

**Welcome!**

**St. John's  
Lutheran  
Church**

(LCMS)

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Sun. 10:30 am

***Proclaim the  
Christ.***

***Grow the  
Family.***

***Love the  
Neighbor.***

**Pastor**

Mike Burdick

**Sept. 10, 2023**

15<sup>th</sup> Sunday after  
Pentecost

# Welcome

We welcome you to God's Service in worship at St. John's, and extend a special welcome to all guests and visitors with us.

- Little Children's Worship bags are available in the Atrium.
- Restrooms are located on the 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, and 5<sup>th</sup> floors. Those on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> floors include diaper-changing stations.
- The Service video is broadcast in the Atrium and in the Library area on the 5<sup>th</sup> floor.
- Visitors are not expected to bring an offering. Our members do so in free response to the Gospel and to finance the extension of God's Kingdom.
- **All worshipers are requested to complete an attendance card. They will be collected by the acolyte after the sermon. Thank you!**
- Share prayer requests using the yellow cards in the pews.

## Those Who Serve Us

Each Member of St. John's ..... The Body of Christ  
Rev. Mike Burdick..... Pastor  
Rev. Gary Fortkamp ..... Visitation Pastor  
Mrs. Carrie Collier..... Preschool Director  
Mrs. Jerry Starner ..... Organist  
Mrs. Kiley Bohnhoff ..... Song Leader  
St. John's Praise Band ..... 10:30am Music  
Eva Wendling, Ava Wernsing & Elijah Wendling ..... Acolytes  
Mr. Howard Janis..... 5:30pm Elder on Duty  
Mr. Dave Worman ..... 8:00am Elder on Duty  
Mr. Jim Schroeder ..... 10:30am Elder on Duty  
Mr. Dave Worman 217-821-7819 ..... Elder on Duty for Sept 11 - Sept 15  
Chatelain School & Baja School ..... Our Schools for feeding in Haiti  
Ms. Janet Martins ..... (773-463-0617) Stephen Ministry Leader  
Mrs. Julie Scott ..... (217-343-3047) Prayer Partner Coordinator  
State, National & International Missions ..... through our District and Synod

## Holy Communion

Welcome! When the members of St. John's Lutheran Church, (LCMS) celebrate the Lord's Supper we confess the Real Presence of Christ's Body and Blood in the Bread and Wine, given and shed for the forgiveness of our sins. (1 Cor 10:16 & 1 Cor 11:23-26) We believe that Christ's Body and Blood are present "in, with and under" elements of the Holy Supper. Please register your intent to commune on the pew card after prayerfully reading it. If you are visiting with us and you desire to join with us in communion fellowship in agreement with these beliefs, please speak to our Pastor or the elder on duty before the Service. Thank You.

**Altar Flowers** are given in praise of God for the baptism of Wade Allen Goldstein by his grandparents Neal & Sarah Mellendorf

***You will find the songs for our 10:30 Service in Italics.***

### ***"Light Of The World"***

***Preservice #1***

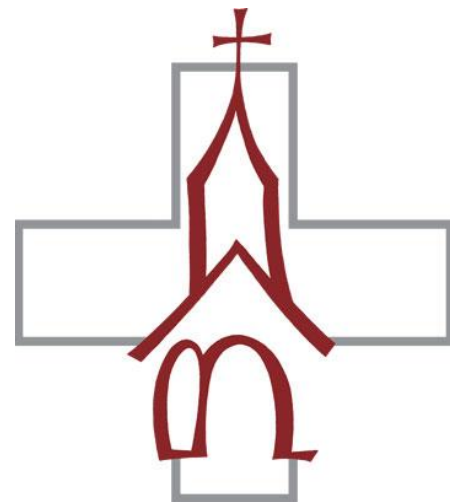
*You are the light of the world  
You are the light of the world  
So shine, shine, shine where you are  
You are the light of the world*

*You are a city on a hill  
You are a city on a hill  
So shine, shine, shine where you are  
You are a city on a hill*

