

Welcome!

**St. John's
Lutheran
Church**

(LCMS)

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Christian

Education

Sun. 9:15 am

Services

Sat. 5:30 pm

Sun. 8:00 am

Sun. 10:30 am

***Proclaim the
Christ.***

***Grow the
Family.***

***Love the
Neighbor.***

Pastor

Mike Burdick

Oct. 29, 2023

Reformation

Sunday

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 2nd, 3rd, and 5th floors. Those on the 2nd and 5th floors include diaper-changing stations.
- The Service video is broadcast in the Atrium and in the Library area on the 5th 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. Dana Keller	Organist
Mrs. Meghan Wahl	Song Leader
St. John's Praise Band	10:30am Music
Ms. Holly Bray.....	Choir Director
Mason & Max Stewart, Audrey Jansen, & Avery Bohnhoff	Acolytes
Mr. Ray Hartman	5:30pm Elder on Duty
Mr. Keith Knight.....	8:00am Elder on Duty
Mr. Dave Worman	10:30am Elder on Duty
Mr. Dave Worman 217-821-7819	Elder on Duty for Oct. 30 – Nov 3
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



Welcome to St. John's and the Lord's House of Grace!

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

"Rejoice"

Preservice #1

*Rejoice in the Lord now and always
Sing it again we rejoice
Delight in the love He has shown us
Gratefully lift up your voice
His gentleness among us
Will join our hearts with praise
We gather in His goodness
A family of grace*

*With each breath He's given praise the Lord
In these times we live in we will praise the Lord
Throughout every season I am sure
We have every reason to praise the Lord*

*Rejoice and be anxious for nothing
Praying for all that you need
Come with a song of thanksgiving
Lay your requests at His feet
His peace will fall upon us
To guard our hearts and minds
In Christ who reigns eternal
The Shepherd of our lives*

*With each breath He's given praise the Lord
In these times we live in we will praise the Lord
Throughout every season I am sure
We have every reason to praise the Lord*

(continued)

*Rejoice in the Lord now and always
Tell of the good He has done
Worship the Lord to remember
All of the joy yet to come
The hope that burns within us
The dark cannot destroy
With praise that's never ending
We say again rejoice*

*With each breath He's given praise the Lord
In these times we live in we will praise the Lord
Throughout every season I am sure
We have every reason to praise the Lord
We have every reason to praise the Lord*

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"Living Waters"

Preservice #2

*Are you thirsty
Are you empty
Come and drink these living waters
Tired and broken
Peace unspoken
Rest beside these living waters*

*Life is in these living waters
There's a river that flows
With mercy and love
Bringing joy to the city of our God
There our hope is secure
Do not fear anymore
Praise the Lord of living waters*

*Christ is calling
Find refreshing
At the cross of living waters
Lay your life down
All the old gone
Rise up in these living waters*

*Are you thirsty
Are you empty
Come and drink these living waters
Love forgiveness
Vast and boundless
Christ He is our living waters*

*There's a river that flows
With mercy and love
Bringing joy to the city of our God
There our hope is secure
Do not fear anymore
Praise the Lord of living waters*

*There's a river that flows
With mercy and love
Bringing joy to the city of our God
There our hope is secure
Do not fear anymore
Praise the Lord of living waters*

*Spirit moving
Mercy washing
Healing in these living waters
Lead your children
To the shoreline*

*There our hope is secure
Do not fear anymore
Praise the Lord of living water* "Living Waters" written by Ed Cash,
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SERVICE OF THE WORD – THE WORD WHICH ENDURES FOREVER



Prelude

Call to Worship

Welcome

Hymn #904

Blessed Jesus, at Your Word vv. 1-3

Invocation

P In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

Opening Sentences

Jeremiah 18:4, 6; Romans 3:20, 26; adapted

P By works of the law no human being will be justified in God's sight.

C **God is the justifier of the one who has faith in Jesus.**

P Behold, like the clay in the potter's hand, so are you in My hand, O house of Israel.

