

Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 13, 2026 | 8:00, 9:30 & 10:45 AM
September 14, 2026 | 6:30 PM



St. John's
LUTHERAN CHURCH & SCHOOL

WELCOME AND INVOCATION

OPENING HYMN

"I Lay My Sins on Jesus"

LSB 606

I lay my sins on Jesus, The spotless Lamb of God;
He bears them all and frees us From the accursèd load.
I bring my guilt to Jesus To wash my crimson stains
Clean in His blood most precious Till not a spot remains.

I lay my wants on Jesus; All fullness dwells in Him;
He heals all my diseases; My soul He does redeem.
I lay my griefs on Jesus, My burdens and my cares;
He from them all releases; He all my sorrows shares.

I rest my soul on Jesus, This weary soul of mine;
His right hand me embraces; I on His breast recline.
I love the name of Jesus, Immanuel, Christ, the Lord;
Like fragrance on the breezes His name abroad is poured.

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DEDICATION OF SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS AND BIBLE STUDY LEADERS (10:45)

Teachers and leaders listed on page 11.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Since we are here assembled to hear God's Word and to call upon Him in prayer, let us first think of our unworthiness; confess before God our sins of thought, word, and deed; and acknowledge also that we, by our own strength, cannot free ourselves from our sinful nature or the sins we have committed.

Therefore, let us take refuge in the infinite mercy and grace of our heavenly Father, seeking and imploring Him to behold us through Jesus Christ, saying:

God have mercy on me, a poor, sinful being, forgive me all my sins where I have done wrong, and grant to me the Holy Spirit that I may amend my sinful ways; through Jesus Christ, my Lord, I pray. Amen.

God, have mercy on us, forgive us our sins, and bring us to life everlasting. 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.

Amen.

He who began this good work within you will bring it to completion on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Amen.

HYMN OF PRAISE

"In Thee Is Gladness"

LSB 818

In Thee is gladness Amid all sadness, Jesus, sunshine of my heart.
By Thee are given The gifts of heaven, Thou the true Redeemer art.
Our souls Thou wakest, Our bonds Thou breakest;
Who trusts Thee surely Has built securely; He stands forever: Alleluia!
Our hearts are pining To see Thy shining,
Dying or living To Thee are cleaving; Naught can us sever: Alleluia!

Since He is ours, We fear no powers, Not of earth nor sin nor death.
He sees and blesses In worst distresses; He can change them with a breath.
Wherefore the story Tell of His glory
With hearts and voices; All heav'n rejoices In Him forever: Alleluia!
We shout for gladness, Triumph o'er sadness,
Love Him and praise Him And still shall raise Him Glad hymns forever: Alleluia!

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PRAYER OF THE DAY

O God, our refuge and strength, the author of all godliness, hear the devout prayers of Your church, especially in times of persecution, and grant that what we ask in faith we may obtain; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Genesis 50:15-21

Pew Bible Page 44

¹⁵When Joseph's brothers saw that their father was dead, they said, "It may be that Joseph will hate us and pay us back for all the evil that we did to him." ¹⁶So they sent a message to Joseph, saying, "Your father gave this command before he died, ¹⁷'Say to Joseph, Please forgive the transgression of your brothers and their sin, because they did evil to you.' And now, please forgive the transgression of the servants of the God of your father." Joseph wept when they spoke to him. ¹⁸His brothers also came and fell down before him and said, "Behold, we are your servants." ¹⁹But Joseph said to them, "Do not fear, for am I in the place of God? ²⁰As for you, you meant evil against me, but God meant it for good, to bring it about that many people should be kept alive, as they are today. ²¹So do not fear; I will provide for you and your little ones." Thus he comforted them and spoke kindly to them.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

¹As for the one who is weak in faith, welcome him, but not to quarrel over opinions. ²One person believes he may eat anything, while the weak person eats only vegetables. ³Let not the one who eats despise the one who abstains, and let not the one who abstains pass judgment on the one who eats, for God has welcomed him. ⁴Who are you to pass judgment on the servant of another? It is before his own master that he stands or falls. And he will be upheld, for the Lord is able to make him stand. ⁵One person esteems one day as better than another, while another esteems all days alike. Each one should be fully convinced in his own mind. ⁶The one who observes the day, observes it in honor of the Lord. The one who eats, eats in honor of the Lord, since he gives thanks to God, while the one who abstains, abstains in honor of the Lord and gives thanks to God. ⁷For none of us lives to himself, and none of us dies to himself. ⁸If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord. So then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's. ⁹For to this end Christ died and lived again, that he might be Lord both of the dead and of the living. ¹⁰Why do you pass judgment on your brother? Or you, why do you despise your brother? For we will all stand before the judgment seat of God; ¹¹for it is written, "As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to me, and every tongue shall confess to God." ¹²So then each of us will give an account of himself to God.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

ALLELUIA AND VERSE**LSB 156**

Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go?

