



St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church
October 6, 2024

ST. JOHN'S EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH
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Sanctuary Worship 10:30 a.m. Live streamed to Facebook

Stacy Lauer-Scovanner, Pastor

October 6 Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost

Welcome to Worship!

As Lutheran Christians, we believe and teach that Christ is truly present in the celebration of Holy Communion as he is God with us. Christians of all denominations are encouraged to come to the Lord's table. We commune children of any age who have received communion instruction at St. John or another Christian church. Children who have not yet received communion instruction will receive a blessing. Both red wine and white grape juice are offered to accommodate various traditions. Gluten free wafers are provided for those with dietary restrictions. Please make the pastor aware of your need.

We thank Jenny Weichel for sharing her gift of music today. If you are visiting today, please sign the guest register after worship. Plan to worship with us again next Sunday.

Bells

Welcome and announcements

Prelude

"Nearer My God to Thee" Jason Tonioli

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Please stand if you are able

Gathering

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

Confession And Forgiveness

In the name of the Father, and of the ✝ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.
Most merciful God,

**we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. 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. 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.**

In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the ✚ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

Gathering Hymn

“All Creatures, Worship God Most High!”
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1 All creatures, worship God most high!
Sound ev'ry voice in earth and sky:
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Sing, brother sun, in splendor bright;
sing, sister moon and stars of night:
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

3 Sing, brother fire, so mirthful, strong,
drive far the shadows, join the throng:
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Dear mother earth, so rich in care,
praise God in colors bright and rare:
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

5 And you, most gentle sister death,
waiting to hush our final breath:
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Since Christ our light has pierced your gloom,
fair is the night that leads us home.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

2 Sing, brother wind; with clouds and rain
you grow the gifts of fruit and grain:
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Dear sister water, useful, clear,
make music for your Lord to hear:
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

4 All who for love of God forgive,
all who in pain and sorrow grieve:
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Christ bears your burdens and your fears;
still make your song amid the tears:
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

6 O sisters, brothers, take your part,
and worship God with humble heart:
Alleluia! Alleluia!
All creatures, bless the Father, Son,
and Holy Spirit, Three in One:
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Greeting

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

Canticle of Praise

Refrain



Ky - ri - e e - lei - son, on our world and on our way.



Ky - ri - e e - lei - son, ev-'ry day.



- 1 For peace in the world, for the health of the church, for the
- 2 That we may live out your im - passioned re - sponse to the
- 3 For peace in our hearts, . . . for peace in our homes, . . for
- 4 For your Spir - it to guide; that you cen - ter our lives in the



u - ni - ty of all; for
hun - gry and the poor; that
friends and fam - i - ly; for
wa - ter and the word; that you



this ho - ly house, for all who wor-ship and praise,
we may live out truth and jus - tice and grace,
life and for love, for our work and our play,
nour-ish our souls . . . with your bod - y and blood,



Refrain

let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord.

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray.

Sovereign God, you have created us to live in loving community with one another. Form us for life that is faithful and steadfast, and teach us to trust like little children, that we may reflect the image of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Please be seated

First Reading: Job 39:1-18

A reading from Job.

¹"Do you know when the mountain goats give birth?

Do you observe the calving of the deer?

²Can you number the months that they fulfill,
and do you know the time when they give birth,

³when they crouch to give birth to their offspring,
and are delivered of their young?

⁴Their young ones become strong, they grow up in the open;
they go forth, and do not return to them.

⁵"Who has let the wild ass go free?

Who has loosed the bonds of the swift ass,

⁶to which I have given the steppe for its home,
the salt land for its dwelling place?

⁷It scorns the tumult of the city;
it does not hear the shouts of the driver.

⁸It ranges the mountains as its pasture,
and it searches after every green thing.

⁹"Is the wild ox willing to serve you?
Will it spend the night at your crib?

¹⁰Can you tie it in the furrow with ropes,
or will it harrow the valleys after you?

¹¹Will you depend on it because its strength is great,
and will you hand over your labor to it?

¹²Do you have faith in it that it will return,
and bring your grain to your threshing floor?

¹³"The ostrich's wings flap wildly,
though its pinions lack plumage.

