

Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

August 30, 2026 | 8:30 & 10:00 AM
August 31, 2026 | 6:30 PM



St. John's
LUTHERAN CHURCH & SCHOOL

Today's worship service follows the liturgy of Matins, a service of morning prayer that developed in early Christianity. Matins is the first of eight prayer services that formed the Daily Office and were observed in monastic life dating back to the sixth century. In this order of worship, Opening Versicles, Psalmody, Hymn, Scripture Readings, Message, Biblical Canticle, and Prayer form a rhythm where God's Word alternates with the worshiper's response in prayer and praise. For more information about Matins, read the blog post from Concordia Publishing House shared in the Weekly Word.

WELCOME AND INVOCATION

Please stand as you are able.

OPENING VERSES

LSB 219

O Lord, open my lips,
and my mouth will declare Your praise. *Psalm 51:15*

Make haste, O God, to deliver me;
make haste to help me, O Lord. *Psalm 70:1*
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.
Praise to You, O Christ. Alleluia.

Blessed be God, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.
O come, let us worship Him.

VENITE

LSB 220

**O come, let us sing to the Lord,
let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation.
Let us come into His presence with thanksgiving,
let us make a joyful noise to Him with songs of praise.**

**For the Lord is a great God
and a great king above all gods.
The deep places of the earth are in His hand;
the strength of the hills is His also.**

**The sea is His, for He made it,
and His hand formed the dry land.
O come, let us worship and bow down,
let us kneel before the Lord, our maker.**

**For He is our God,
and we are the people of His pasture and the sheep of His hand.**

**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.**

Blessed be God, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.
O come, let us worship Him.

Please be seated.

HYMN

“Lord, Help Us Walk Your Servant Way”

LSB 857, vv. 1-3

Lord, help us walk Your servant way Wherever love may lead
And, bending low, forgetting self, Each serve the other's need.

You came to earth, O Christ, as Lord, But pow'r You laid aside.
You lived Your years in servanthood; In lowliness You died.

No golden scepter but a towel You place within the hands
Of those who seek to follow You And live by Your commands.

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¹⁵O Lord, you know; remember me and visit me, and take vengeance for me on my persecutors. In your forbearance take me not away; know that for your sake I bear reproach. ¹⁶Your words were found, and I ate them, and your words became to me a joy and the delight of my heart, for I am called by your name, O Lord, God of hosts. ¹⁷I did not sit in the company of revelers, nor did I rejoice; I sat alone, because your hand was upon me, for you had filled me with indignation. ¹⁸Why is my pain unceasing, my wound incurable, refusing to be healed? Will you be to me like a deceitful brook, like waters that fail? ¹⁹Therefore thus says the Lord: "If you return, I will restore you, and you shall stand before me. If you utter what is precious, and not what is worthless, you shall be as my mouth. They shall turn to you, but you shall not turn to them. ²⁰And I will make you to this people a fortified wall of bronze; they will fight against you, but they shall not prevail over you, for I am with you to save you and deliver you, declares the Lord. ²¹I will deliver you out of the hand of the wicked, and redeem you from the grasp of the ruthless."

O Lord, have mercy on us.

Thanks be to God.

INTROIT

“Delight Yourself in the Lord (Psalm 37:4-7)”

Composed in 2020 by Dr. Katie Rolf

Vocalist will sing the refrain, then the congregation joins.

Refrain

Delight yourself in the Lord, Delight yourself in the Lord,
And He will give you the desires of your heart.
Delight yourself in the Lord, Delight yourself in the Lord.