You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia, alleluia.

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

Glory to you, O Lord.

²¹Peter came up and said to [Jesus], “Lord, how often will my brother sin against me, and I forgive him? As many as seven times?” ²²Jesus said to him, “I do not say to you seven times, but seventy times seven.

²³“Therefore the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his servants. ²⁴When he began to settle, one was brought to him who owed him ten thousand talents. ²⁵And since he could not pay, his master ordered him to be sold, with his wife and children and all that he had, and payment to be made. ²⁶So the servant fell on his knees, imploring him, ‘Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.’ ²⁷And out of pity for him, the master of that servant released him and forgave him the debt. ²⁸But when that same servant went out, he found one of his fellow servants who owed him a hundred denarii, and seizing him, he began to choke him, saying, ‘Pay what you owe.’ ²⁹So his fellow servant fell down and pleaded with him, ‘Have patience with me, and I will pay you.’ ³⁰He refused and went and put him in prison until he should pay the debt. ³¹When his fellow servants saw what had taken place, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their master all that had taken place. ³²Then his master summoned him and said to him, ‘You wicked servant! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. ³³And should not you have had mercy on your fellow servant, as I had mercy on you?’ ³⁴And in anger his master delivered him to the jailers, until he should pay all his debt. ³⁵So also my heavenly Father will do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother from your heart.”

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to You, O Christ.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

HYMN OF THE DAY “Forgive Our Sins as We Forgive” LSB 843 (Tune: LSB 348)

“Forgive our sins as we forgive,” You taught us, Lord, to pray;
But You alone can grant us grace To live the words we say.

How can Your pardon reach and bless The unforgiving heart
That broods on wrongs and will not let Old bitterness depart?

In blazing light Your cross reveals The truth we dimly knew:
What trivial debts are owed to us, How great our debt to You!

Lord, cleanse the depths within our souls And bid resentment cease;
Then, bound to all in bonds of love, Our lives will spread Your peace.

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+ Sermon Notes +

RESPONSE HYMN

“Where Charity and Love Prevail”

LSB 845, vv. 1-4

Where charity and love prevail There God is ever found;
Brought here together by Christ's love By love are we thus bound.

With grateful joy and holy fear His charity we learn;
Let us with heart and mind and soul Now love Him in return.

Forgive we now each other's faults As we our faults confess,
And let us love each other well In Christian holiness.

Let strife among us be unknown; Let all contention cease;
Be God's the glory that we seek; Be ours His holy peace.

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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.

DEDICATION OF SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS AND BIBLE STUDY LEADERS (8:00)

Teachers and leaders listed on page 11.

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 and for all people according to their needs.

Give boldness to Your church, that we who know the Gospel of Jesus Christ crucified and risen proclaim it to the ends of the earth. Bless the pastors who faithfully deliver these gifts to us in Word and Sacrament and the church workers who serve us in Your name. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Deliver us, O Lord, from the burden of those who would lead us without the wisdom and counsel of Your Word. Give to us in this land and throughout the world leaders who will act with integrity and justice to all. Bring peace to the troubled regions of our world and help us to work together for the common good. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Bless this congregation and all missions and mission fields with an abundance of Your Holy Spirit, that the work of Your kingdom would prosper among us for the glory of Your holy name. We pray for St. John's and Trinity Lutheran in Carver as we seek Your will in our future together. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Deliver, O Lord, the troubled in mind, the wounded in body, and those who are grieving, especially... By Your healing and strength may they endure the day of their trial and be kept safe in Your arms to everlasting life. Lord, in Your mercy,
hear our prayer.

You know our needs and have promised to give us all things needful for this life and to bring us to everlasting life. Grant us also grateful hearts that we be cheered by Your mercies, new every morning, and live and rest in Your peace; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You 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.

BENEDICTION

CLOSING HYMN "O Bless the Lord, My Soul" LSB 814, vv. 1-4

O bless the Lord, my soul! Let all within me join
And aid my tongue to bless His name Whose favors are divine.

