

St. John's Lutheran Church, ELCA Sunday, August 27th, 2023 9:30 a.m. The Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Welcome

L: The grace of our Lord, Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you now and forever.

All: Amen.

TConfession and Forgiveness

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ♣ one God, who greets us in this and every season, whose word never fails, whose promise is sure.

All: Amen.

P: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of our neighbors. Merciful God,

All: We confess that we have sinned. We have hurt our community. We have squandered your blessings. We have hoarded your bounty. In the name of Jesus, forgive us and grant us your mercy.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P: Righteous God,

All: We confess that we have sinned. We have failed to be honest. We have lacked the courage to speak. We have spoken falsely. In the name of Jesus, forgive us and grant us your mercy.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P: God is a cup of cold water when we thirst. God offers boundless grace when we fail. Claim the gift of God's mercy: you are freed and forgiven in the name of *Jesus Christ.

All: Amen.

Prayer of the Day

P: Let us pray...

All: O God, with all your faithful followers of every age, we praise you, the rock of our life. Be our strong foundation and form us into the body of your Son, that we may gladly minister to all the world, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

ÄSong "Build Your Kingdom Here"

Come set Your rule and reign
In our hearts again
Increase in us we pray
Unveil why we're made
Come set our hearts ablaze with hope
Like wildfire in our very souls
Holy Spirit come invade us now
We are Your church
We need Your pow'r in us

We seek Your kingdom first
We hunger and we thirst
Refuse to waste our lives
For You're our joy and prize
To see the captives' hearts released
The hurt the sick the poor at peace
We lay down our lives for
heaven's cause
We are Your church
We pray revive this earth

Build Your kingdom here Let the darkness fear Show Your mighty hand Heal our streets and land Set Your church on fire Win this nation back Change the atmosphere Build Your kingdom here we pray

Unleash Your kingdom's pow'r
Reaching the near and far
No force of hell can stop
Your beauty changing hearts
You made us for much
more than this
Awake the kingdom seed in us
Fill us with the strength and love of Christ
We are Your church
We are the hope on earth

Build Your kingdom here
Let the darkness fear
Show Your mighty hand
Heal our streets and land
Set Your church on fire
Win this nation back
Change the atmosphere
Build Your kingdom here we pray
(repeat)

First Reading: Isaiah 51:1-6

Listen to me, you that pursue righteousness, you that seek the LORD. Look to the rock from which you were hewn, and to the quarry from which you were dug. Look to Abraham your father and to Sarah who bore you; for he was but one when I called him, but I blessed him and made him many. For the LORD will comfort Zion; he will comfort all her waste places, and will make her wilderness like Eden, her desert like the garden of the LORD; joy and gladness will be found in her, thanksgiving and the voice of song. Listen to me, my people, and give heed to me, my nation; for a teaching will

go out from me, and my justice for a light to the peoples. ⁵I will bring near my deliverance swiftly, my salvation has gone out and my arms will rule the peoples; the coastlands wait for me, and for my arm they hope. ⁶Lift up your eyes to the heavens, and look at the earth beneath; for the heavens will vanish like smoke, the earth will wear out like a garment, and those who live on it will die like gnats; but my salvation will be forever, and my deliverance will never be ended.

R: This is the word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Second Reading: Romans 12:1-8

¹I appeal to you therefore, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. ²Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God—what is good and acceptable and perfect. ³For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of yourself more highly than you ought to think, but to think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. ⁴For as in one body we have many members, and not all the members have the same function, ⁵so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another. ⁶We have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us: prophecy, in proportion to faith; ¹ministry, in ministering; the teacher, in teaching; ⁶the exhorter, in exhortation; the giver, in generosity; the leader, in diligence; the compassionate, in cheerfulness.

R: This is the word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

P: The Holy Gospel according to Matthew the sixteenth chapter beginning at verse thirteen.

All: Glory to you, O Lord.