*Commit your way to the Lord;
trust in Him, trust in Him, He will act. **Refrain***

*He will bring forth your righteousness as the light
And your justice as the noonday.
He will bring forth your righteousness as the light,
And your justice as the noonday. **Refrain***

*Be still before the Lord, wait patiently for Him;
Fret not yourself over the one who prospers now through evil ways.
Be still before the Lord, wait patiently for Him;
Delight yourself in God, wait patiently for Him. **Refrain***

Text: Psalm 37:4-7

⁹Let love be genuine. Abhor what is evil; hold fast to what is good. ¹⁰Love one another with brotherly affection. Outdo one another in showing honor. ¹¹Do not be slothful in zeal, be fervent in spirit, serve the Lord. ¹²Rejoice in hope, be patient in tribulation, be constant in prayer. ¹³Contribute to the needs of the saints and seek to show hospitality. ¹⁴Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. ¹⁵Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. ¹⁶Live in harmony with one another. Do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly. Never be conceited. ¹⁷Repay no one evil for evil, but give thought to do what is honorable in the sight of all. ¹⁸If possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. ¹⁹Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave it to the wrath of God, for it is written, "Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord." ²⁰To the contrary, "if your enemy is hungry, feed him; if he is thirsty, give him something to drink; for by so doing you will heap burning coals on his head." ²¹Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

O Lord, have mercy on us.

Thanks be to God.

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

Glory to you, O Lord.

²¹From that time Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and suffer many things from the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised. ²²And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, "Far be it from you, Lord! This shall never happen to you." ²³But he turned and said to Peter, "Get behind me, Satan! You are a hindrance to me. For you are not setting your mind on the things of God, but on the things of man." ²⁴Then Jesus told his disciples, "If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me. ²⁵For whoever would save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will find it. ²⁶For what will it profit a man if he gains the whole world and forfeits his life? Or what shall a man give in return for his life? ²⁷For the Son of Man is going to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will repay each person according to what he has done. ²⁸Truly, I say to you, there are some standing here who will not taste death until they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom."

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to You, O Christ.

RESPONSORY

LSB 221

Forever, O Lord, Your Word is firmly set in the heavens.

Lord, I love the habitation of Your house and the place where Your glory dwells.

Blessed are those who hear the Word of God and keep it.

Lord, I love the habitation of Your house and the place where Your glory dwells.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.

Lord, I love the habitation of Your house and the place where Your glory dwells.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

HYMN OF THE DAY

"Come, Follow Me," the Savior Spake"

LSB 688, vv. 1-2, 4-5

"Come, follow Me," the Savior spake, "All in My way abiding;
Deny yourselves, the world forsake, Obey My call and guiding.
O bear the cross, whate'er betide, Take My example for your guide.

"I am the light, I light the way, A godly life displaying;
I bid you walk as in the day; I keep your feet from straying.
I am the way, and well I show How you must sojourn here below.

"I teach you how to shun and flee What harms your soul's salvation,
Your heart from ev'ry guile to free, From sin and its temptation.
I am the refuge of the soul And lead you to your heav'nly goal."

Then let us follow Christ, our Lord, And take the cross appointed
And, firmly clinging to His Word, In suff'ring be undaunted.
For those who bear the battle's strain The crown of heav'nly life obtain.

Text: tr. Charles W. Schaeffer, 1813–96; (sts. 1–2, 5): Johann Scheffler, 1624–77; (st. 4): Geistliche Lieder und Lobgesänge, 1695 Text: Public domain

+ Sermon Notes +

Please stand as you are able.

TE DEUM

LSB 223

We praise You, O God; we acknowledge You to be the Lord.

All the earth now worships You, the Father everlasting.

To You all angels cry aloud, the heavens and all the pow'rs therein.

To You cherubim and seraphim continually do cry:

**Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Sabaoth;
heaven and earth are full of the majesty of Your glory.
The glorious company of the apostles praise You.
The goodly fellowship of the prophets praise You.**

**The noble army of martyrs praise You.
The holy Church throughout all the world does acknowledge You:
The Father of an infinite majesty; Your adorable, true, and only Son;
also the Holy Ghost, the Comforter.**

**You are the king of glory, O Christ;
You are the everlasting Son of the Father.**

**When You took upon Yourself to deliver man,
You humbled Yourself to be born of a virgin.
When You had overcome the sharpness of death,
You opened the kingdom of heaven to all believers.**

**You sit at the right hand of God
in the glory of the Father.
We believe that You will come
to be our judge.**

**We therefore pray You to help Your servants,
whom You have redeemed with Your precious blood.
Make them to be numbered with Your saints
in glory everlasting.**

**O Lord, save Your people and bless Your heritage.
Govern them and lift them up forever.
Day by day we magnify You.
And we worship Your name forever and ever.**

**Grant, O Lord, to keep us this day without sin.
O Lord, have mercy upon us, have mercy upon us.
O Lord, let Your mercy be upon us, as our trust is in You.
O Lord, in You have I trusted; let me never be confounded.**

Please be seated.