C **The vessel he was making of clay was spoiled in the potter's hand, and he reworked it into another vessel, as it seemed good to the potter to do.**

P As You, Lord, reshaped the Church at the time of Luther,

C **reshape us in this generation, LORD, to love You with all our hearts and to love our neighbors as ourselves, all as a joyful response to Your first loving us.**

Confession and Absolution

Romans 3:23–24; 2 Corinthians 5:21

P All have sinned and fall short of the glory of God,

C **and are justified by His grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus.**

P God calls us to confess our sins. We observe a moment of silence for personal reflection and confession.

A time of silence.

P Holy God, You formed us in the womb, and You shape our lives to love and honor You and our neighbors.

C **Yet we are by nature sinful and separated from You. We sin against You in thoughts, words, and actions. For the sake of Jesus, who was tempted in every way as we are and yet without sin, we ask for Your forgiveness.**

P “For our sake He made Him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in Him we might become the righteousness of God.” Therefore, by the command of Jesus Christ, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen. Thanks be to God.

Hymn #904

Blessed Jesus, at Your Word st. 4

△ 4 Fa - ther, Son, and Spir - it, Lord, Praise to You and
ad - o - ra - tion! Grant that we may trust Your Word,
Con - fi - dent of our sal - va - tion, While we here be -
low must wan - der, Till we sing Your prais - es yon - der.

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“A Mighty Fortress Is Our God”

(10:30) Opening Song

*A mighty fortress is our God,
A sword and shield victorious;
He breaks the cruel oppressor's rod
And wins salvation glorious.
The old satanic foe
Has sworn to work us woe.
With craft and dreadful might
He arms himself to fight.
On earth he has no equal.*

*No strength of ours can match his might.
We would be lost, rejected.
But now a Champion comes to fight,
Who God Himself elected.
You ask who this may be?
The Lord of hosts is He,
Christ Jesus, mighty Lord,
God's only Son, adored.
He holds the field victorious.*

*Though hords of devils fill the land
All threatening to devour us,
We tremble not, unmoved we stand;
They cannot overpow'r us.
Let this world's tyrant rage;
In battle we'll engage.
His might is doomed to fail;
God's judgment must prevail!
One Little word subdues him.*

*God's Word forever shall abide
No thanks to foes, who fear it;
For God Himself fights by our side
With weapons of the Spirit.
Were they to take our house,
Goods, honor, child, or spouse,
Though life be wrenched away,
They cannot win the day.
The Kingdom's ours forever!*

"A Mighty Fortress" written by Martin LutherPublic DomainScripture Reference: Ps 46:1,7,11; Rev. 19:11-16; Rom. 8:31-39; Eph. 6:10-17CCLI Song: 2184098CCLI License: 51072

Prayer of the Day

P Let us pray. Lord God, Your Son, Jesus Christ, gave His life for ours on the cross that we now stand righteous before You by faith. Grant us to trust not in our own righteous actions but always in Jesus alone, that we may live now and forever in the peace of God, which surpasses human understanding, through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

First Reading

Revelation 14:6–7

⁶Then I saw another angel flying directly overhead, with an eternal gospel to proclaim to those who dwell on earth, to every nation and tribe and language and people. ⁷And he said with a loud voice, "Fear God and give him glory, because the hour of his judgment has come, and worship him who made heaven and earth, the sea and the springs of water."

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

- ¹God is our refuge and strength,
a very present help in trouble.
- ²Therefore we will not fear though the earth gives way,
though the mountains be moved into the heart of the sea,
- ³though its waters roar and foam,
though the mountains tremble at its swelling.
- ⁴There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God,
the holy habitation of the Most High.
- ⁵God is in the midst of her; she shall not be moved;
God will help her when morning dawns.
- ⁶The nations rage, the kingdoms totter;
he utters his voice, the earth melts.
- ⁷The LORD of hosts is with us;
the God of Jacob is our fortress.
- ⁸Come, behold the works of the LORD,
how he has brought desolations on the earth.
- ⁹He makes wars cease to the end of the earth;
he breaks the bow and shatters the spear; he burns the chariots with fire.
- ¹⁰“Be still, and know that I am God.
I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth!”
- ¹¹The LORD of hosts is with us;
the God of Jacob is our fortress.