¹⁴For it leaves its eggs to the earth,
and lets them be warmed on the ground,

¹⁵forgetting that a foot may crush them,
and that a wild animal may trample them.

¹⁶It deals cruelly with its young, as if they were not its own;
though its labor should be in vain, yet it has no fear;
¹⁷because God has made it forget wisdom,
and given it no share in understanding.
¹⁸When it spreads its plumes aloft,
it laughs at the horse and its rider.

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm: Psalm 121 (Read responsively)

¹I lift up my eyes to the hills;
from where is my help to come?

²**My help comes from the LORD,
the maker of heaven and earth.**

³The LORD will not let your foot be moved
nor will the one who watches over you fall asleep.

⁴**Behold, the keeper of Israel
will neither slumber nor sleep;**

⁵the LORD watches over you;
the LORD is your shade at your right hand;

⁶**the sun will not strike you by day,
nor the moon by night.**

⁷The LORD will preserve you from all evil
and will keep your life.

⁸**The LORD will watch over your going out and your coming in,
from this time forth forevermore.**

Second Reading: Galatians 6:14-18

A reading from Galatians.

¹⁴May I never boast of anything except the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by which the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world. ¹⁵For neither circumcision nor uncircumcision is anything; but a new creation is everything! ¹⁶As for those who will follow this rule — peace be upon them, and mercy, and upon the Israel of God.

¹⁷From now on, let no one make trouble for me; for I carry the marks of Jesus branded on my body.

¹⁸May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit, brothers and sisters. Amen.

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand

Gospel Acclamation



Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Gospel: Matthew 11:25-30

The holy gospel according to Matthew.

Glory to you, O Lord.

²⁵At that time Jesus said, "I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and the intelligent and have revealed them to infants; ²⁶yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. ²⁷All things have been handed over to me by my Father; and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him.

²⁸Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. ²⁹Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. ³⁰For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light."

The gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Please be seated.

Youth Time

Sermon

Pet Blessing and Sharing pictures of our pets!

Please stand if you are able

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| <p>1 Blest be the tie that binds
our hearts in Christian love;
the unity of heart and mind
is like to that above.</p> <p>3 We share our mutual woes,
our mutual burdens bear,
and often for each other flows
the sympathizing tear.</p> | <p>2 Before our Father's throne
we pour our ardent prayers;
our fears, our hopes, our aims are one,
our comforts and our cares.</p> <p>4 From sorrow, toil, and pain,
and sin we shall be free;
and perfect love and friendship reign
through all eternity.</p> |
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The Apostles' Creed

**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.**

*Or, “he descended into hell,” another translation of this text in widespread use.

Prayers of the people:

Response: God of Grace, **Hear our prayer.**

Peace

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

Please be seated

Offering

“Our Savior’s Love” Jason Tonioli

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Please stand if you are able

Offertory

Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful *Offering Song*



Let the vine - yards be fruit - ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of
bless - ing. Gath - er a har - vest from the seeds that were sown, that we may be
fed with the bread of life. Gath - er the hopes and the dreams of all; u -
nite them with the prayers we of - fer now. Grace our ta - ble with your
pres - ence, and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

Text: John W. Arthur, 1922-1980

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Offering Prayer

Holy God, gracious and merciful, you bring forth food from the earth and nourish your whole creation. Turn our hearts toward those who hunger in any way, that all may know your care; and prepare us now to feast on the bread of life, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

