

Welcome to Worship

at

St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church  
a reconciling in Christ congregation



*Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost*

September 29, 2024

10:30 am

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## Statement of Welcome

*There is no longer Jew or Greek, there is no longer slave or free, there is no longer male and female;  
for all of you are one in Christ Jesus. — Galatians 3:28*

As a community of God striving to be open to all people, we at St. John's Lutheran Congregation believe that the gospel is God's gift to all people, to be shared unconditionally. We welcome all to join us as we struggle to better understand the mysteries of God's teachings. We are challenged by Christ to care for, to love, to understand, and to listen to each other, regardless of race, age, gender, marital status, physical and mental abilities, sexual/affectional orientation, national origin, or economic status. We celebrate together our unity as God's people.

St. John's Lutheran Congregation is a place for each person to shine in their own unique gifts.

## Statement of Mission

St. John's Lutheran Church is a downtown, community-oriented, congregation of Christians. We worship God, strive to welcome, and wholly accept everyone, and reach out with and in God's love.

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**Communion** is a time we invite all baptized Christians who believe that our Lord Jesus is truly present in the bread and wine of the Sacrament. If this is your belief, there are instructions to follow at the time of Communion later in the bulletin.

### **Service Notes:**

- (asterisk) indicates, please stand as you are able.
- Page # indicates the front of the hymnal is used . . .
- Hymn # indicates the back of the Hymnal is used . . .

### **Hymn Book Abbreviations:**

ELW – Evangelical Lutheran Worship Book  
WOV – With One Voice  
ACS – All Creation Sings

# Gathering

*The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.*

## Welcome

## Prelude

“*Eye Has Not Seen*” by Marty Haugen

Sung by Donna Lang

## \*Confession and Forgiveness

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever.

C: Amen.

P: Let us confess our sin and come to God for healing.  
(*silent reflection . . .*) Gracious God,

**C: Have mercy on us. We confess that we have honored you with our lips but have harmed our neighbors with our tongues. The cravings at war within us cause conflicts and disputes. In our desire to be first we make distinctions among ourselves. We place the needs of the poor and the suffering last. In your great mercy, forgive us our sins. Draw near to us with grace in time of need and turn us to follow in the way of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

P: God promises to forgive our iniquity and to remember our sin no more. By grace you have been saved. In the name of † Jesus Christ, the source of eternal healing, your sins are forgiven.

C: Amen.

## \*Gathering Hymn

ELW # 532 *“Gather Us In”*

## \*Greeting

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

C: **And also with you.**

## \*Kyrie

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## \*Canticle of Praise

*“Glory to God . . .”*

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## \*Prayer of the Day

A: Let us pray. O God, our teacher and guide, you draw us to yourself and welcome us as beloved children. Help us to lay aside all envy and selfish ambition, that we may walk in your ways of wisdom and understanding as servants of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: **Amen**

## Children’s Chat

# Word

*God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.*

## First Reading

**Numbers 11:4-6, 10-16, 24-29**

<sup>4</sup>The rabble among them had a strong craving; and the Israelites also wept again, and said, “If only we had meat to eat! <sup>5</sup>We remember the fish we used to eat in Egypt for nothing, the cucumbers, the melons, the leeks, the onions, and the garlic; <sup>6</sup>but now our strength is dried up, and there is nothing at all but this manna to look at.”

<sup>10</sup>Moses heard the people weeping throughout their families, all at the entrances of their tents. Then the Lord became very angry, and Moses was displeased. <sup>11</sup>So Moses said to the Lord, “Why have you treated your servant so badly? Why have I not found favor in your sight, that you lay the burden of all this people on me? <sup>12</sup>Did I conceive all this people? Did I give birth to them, that you should say to me, ‘Carry them in your bosom, as a nurse carries a sucking child, to the land that you promised on oath to their ancestors’? <sup>13</sup>Where am I to get meat to give to all this people? For they come weeping to me and say, ‘Give us meat to eat!’ <sup>14</sup>I am not able to carry all this people alone, for they are too heavy for me. <sup>15</sup>If this is the way you are going to treat me, put me to death at once—if I have found favor in your sight—and do not let me see my misery.”

<sup>16</sup>So the Lord said to Moses, “Gather for me seventy of the elders of Israel, whom you know to be the elders of the people and officers over them; bring them to the tent of meeting, and have them take their place there with you.”

