

Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 27, 2026
8:00, 9:30 & 10:45 AM
September 28, 2026 | 6:30 PM



WELCOME AND INVOCATION

OPENING HYMN "When Morning Gilds the Skies" LSB 807, vv. 1-4

When morning gilds the skies,
My heart, awaking, cries,
"May Jesus Christ be praised!"
When evening shadows fall,
This rings my curfew call:
"May Jesus Christ be praised!"

No lovelier antiphon
In all high heav'n is known
Than "Jesus Christ be praised!"
There to the_ eternal Word
The_ eternal psalm is heard:
"May Jesus Christ be praised!"

When mirth for music longs,
This is my song of songs:
"May Jesus Christ be praised!"
God's holy house of prayer
Hath none that can compare
With "Jesus Christ be praised!"

Ye nations of mankind,
In this your concord find:
"May Jesus Christ be praised!"
Let all the earth around
Ring joyous with the sound:
"May Jesus Christ be praised!"

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BAPTISM (10:45)

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CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

God invites His whole creation to the great feast of His salvation that we may boldly enter into His gates of mercy. Let us lift up our prayer of repentance and faith.

Lord God, heavenly Father, with thanksgiving for Your great love and promise of new life and hope for living, we confess to You all our sins, our waywardness, our neglect of Your call, as well as our failure to be of help to our neighbor and one another. We humbly pray, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew and cleanse our hearts and minds, and give us true faith in Your promised grace and deliverance.

The feast of God's salvation has already begun for you by your Baptism into Christ. Now receive the Lord's abiding forgiveness, faith, strength, and help to live in the certain hope of eternal life in fellowship with Him: I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

INTROIT

Psalm 147:1-5; antiphon: v. 6

The LORD lifts up the humble;

he casts the wicked to the ground.

Praise the LORD! For it is good to sing praises to our God;

for it is pleasant, and a song of praise is fitting.

The LORD builds up Jerusalem;

he gathers the outcasts of Israel.

He heals the brokenhearted

and binds up their wounds.

He determines the number of the stars;

he gives to all of them their names.

Great is our Lord, and abundant in power;

his understanding is beyond measure.

**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.**

The LORD lifts up the humble;

he casts the wicked to the ground.

HYMN OF PRAISE “Glory to God in the Highest”

LSB 154

Glory to God in the highest, and peace to His people on earth.

Lord God, heavenly king, almighty God and Father:

We worship You, we give You thanks,

we praise You for Your glory.

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,

Lord God, Lamb of God:

You take away the sin of the world;

have mercy on us.

You are seated at the right hand of the Father;

receive our prayer.

For You alone are the Holy One,

You alone are the Lord,

You alone are the Most High,

Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,

in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Almighty God, You exalted Your Son to the place of all honor and authority. Enlighten our minds by Your Holy Spirit that, confessing Jesus as Lord, we may be led into all truth; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Ezekiel 18:1-4, 25-32

Pew Bible Page 705

¹The word of the Lord came to me: ²“What do you mean by repeating this proverb concerning the land of Israel, ‘The fathers have eaten sour grapes, and the children’s teeth are set on edge’? ³As I live, declares the Lord God, this proverb shall no more be used by you in Israel. ⁴Behold, all souls are mine; the soul of the father as well as the soul of the son is mine: the soul who sins shall die... ²⁵“Yet you say, ‘The way of the Lord is not just.’ Hear now, O house of Israel: Is my way not just? Is it not your ways that are not just?

²⁶When a righteous person turns away from his righteousness and does injustice, he shall die for it; for the injustice that he has done he shall die. ²⁷Again, when a wicked person turns away from the wickedness he has committed and does what is just and right, he shall save his life. ²⁸Because he considered and turned away from all the transgressions that he had committed, he shall surely live; he shall not die. ²⁹Yet the house of Israel says, 'The way of the Lord is not just.' O house of Israel, are my ways not just? Is it not your ways that are not just? ³⁰"Therefore I will judge you, O house of Israel, every one according to his ways, declares the Lord God. Repent and turn from all your transgressions, lest iniquity be your ruin. ³¹Cast away from you all the transgressions that you have committed, and make yourselves a new heart and a new spirit! Why will you die, O house of Israel? ³²For I have no pleasure in the death of anyone, declares the Lord God; so turn, and live."

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE

Philippians 2:1-13

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¹So if there is any encouragement in Christ, any comfort from love, any participation in the Spirit, any affection and sympathy, ²complete my joy by being of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. ³Do nothing from rivalry or conceit, but in humility count others more significant than yourselves. ⁴Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others. ⁵Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, ⁶who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, ⁷but made himself nothing, taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. ⁸And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. ⁹Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, ¹⁰so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, ¹¹and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

¹²Therefore, my beloved, as you have always obeyed, so now, not only as in my presence but much more in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling, ¹³for it is God who works in you, both to will and to work for his good pleasure.

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.

HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 21:23-32

Pew Bible Page 826

The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the twenty-first chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

²³And when he entered the temple, the chief priests and the elders of the people came up to him as he was teaching, and said, "By what authority are you doing these things, and who gave you this authority?"

²⁴Jesus answered them, "I also will ask you one question, and if you tell me the answer, then I also will tell you by what authority I do these things. ²⁵The baptism of John, from where did it come? From heaven or from man?" And they discussed it among themselves, saying, "If we say, 'From heaven,' he will say to us, 'Why then did you not believe him?'

²⁶But if we say, 'From man,' we are afraid of the crowd, for they all hold that John was a prophet." ²⁷So they answered Jesus, "We do not know." And he said to them, "Neither will I tell you by what authority I do these things. ²⁸"What do you think? A man had two sons. And he went to the first and said, 'Son, go and work in the vineyard today.' ²⁹And he answered, 'I will not,' but afterward he changed his mind and went.