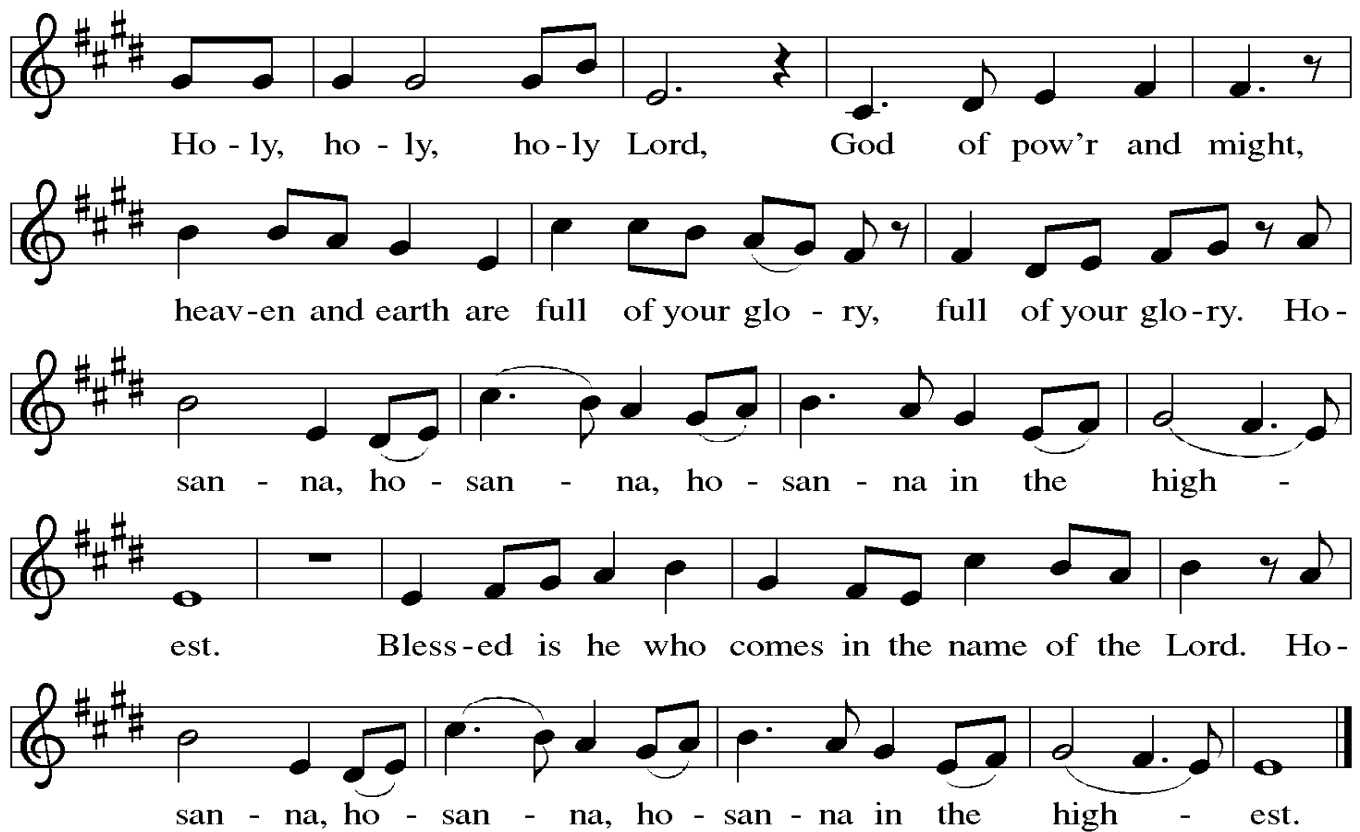
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Preface

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,
that we should at all times and in all places
give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God,
through our Savior Jesus Christ;
who on this day overcame death and the grave,
and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life.
And so, with all the choirs of angels,
with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven,
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Holy, Holy, Holy



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,
heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry, full of your glo-ry. Ho -
san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high -
est. Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

Thanksgiving at the Table

In the night in which he was betrayed,
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,
and gave it for all to drink, saying:
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,
shed for you and all people for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

The Lord's Prayer

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

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

Invitation to Communion

Taste and see that the Lord is good.

Please be seated

Communion Song



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on
us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the
sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

Distribution Hymn

“Make Me a Channel of Your Peace”
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1 Make me a channel of your peace.
Where there is hatred, let me bring your love;
where there is injury, your pardon, Lord;
and where there's doubt, true faith in you.

2 Make me a channel of your peace.
Where there's despair in life, let me bring hope;
where there is darkness, only light;
and where there's sadness, ever joy.

3 O Master, grant that I may never seek
so much to be consoled as to console,
to be understood as to understand,
to be loved as to love with all my soul.

4 Make me a channel of your peace.
It is in pardoning that we are pardoned,
in giving of ourselves that we receive,
and in dying that we're born to eternal life.

