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8:30 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 the Service of Word and Sacrament this morning as we celebrate the **Harvest Home Sunday**. 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:

Make full our joy, O Lord, that in bearing fruit and in obeying Your commandments, it may overflow to others. In Christ's name we pray. Amen.

PRELUDE

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***BRIEF ORDER FOR CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

P We worship this day in the name of the Father, and of the ✠ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen**

P Let us confess our sin in the presence of God.

Silence for self-examination.

P Holy and gracious God,

C **I confess that I have sinned against You this day. Some of my sin I know—the thoughts and words and deeds of which I am ashamed—but some is known only to You. In the name of Jesus Christ I ask forgiveness.**

P The Almighty and Merciful Lord grants you pardon, forgiveness, and remission of all your sins. In the Name of the Father, and of the ✠ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen**

OPENING HYMN

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***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.**

***DIALOG**

P: Holy is the Lord, the Almighty,

C: He was, He is, and He is to come.

P: He is worthy of glory and honor and praise.

C: He created all things. By His will they came to be.

P: Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain;

C: Worthy to take the scroll and break its seals.

P: By His blood He purchased for God.

C: people of every race and tongue, of every folk and nation.

P: Christ made of them a kingdom.

C: and priests to serve our God.

P: And they shall reign on earth forever.

C: Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

***PRAYER OF THE DAY**

P: The Lord be with you,

C: And also 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.

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.

²For 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.

³Therefore strong peoples will glorify you;
cities of ruthless nations will fear you.

⁴For 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,

⁵ 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.

⁶On 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.

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

⁸ 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.

⁹ 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.

PSALM:

PSALM 23

¹ **The LORD is my shepherd;
I shall not want.**

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

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

⁴ **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.**

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

⁶ **Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me
all the days of my life:
and I will dwell in the house of the LORD for ever.**

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.

² I entreat Euodia and I entreat Syntyche to agree in the Lord. ³ 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.

⁴ Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, rejoice. ⁵ Let your reasonableness be known to everyone. The Lord is at hand; ⁶ do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. ⁷ And the

peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

⁸ 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. ⁹ What you have learned and received and heard and seen in me—practice these things, and the God of peace will be with you.

A Here ends the reading

P Alleluia

C Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia.

GOSPEL:

MATTHEW 22:1-14

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



Glo - ry to you, O Lord.

And again Jesus spoke to them in parables, saying, ² “The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding feast for his son, ³ and sent his servants to call those who were invited to the wedding feast, but they would not come. ⁴ 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.”’ ⁵ But they paid no attention and went off, one to his farm, another to his business, ⁶ while the rest seized his servants, treated them shamefully, and killed them. ⁷ The king was angry, and he sent his troops and destroyed those murderers and burned their city. ⁸ Then he said to his servants, ‘The wedding feast is ready, but those invited were not worthy. ⁹ Go therefore to the main roads and invite to the wedding feast as many as you find.’ ¹⁰ 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.

¹¹ “But when the king came in to look at the guests, he saw there a man who had no wedding garment. ¹² And he said to him, ‘Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding garment?’ And he was speechless.

¹³ 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.’ ¹⁴ For many are called, but few are chosen.”

P The Gospel of the Lord.
C Praise to You, O Christ.

CHILDREN'S SERMON

HYMN

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SERMON

***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**

***THE PRAYERS**

Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, and for all people according to their needs.

Holy God, you are to be praised above all things. Strengthen Your people as we bless Your Holy Name and proclaim Your good news from day to day. Help us to tell of Your mighty acts as we stand in awe before You and sing Your praises. Open the hearts and minds of all people to sing a new song as they glorify You.

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

**ANTHEM
OFFERING**

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***OFFERTORY PRAYER**

A Let us pray.

A Blessed are You,

C **O Lord our God, maker of all things. Through Your goodness You have blessed us with these gifts. With them we offer ourselves to Your service and dedicate our lives to the care and redemption of all that You have made, for the sake of Him who gave Himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

P: The Lord be with you

C: And also with you

P: Lift up your hearts

C: We lift them up to the Lord

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God

C: it is right to give Him thanks and praise

***EUCHARISTIC PRAYER IV**

P We give you thanks, Father, through Jesus Christ, your beloved Son, whom you sent in this end of the ages to save and redeem us and to proclaim to us your will. He is your Word, inseparable from you. Through him you created all things, and in him you take delight. He is your Word, sent from heaven to a virgin's womb. He there took on our nature and our lot and was shown forth as your Son, born of the Holy Spirit and of the virgin Mary. It is he, our Lord Jesus, who fulfilled all your will and won for you a holy people; he stretched out his hands in suffering in order to free from suffering those who trust you.

