As the ministers give the bread and wine, they say these words to each communicant:

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

The communicant may say: Amen

Music during the Communion:

Stand

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

C **Amen**

1 My hope is built on nothing less than
 2 When dark - ness veils his love - ly face, I
 3 His oath, his cov - e - nant, his blood sus -
 4 When he shall come with trum - pet sound, oh,

Je - sus' blood and righ - teous - ness; no mer - it of my
 rest on his un - chang - ing grace; in ev - 'ry high and
 tain me in the rag - ing flood; when all sup - ports are
 may I then in him be found, clothed in his righ - teous -

own I claim, but whol - ly lean on Je - sus' name.
 storm - y gale my an - chor holds with - in the veil.
 washed a - way, he then is all my hope and stay.
 ness a - lone, re - deemed to stand be - fore the throne!

Refrain

On Christ, the sol - id rock, I stand; all oth - er ground is sink - ing sand.

+ Dismissal

P Go in peace.
Children Serve the Lord.
C **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude

+Stand as you are able

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SERVING TODAY

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<i>Lay Reader</i>	<i>Brian Oakes</i>
<i>Prayer Leader</i>	<i>Brian Oakes</i>
<i>Greeter</i>	
<i>Altar Committee</i>	<i>Nancy Williams, Virginia Nickel</i>
<i>Council President</i>	<i>Rick Williams</i>

WELCOME TO ST. JOHN LUTHERAN CHURCH. We are pleased you are here. If you are visiting with us this morning, please sign our guest book in the entrance area. We hope you will join us again very soon.

THIS MORNING WE CELEBRATE HOLY COMMUNION. St John observes open communion. Christians of all Churches and all denominations are invited and encouraged to join us at our Lord's table. You may drink from either the Common Cup or individual cups. Grape juice is offered as an alternative for those who wish it. Young children who have not yet gone through Preparation for Communion may be brought forward for a blessing.

These are the words of Martin Luther from The Small Catechism.

The benefits of this sacrament are pointed out by the words, **given and shed for you for the remission of sins.** The words assure us that in the sacrament we receive forgiveness of sins, life and salvation. For where there is forgiveness of sins, there is also life and salvation.

It is not eating and drinking that does this, but the words, **given and shed for you for the remission of sins.** These words, along with eating and drinking, are the main thing in the sacrament. And whoever believes these words has exactly what they say, forgiveness of sins.

WE WELCOME Pastor Janet Hatch as she brings us God's Word as our guest preacher this morning. May God bless us all with the love and spiritual gifts of this very special disciple of Christ. She served as St. John's pastor from 2000-2011.

LET US PRAY FOR: Dale Ramey, Emily Smith, Peggy Butler, Roberta Sommer, Rosemarie Becker, Patricia Cavendish, Jim Skipworth, Galen Gleim, Paul Means, Grace Mootz, Marcella Mootz, Barb Coakley, Kay Staker, Kimberly Tolliver, Barbara Redmond, Brian & Carol Hicks, Danica Clarkson, Bill Murphy, Frank Dodd, Michael Copeland, Linda Martin, Jane Bussler, Rena McIntyre, Bill Culver, Brenda Moore, Melaine Hawk, Mike Mucha, Patty Poole, Kent Gifford, Nicholas Young, Jason Pierce, Beth Miller, Jane Staker, The Congregation of the Mountain Church in Asmushausen, Germany, the members of our armed forces, and those we hold privately in our hearts

TODAY WE WELCOME Stella Rose Sampson into the Kingdom of God and into our church family here at St. John through the Sacrament of Holy Baptism. Her parents are Kaden and Cassie, and her big sisters is Scarlett and Sienna. Grandparents are Brian and Shelly Oakes and LeeAnn and James Elliot Sampson. May our loving Lord bless this child always in her journey of faith and may she and her family continue to grow in Christ's grace and truth.

PLEASE PRAY FOR the Call Committee and Church Council as we search for a new pastor. May God bless and guide them in this journey.

BLANKET PROJECT meets Tuesday at 10:00 .a.m. Everyone is welcome.

CHOIR PRACTICE on Wednesday at 7:00 p.m.

