

Jesus said,
“Let the children come to me...”
(Luke 18:16)



ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH (LCMS)

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BEGINNING OF THE SUNDAY SCHOOL YEAR

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Proclaim the Christ.
Grow the Family.
Love the Neighbor.

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.

- Offerings are placed in the boxes at the doors, before or after worship.
- Little Children's Worship bags are available by the elevator door.
- Restrooms are located on the 2nd, 3rd, and 5th floors. Those on the 2nd and 5th floors include diaper-changing stations.
- 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. Trey Dille.....	Pastor
Rev. Gary Fortkamp	Visitation Pastor
Mrs. Carrie Collier.....	Preschool Director
Mr. Jamie Lotz	Organist
Miss Lilli Wernsing.....	Song Leader
St. John's Band	10:30am Music
Cohen Debolt, Grasyn Moeller, & Lydia Wendling.....	Acolytes
Mr. David Wall.....	5:30pm Elder on Duty
Mr. Todd Zeigler	8:00am Elder on Duty
Mr. Dave Worman	10:30am Elder on Duty
Mr. Fred Bray (217-663-3916)	Elder on Duty for Aug 23 - 29
Chatelain School & Baja School	Our Schools for feeding in Haiti
Ms. Janet Martins & Pastor Dille.....	(773-463-0617) Stephen Ministry Leaders
Mrs. Julie Scott	(217-343-3047) Prayer Partner Coordinator
State, National & International Missions	through our District and Synod

Altar Flowers are in loving memory of Rev. Ted Gall by Ruth, Tim, & Tara.



The Lord's Supper is celebrated at St. John's in the confession and glad confidence that, as He says, our Lord gives us not only bread and wine but His very body and blood to eat and to drink for the forgiveness of sins and to strengthen our union with Him and with one another. Jesus invites to His table those who trust His words, repent of all sin, and set aside any refusal to forgive and love as He forgives and loves us, that they may show forth His death until He comes. Because those who eat and drink our Lord's body and blood unworthily do so to their great harm and because Holy Communion is a confession of the faith which is confessed at this altar, any who are not yet instructed, in doubt, or who hold a confession differing from that of this congregation and The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, and yet desire to receive the Sacrament, are asked first to speak with the pastor or an elder. Those needing a gluten-free host should notify the pastor before the Service, or can request it as you approach him at the Table. The Chalice is offered on the Lectern side. Thank you.

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

"Victory In Jesus" (Christ Won The Victory)

Preservice #1

*I heard an old old story
How a Savior came from glory
How He gave His life on Calvary
To save a wretch like me
I heard about His groaning
Of His precious blood's atoning
Then I repented of my sin
Christ won the victory*

*O victory in Jesus
My Savior forever
He sought me and bought me
With His redeeming blood
He loved me ere I knew Him
And all my love is due Him
He plunged me to victory
Beneath the cleansing flood*

*O victory in Jesus
My Savior forever
He sought me and bought me
With His redeeming blood
He loved me ere I knew Him
And all my love is due Him
He plunged me to victory
Beneath the cleansing flood*

*I'll tell the old old story
Till my Savior comes from glory
I'll tell of all the Lord has done
To set this sinner free
That all who will believe Him
By faith can still receive Him
And share in that redemption song
Christ won the victory*

*I heard about His healing
All His miracles revealing
That He alone can save a soul
And set the captive free
I'm happy in His promise
How soon He's coming for us
And home with Him I'll sing again
Christ won the victory*

*O victory in Jesus
My Savior forever
He sought me and bought me
With His redeeming blood
He loved me ere I knew Him
And all my love is due Him
He plunged me to victory
Beneath the cleansing flood*

(continued)

*O victory in Jesus
My Savior forever
He sought me and bought me
With His redeeming blood*

*He loved me ere I knew Him
And all my love is due Him
He plunged me to victory
Beneath the cleansing flood*

"Victory In Jesus" written by Eugene M. Bartlett, Keith Getty, Kristyn Getty, Matt Boswell 2024 Getty Music Publishing Scripture Reference: 1 Corinthians 15:57 CCLI Song: 7245920 CCLI License: 51072

"Borning Cry"

