

Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

August 16, 2026 | 8:30 AM
August 17, 2026 | 6:30 PM



St. John's
LUTHERAN CHURCH & SCHOOL

WELCOME AND INVOCATION

OPENING HYMN

"Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise"

Immortal, invisible,
God only wise,
In light inaccessible
hid from our eyes,
Most blessèd, most glorious,
the Ancient of Days,
Almighty, victorious,
Thy great name we praise.

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LSB 802, vv. 1, 4

Great Father of glory,
pure Father of light,
Thine angels adore Thee,
all veiling their sight;
All laud we would render:
O help us to see
'Tis only the splendor
of light that hides Thee.

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 that gives praise to You because of Your faithfulness. May we rely on You alone for our salvation and for help in every need.

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. And 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.

KYRIE

LSB 186

**Lord, have mercy upon us.
Christ, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon us.**

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

LSB 187

Glory be to God on high:

**And on earth peace, goodwill toward men.
We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we worship Thee,
We glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee for Thy great glory.
O Lord God, heav'nly King, God the Father Almighty.
O Lord, the only begotten Son, Jesus Christ;
O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,
That takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.
Thou that takest away the sin of the world, receive our prayer.
Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father,
have mercy upon us.
For Thou only art holy; Thou only art the Lord.
Thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost,
Art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.

And with thy Spirit.

Let us pray. Almighty and everlasting Father, You give Your children many blessings even though we are underserving. In every trial and temptation grant us steadfast confidence in Your loving-kindness and mercy; 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 56:1, 6-8

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¹Thus says the Lord: “Keep justice, and do righteousness, for soon my salvation will come, and my deliverance be revealed... ⁶“And the foreigners who join themselves to the Lord, to minister to him, to love the name of the Lord, and to be his servants, everyone who keeps the Sabbath and does not profane it, and holds fast my covenant— ⁷these I will bring to my holy mountain, and make them joyful in my house of prayer; their burnt offerings and their sacrifices will be accepted on my altar; for my house shall be called a house of prayer for all peoples.” ⁸The Lord God, who gathers the outcasts of Israel, declares, “I will gather yet others to him besides those already gathered.”

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE

Romans 11:1-2a, 13-15, 28-32

Pew Bible Page 946

¹I ask, then, has God rejected his people? By no means! For I myself am an Israelite, a descendant of Abraham, a member of the tribe of Benjamin. ²God has not rejected his people whom he foreknew... ¹³Now I am speaking to you Gentiles. Inasmuch then as I am an apostle to the Gentiles, I magnify my ministry ¹⁴in order somehow to make my fellow Jews jealous, and thus save some of them. ¹⁵For if their rejection means the reconciliation of the world, what will their acceptance mean but life from the dead?... ²⁸As regards the gospel, they are enemies of God for your sake. But as regards election, they are beloved for the sake of their forefathers. ²⁹For the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable. ³⁰Just as you were at one time disobedient to God but now have received mercy because of their disobedience, ³¹so they too have now been disobedient in order that by the mercy shown to you they also may now receive mercy. ³²For God has consigned all to disobedience, that he may have mercy on all.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.

HOLY GOSPEL**Matthew 15:21-28**

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

Glory to you, O Lord.

²¹Jesus went away from there and withdrew to the district of Tyre and Sidon. ²²And behold, a Canaanite woman from that region came out and was crying, "Have mercy on me, O Lord, Son of David; my daughter is severely oppressed by a demon." ²³But he did not answer her a word. And his disciples came and begged him, saying, "Send her away, for she is crying out after us." ²⁴He answered, "I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel." ²⁵But she came and knelt before him, saying, "Lord, help me." ²⁶And he answered, "It is not right to take the children's bread and throw it to the dogs." ²⁷She said, "Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters' table." ²⁸Then Jesus answered her, "O woman, great is your faith! Be it done for you as you desire." And her daughter was healed instantly.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to You, O Christ.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**DCE Justin Weber****HYMN OF THE DAY****"In Christ There Is No East or West"****LSB 653, vv. 1-3, 5
(Tune: LSB 526)**

In Christ there is no east or west,
In Him no south or north,
But one great fellowship of love
Throughout the whole wide earth.

So, brothers, sisters, praise His name
Who died to set us free
From sin, division, hate, and shame,
From spite and enmity!

With God there is no tribe or race;
In Him we all are one.
He loves us as His children through
Our faith in His dear Son.

In Christ now meet both east and west;
In Him meet south and north.
All Christian souls are one in Him
Throughout the whole wide earth.

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+ Sermon Notes +**NICENE CREED**

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

Trusting in Your promise to be a blessing to all the nations of the world, we bring our prayers before You, our merciful and almighty Lord:

You have gathered people of all nations and languages to churches all over the world. Enable the Church in this and every place to be a blessing to the communities in which we live. Empower pastors to preach the Word with power, teachers to teach the Word with wisdom, and all believers to serve with love of neighbor, that together we may shine forth Your light like stars for all the world to see. Lord in Your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

You bring peace in the midst of anxiety and trouble. Cause all who govern to do so with reverence, impartiality, and compassion. Watch over our military personnel in harm's way, and make your comforting presence known to their families. Protect innocent people in war-torn nations. Reconcile us with our enemies. Lord in Your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

Comfort all who are experiencing anxiety, all who are sick, all who are dying, and all who are mourning, especially... Help them to see that even in the midst of suffering, You are there, and You will never leave nor forsake those in trouble. Lord in Your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

For the privilege to carry everything to You in prayer, we give thanks. Jesus told us to ask, seek, and knock. This we do today, trusting that You hear our prayer and will answer according to Your will in the name of Jesus.