O bless the Lord, my soul, Nor let His mercies lie
Forgotten in unthankfulness And without praises die!

'Tis He forgives thy sins; 'Tis He relieves thy pain;
'Tis He that heals thy sicknesses And makes thee young again.

He crowns thy life with love When ransomed from the grave;
He that redeemed my soul from hell Hath sov'reign pow'r to save.

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SENDING

Go in peace, serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

Join us today at noon for our Special Voters' Meeting to vote on a merger with Trinity Lutheran in Carver.

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+ Sunday School Teachers and Bible Study Leaders +

Sunday School Developer	Lynnae Degler
1–2 Year Olds	Christina Krueger, Lex Roxas
3–4 Year Olds	Bev Hendrickson, Julie Hesse, Kaitlyn Olson
Kindergarten	Tim Dahlke, Monica Green
1 st –2 nd Grade	Wendy Danner, Annabelle Danner
3 rd –4 th Grade	Misty Reisner, Lynnae Degler
5 th –6 th Grade	Dante Langmade, Jeremy Rolf, Spencer Roxas
9 th –12 th Grade Bible Study	DCE Justin Weber
Confirmation Study	Paul DeRocher, Josh Kulzer
Moms in the Word	Katie Barry
Mom Meetups	Faith Hagen
Women's LifeLight Bible Study	Mary Goltz
Philippians Bible Study	Lois Degler
Monday Morning Men's Bible Study	Jon Thom
Bible and Bacon	Bob Swenson
Parent Study	Lara Groboski

+ Today's Worship Servants +

WORSHIP LEADERS

Preacher: Pastor Snow

Liturgist: Pastor Barry

Organist: 8:00/9:30/10:45 Linda DeRocher

Pianist: 6:30 Nancy Bukentine

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

Acolytes: 8:00 Brian Tucker/10:45 Matthew Swanson

Elders: 8:00 Paul DeRocher/9:30 Pete Siedelman

10:00 Ben Wiegert/6:30 Bruce Bergo

Usher Team: 8:00 Jay Molnau/9:30 Brain Dahlke

10:45 Dave Hagen

Welcome Team: 8:00 Gary Herber/9:30 Pete Stephan

10:45 Chris Reis

Tech Crew: 8:00 Logan Dartt

10:45 Jon Mierow, Jonah Mierow

Coffee Hour: St. John's Day School Teachers

Banner & Paraments: Joan Bode

Today at St. John's

8:00, 9:30 & 10:45 AM | Traditional Worship

9:30 AM | Coffee Hour

9:30 AM | Education Hour & Sunday School

12:00 PM | Voters' Meeting: Trinity Carver Merger

6:00 PM | Club 56

Upcoming Week

Monday, September 14	5:15 PM Monday Night Meal
	6:30 PM Monday Night Worship
	7:00 PM AA
Tuesday, September 15	6:30 PM Executive Council Meeting
Wednesday, September 16	7:00 PM Messengers of Praise Rehearsal
Thursday, September 17	9:30 AM LifeLight Bible Study
Friday, September 18	6:30 PM AA
Saturday, September 19	7:00 AM Bible and Bacon
Sunday, September 20	8:00/9:30/10:45 AM Worship with Communion
	9:30 AM 3 Year Old Bible Milestone
	9:30 AM Rite of Beginning
	9:30 AM Education Hour & Sunday School
	6:00 PM Youth Night

Thank you for worshiping 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.



BIBLE EXTRAVAGANZA

FOR 3-YEAR-OLDS +
3RD GRADERS

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 20

*Plus special Bible events
during the week!*



St. John's families with 3-year-olds (preschool and Pre-K children) and 3rd graders are invited to celebrate an exciting milestone: receiving their own Bible! Please scan the QR code to register for the appropriate Bible

Extravaganza so we can have a Bible ready for your child.

THE 13TH ANNUAL

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ONE
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SCHOOL DINNER AND AUCTION

Friday, October 9
Hazeltine National
Golf Club
Get Tickets Now!



St. John's Lutheran School is excited to host our annual All for One Dinner & Auction on Friday, October 9, 2026, at Hazeltine National Golf Club. Join us for an evening together in support of St. John's Lutheran School. Tickets

are \$100 per person. This year's All for One goal is to raise \$80,000 to support: Outdoor Field Development, Gym Floor Restoration, Building Security, and Technology Innovation. Gifts made through All for One help provide resources that directly enhance the experience of our students and support the work of our teachers and staff.

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