*You are a candle in the dark  
You are a candle in the dark  
So shine, shine, shine where you are  
You are a candle in the dark  
You are a star in the night  
You are a star in the night  
So shine, shine, shine where you are  
You are a star in the night*

*You are the light of the world  
You are the light of the world  
So shine, shine, shine where you are  
You are the light of the world  
So shine, shine, shine where you are  
You are the light of the world*

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***“Better Is One Day”***

**Preservice #2**

*How lovely is Your dwelling place, Oh Lord Almighty,  
For my soul longs and even faints, For You  
Oh, here my heart is satisfied within Your presence  
I sing beneath the shadow of Your wings*

*Better is one day in Your courts  
Better is one day in Your house  
Better is one day in Your courts  
Than thousands elsewhere*

*Better is one day in Your courts  
Better is one day in Your house  
Better is one day in Your courts  
Than thousands elsewhere  
Than thousands elsewhere*

*One thing I ask, and I would seek, to see Your beauty  
To find You in the place Your glory dwells  
One thing I ask and I would seek, to see Your beauty  
To find You in the place Your glory dwells*

*Better is one day in Your courts  
Better is one day in Your house  
Better is one day in Your courts  
Than thousands elsewhere*

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## Divine Service Four



Prelude

Call to Worship

Welcome

*(10:30 Service ... See the insert)*

**Sacrament of Holy Baptism for Wade Allen Goldstein**

Son of Melissa and Luke Goldstein

Sponsor – Jackson Fritch    Witness – Toni Mellendorf

**Hymn #614**

**“As Surely as I Live,” God Said**

**“Holy Is The Lord”**

**(10:30) Opening Song**

*We stand and lift up our hands  
For the joy of the Lord is our strength  
We bow down and worship Him now  
How great, how awesome is He*

*And together we sing,  
Everyone sing*

*Holy is the Lord God Almighty  
The earth is filled with His glory  
Holy is the Lord God Almighty  
The earth is filled with His glory  
The earth is filled with His glory*

*We stand and lift up our hands  
For the joy of the Lord is our strength  
We bow down and worship Him now  
How great, how awesome is He*

*And together we sing,  
Everyone sing*

*Holy is the Lord God Almighty  
The earth is filled with His glory  
Holy is the Lord God Almighty  
The earth is filled with His glory  
The earth is filled with His glory*

*It's rising up all around  
It's the anthem of the Lord's renown  
It's rising up all around  
It's the anthem of the Lord's renown*

*And together we sing,  
everyone sing*

*Holy is the Lord God Almighty  
The earth is filled with His glory  
Holy is the Lord God Almighty  
The earth is filled with His glory  
The earth is filled with His glory  
The earth is filled with His glory  
The earth is filled with His glory*

*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 Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C **who made heaven and earth.**

P If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?

C **But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.**

P Since we are gathered to hear God’s Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, and receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

C **Almighty God, have mercy upon us,**

**forgive us our sins,**

**and lead us to everlasting life.**

**Amen.**

P Almighty God, merciful Father, in Holy Baptism You declared us to be Your children and gathered us into Your one, holy Church, in which You daily and richly forgive us our sins and grant us new life through Your Spirit. Be in our midst, enliven our faith, and graciously receive our prayer and praise; through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C **Amen.**

### Service of the Word

**Kyrie (5:30 & 8:00)**

*LSB 204*



☐ Lord, have mer - cy; Christ, have mer - cy; Lord, have mer - cy.



**C** 1 To God on high be glo - ry And peace to all the earth;  
 2 To You, O sole - be - got - ten, The Fa - ther's Son, we pray;  
 3 For You a - lone are ho - ly; You on - ly are the Lord.



Good-will from God in heav - en Pro - claimed at Je - sus' birth!  
 O Lamb of God, our Sav - ior, You take our sins a - way.  
 For - ev - er and for - ev - er, Be wor - shiped and a - dored;



We praise and bless You, Fa - ther; Your ho - ly name, we sing—  
 Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus; Re - ceive our heart - felt cry,  
 You with the Ho - ly Spir - it A - lone are Lord Most High,



Our thanks for Your great glo - ry, Lord God, our heav'n - ly King.  
 Where You in pow'r are seat - ed At God's right hand on high—  
 In God the Fa - ther's glo - ry. "A - men!" our glad re - ply.