Preservice #2

*I was there to hear your borning cry, I ll be there when you are old.
I rejoiced the day you were baptized to see your life unfold.
I was there when you were but a child, with a faith to suit you well;
In a blaze of light you wandered off to find where demons dwell.*

*When you heard the wonder of the Word, I was there to cheer you on;
You were raised to praise the living Lord, to whom you now belong.
If you find someone to share your time and you join your hearts as one,
I ll be there to make your verses rhyme from dusk till rising sun.*

*In the middle ages of your life, not too old, no longer young,
I ll be there to guide you through the night, complete what I ve begun.
When the evening gently closes in and you shut your weary eyes,
I ll be there as I have always been with just one more surprise.*

*I was there to hear your borning cry, I ll be there when you are old.
I rejoiced the day you were baptized to see your life unfold.*

"Borning Cry" written by John C. Ylvisaker Public Domain Scripture Reference: Psalm 139; Is 46:3-4; Jer 1:4-10 CCLI License: 51072

Divine Service Four



Prelude

Call to Worship

Confession

Hymn #596

All Christians Who Have Been Baptized

"Step by Step"

(10:30) Opening Song

*O God, You are my God and I will ever praise You
O God, You are my God and I will ever praise You
I will seek You in the morning
and I will learn to walk in Your ways
Step by step You lead me
and I will follow You all of my days.*

"Step By Step" written by David (Beaker) Strasser 1991 BMG Songs, Inc. Scripture Reference: Psalm 34, Psalm 63 CCLI Song: 696994 CCLI License: 51072 Confession and Absolution

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 in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

Service of the Word

Introit

Ps. 34:8–10; antiphon: v. 11

Come, O children, listen to me;
I will teach you the fear of the LORD.
Oh, taste and see that the LORD is good!
Blessèd is the man who takes refuge in him!

Oh, fear the LORD, you his saints,
 for those who fear him have no lack!
 The young lions suffer want and hunger;
 but those who seek the LORD lack no good thing.

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son
 and to the Holy Spirit;
 as it was in the beginning,
 is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

Come, O children, listen to me;
 I will teach you the fear of the LORD.

Kyrie (5:30 & 8:00)

Mark 10:47 LSB 204



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

Gloria in Excelsis (5:30 & 8:00)

Luke 2:14; John 1:29 LSB 204



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 - shipped 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

Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Let us pray. Lord Jesus Christ, You have entrusted to Your people the task of teaching all nations. Enlighten with the wisdom of Your Holy Spirit those who teach and those who learn that the joyous truth of the Gospel may be known in every generation; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

Old Testament Reading

Deuteronomy 6:4–15

⁴“Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God, the LORD is one. ⁵You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might. ⁶And these words that I command you today shall be on your heart. ⁷You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, and when you walk by the way, and when you lie down, and when you rise. ⁸You shall bind them as a sign on your hand, and they shall be as frontlets between your eyes. ⁹You shall write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates.

¹⁰“And when the LORD your God brings you into the land that he swore to your fathers, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, to give you—with great and good cities that you did not build, ¹¹and houses full of all good things that you did not fill, and cisterns that you did not dig, and vineyards and olive trees that you did not plant—and when you eat and are full, ¹²then take care lest you forget the LORD, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery. ¹³It is the LORD your God you shall fear. Him you shall serve and by his name you shall swear. ¹⁴You shall not go after other gods, the gods of the peoples who are around you, ¹⁵for the LORD your God in your midst is a jealous God, lest the anger of the LORD your God be kindled against you, and he destroy you from off the face of the earth.”

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm

Psalm 119:129–136

¹²⁹Your testimonies are wonderful;
therefore my soul keeps them.

¹³⁰The unfolding of your words gives light;
it imparts understanding to the simple.

¹³¹I open my mouth and pant,
because I long for your commandments.

¹³²Turn to me and be gracious to me,
as is your way with those who love your name.

¹³³Keep steady my steps according to your promise,
and let no iniquity get dominion over me.

¹³⁴Redeem me from man's oppression,
that I may keep your precepts.

¹³⁵Make your face shine upon your servant,
and teach me your statutes.

¹³⁶My eyes shed streams of tears,
because people do not keep your law.

Reading

Colossians 2:6–15

⁶Therefore, as you received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk in him, ⁷rooted and built up in him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving.