³⁰And he went to the other son and said the same. And he answered, 'I go, sir,' but did not go. ³¹Which of the two did the will of his father?" They said, "The first." Jesus said to them, "Truly, I say to you, the tax collectors and the prostitutes go into the kingdom of God before you.

³²For John came to you in the way of righteousness, and you did not believe him, but the tax collectors and the prostitutes believed him. And even when you saw it, you did not afterward change your minds and believe him.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to You, O Christ.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

HYMN OF THE DAY

“Praise Be to Christ”

LSB 538

Praise be to Christ in whom we see
The image of the Father shown,
The firstborn Son revealed and known,
The truth and grace of deity;
Through whom creation came to birth,
Whose fingers set the stars in place,
The unseen pow'rs, and this small earth,
The furthest bounds of time and space.

Praise be to Him whose sov'reign sway
And will upholds creation's plan;
Who is, before all worlds began
And when our world has passed away:
Lord of the Church, its life and head,
Redemption's price and source and theme,
Alive, the firstborn from the dead,
To reign as all-in-all supreme.

Praise be to Him who, Lord Most High,
The fullness of the Godhead shares;
And yet our human nature bears,
Who came as man to bleed and die.
And from His cross there flows our peace
Who chose for us the path He trod,
That so might sins and sorrows cease
And all be reconciled to God.

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+ Sermon Notes +**RESPONSE HYMN****"O Jesus, King Most Wonderful"****LSB 554, vv. 1-3**

O Jesus, King most wonderful! O Conqueror renowned!
O Source of peace ineffable, In whom all joys are found:

When once You visit darkened hearts, Then truth begins to shine,
Then earthly vanity departs, Then kindles love divine.

O Jesus, light of all below, The fount of life and fire,
Surpassing all the joys we know, All that we can desire.

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OFFERING**OFFERTORY "O Jesus, King Most Wonderful" LSB 554, vv. 4-5**

May ev'ry heart confess Your name, Forever You adore,
And, seeking You, itself inflame To seek You more and more!

Oh, may our tongues forever bless, May we love You alone
And ever in our lives express The image of Your own!

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PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Almighty God, we give You thanks for all Your goodness and loving kindness that You have bestowed on us as Your own creation. For Your whole creation and the blessings of this life, we give You praise and thanks. Continue Your gift of life and grant that all look to You as their Creator and Giver of life through the gift of Your redemption in Christ Jesus, our Lord. Lord, in Your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Through Baptism you make us Your children and heirs of eternal life. As Bennett is made Your child today through water and Your Word in Holy Baptism, surround him and his parents with Your arms of mercy and with love and support from this congregation, that he may grow in his faith. Lord, in Your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Help all who call upon You in any need, that they would have patience in times of sorrow or suffering and be released from their afflictions, especially... Lord, in Your mercy,

hear our prayer.

We remember before You all those who have loved and served You and who now rest from their labors. Keep us in fellowship with all Your saints and bring us at last to the joys of Your heavenly kingdom. Lord, in Your mercy,

hear our prayer.

All these things and whatever else You know that we need, grant us for the sake of Him who died and rose again and now lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER**LSB Inside Back Cover****BENEDICTION**

CLOSING HYMN “Rejoice, O Pilgrim Throng” LSB 813, vv. 1-2

Rejoice, O pilgrim throng! Rejoice, give thanks, and sing;
Your festal banner wave on high, The cross of Christ your king. **Refrain**

Refrain

Rejoice! Rejoice! Rejoice, give thanks, and sing!

With voice as full and strong As ocean's surging praise,
Send forth the sturdy hymns of old, The psalms of ancient days. **Refrain**

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

Pianist: 6:30 Nancy Buckentine

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

Acolyte: 8:00 Evan Sutherland/10:45 Evan Anderson

Elders: 8:00 Paul DeRocher/9:30 Tim Goltz
10:45 Michael Johnshoy/6:30 Pete Siedelman

Usher Team: 8:00 Jay Molnau/9:30 Brian Dahlke
10:45 Dave Hagen

Welcome Team: 8:00 Gayle Degler/9:30 Swanson Family
10:45 Jana Beckendorf

Tech Crew: 8:00 Adam Breczinski, Logan Dartt
9:30 Martin Sihombing

Coffee Hour: Lacey Scotthennen

Banner & Paraments: Joan Bode

Today at St. John's

8:00/9:30/10:45 AM | Traditional Worship

9:00 AM | Coffee Hour

9:30 AM | Education Hour and Sunday School

Upcoming Week	
Monday, September 28	5:30 PM Monday Night Meal
	6:30 PM Monday Night Worship
	7:00 PM AA
Wednesday, September 30	9:30 AM Moms in the Word
	7:00 PM Messengers of Praise Rehearsal
Thursday, October 1	9:30 AM Life Light Bible Study
	1:30 PM Ladies Aid
Friday, October 2	6:30 PM AA
Sunday, October 4	8:00 AM Traditional Worship with Communion
	9:30 & 10:45 AM Blended Worship with Communion
	9:30 AM Education Hour/Sunday School
	6:00 PM Youth Night

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.



MONDAY NIGHT MEAL FUNDRAISER AT CULVER'S

**Tuesday, September 29
5:00–8:00 PM**

Grab Dinner at Culver's in Chaska!

Join the Monday Night Meal team at Culver's in Chaska on Tuesday, September 29, from 5:00–8:00 PM. During the fundraiser, Culver's will donate 10% of all sales to support the Monday Night Meal ministry. Stop by for dinner, say hello to the team, and help support this ministry serving our community.

THE 13TH ANNUAL

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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.