

# St. John's Lutheran Church

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**October 24, 2021**

**11:00 a.m. WORSHIP SERVICE**



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

**TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST (PROP 25) OCTOBER 24, 2021**

*Prayer upon entering God's House:*

*Send your Holy Spirit, O Lord, into our hearts so that we may know that we are called to serve You and our fellow men and women and that we may live according to Your holy will. In Christ's name we pray. Amen.*

**PRELUDE**

*"Psalm Prelude Opus 32, No.2"*

*Howells*

**\*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**

*"Oh, Praise the Lord, My Soul!"*

*LBW 538*

**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.**

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\*Those who are able, please stand

LBW—Green Hymnal WOV—Blue Hymnal

# \*KYRIE



♩ In peace, let us pray to the Lord.    ♪ Lord,     have mer - cy.



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



♩ Lord,     have mer - cy.



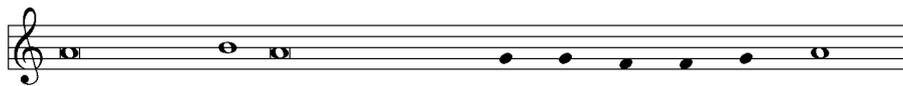
♩ For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



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



♩ Lord,     have mer - cy.



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



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

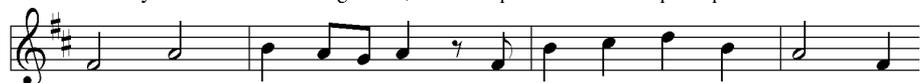


♩ Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gra-cious Lord.    ♪ A     -     men

## \*HYMN OF PRAISE



Ⓐ Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and peace to his peo-ple on earth.



Ⓑ Lord God, heav-en-ly king, al-might-y God and Fa-ther:



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 and everlasting God, increase in us the gifts of faith, hope, and charity; and, that we may obtain what you promise, make us love what you command; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

**C** Amen

**FIRST LESSON:**

**JEREMIAH 31:7-9**

**A** The First Lesson is from the thirty-first chapter of Jeremiah.

<sup>7</sup> For thus says the LORD:

“Sing aloud with gladness for Jacob,  
and raise shouts for the chief of the nations;  
proclaim, give praise, and say,  
‘O LORD, save your people,  
the remnant of Israel.’

<sup>8</sup> Behold, I will bring them from the north country  
and gather them from the farthest parts of the earth,  
among them the blind and the lame,  
the pregnant woman and she who is in labor, together;  
a great company, they shall return here.

<sup>9</sup> With weeping they shall come,  
and with pleas for mercy I will lead them back,  
I will make them walk by brooks of water,  
in a straight path in which they shall not stumble,  
for I am a father to Israel,  
and Ephraim is my firstborn.

**A** Here ends the reading.

**PSALM:**

**PSALM 126**

<sup>1</sup>When the Lord restored the fortunes of Zion,  
then were we like those who dream.

<sup>2</sup>**Then was our mouth filled with laughter,  
and our tongue with shouts of joy.**

<sup>3</sup>Then they said among the nations,  
“The Lord has done great things for them.”

<sup>4</sup>**The Lord has done great things for us,  
and we are glad indeed. R**

<sup>5</sup>Restore our fortunes, O Lord,  
like the watercourses of the Negev.

<sup>6</sup>**Those who sowed with tears  
will reap with songs of joy.**

<sup>7</sup>Those who go out weeping, carrying the seed,  
will come again with joy, shouldering their sheaves. **R**

**SECOND LESSON:**

**HEBREWS 7:23-28**

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

<sup>23</sup>The former priests were many in number, because they were prevented by death from continuing in office; <sup>24</sup>but he holds his priesthood permanently, because he continues forever. <sup>25</sup>Consequently he is able for all time to save those who approach God through him, since he always lives to make intercession for them.

<sup>26</sup>For it was fitting that we should have such a high priest, holy, blameless, undefiled, separated from sinners, and exalted above the heavens. <sup>27</sup>Unlike the other high priests, he has no need to offer sacrifices day after day, first for his own sins, and then for those of the people; this he did once for all when he offered himself. <sup>28</sup>For the law appoints as high priests those who are subject to weakness, but the word of the oath, which came later than the law, appoints a Son who has been made perfect forever.

