

Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

August 9, 2026 | 8:30 & 10:00 AM
August 10, 2026 | 6:30 PM



St. John's
LUTHERAN CHURCH & SCHOOL

WELCOME AND INVOCATION

OPENING HYMN

"God, Whose Almighty Word"

LSB 979

God, whose almighty word
Chaos and darkness heard
And took their flight:
Hear us, we humbly pray,
And where the Gospel day
Sheds not its glorious ray,
Let there be light!

Spirit of truth and love,
Life-giving, holy dove,
Speed forth Your flight;
Move on the water's face,
Bearing the lamp of grace,
And in earth's darkest place
Let there be light!

Lord, who once came to bring,
On Your redeeming wing,
Healing and sight,
Health to the sick in mind,
Sight to the inly blind:
Oh, now to humankind
Let there be light!

Holy and blessed Three,
Glorious Trinity,
Wisdom, love, might!
Boundless as ocean's tide,
Rolling in fullest pride,
Through the earth, far and wide,
Let there be light!

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CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Almighty God, ruler of wind and wave, who laid the foundation of the earth, we confess to You our sins, both those of which we are aware and unaware.

We confess that we have not loved You with all our heart, mind, and strength; we have not loved our neighbor as ourselves.

We confess that we often revert to fear and doubt when faced with the storms of life.

Mighty Lord, whom even the wind and the waves obey, forgive our sins, remove our doubts, calm our fears, and strengthen our faith.

Upon this, your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto 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.

INTROIT

Psalm 34:4-8; antiphon: v. 1

I will bless the Lord at all times; his praise shall continually be in my mouth.

I sought the Lord, and he answered me and delivered me from all my fears.

Those who look to him are radiant, and their faces shall never be ashamed.

This poor man cried, and the Lord heard him and saved him out of all his troubles.

The angel of the Lord encamps around those who fear him, and delivers them.

Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good! Blessed is the man who takes refuge in him!

I will bless the Lord at all times;
his praise shall continually be in my mouth.

GLORIA PATRI

LSB 186

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. 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. Gracious heavenly Father, Your Son reaches out His hand and takes hold of us when our weak faith threatens to pull us down to the depths of despair. Move us to reach out graceful hands to our neighbors when they near despair, so that we may reflect Christ's love and Your name may be glorified in all creation; 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

Job 38:4-18

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⁴[The Lord said to Job:] "Where were you when I laid the foundation of the earth? Tell me, if you have understanding. ⁵Who determined its measurements—surely you know! Or who stretched the line upon it? ⁶On what were its bases sunk, or who laid its cornerstone,

⁷when the morning stars sang together and all the sons of God shouted for joy? ⁸“Or who shut in the sea with doors when it burst out from the womb, ⁹when I made clouds its garment and thick darkness its swaddling band, ¹⁰and prescribed limits for it and set bars and doors, ¹¹and said, ‘Thus far shall you come, and no farther, and here shall your proud waves be stayed’? ¹²“Have you commanded the morning since your days began, and caused the dawn to know its place, ¹³that it might take hold of the skirts of the earth, and the wicked be shaken out of it? ¹⁴It is changed like clay under the seal, and its features stand out like a garment. ¹⁵From the wicked their light is withheld, and their uplifted arm is broken. ¹⁶“Have you entered into the springs of the sea, or walked in the recesses of the deep? ¹⁷Have the gates of death been revealed to you, or have you seen the gates of deep darkness? ¹⁸Have you comprehended the expanse of the earth? Declare, if you know all this.”

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE

Romans 10:5-17

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⁵Moses writes about the righteousness that is based on the law, that the person who does the commandments shall live by them. ⁶But the righteousness based on faith says, “Do not say in your heart, ‘Who will ascend into heaven?’” (that is, to bring Christ down) ⁷or “‘Who will descend into the abyss?’” (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead). ⁸But what does it say? “The word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart” (that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); ⁹because, if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. ¹⁰For with the heart one believes and is justified, and with the mouth one confesses and is saved. ¹¹For the Scripture says, “Everyone who believes in him will not be put to shame.” ¹²For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all, bestowing his riches on all who call on him. ¹³For “everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.” ¹⁴But how are they to call on him in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in him of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone preaching?

¹⁵And how are they to preach unless they are sent? As it is written, "How beautiful are the feet of those who preach the good news!" ¹⁶But they have not all obeyed the gospel. For Isaiah says, "Lord, who has believed what he has heard from us?" ¹⁷So faith comes from hearing, and hearing through the word of Christ.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

ALLELUIA AND VERSE

LSB 190

Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.

HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 14:22-33

Pew Bible Page 820

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

Glory to you, O Lord.