WE ARE restarting the visitation team. A two person team will visit shut-ins, the hospitalized or those in nursing homes. Also, we are starting an outreach program by sending a card from our church family to recognize birthdays, provide encouragement during illness or loss. Cards and postage will be provided. If you are interested, please see Cindy Oakes.

AS PART OF our celebration of our church's 150th anniversary, we are collecting family history/stories of how your family came to this country. We will be creating a booklet to share for Heritage Sunday in November. If you have a story, please see Cindy Oakes.

This Week at St. John

Today—*Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost*

10:00 a.m. **Worship**—*Holy Communion*—*Holy Baptism*
Pastor Janet Hatch preaching

11:00 a.m. Lite Lunch

Tuesday

10:00 a.m. Blanket Project

Wednesday

7:00 p.m. Choir Practice

Next Sunday—*Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost*

9:00 a.m. Lite Breakfast for our First Responders

10:00 a.m. **Worship**—Honoring Our First Responders

Attendance

2025 Average 62

2024 Average: 62

Serving Next Sunday, September 14

Organist

Leigh Ann Henry

Lay Reader

Hayley Ramey/Owen Ramey

Prayer Leader

Brian Ramey

Greeter

Altar Committee

Nancy Williams, Virginia Nickel

Council President

Rick Williams

CELEBRATING THIS WEEK

BIRTHDAYS: Cheyenne Otworth, Sonny Mullins, Maria Fraulini

BAPTISMS:

ANNIVERSARIES:

IF WE MISSED ANYONE please let Vicki Bradley know so we can add you to the list.

Coming Events

Sunday, October 5 at 10:00 a.m. Pastor Janet Hatch preaching
A Lite lunch following worship.

Tuesday, October 7 at 10:00 a.m. Blanket Project

Wednesday, October 8 at 7:00 p.m. Choir Practice

Sunday, October 12 at 9:00 a.m. Lite Breakfast in honor of our 1st Responders

Sunday, October 12 at 10:00 a.m. Honoring Our 1st Responders

Tuesday, October 14 at 10:00 a.m. Blanket Project

Wednesday, October 15 at 7:00 p.m. Choir Practice

Sunday, October 19 at 11:00 a.m. Church Council Meeting

Tuesday, October 21 at 10:00 a.m. Blanket Project

Wednesday, October 22 at 7:00 p.m. Choir Practice

Tuesday, October 28 at 10:00 a.m. Blanket Project

Wednesday, October 29 at 7:00 p.m. Choir Practice

Sunday, November 2 at 9:00 a.m. Lite Breakfast in honor of our Veterans

Sunday, November 2 at 10:00 a.m. Veterans Sunday

Wednesday, November 5 at 7:00 p.m. Choir Practice

Sunday, November 9 at 10:00 a.m. St. John's 150th Anniversary Celebration

Sunday, November 9 at 11:00 a.m. Potluck/carry-in dinner

Wednesday, November 12 at 7:00 p.m. Choir Practice

Sunday, November 16 at 11:00 a.m. Church Council

Wednesday, November 19 at 7:00 p.m. Choir Practice

Wednesday, November 26 at 7:00 p.m. Choir Practice

Wednesday, December 3 at 7:00 p.m. Choir Practice

Wednesday, December 10 at 7:00 p.m. Choir Practice

Sunday, December 14 at 11:00 a.m. Annual Christmas Dinner
Followed by caroling

Wednesday, December 17 at 7:00 p.m. Choir Practice

Sunday, December 21 at 10:00 a.m. Children Christmas Program

Sunday, December 21 at 11:00 a.m. Church Council Meeting

Wednesday, December 24 at 7:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Service

Honoring Our First Responder

**Sunday, October 12
At 9:00 a.m. Lite breakfast.**

Honoring Our Veterans

**Sunday, November 2
At 9:00 a.m. Lite breakfast.**

St. John's 150th Anniversary Celebration

**Sunday, November 9
Potluck/carry-in dinner immediately following worship.**

Sunday, December 14

**Blessing of the Blankets
Annual Christmas Dinner immediately after worship
Following dinner Caroling**

Join us Wednesday, December 24

**At 7:00 p.m. for our annual
Christmas Eve Festival Service
of Candlelight and Holy Communion**

Sunday, January 11

**Annual Congregational Meeting
Immediately following worship.**