OFFERING

Please stand as you are able.

KYRIE

LSB 227

**Lord, have mercy;
Christ, have mercy;
Lord, have mercy.**

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

Lord of the nations, be with Your Church around the world. Where it is persecuted, protect it; where it is growing, guide it; where it is in error, reform it. Grant to each of us the courage to bear the burden of our crosses, always seeking to follow You into the future, known only to You. Lord, in Your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Lord of compassion and healing, hear our prayers for those near and dear to us... Visit and relieve them in their sickness, sorrow, and distress. Support and guide all who minister to them in body, mind, and spirit. Lord, in Your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Into Your hands, gracious God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy for the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.
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.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Almighty God, Your Son willingly endured the agony and shame of the cross for our redemption. Grant us courage to take up our cross daily and follow Him wherever He leads; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

CLOSING PRAYER

O Lord, our heavenly Father, almighty and everlasting God, You have safely brought us to the beginning of this day. Defend us in the same with Your mighty power and grant that this day we fall into no sin, neither run into any kind of danger, but that all our doings, being ordered by Your governance, may be righteous in Your sight; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

BENEDICAMUS

LSB 228

Let us bless the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

BENEDICTION

LSB 228

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

Amen.

CLOSING HYMN

“Praise to You and Adoration”

LSB 692

Praise to You and adoration, Blessèd Jesus, Son of God,
Who, to serve Your own creation, Came to share our flesh and blood.
Guide me that I never may From Your fold or pastures stray,
But with zeal and joy exceeding Follow where Your steps are leading.

Hold me ever in Your keeping; Comfort me in pain and strife.
In my laughter and my weeping Be with me throughout my life.
Give me greater love for You, And my faith and hope renew
In Your birth, Your life, and passion, In Your death and resurrection.

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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 Kristin Johnson

Pianist: 6:30 Nancy Buckentine

Vocalists: Julie Bruce, Dr. Katie Rolf

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

Elder: 8:30 Chris Mundahl

6:30 Bruce Bergo

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

Welcome Team: 8:30 Gayle Degler/10:00 Wendy Schlueter

Tech Crew: 8:30 Hunter Krueger/10:00 Logan Dartt

Coffee Hour: Kendra and Hanna Stewart

Banner & Paraments: Joan Bode

Today at St. John's

8:30 & 10:00 AM | Traditional Worship

9:30 AM | Coffee Hour

9:30 AM | Meet the Pastor

6:00 PM | Youth Night

Upcoming Week

Monday, August 31	3:30 PM Mary Martha Guild Meeting
	5:15 PM Monday Night Meal
	6:30 PM Monday Night Worship
	7:00 PM AA
Tuesday, September 1	6:30 PM Trustees Meeting
Thursday, September 3	1:30 PM Ladies Aid Meeting
	6:30 PM Board of Education Meeting
Friday, September 4	6:30 PM AA
Sunday, September 6	8:30/10:00 AM Worship with Communion

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.



St. John's Lutheran Church Labor Day Schedule



**No Monday Night Worship
& Church Office Closed**

Monday, September 7

Please note that on Monday, September 7, there will be no Monday evening worship, and the Church Office will be closed for Labor Day.

FALL *at* ST. JOHN'S



*Come worship, connect, and
find your place this fall.*

Fall at St. John's begins September 13 with Sunday worship at 8:00, 9:30, and 10:45 AM. The 9:30 Education Hour includes Sunday School for ages 1 through 6th grade, High School Youth Group, Raising Disciples for

parents with a 7-week Identity Study, and other studies for youth and adults. Sunday School registration is open now. Scan the QR code to register and explore all the opportunities this fall!

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