²²Immediately [Jesus] made the disciples get into the boat and go before him to the other side, while he dismissed the crowds. ²³And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up on the mountain by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, ²⁴but the boat by this time was a long way from the land, beaten by the waves, for the wind was against them. ²⁵And in the fourth watch of the night he came to them, walking on the sea. ²⁶But when the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were terrified, and said, "It is a ghost!" and they cried out in fear. ²⁷But immediately Jesus spoke to them, saying, "Take heart; it is I. Do not be afraid." ²⁸And Peter answered him, "Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water." ²⁹He said, "Come." So Peter got out of the boat and walked on the water and came to Jesus. ³⁰But when he saw the wind, he was afraid, and beginning to sink he cried out, "Lord, save me." ³¹Jesus immediately reached out his hand and took hold of him, saying to him, "O you of little faith, why did you doubt?" ³²And when they got into the boat, the wind ceased. ³³And those in the boat worshiped him, saying, "Truly you are the Son of God."

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to You, O Christ.

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

HYMN OF THE DAY “Eternal Father, Strong to Save” LSB 717

Eternal Father, strong to save, Whose arm hath bound the restless wave,
Who bidd’st the mighty ocean deep Its own appointed limits keep:
O hear us when we cry to Thee For those in peril on the sea.

O Christ, whose voice the waters heard And hushed their raging at Thy word,
Who walkedst on the foaming deep And calm amid its rage didst sleep:
O hear us when we cry to Thee For those in peril on the sea.

Most Holy Spirit, who didst brood Upon the chaos dark and rude,
And bid its angry tumult cease, And give, for wild confusion, peace:
O hear us when we cry to Thee For those in peril on the sea.

O Trinity of love and pow’r, Our people shield in danger’s hour;
From rock and tempest, fire and foe, Protect them wheresoe’er they go;
Thus evermore shall rise to Thee Glad praise from air and land and sea.

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SERMON “The Hands of God” Pastor Snow

+ Sermon Notes +

RESPONSE HYMN “Lord, Take My Hand and Lead Me” LSB 722

Lord, take my hand and lead me Upon life's way;
Direct, protect, and feed me From day to day.
Without Your grace and favor I go astray;
So take my hand, O Savior, And lead the way.

Lord, when the tempest rages, I need not fear,
For You, the Rock of Ages, Are always near.
Close by Your side abiding, I fear no foe,
For when Your hand is guiding, In peace I go.

Lord, when the shadows lengthen And night has come,
I know that You will strengthen My steps toward home.
Then nothing can impede me, O blessed Friend;
So take my hand and lead me Unto the end.

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OFFERING

APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the Communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

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

For the holy church throughout the world: that she always have confidence of divine help from the Lord and that her pastors and ministers be faithful in their proclamation of God's mercy and grace for all people, serving her members with love and compassion, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For all who cry out to God for deliverance and help: that their petitions be heard by the One who reaches out to rescue all from danger and destruction, who can save by the grasp of His mighty hand of mercy, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For our country and all the nations of the world: that leaders seek the ways of peace and freedom for the welfare and prosperity of the people they are called to serve, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For all who are sick or suffering illness or injury, all who are in any trouble, those who are lonely or afraid, and especially... may the Lord give strength, healing, and comfort to all who call upon Him, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For those who have gone before us with the sign of faith, we give thanks to the Lord. That we may be included in the fellowship of the saints in heaven now, and at last by God's mercy and grace when He comes again in glory, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy; through 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.

BENEDICTION

CLOSING HYMN

“Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness” **LSB 849, vv. 1, 3**

Praise the One who breaks the darkness With a liberating light;
Praise the One who frees the pris'ners, Turning blindness into sight.
Praise the One who preached the Gospel, Healing ev'ry dread disease,
Calming storms, and feeding thousands With the very Bread of peace.

Let us praise the Word Incarnate, Christ, who suffered in our place.
Jesus died and rose victorious That we may know God by grace.
Let us sing for joy and gladness, Seeing what our God has done;
Let us praise the true Redeemer, Praise the One who makes us one.

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SENDING

Go in peace, serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

+ Today's Worship Servants +

WORSHIP LEADERS

Preacher: Pastor Snow

Liturgist: Pastor Barry

Organist: 8:30/10:00 Linda DeRocher

Pianist: 6:30 Nancy Buckentine

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

Elder: 8:30 Pete Siedelman/10:00 Tim Goltz

6:30 Bruce Bergo

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

Welcome Team: 8:30 Gary Herber/10:00 Chris Reis

Tech Crew: 8:30 Jason Eickhoff/10:00 Julie Bruce

Coffee Hour: Paul DeRocher

Banner & Paraments: Joan Bode

Today at St. John's

8:30 & 10:00 AM | Traditional Worship

9:30 AM | Blood Pressure Screening

9:30 AM | Coffee Hour

9:30 AM | "On the Farm" Intergenerational Bible Study

Upcoming Week

Monday, August 10	5:15 PM Monday Night Meal
	6:30 PM Monday Night Worship
	7:00 PM AA
Tuesday, August 11	6:00 PM PTL Meeting
	6:30 PM Elders Meeting
Thursday, August 13	4:00–7:00 PM Popsicle in the Park
Friday, July August 14	6:30 PM AA
Sunday, August 16	8:30/10:00 AM Worship with Communion
	11:00 AM Initial Confirmation Meeting

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

Learn More About St. John's and Membership

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.

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