

Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

August 2, 2026 | 8:30 & 10:00 AM
August 3, 2026 | 6:30 PM



St. John's
LUTHERAN CHURCH & SCHOOL

WELCOME AND INVOCATION

OPENING HYMN

"From All That Dwell Below the Skies"

LSB 816, vv. 1-2

From all that dwell below the skies

Let the Creator's praise arise;

Alleluia, alleluia!

Let the Redeemer's name be sung

Through ev'ry land by ev'ry tongue.

Alleluia, alleluia!

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Eternal are Thy mercies, Lord;

Eternal truth attends Thy Word.

Alleluia, alleluia!

Thy praise shall sound from shore to shore

Till suns shall rise and set no more.

Alleluia, alleluia!

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

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BAPTISM (10:00)

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Isaiah 55:3, 6; Psalm 145:18

Seek the LORD while He may be found; call upon Him while He is near.
The LORD is near to all who call on Him, to all who call on Him in truth.
Incline your ear, and come to Me; hear, that your soul may live.

Hear my prayer, O Lord. I confess to almighty God all my sins of thought, of speech, of actions, and of inaction to help others in need. By Your steadfast love and mercy, forgive me and renew a right spirit in me.

Give thanks to the Lord, for He has heard your cry for mercy. Upon this, your confession, I, by virtue of my office as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God to all of you. In the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

HYMN OF PRAISE

“From All That Dwell Below the Skies”

LSB 816, v. 3

All praise to God the Father be,
All praise, eternal Son, to Thee.
Alleluia, alleluia!
Whom with the Spirit we adore
Forever and forevermore:
Alleluia, alleluia!
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

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PRAYER OF THE DAY

Heavenly Father, though we do not deserve Your goodness, still You provide for all our needs of body and soul. Grant us Your Holy Spirit that we may acknowledge Your gifts, give thanks for all Your benefits, and serve You in willing obedience; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Isaiah 55:1-5

Pew Bible Page 615

¹"Come, everyone who thirsts, come to the waters; and he who has no money, come, buy and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price. ²Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread, and your labor for that which does not satisfy? Listen diligently to me, and eat what is good, and delight yourselves in rich food. ³Incline your ear, and come to me; hear, that your soul may live; and I will make with you an everlasting covenant, my steadfast, sure love for David. ⁴Behold, I made him a witness to the peoples, a leader and commander for the peoples. ⁵Behold, you shall call a nation that you do not know, and a nation that did not know you shall run to you, because of the Lord your God, and of the Holy One of Israel, for he has glorified you."

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE

Romans 9:1-13

Pew Bible Page 945

¹I am speaking the truth in Christ—I am not lying; my conscience bears me witness in the Holy Spirit— ²that I have great sorrow and unceasing anguish in my heart. ³For I could wish that I myself were accursed and cut off from Christ for the sake of my brothers, my kinsmen according to the flesh. ⁴They are Israelites, and to them belong the adoption, the glory, the covenants, the giving of the law, the worship, and the promises. ⁵To them belong the patriarchs, and from their race, according to the flesh, is the Christ who is God over all, blessed forever. Amen. ⁶But it is not as though the word of God has failed. For not all who are descended from Israel belong to Israel, ⁷and not all are children of Abraham because they are his offspring, but "Through Isaac shall your offspring be named." ⁸This means that it is not the children of the flesh who are the children of God, but the children of the promise are counted as offspring. ⁹For this is what the promise said: "About this time next year I will return and Sarah shall have a son." ¹⁰And not only so, but also when Rebecca had conceived children by one man, our forefather Isaac,

¹¹though they were not yet born and had done nothing either good or bad—in order that God’s purpose of election might continue, not because of works but because of his call— ¹²she was told, “The older will serve the younger.” ¹³As it is written, “Jacob I loved, but Esau I hated.”

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

ALLELUIA AND VERSE

LSB 190

Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.

HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 14:13-21

Pew Bible Page 820

The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the fourteenth chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹³Now when Jesus heard [about the death of John], he withdrew from there in a boat to a desolate place by himself. But when the crowds heard it, they followed him on foot from the towns. ¹⁴When he went ashore he saw a great crowd, and he had compassion on them and healed their sick. ¹⁵Now when it was evening, the disciples came to him and said, “This is a desolate place, and the day is now over; send the crowds away to go into the villages and buy food for themselves.” ¹⁶But Jesus said, “They need not go away; you give them something to eat.” ¹⁷They said to him, “We have only five loaves here and two fish.” ¹⁸And he said, “Bring them here to me.” ¹⁹Then he ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass, and taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven and said a blessing. Then he broke the loaves and gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds. ²⁰And they all ate and were satisfied. And they took up twelve baskets full of the broken pieces left over. ²¹And those who ate were about five thousand men, besides women and children.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to You, O Christ.

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

HYMN OF THE DAY “They Came a Milling Crowd” (Tune: LSB 651)

They came a milling crowd, And gathered round the Lord.

He loved them with a shepherd's heart And fed them with His Word.

And then, when evening came, They hungered and were fed

From offered loaves He blessed and broke And made their living bread.

Once more, O Christ, we come, A restless, hung'ring throng

To hear Your Word and taste Your bread And sing salvation's song.

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SERMON

“Five & Two”

Pastor Barry

+ Sermon Notes +

NICENE CREED (8:30)

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.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Give thanks to the God of heaven,
for His steadfast love endures forever.

Lord Jesus, as You miraculously fed the crowds who followed You in the wilderness, so provide wisdom and integrity to all public servants in the government of our land. Cause righteousness and peace to prevail in all the nations of the world that justice and freedom may abide among us. Lord, in Your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Savior of all, as You had compassion and healed the sick of the multitudes who sought Your help, give to all pastors and ministers of Your Word that same love and care for all in their charge. Cause the Word they preach and the Sacraments they administer to deliver and strengthen faith and wholeness to all. Lord, in Your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Bless all who are sick, those who are injured or hospitalized, and all who are in any need with the healing of Your graceful visitation. Guide doctors, nurses, and all medical personnel to deliver Your gift of wellness and recovery, especially those we remember before You this day... Grant Your grace to all who look to You for their salvation and for help in every need. Lord, in Your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy; through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.
Your steadfast love endures forever. Amen.

OFFERING

OFFERTORY

“Create in Me”

LSB 192

Create in me a clean heart, O God,
And renew a right spirit within me.
Cast me not away from Thy presence,
And take not Thy Holy Spirit from me.
Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation,
And uphold me with Thy free spirit. Amen.

PREFACE

It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, for Your steadfast love endures forever, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. As He fed the multitude in the wilderness, so He provides for us daily bread and the fruits of His sacrifice on the cross in the breaking of the bread of Holy Communion. 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

“Holy, Holy, Holy”

LSB 195

Holy, holy, holy Lord God of Sabaoth;
Heav'n and earth are full of Thy glory.
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is He, blessed is He,
Blessed is He that cometh in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.

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.

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

Matthew 26:26–28; Mark 14:22–24; Luke 22:19–20; 1 Corinthians 11:23–25

Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

PAX DOMINI

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

Amen.

AGNUS DEI

"Lamb of God"

LSB 198

O Christ, Thou Lamb of God,
That takest away the sin of the world,
Have mercy upon us.

O Christ, Thou Lamb of God,
That takest away the sin of the world,
Have mercy upon us.

O Christ, Thou Lamb of God,
That takest away the sin of the world,
Grant us Thy peace. Amen.

Please be seated.

