



St. John's Lutheran Church, ELCA
Sunday, September 17th, 2023-8:00a.m. & 10:30 a.m.
Wednesday, September 20th, 2023-6p.m.
The Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Prelude

"Flute Tune"
"Offertoire in Eb"
"Amazing Grace"

Thomas Arne
Edward M. Read
Wilbur Held

Welcome

P: 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.

Welcoming of New Members from 2019-2023

***Will all new members present please come to the front of church**

P: In Romans 15:7 Paul writes, "Welcome one another, therefore, just as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God." Today we recognize and celebrate these new members that join our family of faith at St. John's.

June 2019-August 2023

2019:Kaisen Jo Kriewaldt through baptism

2020: Jeremy & Rebecca Brehm

McKenzie Kathleen Brehm through baptism

Christopher & Chanda Nulph, daughters Trinity, Zoey, Delaney

Kynsley Janine Nulph through baptism

2021: Scott & Peggy Gerbig

Erin Elandt through marriage

Shawna Bertram through marriage

Jasper James Lee Bertram through baptism

Oaklynn Willow Hafner through baptism

Neveah Lee Vollmer through baptism
Anne Dee Hedtke through baptism

2022: Jared Sawall
Emily Sawall
Sypriss Robbi Briske through baptism
Sullivan Aaron Bender through baptism
Kalen James Kriewaldt through baptism
Boston Scott Elandt through baptism

2023: Dianne Schumacher
Rosalie Elizabeth Matz through baptism
Dehlila Rae Baylous through baptism

P: Dear Lord, we give thanks for those who have chosen to celebrate the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ. We pray you help and guide them as they grow in faith and love for you. We thank you for the blessing of their presence in our congregation and we look forward to praying, celebrating, and being together in this community of faith. Lord, we ask you watch over them, protect them and strengthen their faith. In Jesus name, Amen.

All: We welcome you into the Lord's family. We receive you a fellow member of the body of Christ, children of the same heavenly Father, and workers with us in the kingdom of God.

Confession and Forgiveness

P: Blessed be God, the one who forms us, ✝ Jesus who bears the cross, the Spirit who makes our joy complete.

All: Amen.

P: Let us bow before God in humility, confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Steadfast and faithful God,

All: you have revealed the ways of justice, yet we fail to follow you. We are overwhelmed by the world's violence and suffering. We are afraid to risk what we have for the sake of others. For the harm we have caused, known and unknown, forgive us. For the unjust demands we place on others and your creation, forgive us. For the ways we turn away from you and our neighbor, forgive us. Lead us back to you and set us on the right path; in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.

P: Beloved in Christ, God's justice stretches beyond all understanding, God's compassion is beyond compare. In Jesus, God is always making a new way for us. In Christ, you are already and always forgiven.

All: Amen.

Prayer of the Day

P: Let us pray...

All: O Lord God, merciful judge, you are the inexhaustible fountain of forgiveness. Replace our hearts of stone with hearts that love and adore you, that we may delight in doing your will, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Songs

Sunday 8:00a.m.-"**Guide Me Ever, Great Redeemer**" ELW # 618

10:30a.m.-"**Bless the Lord (10,000 Reasons)**"

Wednesday 6p.m.- "**God Is Here!**" ELW # 526

First Reading: Genesis 50:15-21

¹⁵Realizing that their father was dead, Joseph's brothers said, "What if Joseph still bears a grudge against us and pays us back in full for all the wrong that we did to him?" ¹⁶So they approached Joseph, saying, "Your father gave this instruction before he died, ¹⁷'Say to Joseph: I beg you, forgive the crime of your brothers and the wrong they did in harming you.' Now therefore please

forgive the crime of the servants of the God of your father.” Joseph wept when they spoke to him. ¹⁸Then his brothers also wept, fell down before him, and said, “We are here as your slaves.” ¹⁹But Joseph said to them, “Do not be afraid! Am I in the place of God? ²⁰Even though you intended to do harm to me, God intended it for good, in order to preserve a numerous people, as he is doing today. ²¹So have no fear; I myself will provide for you and your little ones.” In this way he reassured them, speaking kindly to them.

R: This is the word of the Lord.


All: Thanks be to God.

Second Reading: Romans 14:1-12

¹Welcome those who are weak in faith, but not for the purpose of quarreling over opinions. ²Some believe in eating anything, while the weak eat only vegetables. ³Those who eat must not despise those who abstain, and those who abstain must not pass judgment on those who eat; for God has welcomed them. ⁴Who are you to pass judgment on servants of another? It is before their own lord that they stand or fall. And they will be upheld, for the Lord is able to make them stand. ⁵Some judge one day to be better than another, while others judge all days to be alike. Let all be fully convinced in their own minds. ⁶Those who observe the day, observe it in honor of the Lord. Also those who eat, eat in honor of the Lord, since they give thanks to God; while those who abstain, abstain in honor of the Lord and give thanks to God. ⁷We do not live to ourselves, and we do not die to ourselves. ⁸If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord; so then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's. ⁹For to this end Christ died and lived again, so that he might be Lord of both the dead and the living. ¹⁰Why do you pass judgment on your brother or sister? Or you, why do you despise your brother or sister? For we will all stand before the judgment seat of God. ¹¹For it is written, “As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to me, and every tongue shall give praise to God.” ¹²So then, each of us will be accountable to God.

R: This is the word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

 P: The Holy Gospel according to Matthew the eighteenth chapter beginning at verse twenty-one.

All: Glory to you, O Lord.