<sup>24</sup>So Moses went out and told the people the words of the Lord; and he gathered seventy elders of the people, and placed them all around the tent. <sup>25</sup>Then the Lord came down in the cloud and spoke to him, and took some of the spirit that was on him and put it on the seventy elders; and when the spirit rested upon them, they prophesied. But they did not do so again.

<sup>26</sup>Two men remained in the camp, one named Eldad, and the other named Medad, and the spirit rested on them; they were among those registered, but they had not gone out to the tent, and so they prophesied in the camp. <sup>27</sup>And a young man ran and told Moses, “Eldad and Medad are prophesying in the camp.” <sup>28</sup>And Joshua son of Nun, the assistant of Moses, one of his chosen men, said, “My lord Moses, stop them!” <sup>29</sup>But Moses said to him, “Are you jealous for my sake? Would that all the Lord’s people were prophets, and that the Lord would put his spirit on them!”

A: The Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

**Responsive Reading:**

**Psalm 19:7-14**

<sup>7</sup>The teaching of the Lord is perfect and revives the soul;  
the testimony of the Lord is sure and gives wisdom to the simple.

**<sup>8</sup>The statutes of the Lord are just and rejoice the heart;  
the commandment of the Lord is clear and gives light to the eyes.**

<sup>9</sup>The fear of the Lord is clean and endures forever;  
the judgments of the Lord are true and righteous altogether.

**<sup>10</sup>More to be desired are they than gold, more than much fine gold,  
sweeter far than honey, than honey in the comb.**

<sup>11</sup>By them also is your servant enlightened,  
and in keeping them there is great reward.

**<sup>12</sup>Who can detect one's own offenses?  
Cleanse me from my secret faults.**

<sup>13</sup>Above all, keep your servant from presumptuous sins; let them not get dominion over me;  
then shall I be whole and sound, and innocent of a great offense.

**<sup>14</sup>Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in your sight,  
O Lord, my strength and my redeemer.**

## *Second Reading*

**James 5:13-20**

<sup>13</sup>Are any among you suffering? They should pray. Are any cheerful? They should sing songs of praise. <sup>14</sup>Are any among you sick? They should call for the elders of the church and have them pray over them, anointing them with oil in the name of the Lord.

<sup>15</sup>The prayer of faith will save the sick, and the Lord will raise them up; and anyone who has committed sins will be forgiven.

<sup>16</sup>Therefore confess your sins to one another, and pray for one another, so that you may be healed. The prayer of the righteous is powerful and effective. <sup>17</sup>Elijah was a human being like us, and he prayed fervently that it might not rain, and for three years and six months it did not rain on the earth. <sup>18</sup>Then he prayed again, and the heaven gave rain and the earth yielded its harvest.

<sup>19</sup>My brothers and sisters, if anyone among you wanders from the truth and is brought back by another, <sup>20</sup>you should know that whoever brings back a sinner from wandering will save the sinner's soul from death and will cover a multitude of sins.

A: The Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

**\* Gospel**

**Mark 9:38-50**

P: The Holy Gospel according to Mark, the 9<sup>th</sup> chapter.

**C: Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>38</sup>John said to [Jesus], “Teacher, we saw someone casting out demons in your name, and we tried to stop him, because he was not following us.” <sup>39</sup>But Jesus said, “Do not stop him; for no one who does a deed of power in my name will be able soon afterward to speak evil of me. <sup>40</sup>Whoever is not against us is for us. <sup>41</sup>For truly I tell you, whoever gives you a cup of water to drink because you bear the name of Christ will by no means lose the reward.

<sup>42</sup>“If any of you put a stumbling block before one of these little ones who believe in me, it would be better for you if a great millstone were hung around your neck and you were thrown into the sea. <sup>43</sup>If your hand causes you to stumble, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life maimed than to have two hands and to go to hell, to the unquenchable fire. <sup>45</sup>And if your foot causes you to stumble, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life lame than to have two feet and to be thrown into hell. <sup>47</sup>And if your eye causes you to stumble, tear it out; it is better for you to enter the kingdom of God with one eye than to have two eyes and to be thrown into hell, <sup>48</sup>where their worm never dies, and the fire is never quenched.