⁸See to it that no one takes you captive by philosophy and empty deceit, according to human tradition, according to the elemental spirits of the world, and not according to Christ. ⁹For in him the whole fullness of deity dwells bodily, ¹⁰and you have been filled in him, who is the head of all rule and authority. ¹¹In him also you were circumcised with a circumcision made without hands, by putting off the body of the flesh, by the circumcision of Christ, ¹²having been buried with him in baptism, in which you were also raised with him through faith in the powerful working of God, who raised him from the dead. ¹³And you, who were dead in your trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made alive together with him, having forgiven us all our trespasses, ¹⁴by canceling the record of debt that stood against us with its legal demands. This he set aside, nailing it to the cross. ¹⁵He disarmed the rulers and authorities and put them to open shame, by triumphing over them in him.

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



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

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

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

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

Holy Gospel

Luke 18:15–17

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

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

¹⁵Now they were bringing even infants to him that he might touch them. And when the disciples saw it, they rebuked them. ¹⁶But Jesus called them to him, saying, “Let the children come to me, and do not hinder them, for to such belongs the kingdom of God. ¹⁷Truly, I say to you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God like a child shall not enter it.”

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 #861	Christ Be My Leader
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“There Is One Gospel”

(10:30) Sermon Song

*There is one Gospel on which I stand
For all eternity
It is my story my Father's plan
The Son has rescued me
Oh what a Gospel oh what a peace
My highest joy and my deepest need
Now and forever He is my light
I stand in the Gospel of Jesus Christ*

*There is one Gospel to which I cling
All else I count as loss
For there where justice and mercy meet
He saved me on the cross
No more I boast in what I can bring
No more I carry the weight of sin
For He has brought me from death to life
I stand in the Gospel of Jesus Christ (Continued)*

*There is one Gospel where hope is found
 The empty tomb still speaks
 For death could not keep my Saviour down
 He lives and I am free
 Now on my Saviour I fix my eyes
 My life is His and His hope is mine
 For he has promised I too will rise
 I stand in the Gospel of Jesus Christ*

*And in this Gospel the church is one
 We do not walk alone
 We have His Spirit as we press on
 To lead us safely home*

"There Is One Gospel" written by 2022 CityAlight MusicScripture Reference: Philippians 3:8; Matt: 18:7-9; Matt: 20:28; Luke 24:1-12; Acts 24:15-16CCLI Song: 7199817CCLI License: 51072

*And when in glory still I will sing
 Of this old story that rescued me
 Praise to my Saviour the King of life
 I stand in the Gospel of Jesus Christ*

*And when in glory still I will sing
 Of this old story that rescued me
 Praise to my Saviour the King of life
 I stand in the Gospel of Jesus Christ
 Praise to my Saviour the King of life
 I stand in the Gospel of Jesus Christ
 I stand in the Gospel of Jesus Christ*

Sermon

"Let the Children"

Luke 18:15-17

Blessing of Backpacks and Prayer for the Sunday School

Prayer of the Church

Offering Presentation & Card Collection

Service of the Sacrament



Preface

2 Timothy 4:22

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.