Text: Stephen P. Starke

### Collect of the Day

**P** Let us pray. O God, from whom all good proceeds, grant to us, Your humble servants, Your holy inspiration, that we may set our minds on the things that are right and, by Your merciful guiding, accomplish them; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

### Old Testament Reading

*Ezekiel 33:7–9*

<sup>7</sup>"So you, son of man, I have made a watchman for the house of Israel. Whenever you hear a word from my mouth, you shall give them warning from me. <sup>8</sup>If I say to the wicked, O wicked one, you shall surely die, and you do not speak to warn the wicked to turn from his way, that wicked person shall die in his iniquity, but his blood I will require at your hand. <sup>9</sup>But if you warn the wicked to turn from his way, and he does not turn from his way, that person shall die in his iniquity, but you will have delivered your soul."

**P** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

## Psalm

*Psalm 32:1–7; antiphon: v. 1*

<sup>1</sup>Blessèd is the one whose transgression is forgiven,  
**whose sin is covered.**

<sup>2</sup>Blessèd is the man against whom the LORD counts no iniquity,  
**and in whose spirit there is no deceit.**

<sup>3</sup>For when I kept silent, my bones wasted away  
**through my groaning all day long.**

<sup>4</sup>For day and night your hand was heavy upon me;  
**my strength was dried up as by the heat of summer.**

<sup>5</sup>I acknowledged my sin to you, and I did not cover my iniquity;  
**I said, “I will confess my transgressions to the LORD,” and you forgave the iniquity of my sin.**

<sup>6</sup>Therefore let everyone who is godly offer prayer to you at a time when you may be found;  
**surely in the rush of great waters, they shall not reach him.**

<sup>7</sup>You are a hiding place for me; you preserve me from trouble;  
**you surround me with shouts of deliverance.**

## Epistle

*Romans 13:1–10*

<sup>1</sup>Let every person be subject to the governing authorities. For there is no authority except from God, and those that exist have been instituted by God. <sup>2</sup>Therefore whoever resists the authorities resists what God has appointed, and those who resist will incur judgment. <sup>3</sup>For rulers are not a terror to good conduct, but to bad. Would you have no fear of the one who is in authority? Then do what is good, and you will receive his approval, <sup>4</sup>for he is God’s servant for your good. But if you do wrong, be afraid, for he does not bear the sword in vain. For he is the servant of God, an avenger who carries out God’s wrath on the wrongdoer. <sup>5</sup>Therefore one must be in subjection, not only to avoid God’s wrath but also for the sake of conscience. <sup>6</sup>For the same reason you also pay taxes, for the authorities are ministers of God, attending to this very thing. <sup>7</sup>Pay to all what is owed to them: taxes to whom taxes are owed, revenue to whom revenue is owed, respect to whom respect is owed, honor to whom honor is owed.

<sup>8</sup>Owe no one anything, except to love each other, for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. <sup>9</sup>The commandments, “You shall not commit adultery, You shall not murder, You shall not steal, You shall not covet,” and any other commandment, are summed up in this word: “You shall love your neighbor as yourself.” <sup>10</sup>Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore love is the fulfilling of the law.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**



## Children's Sermon

LSB 205

### Alleluia and Verse (5:30 & 8:00)



**C** Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.



**C** These things are writ - ten that you may be - lieve that



Je - sus is the Christ, the Son of God.



**C** Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

## Holy Gospel

*Matthew 18:1–20*

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the eighteenth chapter.

**C** **Glory to You, O Lord.**

<sup>1</sup>At that time the disciples came to Jesus, saying, “Who is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven?” <sup>2</sup>And calling to him a child, he put him in the midst of them <sup>3</sup>and said, “Truly, I say to you, unless you turn and become like children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven. <sup>4</sup>Whoever humbles himself like this child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven.

