

Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 6, 2026
8:30 & 10:00 AM



St. John's
LUTHERAN CHURCH & SCHOOL

WELCOME AND INVOCATION

OPENING HYMN

"Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing"

LSB 686, vv. 1-2

Come, Thou Fount of ev'ry blessing, Tune my heart to sing Thy grace;
Streams of mercy, never ceasing, Call for songs of loudest praise.
While the hope of endless glory Fills my heart with joy and love,
Teach me ever to adore Thee; May I still Thy goodness prove.

Here I raise my Ebenezer, Hither by Thy help I've come;
And I hope, by Thy good pleasure, Safely to arrive at home.
Jesus sought me when a stranger, Wand'ring from the fold of God;
He, to rescue me from danger, Interposed His precious blood.

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BAPTISM (10:00)

*Bo James Crawley-Reid is the son of Darios and Clara Crawley-Reid.
Bo's sponsors are Noelle and Chris Martin, Isaac and Leah Snow, and
Jacob and Ashley Lenz.*

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

"Blessed is the one whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered. Blessed is the man against whom the Lord counts no iniquity, and in whose spirit there is no deceit... I acknowledged my sin to you, and I did not cover my iniquity; I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the Lord," and you forgave the iniquity of my sin." (*Psalms 32:1-2, 5*)

Let us then, confess our transgressions to the Lord:

Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.

With David we find safety and comfort in the Lord and say, "You are a hiding place for me; you preserve me from trouble; you surround me with shouts of deliverance" (*Psalms 32:7*). God has delivered you through the death and resurrection of His Son, and for His sake forgives you all your sins. 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.

HYMN OF PRAISE

"Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing"

LSB 686, vv. 3-4

Oh, to grace how great a debtor Daily I'm constrained to be;
Let that grace now like a fetter Bind my wand'ring heart to Thee:
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it; Prone to leave the God I love.
Here's my heart, O take and seal it, Seal it for Thy courts above.

Oh, that day when freed from sinning, I shall see Thy lovely face;
Clothed then in the blood-washed linen, How I'll sing Thy wondrous grace!
Come, my Lord, no longer tarry; Take my ransom'd soul away;
Send Thine angels soon to carry Me to realms of endless day.

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PRAYER OF THE DAY

O God, from whom all good proceeds, grant to us, Your humble servants, Your holy inspiration, that we may set our minds on the things that are right and, by Your merciful guiding, accomplish them; 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

Ezekiel 33:7-9

Pew Bible Page 721

⁷“So you, son of man, I have made a watchman for the house of Israel. Whenever you hear a word from my mouth, you shall give them warning from me. ⁸If I say to the wicked, O wicked one, you shall surely die, and you do not speak to warn the wicked to turn from his way, that wicked person shall die in his iniquity, but his blood I will require at your hand. ⁹But if you warn the wicked to turn from his way, and he does not turn from his way, that person shall die in his iniquity, but you will have delivered your soul.”

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE

Romans 13:1-10

Pew Bible Page 948

¹Let every person be subject to the governing authorities. For there is no authority except from God, and those that exist have been instituted by God. ²Therefore whoever resists the authorities resists what God has appointed, and those who resist will incur judgment. ³For rulers are not a terror to good conduct, but to bad. Would you have no fear of the one who is in authority? Then do what is good, and you will receive his approval, ⁴for he is God’s servant for your good. But if you do wrong, be afraid, for he does not bear the sword in vain. For he is the servant of God, an avenger who carries out God’s wrath on the wrongdoer. ⁵Therefore one must be in subjection, not only to avoid God’s wrath but also for the sake of conscience. ⁶For the same reason you also pay taxes, for the authorities are ministers of God, attending to this very thing.

⁷Pay to all what is owed to them: taxes to whom taxes are owed, revenue to whom revenue is owed, respect to whom respect is owed, honor to whom honor is owed. ⁸Owe no one anything, except to love each other, for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. ⁹The commandments, "You shall not commit adultery, You shall not murder, You shall not steal, You shall not covet," and any other commandment, are summed up in this word: "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." ¹⁰Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore love is the fulfilling of the law.

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 18:1-11

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

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹At that time the disciples came to Jesus, saying, "Who is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven?" ²And calling to him a child, he put him in the midst of them ³and said, "Truly, I say to you, unless you turn and become like children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven. ⁴Whoever humbles himself like this child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven. ⁵"Whoever receives one such child in my name receives me, ⁶but whoever causes one of these little ones who believe in me to sin, it would be better for him to have a great millstone fastened around his neck and to be drowned in the depth of the sea. ⁷"Woe to the world for temptations to sin! For it is necessary that temptations come, but woe to the one by whom the temptation comes! ⁸And if your hand or your foot causes you to sin, cut it off and throw it away. It is better for you to enter life crippled or lame than with two hands or two feet to be thrown into the eternal fire. ⁹And if your eye causes you to sin, tear it out and throw it away.