<sup>49</sup>“For everyone will be salted with fire. <sup>50</sup>Salt is good; but if salt has lost its saltiness, how can you season it? Have salt in yourselves, and be at peace with one another.”

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

**C: Praise to you, O Christ.**



*Sermon — The Reverend Mike Button*

**\*Hymn of the Day —**

ELW # 804 *“Come Down, O Love Divine”*

**\*Apostles’ Creed**

**C: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God’s 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 to the dead.\***

**On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

**\*Prayers of Intercession**

**A: Let us pray. We pray for the people of God in all places. Shape our witness to the good news of Jesus that we joyfully share your transforming love with all whom we encounter. Hear us, O God.**

**C: Your mercy is great.**

A: We pray for the healing of the earth. Renew oceans and seas, marshes and estuaries. Uphold the work of conservationists, oceanographers, and all who care for fragile ecosystems and habitats. Hear us, O God.

**C: Your mercy is great.**

A: We pray for peace and cooperation among local and global communities. Bless the efforts of community organizers, international aid workers, and all those who work for justice and peace around the world. Hear us, O God.

**C: Your mercy is great.**

A: We pray for all who are in any need. To all who grieve, bring consolation; to all who are weary or lonely, bring solace. By your grace, make your presence known among all who call to you for healing including *those we mention on our prayer list . . . and those we name aloud or silently in our hearts . . .* Hear us, O God.

**C: Your mercy is great.**

A: We pray for caregivers: doctors and nurses, aides and counselors, and those who care for loved. Sustain them in their work and help us to build a health care system that supports all. Hear us, O God.

**C: Your mercy is great.**

*Here other intercessions may be offered.*

A: We give thanks for the saints who now rest in your eternal presence. In thanksgiving for their lives of faithful service and witness, we commend them to your loving care. Hear us, O God.

**C: Your mercy is great.**

A: We entrust these and all our prayers to you, holy God, in the name of your beloved child, Jesus Christ, our Savior.

**\* The Sharing of the Peace**

P: The peace of Christ be with you always.

**C: And also with you.**

## **Meal**

*God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.*

*(Ushers now proceed to the Altar to receive the offering plates...)*

### **Offertory**

*“We Remember”* by Marty Haugen  
Sung by Donna Lang

**\*Presentation of Gifts** *(Ushers now bring the offering plates forward.)*

### **\*Offertory Hymn**

*(following page)*

ELW# 531

***“The Trumpets Sound, the Angels Sing”***

1 The trum-pets sound, the an-gels sing, the feast is  
 read-y to be-gin. The gates of heav'n are o-pen wide,  
 and Je-sus wel-comes you in-side.

*Refrain*  
 Sing with thank-ful-ness songs of pure de-light.  
 Come and rev-el in heav-en's love and light.  
 Take your place at the ta-ble of the King.  
 The feast is read-y to be-gin;  
 the feast is read-y to be-gin.

**\*Offertory Prayer**

A: Blessed are you, O God, source of every gift of your creation. By these gifts and with our lives, help us to serve one another and all in need, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**C: Amen**

**\*Great Thanksgiving** - page 152

**\*Preface** (*Leader continues . . .*)

**\*Holy, Holy, Holy** - page 153

**\*Thanksgiving at the Table** (*Leader continues . . .*)

**\*Lord's Prayer** - page 154

**\*Lamb of God** - page 154

**\*Invitation to Communion** - page 154

**Holy Communion** - *If you are baptized and believe that it is the real blood and body of Christ, we welcome you at the Lord's table.*

*\*At the invitation of the usher, please proceed to the front to receive communion. Communion is also available in your pew, please let an usher know. Gluten free wafers and grape juice are available upon request.*

## **Communion Hymns**

ELW # 614 ***"There Is a Balm in Gilead"***

ELW # 496 ***"One Bread, One Body"***

ELW # 484 ***"You Satisfy the Hungry Heart"***

# \*Table Blessing

## \*Post Communion Hymn

ELW# 207    *“Thankful Hearts . . .”*



Thank-ful hearts and voic-es raise; tell ev-'ry-one what God has done. Let



ev - 'ry-one who seeks the Lord re - joice and bear the name of Christ.