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

2 Timothy 4:22

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

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, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who commissioned His church to make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the Triune Name and teaching them all things He has commanded. 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.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

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.

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

“Your Table I Approach”

LSB 628

Your table I approach;
Dear Savior, hear my prayer.
Let not an unrepentant heart
Prove hurtful to me there.

Lord, I confess my sins
And mourn their wretched bands;
A contrite heart is sure to find
Forgiveness at Your hands.

Your body and Your blood,
Once slain and shed for me,
Are taken at Your table, Lord,
In blest reality.

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Search not how this takes place,
This wondrous mystery;
God can accomplish vastly more
Than what we think could be.

O grant, most blessed Lord,
That earth and hell combined
May not about this sacrament
Raise doubt within my mind.

Oh, may I never fail
To thank You day and night
For Your true body and true blood,
O God, my peace and light.

HYMN “O Christ, Our Hope, Our Hearts’ Desire” LSB 553, vv. 1-2, 4-5

O Christ, our hope, our hearts’ desire, Creation’s mighty Lord,
Redeemer of the fallen world, By holy love outpoured:

How vast Your mercy to accept The burden of our sin
And bow Your head in cruel death To make us clean within.

O let Your mighty love prevail To purge us of our pride
That we may stand before Your throne By mercy purified.

Christ Jesus, be our present joy, Our future great reward;
Our only glory, may it be To glory in the Lord!

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HYMN “Jesus Comes Today with Healing” LSB 620, vv. 1-4

Jesus comes today with healing,
Knocking at my door, appealing,
Off’ring pardon, grace, and peace.
He Himself makes preparation,
And I hear His invitation:
“Come and taste the blessed feast.”

Under bread and wine, though lowly,
I receive the Savior holy,
Blood and body, giv’n for me,
Very Lamb of God from heaven,
Who to bitter death was given,
Hung upon the cursèd tree.

Christ Himself, the priest presiding,
Yet in bread and wine abiding
In this holy sacrament,
Gives the bread of life, once broken,
And the cup, the precious token
Of His sacred covenant.

God descends with heav’nly power,
Gives Himself to me this hour
In this ordinary sign.
On my tongue His pledge receiving,
I accept His grace, believing
That I taste His love divine.

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HYMN “God Loved the World So That He Gave” LSB 571, vv. 1-4

God loved the world so that He gave His only Son the lost to save,
That all who would in Him believe Should everlasting life receive.

Christ Jesus is the ground of faith, Who was made flesh and suffered death;
All then who trust in Him alone Are built on this chief cornerstone.

God would not have the sinner die; His Son with saving grace is nigh;
His Spirit in the Word declares How we in Christ are heaven’s heirs.

Be of good cheer, for God’s own Son Forgives all sins which you have done;
And, justified by Jesus’ blood, Your Baptism grants the highest good.

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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

“Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing”

LSB 924, vv. 1-2

Lord, dismiss us with Your blessing,
Fill our hearts with joy and peace;
Let us each, Your love possessing,
Triumph in redeeming grace.
O refresh us; O refresh us,
Trav’ling through this wilderness.

Thanks we give and adoration
For Your Gospel’s joyful sound.
May the fruits of Your salvation
In our hearts and lives abound.
Ever faithful, ever faithful
To Your truth may we be found.

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SENDING

Go in peace, serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

+ Today's Worship Servants +

WORSHIP LEADERS

Preacher: Pastor Barry

Liturgist: Pastor Snow

Organist: 8:30 Kristin Johnson

Pianist: 6:30 Nancy Buckentine

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

Elders: 8:30 Pete Siedelman/6:30 Ben Wiegert

Communion Asst: Gayle Degler, Paul Dolan, Chris Mundahl

Usher Team: Josh Kulzer

Welcome Team: Gayle Degler

Tech Crew: Jason Eickhoff

Coffee Hour: Evan and Jenna Anderson

Banner & Paraments: Joan Bode

Today at St. John's

8:30 AM | Traditional Worship with Communion

9:30 AM | Coffee Hour

10:00 AM | Blended Worship with Communion

11:00 AM | Initial Confirmation Meeting

6:00 PM | Youth Night

Upcoming Week

Monday, August 17	5:15 PM Monday Night Meal
	6:30 PM Monday Night Worship
	7:00 PM AA
Tuesday, August 18	6:30 PM Executive Council Meeting
Wednesday, August 19	5:30 PM Family Faith Night at Christ Victorious
Thursday, August 20	3:30-5:30 PM School Open House
Friday, August 21	6:30 PM AA
Sunday, August 23	8:30/10:00 AM Traditional Worship

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.



Meet the Pastor



Sunday, August 30
9:30 - 10:00 AM

Interested in learning more about St. John's or what it means to become a member? Join our pastors on Sunday, August 30th from 9:30–10:00 AM in the music room (room 102) for a casual time of conversation and questions.

This is a great opportunity to connect, learn more about our church, and see what membership looks like at St. John's. Please complete the short form on our website to let us know you plan to attend.



St. John's will hold two informational town hall meetings regarding the proposed merger of Trinity Lutheran Church of Carver into St. John's. Members are encouraged to attend to learn more about the proposal and ask

questions before the Special Voters' Meeting. The town halls will be held Sunday, August 23 at 11:15 AM and Wednesday, August 26 at 6:30 PM, both in the Fellowship Hall. The Special Voters' Meeting will be held on Sunday, September 13 at noon in the Church Sanctuary.