It is better for you to enter life with one eye than with two eyes to be thrown into the hell of fire. ¹⁰“See that you do not despise one of these little ones. For I tell you that in heaven their angels always see the face of my Father who is in heaven. ¹¹For the Son of Man came to save the lost.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to You, O Christ.

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

HYMN OF THE DAY

“My Soul, Now Praise Your Maker”

LSB 820, vv. 1-2, 4

Soloist will sing verse 1.

*My soul, now praise your Maker! Let all within me bless His name
Who makes you full partaker Of mercies more than you dare claim.
Forget Him not whose meekness Still bears with all your sin,
Who heals your ev’ry weakness, Renews your life within;
Whose grace and care are endless And saved you through the past;
Who leaves no sufferer friendless But rights the wronged at last.*

He offers all His treasure Of justice, truth, and righteousness,
His love beyond all measure, His yearning pity o’er distress;
Nor treats us as we merit But sets His anger by.
The poor and contrite spirit Finds His compassion nigh;
And high as heav’n above us, As dawn from close of day,
So far, since He has loved us, He puts our sins away.

His grace remains forever, And children’s children yet shall prove
That God forsakes them never Who in true fear shall seek His love.
In heav’n is fixed His dwelling, His rule is over all;
O hosts with might excelling, With praise before Him fall.
Praise Him forever reigning, All you who hear His Word—
Our life and all sustaining. My soul, O praise the Lord!

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+ Sermon Notes +**NICENE CREED (8:30)**

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

Almighty and merciful God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, "The sum of Your word is truth, and every one of Your just and righteous decrees endures forever." With hearts renewed by Your gift of true repentance in the light of our sins and true faith in the redemption given through the sacrifice of Your own beloved Son for the life of the world, we give You thanks for Your Word and work of Law and Gospel. Help us to keep Your Word and bring forth its fruit in our daily lives. Lord, in Your mercy,
hear our prayer.

We pray You so to rule and guide Your whole church, blessing all pastors with the spirit of unity in faith and confession. Grant Your blessing to all Your faithful people whose faith is known to You. Accept our prayers from hearts filled with thankful praise. Lord, in Your mercy,
hear our prayer.

We pray for the health and good will of all who serve in the government that they may serve according to Your will and that we may live in quietness and peace. Lord, in Your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Through Baptism you make us Your children and heirs of eternal life. As Bo 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.

Comfort and attend to all who are in trouble; those suffering sickness, injury, or fear of death; and especially... Grant them patience and healing of both mind and body. Lord, in Your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy; through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.
Amen.

OFFERING

OFFERTORY

“What Shall I Render to the Lord”

LSB 159

What shall I render to the Lord for all His benefits to me?

I will offer the sacrifice of thanksgiving
and will call on the name of the Lord.

I will take the cup of salvation and will call on the name of the Lord.

I will pay my vows to the Lord now in the presence of all His people,
in the courts of the Lord's house, in the midst of you, O Jerusalem.

PREFACE

LSB 160

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 on this day overcame death and the grave and by His glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. 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 161

Holy, holy, holy Lord God of pow'r and might:

Heaven and earth are full of Your glory.

Hosanna. Hosanna.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

LSB 161

Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross. 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. 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

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"

LSB 163

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

Amen.

Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.
 Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.
 Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; grant us peace.

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

“God’s Own Child, I Gladly Say It”

LSB 594, vv. 1-3, 5

God’s own child, I gladly say it: I am baptized into Christ!
 He, because I could not pay it, Gave my full redemption price.
 Do I need earth’s treasures many? I have one worth more than any
 That brought me salvation free Lasting to eternity!

Sin, disturb my soul no longer: I am baptized into Christ!
I have comfort even stronger: Jesus' cleansing sacrifice.
Should a guilty conscience seize me Since my Baptism did release me
In a dear forgiving flood, Sprinkling me with Jesus' blood?

Satan, hear this proclamation: I am baptized into Christ!
Drop your ugly accusation, I am not so soon enticed.
Now that to the font I've traveled, All your might has come unraveled,
And, against your tyranny, God, my Lord, unites with me!