Gospel: Matthew 18:21-35

²¹Peter came and said to [Jesus], “Lord, if another member of the church sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?” ²²Jesus said to him, “Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times. ²³“For this reason the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his slaves. ²⁴When he began the reckoning, one who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him; ²⁵and, as he could not pay, his lord ordered him to be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, and payment to be made. ²⁶So the slave fell on his knees before him, saying, ‘Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.’ ²⁷And out of pity for him, the lord of that slave released him and forgave him the debt. ²⁸But that same slave, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow slaves who owed him a hundred denarii; and seizing him by the throat, he said, ‘Pay what you owe.’ ²⁹Then his fellow slave fell down and pleaded with him, ‘Have patience with me, and I will pay you.’ ³⁰But he refused; then he went and threw him into prison until he would pay the debt. ³¹When his fellow slaves saw what had happened, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place. ³²Then his lord summoned him and said to him, ‘You wicked slave! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. ³³Should you not have had mercy on your fellow slave, as I had mercy on you?’ ³⁴And in anger his lord handed him over to be tortured until he would pay his entire debt. ³⁵So my heavenly Father will also do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother or sister from your heart.”

P: This is the Gospel of our Lord.

All: Praise to you, O Christ.

Children's Message

Message

Songs

Sunday 8:00a.m.- ***“Forgive Our Sins as We Forgive”*** ELW # 605

10:30a.m.- ***“Come Just As You Are”***

Wednesday 6p.m.- ***“You Are Mine”*** ELW # 581

Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,

who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,

born of the virgin Mary, 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,

he is seated at the right hand of the Father,

and 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.

Prayers of Intercession-

L: Merciful God,

All: receive our prayer.

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 SOUL-

-serving others uplifting lives! We ask all in the name of your Dear Son, our Savior Jesus Christ. AMEN.

Offering

Offering Prayer

P: God of power, God of plenty, all things belong to you. We bring your gifts to the table, that all might be fed. From us into the body of your Beloved, Jesus Christ, our Savior.

All: Amen.

Great Thanksgiving

P: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts

All: We lift them to the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places given thanks and praise...we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

All: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heav'n and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest.

Words of Institution

P: On the night in which he was betrayed...

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.

Distribution of Communion

Prayer After Communion

All: Blessed be your name, O God, for we have feasted on your Word, Christ Jesus, the joy and delight of our hearts. Strengthened by this food, send us to gather the world to your banquet, where none are left out and all are satisfied. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

Announcements

Songs

Sunday 8:00a.m.-***“Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee”*** ELW # 836

10:30a.m.-***“Our God Saves”***

Wednesday 6p.m.- ***“O Savior, Precious Savior”*** ELW # 820

Blessing

P: The God of glory, ✝ Jesus Christ, name above all names, and the Spirit who lives in you, bless you now and forever.

All: Amen.

Dismissal

P: Go in peace. God is at work in you.

All: Thanks be to God.

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Serving Today

Message: Sunday- Pastor Bob Wilkinson

Wednesday-Pastor Jill Meyer

Worship Leader: Sunday 8:00a.m.-Sharon Piastowski

Sunday 10:30a.m.-Kay Tellock

Wednesday 6p.m.-Tracy Conradt

Worship Reader: Sunday 8:00a.m.-Karen Schultz

Wednesday 6p.m.-Todd Conradt

Music: Sunday 8a.m.-Lee Kersten

Sunday 10:30a.m.-*Come Alive!* Worship Team

Dayna Conradt, Lisa De Valk, Ashley Flink, Ward & Mandy Malueg,
Ray & Linda Mielke, Denise Pamperin, Troy & Joanne Stevenson,
Kay Tellock

Wednesday 6p.m.-Sharon Piastowski

EMERGENCY SPIRITUAL HELP

Please call the church office if you are ill, in the hospital, or in need of spiritual help.

COMMUNION

The next time communion will be offered is Sunday, October 8th at 8a.m. and 10:30a.m.

DONATION

A monetary donation was made by Warren and Anne Erdman in celebration of their 65th wedding anniversary on September 6th, 1958.

PRAYERS

Please keep the following in your prayers: Andy Shulz, Anne Erdman, Becky Van Buren, Bob Eggleston, Braden Mielke, Clarence Fenner (Peggy Hammond's dad), Corrine Kroening, Darla Dieck, Dave Krueger, David Soik, Dorothy Arndt, Gloria Krieser, Houston Burmeister, Jaden Stuhr, Jim Johnson, Judy Allen, Karen Ashenbrenner, Karla Kroening, Karol Freeland, Mary Mengert, Kay Moericke, Laura Moericke, Nathan Nick, Patty (Fournier) Beck, Parker Wolff, Rachel Fischer, Will Wege and the family and friends of John Bartelt. 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.

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 1/2", 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. **Items in bold above are needed most.** The kits will be shipped on October 6th. If you plan on donating supplies, please be sure to donate by October 4th.

SOUL T-SHIRT SALE

Show your SOUL - We are selling t-shirts to promote our new Motto - T-shirts will be \$20 for SM-XLg -larger sizes are \$1 per "X" more up to size XXXLarge. Help us show our SOUL. Order forms are available in the *Great Room*. Profits from the sale of the T-shirts will be used for a community event held at St. John's. Money will need to be turned in with the order sheet for an order to be placed. Please write checks out to St. John's Lutheran Church and put in the memo: T-shirt order.

CHURCH CALENDAR

Church Services

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

Quilting-Every Wednesday 12:30p.m.

Confirmation Classes-Every Wednesday at 6:45p.m. after worship
Confirmation Sunday for the 9th Graders will be October 29th at 9:30a.m. with Pastor Gary Froseth