COMMUNION AT ST. JOHN'S

The Lord's Supper is celebrated at this congregation in the confession and glad confidence that, as He says, our Lord gives into our mouths not only bread and wine, but His very body and blood. This we eat and drink for the forgiveness of sins and to strengthen our union with Him and with one another. Our Lord 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 to a confession differing from that of this congregation and The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod, and yet desire to receive the sacrament, are asked to first speak with the pastor or an elder. For further readings in Scripture, we suggest Matthew 5:23f.; 10:32f.; 18:15-35; 26:26-29; 1 Cor. 11:17-34.

• **Communicants will receive elements in a continuous fashion, called *"Kneel and Replace"*.**

• **If you would like the pastor to bring communion to you, please inform an usher anytime during the service.**

• **Children of all ages may join their parents and receive a special blessing.**

• **For those who desire it, non-alcoholic wine is available in the center ring of the tray of individual cups.**

• **Individual cups may be deposited in the wooden box on the wall.**

***KNEEL AND REPLACE**

We have begun using a new pattern for receiving Holy Communion called "Kneel and Replace." When invited forward, communicants are asked to come to the communion rail and kneel to receive the Lord's Supper. After you have received the Body and Blood of Christ, in with and under the bread and the wine:

- 1. Pause briefly in reverence and thanksgiving.*
- 2. Rise and return to your seat.*
- 3. As you leave the rail, those waiting behind you may then come forward and take your place.*

This allows all communicants to receive the Sacrament prayerfully, reverently, and in good order.

If kneeling is difficult for you, you are welcome to stand at the rail instead.

DISTRIBUTION

HYMN “Soul, Adorn Yourself with Gladness”

LSB 636, vv. 1-4

Soul, adorn yourself with gladness,
Leave the gloomy haunts of sadness,
Come into the daylight's splendor,
There with joy your praises render.
Bless the One whose grace unbounded
This amazing banquet founded;
He, though heav'nly, high, and holy,
Deigns to dwell with you most lowly.

Hasten as a bride to meet Him,
And with loving rev'rence greet Him.
For with words of life immortal
He is knocking at your portal.
Open wide the gates before Him,
Saying, as you there adore Him:
Grant, Lord, that I now receive You,
That I nevermore will leave You.

He who craves a precious treasure
Neither cost nor pain will measure;
But the priceless gifts of heaven
God to us has freely given.
Though the wealth of earth were proffered,
None could buy the gifts here offered:
Christ's true body, for you riven,
And His blood, for you once given.

Now in faith I humbly ponder
Over this surpassing wonder
That the bread of life is boundless
Though the souls it feeds are countless:
With the choicest wine of heaven
Christ's own blood to us is given.
Oh, most glorious consolation,
Pledge and seal of my salvation!

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HYMN**“I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say”****LSB 699****(Tune: LSB 846)**

I heard the voice of Jesus say, “Come unto Me and rest;
Lay down, thou weary one, lay down Thy head upon My breast.”
I came to Jesus as I was, So weary, worn, and sad;
I found in Him a resting place, And He has made me glad.

I heard the voice of Jesus say, “Behold, I freely give
The living water; thirsty one, Stoop down and drink and live.”
I came to Jesus, and I drank Of that life-giving stream;
My thirst was quenched, my soul revived, And now I live in Him.

I heard the voice of Jesus say, “I am this dark world’s light.
Look unto Me; thy morn shall rise And all thy day be bright.”
I looked to Jesus, and I found In Him my star, my sun;
And in that light of life I’ll walk Till trav’ling days are done.

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HYMN**“Draw Near and Take the Body of the Lord”****LSB 637**

Draw near and take the body of the Lord,
And drink the holy blood for you outpoured;
Offered was He for greatest and for least,
Himself the victim and Himself the priest.

He who His saints in this world rules and shields,
To all believers life eternal yields;
With heav’nly bread He makes the hungry whole,
Gives living waters to the thirsting soul.

Come forward then with faithful hearts sincere,
And take the pledges of salvation here.
O Lord, our hearts with grateful thanks endow
As in this feast of love You bless us now.