**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:**

**MARK 10:46-52**

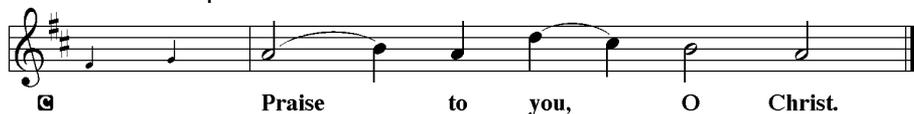
**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark the tenth chapter.

Glo - ry to you, O Lord.

<sup>46</sup>As [Jesus] and his disciples and a large crowd were leaving Jericho, Bartimaeus son of Timaeus, a blind beggar, was sitting by the roadside. <sup>47</sup>When he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to shout out and say, "Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!" <sup>48</sup>Many sternly ordered him to be quiet, but he cried out even more loudly, "Son of David, have mercy on me!" <sup>49</sup>Jesus stood still and said, "Call him here." And they called the blind man, saying to him, "Take heart; get up, he is calling you." <sup>50</sup>So throwing off his cloak, he sprang up and came to Jesus. <sup>51</sup>Then Jesus said to him, "What do you want me to do for you?" The blind man said to him, "My teacher, let me see again."

<sup>52</sup>Jesus said to him, "Go; your faith has made you well." Immediately he regained his sight and followed him on the way.

**P** The Gospel of the Lord.



**CHILDREN'S SERMON**

**\*HYMN**

*"Amazing Grace"*

*LBW 448*

**SERMON**

**THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM**

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**ANTHEM**

*"Just a Closer Walk"*

*arr. Lojeski*

**\*OFFERTORY**

Musical notation for the Offertory. The melody is written on a single staff in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It begins with a common time signature 'C' and a treble clef. The notes are: G4 (quarter), A4 (quarter), B4 (quarter), C5 (quarter), B4-A4 (half), G4 (quarter), F#4 (quarter), E4 (quarter), D4 (quarter), C4 (half). The lyrics are: '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 lyrics are written below the staff.

**\*THE PRAYERS**

Let us intercede before the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ for the sake of the Church, the world and one another.

*A brief silence*

Dear Father, thank you for the mercy, healing, forgiveness, and salvation you lavish upon us in Jesus! Give us courage and persistent faith, so we always trust and follow him along his Way. 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 Jesus Christ our LORD.

**C 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.**

**\*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**      *"I Was There to Hear Your Boring Cry"*      **WOV 770**

**\*DISMISSAL**

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

**POSTLUDE**      *"Carillon"*      *Fleuret*

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*A Nursery/Cry Room is available on the second floor of the Education Building for those who may need it.*



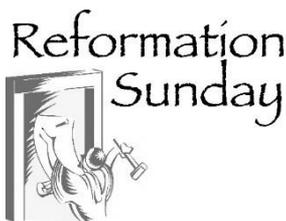
**Sacrament of  
Holy Baptism**

*Today we welcome into the Church through  
the Sacrament of Holy Baptism Elltette Grace  
Walker, daughter of Kraig & Nicole Walker  
and granddaughter of Ed & Cee Walker.*

**OCTOBER CHILDREN'S AND YOUTH CALENDAR**

**October 28<sup>th</sup>:** Trunk or Treat 4:30-6:00pm

**October 31<sup>st</sup>:** Reformation Sunday after Worship/Family Fun



Next **Sunday, October 31<sup>st</sup>**, following worship we will eat, drink and play games! This year it's for everyone from one to one-hundred and three. Bring your appetite for Reformation (Octoberfest) food and get ready to frolick the day away. Activities for everyone will abound. ***Hot dogs, Brats, buns and drinks provided.***

A free will offering will be taken to help defray the cost of food. Be sure to wear **RED** on **Sunday, October 31!**