Gospel: Matthew 16:13-20

¹³Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that the Son of Man is?" ¹⁴And they said, "Some say John the Baptist, but others Elijah, and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets." ¹⁵He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?" ¹⁶Simon Peter answered, "You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God." ¹⁷And Jesus answered him, "Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father in heaven. ¹⁸And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it. ¹⁹I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven." ²⁰Then he sternly ordered the disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah.

P: This is the Gospel of our Lord.

All: Praise to you, O Christ.

A Children's Message

Message

Song "How Great Is The Love"

Thank You for the way
That You love us
How You love us
Thank You for the way
You have made us
We were created for Your pleasure
For Your presence
For the glory of Your name
Thank You for the way
That You love us

Jesus faithful King
Lord with grateful hearts we sing
How great is the love
How great is the love of our Savior
The weight of the cross
The curse of our shame
You carried it all and rose from the grave
How great is the love
How great is the love of our Savior
Of our Savior

Thank You for Your grace that has saved us You forgave us
Thank You for the way
You have freed us
We have been ransomed
We've been rescued
We've been purchased
With the price of Your own life
Thank You for the way
That You love us

Jesus faithful King
Lord with grateful hearts we sing
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How great is the love of our Savior
The weight of the cross
The curse of our shame
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Thank You love us
Thank You for the way that You love us

Jesus faithful King
Lord with grateful hearts we sing
How great is the love
How great is the love of our Savior
The weight of the cross
The curse of our shame
You carried it all and rose from the grave
How great is the love
How great is the love of our Savior
Of our Savior
Thank You for the way that You love us

Prayers of Intercession-

L: Hear us, O God,

All: Your mercy is great.

All: With everlasting thanks and joy for your love and forgiveness we ask you to be with us till we meet again. This week help us to take every opportunity to be thankful for the blessings of each day. Help us to pay attention to how best we can be a gift to others. May we approach each day with SOULserving others uplifting lives! We ask all in the name of your Dear Son, our Savior Jesus Christ. AMEN.

Offering

Offering Prayer

P: God of field and forest, sea and sky, you are the giver of all good things. Sustain us with these gifts of your creation, and multiply your graciousness in us, that the world may be fed with your love, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

All: Amen.

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.
treasure, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Announcements

Song

"Rock of Ages"

There is no rock
There is no god
Like our God
No other name
Worthy of all our praise

The Rock of salvation That cannot be moved He's proven Himself To be faithful and true There is no rock There is no god like ours

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The Rock of salvation
That cannot be moved
He's proven Himself
To be faithful and true
There is no rock
There is no god like ours

Rock of ages Jesus is the Rock (clap clap)
Rock of ages Jesus is the Rock (clap clap)
Rock of ages Jesus is the Rock (clap clap)
There is no rock
There is no god Like ours

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Blessing

P: The God who calls across the cosmos and speaks in the smallest seed bless, keep, and sustain you now and to the end of the age.

All: Amen.

Dismissal

P: Go in peace. Share the harvest.

All: Thanks be to God.

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EMERGENCY SPIRITUAL HELP

Please call the church office if you are ill, in the hospital, or in need of spiritual help. There are Pastors and Lay Leaders trained.

COMMUNION

The next time communion will be offered is Sunday, September 17th at 9:30a.m.

CONFIRMATION/SUNDAY SCHOOL

The restart date for Sunday School will be September 10th. Teachers are NEEDED. The goal is to form a team so each volunteer would only teach one Sunday a month. Please contact the church office to volunteer so we can continue to offer this service to the future of the church! The restart date for Confirmation will be September 13th. You may register at: https://forms.ministryforms.net/viewForm.aspx?formId=7512f5eb-31a2-40d3-aaee-8f6736c5abcd or there will be registration forms in the back of the sanctuary. You may leave the form in the office Dropbox.

HANDING OUT OF BIBLES

Handing out of Bibles will occur on September 10th. If your child is turning 3 years old or is going to be in 3rd grade this year, please contact the church office so we can ensure we have enough bibles for everyone. Please indicate which service you will be attending on September 10th as well. You may also sign up online at: https://forms.ministryforms.net/viewForm.aspx? formId=413262d7-a1d2-42a7-bcf8-41c677f0456b.