Choir Anthem**“By Grace Through Faith”**

Romans 3:23-25: For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, and are justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, whom God put forward as a propitiation by his blood to be received by faith.

Epistle*Romans 3:19–28*

¹⁹Now we know that whatever the law says it speaks to those who are under the law, so that every mouth may be stopped, and the whole world may be held accountable to God. ²⁰For by works of the law no human being will be justified in his sight, since through the law comes knowledge of sin.

²¹But now the righteousness of God has been manifested apart from the law, although the Law and the Prophets bear witness to it— ²²the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction: ²³for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, ²⁴and are justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, ²⁵whom God put forward as a propitiation by his blood, to be

received by faith. This was to show God’s righteousness, because in his divine forbearance he had passed over former sins. ²⁶It was to show his righteousness at the present time, so that he might be just and the justifier of the one who has faith in Jesus.

²⁷Then what becomes of our boasting? It is excluded. By what kind of law? By a law of works? No, but by the law of faith. ²⁸For we hold that one is justified by faith apart from works of the law.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Hymn #566	By Grace I’m Saved vv. 1-4
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Holy Gospel

John 8:31–36

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the eighth chapter.

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

³¹So Jesus said to the Jews who had believed in him, “If you abide in my word, you are truly my disciples, ³²and you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free.” ³³They answered him, “We are offspring of Abraham and have never been enslaved to anyone. How is it that you say, ‘You will become free’?”

³⁴Jesus answered them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, everyone who commits sin is a slave to sin. ³⁵The slave does not remain in the house forever; the son remains forever. ³⁶So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

Creed

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.

“Christ Our Hope In Life And Death”*(10:30) Sermon Song*

*What is our hope in life and death
 Christ alone Christ alone
 What is our only confidence
 That our souls to Him belong
 Who holds our days within His hand
 What comes apart from His command
 And what will keep us to the end
 The love of Christ in which we stand*

*O sing Hallelujah
 Our hope springs eternal
 O sing Hallelujah
 Now and ever we confess
 Christ our hope in life and death*

*What truth can calm the troubled soul
 God is good God is good
 Where is His grace and goodness known
 In our great Redeemer's blood
 Who holds our faith when fears arise
 Who stands above the stormy trial
 Who sends the waves that bring us nigh
 Unto the shore the Rock of Christ*

*O sing Hallelujah
 Our hope springs eternal
 O sing Hallelujah
 Now and ever we confess
 Christ our hope in life and death*

*Unto the grave what will we sing
 Christ He lives Christ He lives
 And what reward will heaven bring
 Everlasting life with Him
 There we will rise to meet the Lord
 Then sin and death will be destroyed
 And we will feast in endless joy
 When Christ is ours forevermore*

*O sing Hallelujah
 Our hope springs eternal
 O sing Hallelujah
 Now and ever we confess
 Christ our hope in life and death*

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Sermon**“God, Our Refuge”***Psalm 46*

Offering

Prayer of the Church

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.

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.

Hymn #644	The Church's One Foundation
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"Your Grace Is Enough"

(10:30) Closing Song

*Great is Your faithfulness Oh God
You wrestle with the sinner's heart
You lead us by still waters and to mercy
And nothing can keep us apart*

*Your grace is enough
Your grace is enough
Your grace is enough for me*

*So remember Your people
Remember Your children
Remember Your promise
Oh God*

*Your grace is enough
Your grace is enough
Your grace is enough for me*

*Your grace is enough
Your grace is enough
Your grace is enough for me*

*So remember Your people
Remember Your children
Remember Your promise
Oh God*

*Great is Your love and justice God
You use the weak to lead the strong
You lead us in the song of Your salvation
And all Your people sing along*

*Your grace is enough
Your grace is enough
Your grace is enough for me*

*So remember Your people
Remember Your children
Remember Your promise
Oh God*

*Your grace is enough
Heaven reaching down to us
Your grace is enough for me
God I see Your grace is enough
I'm covered in Your love
Your grace is enough for me
For me*

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