There is nothing worth comparing To this lifelong comfort sure!
Open-eyed my grave is staring: Even there I'll sleep secure.
Though my flesh awaits its raising, Still my soul continues praising:
I am baptized into Christ; I'm a child of paradise!

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HYMN

“Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us”

LSB 711

Savior, like a shepherd lead us; Much we need Your tender care.
In Your pleasant pastures feed us, For our use Your fold prepare.
Blessèd Jesus, blessèd Jesus, You have bought us; we are Yours.
Blessèd Jesus, blessèd Jesus, You have bought us; we are Yours.

We are Yours; in love befriend us, Be the guardian of our way;
Keep Your flock, from sin defend us, Seek us when we go astray.
Blessèd Jesus, blessèd Jesus, Hear us children when we pray.
Blessèd Jesus, blessèd Jesus, Hear us children when we pray.

You have promised to receive us, Poor and sinful though we be;
You have mercy to relieve us, Grace to cleanse, and pow'r to free.
Blessèd Jesus, blessèd Jesus, Early let us turn to You.
Blessèd Jesus, blessèd Jesus, Early let us turn to You.

Early let us seek Your favor, Early let us do Your will;
Blessèd Lord and only Savior, With Your love our spirits fill.
Blessèd Jesus, blessèd Jesus, You have loved us, love us still.
Blessèd Jesus, blessèd Jesus, You have loved us, love us still.

Text: Hymns for the Young, 1836, 4th ed., London, alt. Text: Public domain

HYMN “Lord Jesus Christ, You Have Prepared” LSB 622, vv. 1-4, 8

Lord Jesus Christ, You have prepared This feast for our salvation;
It is Your body and Your blood, And at Your invitation
As weary souls, with sin oppressed, We come to You for needed rest,
For comfort, and for pardon.

Although You did to heav’n ascend, Where angel hosts are dwelling,
And in Your presence they behold Your glory, all excelling,
And though Your people shall not see Your glory and Your majesty
Till dawns the judgment morning,

Yet, Savior, You are not confined To any habitation;
But You are present even now Here with Your congregation.
Firm as a rock this truth shall stand, Unmoved by any daring hand
Or subtle craft and cunning.

We eat this bread and drink this cup, Your precious Word believing
That Your true body and Your blood Our lips are here receiving.
This Word remains forever true; All things are possible with You,
For You are Lord Almighty.

For Your consoling supper, Lord, Be praised throughout all ages!
Preserve it, for in ev’ry place The world against it rages.
Grant that this sacrament may be A blessed comfort unto me
When living and when dying.

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POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE “Thank the Lord” LSB 164

Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell ev’ryone what He has done.
Let all who seek the Lord rejoice and proudly bear His name.
He recalls His promises and leads His people forth in joy
with shouts of thanksgiving. Alleluia, alleluia.

DISMISSAL

BENEDICTION

CLOSING HYMN

“Forth in the Peace of Christ We Go”

LSB 920, vv. 1, 4

Forth in the peace of Christ we go;
Christ to the world with joy we bring;
Christ in our minds, Christ on our lips,
Christ in our hearts, the world's true king.

Christ's are our lips, His Word we speak;
Prophets are we whose deeds proclaim
Christ's truth in love that we may be
Christ in the world, to spread Christ's name.

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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: Dr. Katie Rolf

Vocalist: Jenny Erdmann

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

Elders: 8:30 Chris Mundahl/10:00 Tim Goltz

Communion Asst: 8:30 Bruce Bergo, Gayle Degler, Scott McCarty
10:00 Jim Hofer, Josh Peterson, Daniel Schlueter

Usher Team: 8:30 Jay Molnau/10:00 Brian Dahlke

Welcome Team: 8:30 Gayle Degler/10:00 Jana Beckendorf

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

Coffee Hour: Evan and Jenna Anderson

Banner & Paraments: Joan Bode

Today at St. John's

8:30 & 10:00 AM | Traditional Worship with Communion

9:30 AM | Coffee Hour

Upcoming Week	
Monday, September 7	7:00 PM AA
Tuesday, September 8	9:00 AM Winkle Meeting
	6:30 PM Elders Meeting
	6:30 PM Mary Martha Guild Meeting
Wednesday, September 9	7:00 PM Messengers of Praise Rehearsal
	7:00 PM Youth Board Meeting
Thursday, September 10	9:30 AM Life Light Bible Study
Friday, September 11	6:30 PM AA
Sunday, September 13	8:00/9:30/10:45 AM Traditional Worship
	9:30 AM Education Hour and Sunday School
	12:00 PM Voters' Meeting: Trinity Carver Merger
	6:00 PM Club 56

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.



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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