<sup>5</sup>“Whoever receives one such child in my name receives me, <sup>6</sup>but whoever causes one of these little ones who believe in me to sin, it would be better for him to have a great millstone fastened around his neck and to be drowned in the depth of the sea.

<sup>7</sup>“Woe to the world for temptations to sin! For it is necessary that temptations come, but woe to the one by whom the temptation comes! <sup>8</sup>And if your hand or your foot causes you to sin, cut it off and throw it away. It is better for you to enter life crippled or lame than with two hands or two feet to be thrown into the eternal fire. <sup>9</sup>And if your eye causes you to sin, tear it out and throw it away. It is better for you to enter life with one eye than with two eyes to be thrown into the hell of fire.

<sup>10</sup>“See that you do not despise one of these little ones. For I tell you that in heaven their angels always see the face of my Father who is in heaven. <sup>11</sup>For the Son of Man came to save the lost. <sup>12</sup>What do you think? If a man has a hundred sheep and one of them has gone astray, does he not leave the ninety-nine on the mountains and go in search of the one that went astray? <sup>13</sup>And if he finds it, truly, I say to you, he rejoices over it more than

over the ninety-nine that never went astray. <sup>14</sup>So it is not the will of my Father who is in heaven that one of these little ones should perish.

<sup>15</sup>“If your brother sins against you, go and tell him his fault, between you and him alone. If he listens to you, you have gained your brother. <sup>16</sup>But if he does not listen, take one or two others along with you, that every charge may be established by the evidence of two or three witnesses. <sup>17</sup>If he refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church. And if he refuses to listen even to the church, let him be to you as a Gentile and a tax collector. <sup>18</sup>Truly, I say to you, whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven. <sup>19</sup>Again I say to you, if two of you agree on earth about anything they ask, it will be done for them by my Father in heaven. <sup>20</sup>For where two or three are gathered in my name, there am I among them.”

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C** Praise to You, O Christ.

### Nicene Creed

**C** I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

**And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.**

**And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

**Hymn #820**

**My Soul, Now Praise Your Maker**

## **"Holy Spirit, Living Breath Of God"**

(10:30) **Sermon Song**

*Holy Spirit, living Breath of God  
Breathe new life into my willing soul;  
Bring the presence of the Risen Lord  
To renew my heart and make me whole.  
Cause Your Word to come alive in me;  
Give me faith for what I cannot see.  
Give me passion for Your purity;  
Holy Spirit breath new life in me.*

*Holy Spirit, come abide within;  
May Your joy be seen in all I do.  
Love enough to cover ev'ry sin  
In each thought and deed and attitude.  
Kindness to the greatest and the least;  
Gentleness that sows the path of peace.  
Turn my striving into works of grace;  
Breath of God, show Christ in all I do.*

*Holy Spirit, from creation's birth,  
Giving life to all that God has made.  
Show Your power once again on earth;  
Cause Your church to hunger for Your ways.  
Let the fragrance of our prayers arise;*

*Lead us on the road of sacrifice.  
That in unity the face of Christ  
Will be clear for all the world to see.*

*Blessing:*

*Christ be with me and Christ within me,  
Christ behind me and Christ before me,  
Christ beside me and Christ to win me,  
Christ to comfort and restore me.  
Christ beneath me and Christ above me,  
Christ in quiet and Christ in danger,  
Christ in hearts of all that love me,  
Christ in mouth of friend and stranger.*

*I bind unto myself the Name,  
The strong Name of the Trinity;  
By invocation of the same.  
The Three in One, and One in Three,  
By Whom all nature hath creation,  
Eternal Father, Spirit, Word;  
Praise to the Lord of my salvation,  
Salvation is of Christ the Lord.*

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## **Sermon**

**"The Way of Christian Love"**

*Romans 13:1-10*

## **Prayer of the Church**

## **Offering**

## **Service of the Sacrament**

### **Preface**

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** **And also with you.**

**P** Lift up your hearts.

**C** **We lift them to the Lord.**

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

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

(10:30 Service continues with the Prayer of Thanksgiving)

P It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, for the countless blessings You so freely bestow on us and all creation. Above all, we give thanks for Your boundless love shown to us when You sent Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, into our flesh and laid on Him our sin, giving Him into death that we might not die eternally. Because He is now risen from the dead and lives and reigns to all eternity, all who believe in Him will overcome sin and death and will rise again to new life. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

**Sanctus (5:30 & 8:00)**

LSB 208



☐ Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth a - dored;



Heav'n and earth with full ac-claim shout the glo-ry of Your name.