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HYMN**“Praise and Thanksgiving”****LSB 789**

Praise and thanksgiving, Father, we offer
For all things living, Created good:
Harvest of sown fields, Fruits of the orchard,
Hay from the mown fields, Blossom and wood.

Bless, Lord, the labor We bring to serve You
That with our neighbor We may be fed.
Sowing or tilling, We would work with You,
Harvesting, milling For daily bread.

Father, providing Food for Your children,
By Your wise guiding Teach us to share
One with another, So that, rejoicing
With us, all others May know Your care.

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DISMISSAL**POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING**

Let us pray. We give thanks to You, O Lord, for You are good, and Your steadfast love endures forever. By Your grace and mercy, strengthen our faith toward You and give us an increasing love for our neighbor; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

BENEDICTION*Numbers 6:24-26***CLOSING HYMN “Guide Me, O, Thou Great Redeemer” LSB 918, v. 1**

Guide me, O Thou great Redeemer,
Pilgrim through this barren land.
I am weak, but Thou art mighty;
Hold me with Thy pow’rful hand.
Bread of heaven, bread of heaven,
Feed me till I want no more;
Feed me till I want no more.

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SENDING

Go in peace, serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

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+ Today's Worship Servants +

WORSHIP LEADERS

Preacher: Pastor Barry

Liturgist: Pastor Snow

Organist: 8:30/10:00 Linda DeRocher

Pianist: 6:30 Nancy Buckentine

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

Elders: 8:30 Paul DeRocher/10:00 Ben Wiegert

6:30 Bruce Bergo

Communion Asst: 8:30 Gayle Degler, Chris Mundahl, Spencer Roxas

10:00 Paul Dolan, Tim Goltz, Nathan Messer

Usher Team: 8:30 Josh Kulzer/10:00 Andy Tesch

Welcome Team: 8:30 Gayle Degler/10:00 Chris Reis

Tech Crew: 8:30 Chris Reis/10:00 Julie Bruce

Coffee Hour: Miles Voehl

Banner & Paraments: Joan Bode

Today at St. John's

8:30 & 10:00 AM | Traditional Worship with Communion

9:30 AM | Coffee Hour

Upcoming Week	
Monday, August 2	5:15 PM Monday Night Meal
	6:30 PM Monday Night Worship
	7:00 PM AA
Tuesday, August 4	6:30 PM Trustees Meeting
Wednesday, August 5	5:30 PM Family Faith Night at St. John's
Thursday, August 6	6:30 PM Board of Education Meeting
Friday, August 7	6:30 PM AA
Sunday, August 9	8:30/10:00 AM Traditional Worship
	9:30 AM Blood Pressure Screening
	9:30 AM Intergenerational Bible Study

Thank you for worshipping with St. John's today!

If this is your first time at St. John's, we invite you to fill out a CONNECTCard located at the Welcome Desk or by using the QR code. We look forward to CONNECT-ing with you.



Weekly Word Preview

Read all these stories at stjohnschaska.org/word, scan the QR code, or pick up a printed copy at the back of the church.



CHRIST
IS RISEN
..... INDEED

1 corinthians 15

2026 LCMS Convention Recap

From July 18–24, Pastor Barry traveled to downtown Phoenix to attend the 69th Regular Convention of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, which was held at the Phoenix Convention Center.

If there are any questions about the convention or what took place, please feel free to speak to Pastor Barry, who served as the pastoral delegate from our area. More information, convention news, videos, and resources are also available on the LCMS convention website.



Students in 7th–12th grade are invited to gather for Youth Nights at St. John's throughout the 2026–2027 school year. Youth Nights are held on the 1st, 3rd, and 5th Sundays of each month from 6:00–8:30 PM. This year's theme,

Anchored: Sure and Steadfast, is based on Hebrews 6:19–20 and the sure hope we have in Christ. For more information about Youth Nights, please contact Justin Weber at justin.weber@stjohnschaska.org.

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