### **THIS WEEK AT ST. JOHNS**

<b>Today</b>	9:30 a.m.	Junior Choir
	9:45 a.m.	Sunday School
	10:00 a.m.	Senior Choir
	10:40 a.m.	Fast 5 Minute Sight Singing Session
	11:00 a.m.	Worship
	6:30 p.m.	Youth Group
<b>Tuesday 10/26</b>	1:00 p.m.	Newsletter mailing
	6:00 p.m.	Women's Bible Study
<b>Wednesday 10/27</b>	9:30 a.m.	Children's Hour
	5:30 p.m.	Junior Choir/Children's Chimes
	6:00 p.m.	New Bells
	6:30 p.m.	Senior Bells
	8:00 p.m.	Senior Choir
<b>Thursday 10/28</b>	9:30 a.m.	Children's Hour
	11:15 a.m.	Women's Bible Study
	4:30 p.m.	Trunk or Treat - St. John's parking lot
<b>Sunday 10/31</b>	9:30 a.m.	Junior Choir
	9:45 a.m.	Sunday School
	10:00 a.m.	Senior Choir
	11:00 a.m.	Worship
	12:00 p.m.	After Worship Frolicking



### **Pastor's Study**

**Beginning November 3, 2021**

We will begin by looking at the NALC Sacramental Practices statement. This is a good review of what the Small Catechism says about the sacraments, with added commentary/Bible Study.

## CHILDREN'S HOUR

WEDNESDAY or THURSDAY

9:30-11:00am      ages 2 -5yrs

Sign up Anytime      Cost: \$1 wk Donation

Join us...for our Fun-and-Faith-Filled, exceptional program that is available for all potty-trained children ages 2 to 5 yrs old. Moms, Grandparents, Caregivers, Babies all welcome! Every week, we present a structured Children's program that blends fun preschool concepts with fun Biblical lessons. The cost is just a donation of \$1.00 per class/NOT required to pay to attend!

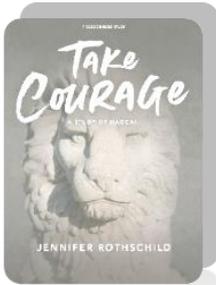
## ADULT *Sunday School*

Anyone who wishes to join the **Ladies of the Von Bora Sunday School class** every Sunday @ 9:00 a.m. is welcome. We meet in the Church chapel on the second floor of the Education building. Classes begin on Sunday, September 19<sup>th</sup> @ 9:00 a.m. Contact person is Nancy Pierce and all are welcome!



Looking for Volunteers to coordinate the stocking & maintaining of Katie's Cupboard

Open - no questions asked, **Katie's Cupboard** fills gaps in services provided by organizations with operating hours and/or requiring paperwork/documentation. **It also encourages community and love for neighbor.** Join us in supporting Katie's Cupboard project in two ways. Purchase items when grocery shopping and place inside the cupboard. Volunteer to work on the "keep it stocked committee" to find ways to sustain this outreach through the congregation and community.



## St. John's Women's Ministry

We have 2 different times available for our Week One of our 8 week study.

- Tuesdays at 6pm OR Thursdays after Children's
- Hour at 11:15am
- Please note: Times may slightly vary and will be announced weekly.

STUDY   SNACKS   DISCUSSION   VIDEOS  
FUN   FELLOWSHIP   \*ZOOMAVAILABLE   EVENTS & MORE

**TRUNK OR TREAT!!!!**  
Thursday, Oct. 28<sup>th</sup>  
4:30-6:00pm  
At St. John's Parking Lot.  
Treats, Games and FUN!

Bring Your car! We need volunteers to serve treats, & bring treats to share! Please see Julie for info.

*Bad weather location: Social Hall.*

## SERVICE PARTICIPANTS

Assisting Minister  
Lector  
Acolyte  
Camera Operator

Sara Shafer  
Frank Baker  
Marlee Smith  
Bill Bouch

## STAFF MEMBERS

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

Julie Smith  
Christine Lettrich  
Michael Craft  
Rebecca Veith  
Elizabeth Cramer



**The flowers on the altar** this morning are presented to the Glory of God and in loving memory of my mother Helen Berringer from Karen Waugaman.

## 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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