PRAYERS

Please keep the following in your prayers: Andy Shulz, Anne Erdman, Becky Van Buren, Brayden Mielke, Clarence Fenner (Peggy Hammond's dad), Corrine Kroening, Darla Dieck, Dave Krueger, David Soik, Gloria Krieser, Houston Burmeister, Jaden Stuhr, Jim Johnson, John Bartelt, Judy Allen, Karen Ashenbrenner, Karla Kroening, Karol Freeland, Kay Moericke, Laura Moericke, Nathan Nick, Patty (Fournier) Beck, Parker Wolff, Rachel Fischer, Scott Brandenburg and Will Wege. Please let us know if you or your family would like to be added or taken off the prayer list.

SIMPLY GIVING

We have had several inquiries about setting up automatic withdrawal donations to the church. If you are interested in this, please visit the website at: https://www.stjohnsmarion.org/information-forms/ and fill out the form that is linked to Online Giving. You can also give online on the homepage by clicking on the donate button. If you are interested in participating please either let the church office know.

SUNDAY SUMMER WORSHIP SERVICE SCHEDULE

The summer worship schedule will be one service at 9:30a.m., alternating worship spaces during the summer. Services during August 20th-September 3rd will be in the Parish Hall.

WORSHIP IN THE PARK

The last Wednesday evening outdoor service will take place on August 30 at 6:00 p.m. at Veteran's Park. We will have worship with fellowship to follow. There will be pie and ice cream offered that evening. Wednesday evening

worship will move back indoors in the Sanctuary on September 6.

SOUL OPPORTUNITIES:

FALL DINNER

The fall dinner date is November 12th. Please mark you calendars as help will be needed. Sign-ups are in the back of the Sanctuary.

FOOD PANTRY

Food pantry needs for September are juice and oatmeal. Food pantry wants are dish and laundry soap.

LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF SCHOOL KITS

We are collecting for school supplies for Lutheran World Relief school kits. **70-sheet notebooks of wide-or-college-ruled paper, approximately 8"x10 ½", no loose leaf paper;** 30-centimeter ruler, or a ruler with centimeters on one side and inches on the other; pencil sharpener; blunt scissors (safety scissors with embedded steel blades work well); unsharpened #2 pencils with eraser; black or blue ballpoint pens (no gel ink); box of 16 or 24 crayons; and 2 ½" eraser. For a complete list of supplies that is needed, please check out the list online at Lutheran World Relief. Any supplies that do not meet the requirements for a LWR school kit will be donated to the local school districts or Sunday School. **The items in bold are needed the most.**

SCRIP CARDS

Mama's House of Hope has teamed up with St. Vincent De Paul to help ANYONE in need within the Marion/Tigerton/Wittenberg area. To help with this very worthy cause St. Vincent De Paul is doing an <u>ongoing</u> fundraiser. Ten percent of all SCRIP cards, to any SHELL station, that are being sold will be donated to St. Vincent De Paul. These cards are good for gas or anything in the store. Cards can be obtained from Jackie Suehring or the church office. If you would like several cards, please contact the church office, Jackie Suehring, or Pat Breitenfeldt (St. Vincent De Paul board member).

CHURCH CALENDAR

Church Services

September 3rd-Worship in the Parish Hall

September 10th-8a.m. & 10:30a.m. Worship

September 17th– 8a.m. & 10:30a.m. Worship with Communion (Pastor Bob Wilkinson)

September 24th-8a.m. & 10:30a.m. Worship

Quilting-Every Wednesday 12:30p.m.

Camelot Worship-Every first Wednesday of the month at 3p.m.

Office Closed

Thursday, August 31st

Monday, September 4th Labor Day

Tuesday, September 12th

Office Hours Change to 8:30-4:30p.m.

Sunday, September 5th

Confirmation Classes

Meet with Confirmation Mentors Throughout Summer Months