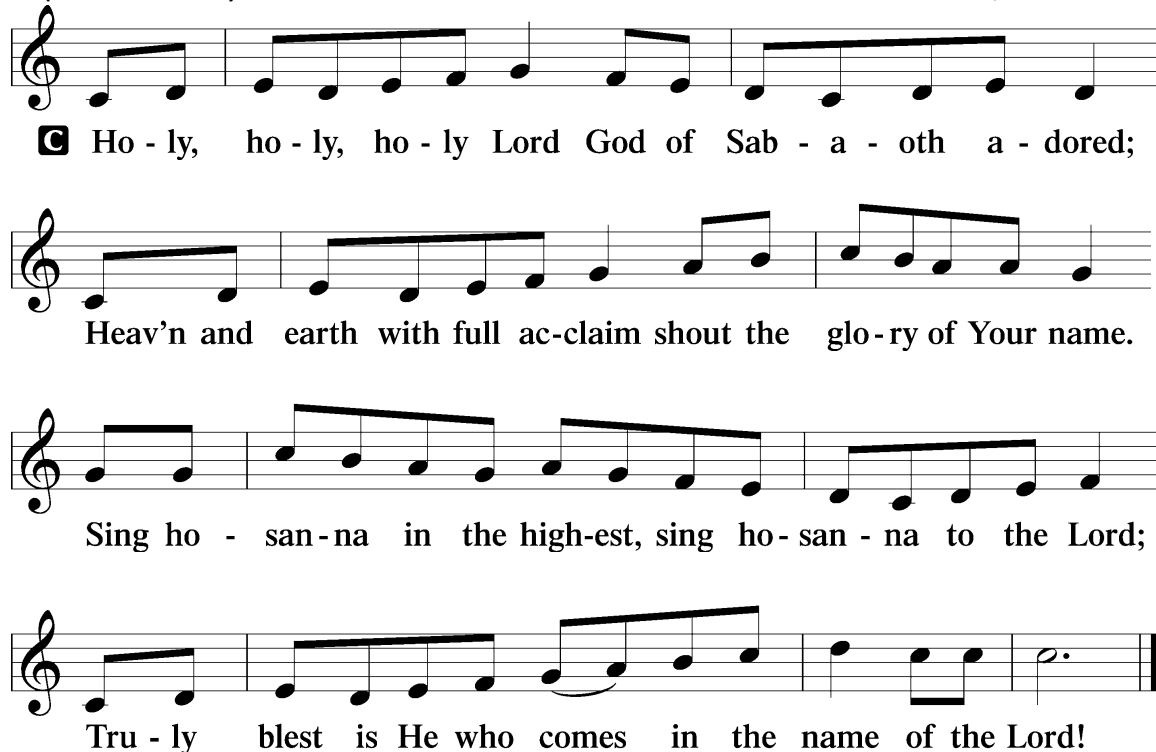
C **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

(10:30 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)

Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 21:9 LSB 208



C 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)

John 1:29 LSB 210

C 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

Hymn #867

Hymn #740

Let Children Hear the Mighty Deeds

I Am Jesus' Little Lamb

"Feed Us Now"

(10:30) Communion Song

*Feed us now, Bread of life, In this holy meal;
Let us know Your love a-new; We hunger for You.
Feed us now, Bread of life, Come and live within;
Let your peace be ours today, Lord Jesus, we pray.*

*Piece of bread, glass of wine; We receive from You
Your true body and true blood Your promise we trust.
Piece of bread, glass of wine; who can understand
How Your mercy works in these? Yet, Lord, we believe.*

*God is here, O so near; Nearer than our thoughts
Stay with us where'er we go; Lord, help us to grow.
God is here, O so near; In this heaven's meal.
May we always feed on you, On the bread that is true.*

*Thank You Lord for this gift, such a holy meal.
Only You can give us life; forgive all our sins.
Praises be to our God for the blessings here.
At Your altar Lord we say, Praise be to our God*

"Feed Us Now" written by Robin Mann 1976 Robin Mann Scripture Reference: 1 Corinthians 11:23-29 CCLI Song: 55360 CCLI License: 51072

Communion Blessing

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.

Benediction

Hymn #864	Shepherd of Tender Youth
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"How Good Of God"

(10:30) Closing Song

*If someone would've told me, how good my life would get
I would have called them crazy, 'Cause I couldn't see it yet
From a story going nowhere, to where I'm standing now
I'm smiling 'cause I know there's only one way how*

(Continued)

*How good, how good
How good of God
My heart can't help but see
How good, how good
How good of God
To be so good to me*

*My sins have been forgiven, and my wrongs have been erased
And I've learned what's so amazing about Amazing Grace
Yeah, this life I live is proof, that every prayer I prayed was heard
Lord, ain't it just like you to give me more than I deserve*

*How good, how good
How good of God
My heart can't help but see
How good, how good
How good of God
To be so good to me*

*From the victories on the mountain, To the heartbreak valley low
I've always been surrounded by the arms that won't let go
They'll carry me to Heaven, when it's time to leave this earth
Lord, ain't it just like you to give me more than I deserve*

*How good, how good
How good of God
My heart can't help but see
How good, how good
How good of God
To be so good to me*

*How good, how good
How good of God
My heart can't help but see
How good, how good
How good of God
To be so good to me*

*Oh, how good, how good
How good of God
To be so good to me*

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Postlude

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