Sing ho - san - na in the high-est, sing ho - san - na to the Lord;



Tru - ly blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord!

Text: Stephen P. Starke

**Prayer of Thanksgiving**

P Blessed are You, O Lord our God, king of all creation, for You have had mercy on us and given Your only-begotten Son that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life.

In Your righteous judgment You condemned the sin of Adam and Eve, who ate the forbidden fruit, and You justly barred them and all their children from the tree of life. Yet, in Your great mercy, You promised salvation by a second Adam, Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, and made His cross a life-giving tree for all who trust in Him.

We give You thanks for the redemption You have prepared for us through Jesus Christ. Grant us Your Holy Spirit that we may faithfully eat and drink of the fruits of His cross and receive the blessings of forgiveness, life, and salvation that come to us in His body and blood.

Hear us as we pray in His name and as He has taught us:

### Lord's Prayer

**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.

### The Words of Our Lord

### Pax Domini

**P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C** Amen.

### Agnus Dei (5:30 & 8:00)

LSB 210

1 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,  
2 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,  
You take the sin of the world a - way;  
You take the sin of the world a - way;  
O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,  
Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus Christ,  
Have mer - cy on us, Lord, we pray.  
And grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.

Text: Stephen P. Starke

### Distribution

***“How Deep The Father's Love For Us”***

*(10:30) Communion Song*

*How deep the Father's love for us,  
How vast beyond all measure  
That He should give His only Son  
And make a wretch His treasure*

*How great the pain of searing loss,  
The Father turns His face away  
As wounds which mar the chosen One,  
Bring many sons to glory*

*Behold the Man upon the cross,  
My sin upon His shoulders  
Ashamed I hear my mocking voice,  
Call out among the scoffers*

*It was my sin that held Him there  
Until it was accomplished*

*His dying breath has brought me life  
I know that it is finished*

*I will not boast in anything  
No gifts, no power, no wisdom  
But I will boast in Jesus Christ  
His death and resurrection*

*Why should I gain from His reward?  
I cannot give an answer  
But this I know with all my heart  
His wounds have paid my ransom*

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I cannot give an answer  
But this I know with all my heart  
His wounds have paid my ransom*

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*Stand*

**Post-Communion Collect**

- P** Let us pray. We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C** Amen.

**Benedicamus**

- P** Let us bless the Lord.
- C** Thanks be to God.

**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.
- C** Amen.

*"All The People Said Amen"**(10:30) Closing Song*

*You are not alone if you are lonely  
 When you feel afraid you're not the only  
 We are all the same in need of mercy  
 To be forgiven and be free  
 It's all you got to lean on  
 But thank God it's all you need*

*And all the people said amen whoa  
 And all the people said amen  
 Give thanks to the Lord for His love never ends  
 And all the people said amen*

*If you're rich or poor well it don't matter  
 Weak or strong you know love is what we're after  
 We're all broken but we're all in this together  
 God knows we stumble and fall  
 And He so loved the world  
 He sent His Son to save us all*

*And all the people said amen whoa  
 And all the people said amen  
 Give thanks to the Lord for His love never ends  
 And all the people said amen*

*Blessed are the poor in spirit who are torn apart  
 Blessed are the persecuted and the pure in heart  
 Blessed are the people hungry for another start  
 For theirs is the kingdom the kingdom of God*

*And all the people said amen whoa  
 And all the people said amen  
 Give thanks to the Lord for His love never ends  
 And all the people said amen*

*And all the people said amen whoa  
 And all the people said amen  
 Give thanks to the Lord for His love never ends  
 And all the people said amen  
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