It is he who, handed over to a death he freely accepted, in order to destroy death, to break the bonds of the evil one, to crush hell underfoot, to give light to the righteous, to establish his covenant, and to show forth the resurrection, taking bread and giving thanks to you, said:

Take and eat; this is my body, broken for you.

Do this for the remembrance of me.

In the same way he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying:

This is my blood poured out for you.

Do this for the remembrance of me.

Remembering, then, his death and resurrection, we lift this bread and cup before you, giving you thanks that you have made us worthy to stand before you and to serve you as your priestly people.

And we ask you:

Send your Spirit upon these gifts of your Church;
gather into one all who share this bread and wine;

fill us with your Holy Spirit to establish our faith in truth,

that we may praise and glorify you through your Son Jesus Christ.

Through him all glory and honor are yours, Almighty Father, with the Holy Spirit, in your holy Church both now and forever.

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.**



☩ 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.

COMMUNION HYMNS

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***COMMUNION**

*All who are baptized and believe that Christ is truly present
In the Lord's Supper are invited to receive this Sacrament with us.*

The body of Christ, given for you.

The blood of Christ, shed for you.

Amen.

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

C Amen

***POST COMMUNION PRAYER**

***A:** Pour out the Spirit of Your Love, Oh Lord,
and unite the wills of those You have fed with one heavenly food;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

***C: Amen.**

***BENEDICTION**

P As you go on your way may Christ go with you.
May He go before you to show you the way;
May He go behind you to encourage you;
Beside you to befriend you;
Above you to watch over you and within you to give peace.
In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

***C Amen.**

***RECESSIONAL HYMN**

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***DISMISSAL**

A Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

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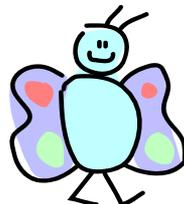
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Children's Hour

9:30am-11am, Every Wednesday and Thursday

We will provide a safe, and clean environment for the kids to gather in small groups, and learn amazing Bible Stories, cute crafts, preschool concepts, and fun activities! As we grow up in faith! *If any event occurs where we would need to cancel, we will then continue our facebook live classes. So far, we will continue to have both Wednesday and Thursday Classes. If changes are needed, we will only be continuing our Wednesday class. We are using masks, and desk barriers as well as individual craft and play items, and disinfecting wipes.



THIS WEEK AT ST. JOHN'S

Today	8:30 a.m.	Worship: Rock of Salvation
	9:30 a.m.	Junior Choir
	9:45 a.m.	Sunday School
	10:00 a.m.	Senior Choir
	11:00 a.m.	Worship
	6:30 p.m.	No Youth Group
Monday 10/12	7:00 p.m.	Council Meeting
	7:00 p.m.	Fireflies
Wed 10/14	9:30 a.m.	Children's Hour
	6:00 p.m.	New Bells
	7:00 p.m.	Hand Bells
Thurs 10/15	9:30 a.m.	Children's Hour
	2:45 & 7:00 p.m.	Catechism
Sunday 10/18	8:30 a.m.	Worship: Rock of Salvation
	9:30 a.m.	Junior Choir
	9:45 a.m.	Sunday School
	10:00 a.m.	Senior Choir
	11:00 a.m.	Worship: Communion
	6:30 p.m.	No Youth Group



On Sunday, October 25th, following worship we will eat, drink and play games! This year it's for everyone from one to one hundred and two. Bring your appetite for Reformation (Octoberfest) food and get ready to frolick the day away. Activities for everyone will abound. Please bring a covered dish to share (German Potato Salad, Sauerkraut,

Cabbage & Kielbasa, etc) or a dessert: German Chocolate Cake, applesauce, pumpkin pie/cake/roll, etc . **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 25th!



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To give through the app, search your phone’s app store for “GivePlus Mobile” or contact the church office.

*“I would maintain that thanks
are the highest form of thought,
and that gratitude
is happiness doubled by wonder.”*

—G.K. Chesterton

SERVICE PARTICIPANTS

Assisting Minister	Nancy Pierce (E)
	Lance Whiteman (L)
Lector	Patty Kirkpatrick (E)
	Christine Whiteman (L)
Comm. Assistants	Amber Zurn, Patty Kirkpatrick (E)
Camera Operator	Robert John (E)
	Keith Livengood (L)

STAFF MEMBERS

Director of Children's & Youth Ministry	Julie Smith
Secretary	Christine Lettrich
Sexton	Michael Craft
Organist/Choir Director/Director of Music	Rebecca Veith
Sr. Choir Accompanist	Elizabeth Cramer



The flowers on the altar this morning are presented to the Glory of God and in honor and celebration of Ruth Ann Hankey's birthday by her children, grandchildren and great grandchildren.

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
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