Send us with your prom - is - es and lead your peo - ple forth in joy with



shouts of thanks - giv - ing. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

## \*Prayer after Communion

A: Let us pray. Holy God, you have welcomed us to this meal and fed us with dignity at your table. Send us now to welcome others and to be at peace with one another, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

# Sending

*God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.*

## Announcements

### \*Blessing

P: God all mighty, God most merciful † bless you, keep you, and give you peace.

C: Amen.

### \*Sending Hymn

ELW # 774 *“What a Fellowship, What a Joy Divine”*

### \*Dismissal

P: Go in peace. Follow Jesus.

C: Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

## Postlude

**Thank you to our Worship Volunteers . . .**

**Worship Assistant**—Steve Moyer

**Ushers** – Barbara Horinko / Lois Anne Calloway

**Reader** – Larry Transue

**Altar Guild** – Sue Glenn / Sharon Rabuck

**Video Team** – Chris Orem

**This Week at St. John's September 29<sup>th</sup> – October 6<sup>th</sup>**

**Today** (9/29/24) – Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost, 10:30 am

**Today** (9/29/24) – Gallery Show Opening, 12:00 – 3:00 pm

**Monday** (9/30/24) – Choir Rehearsal, 1:00 pm - Sanctuary

**Saturday** (10/5/24) – Garlic Fest – Parking Volunteers Needed

**Sunday** (10/6/24) – Sunday School / Adult Forum – 9:00 am

**Sunday** (10/6/24) – Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost, 10:30 am

**Sunday** (10/6/24) – Gallery Open, 12:00 – 3:00 pm

**Sunday** (10/6/24) – Garlic Fest – Parking Volunteers Needed

**Week 38, 9/22/24 - Attendance: 50**

Last Sunday's Envelope / Plate Offering	\$1,800.00
Weekly amount needed to reach our Budget:	\$2,126.00
Year to Date Envelope / Plate Offering:	\$76,648.00
Behind Budget	(\$4,140.00)

**Altar flowers today are dedicated in loving memory of  
Henry & Judy Greenleaf, by Connie Garr**





*Prayer Concerns:* Chuck, Clark, Don, Joe, Kara, Christine, Bill, Michael, Shelley, Jan, Carolyn, Lois Anne, John, Donald, Rita, Lenny, Bucky, Jim, Shirley, Jeff, Karla, Debbie, Charlie, Peggy, Tony, Our Homebound Family and Friends, the St. John' s Call Committee, our Future Pastor and the Family and Friends of David Voellinger, Beatrice Fisher, Marion Trach, Janet Heffner and Earl Keyser

**ADULT FORM CURRENT TOPIC:**

**DIETRICH BONHOEFFER: PASTOR, NAZI RESISTER, MARTYR.**

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*Thank you Donna Lang  
for sharing your special music with us today!*



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*The Gallery at St. John's  
presents . . .*

*the pastel works of*

*~ Diane Horoschock ~  
"Attention to Details"*

*September 29th—October 27th*

*The Gallery is open  
Sundays, 12:00-3:00 pm*

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*The Gallery is also sponsoring a  
"Book Sale" in the Narthex.*

*Come find some treasures to get you through the winter!*



*Every year for Thanksgiving, The Outreach committee helps  
those in need by giving out \$25 gift cards from a local  
grocery store.*

*This year is no different.*

*If you would like to help someone from the congregation and  
community this thanksgiving, Outreach is accepting monetary  
donations.*

*(please place donations in the offering plate marked  
"Thanksgiving".)*

*We thank you for your support.  
The Outreach Committee*

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Lutheran Disaster Response

Return Survey to Basket in the Narthex, or Church Office.

## Bible Study Interest Survey



Are you interested in attending a bible study? Yes No

Weekly / Seasonally

What days times work best?

Mon / Tues / Wed / Thur / Fri / Sat

Morning / Afternoon / Evening

### What interests you most?

#### OLD TESTAMENT

- Torah
- History of Israel
- The Prophets
- Psalms

#### NEW TESTAMENT

- The Gospels :  
(Matthew, Mark, Luke, John)
- Letters of Paul
- The Book of Revelation

#### THE CHURCH

- The Early Church
- The Reformation
- The Modern Church

#### ETHICS AND SOCIAL ISSUES

- Immigration
- Climate Change
- Racism
- Sexuality

YOUR SUGGESTIONS . . .

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