Distribution Hymn

“All Things Bright and Beautiful”

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Music: English tune, 17th cent., adapt. Martin Shaw, 1875-1958 Public Domain

Refrain

All things bright and beautiful,
all creatures great and small,
all things wise and wonderful,
the Lord God made them all.

2 The purple-headed mountains,
the river running by,
the sunset, and the morning
that brightens up the sky. Refrain

1 Each little flower that opens,
each little bird that sings,
God made their glowing colors,
God made their tiny wings. Refrain

3 The cold wind in the winter,
the pleasant summer sun,
the ripe fruits in the garden,
God made them ev'ry one. Refrain

4 God gave us eyes to see them,
and lips that we might tell

how great is God Almighty,
who has made all things well. Refrain

Please stand if you are able

Post Communion Blessing

The body and blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in
His care.

Amen

Prayer After Communion

Let us pray.

God of abundance, with this bread of life and cup of salvation you have united us with
Christ, making us one with all your people. Now send us forth in the power of your

Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue forever in the risen life of Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Amen.

Sending

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

Sending Of Communion

Gracious God, loving all your family with a mother's tender care: As you sent the angel to feed Elijah with heavenly bread, assist those who set forth to share your word and sacrament with those who are *sick, homebound, and imprisoned*. In your love and care, nourish and strengthen those who will receive this sacrament, and give us all the comfort of your abiding presence through the body and blood of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Amen.

Blessing

The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy. The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.

Amen

Sending Hymn

"Now Thank We All Our God"

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Text: Martin Rinkhart, 1586-1649; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827-1878

Music: Johann Crüger, 1598-1662 Public Domain

1 Now thank we all our God
with hearts and hands and voices,
who wondrous things has done,
in whom this world rejoices;
who, from our mothers' arms,
has blest us on our way
with countless gifts of love,
and still is ours today.

2 Oh, may this bounteous God
through all our life be near us,
with ever joyful hearts
and blessed peace to cheer us,
and keep us all in grace,
and guide us when perplexed,
and free us from all harm
in this world and the next.

3 All praise and thanks to God
the Father now be given,
the Son, and Spirit blest,
who reign in highest heaven,

the one eternal God,
whom earth and heav'n adore;
for thus it was, is now,
and shall be evermore.

Dismissal

Go in peace. Serve the Lord!

Thanks be to God.

Postlude

“All Creatures of Our God and King” Victor Labenske

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2024: The Year of Rest Memory Verse

"So then, a sabbath rest still remains for the people of God" Hebrews 4:9

Council asks the congregation to pray for students, parents, professional and auxiliary staff in all areas. We pray that each one has a year filled with achievement, growth and safety, and that they find joy and friendship in learning.

Communion Clean-up today: Sandy Thompson

Oct. 13 – Set-up – Joleen Dillender

Cleanup – Sue and Lynn Schlessman

20 – Set-up – Elizabeth Libben

Cleanup - Elizabeth Libben

27 – Set-up – Toni Nossaman

Cleanup -

Thank you for your willingness to help with this important ministry. If you would like to help, please see Toni Nossaman, Joleen Dillender or Sandy Thompson.

Blessing of our pets: The in-person pet blessing will take place on Saturday, October 19th at Parkvue Place by the back pond. Service from 1:00 to 1:15 pm and drop in blessings until 2:00 pm. Rain location in the chapel.

Adult Study with Lynn meets on Sunday mornings at 9:15 am in the Upper Room. We will be looking at the life of Abraham. All are welcome to join the study.

Beginning in October, Sunday School will be the second Sunday of the month. October 13th at 9:00 AM will be Sunday School for **all ages**. We will focus on the Reformation and dreaming. Please let Pastor Stacy or Dawn Schlessman know if you will be there so she knows how many items to prepare.

November 10th at 9:30 will be Sunday School for **ALL youth**. We will learn about Holy Communion, taste the bread, tell stories, and go a little deeper into our understanding of this sacrament.

November 17th will be the first play practice for the Christmas program, which will be on December 15th in the barn. Please let Pastor Stacy know if your child/neighbor/grandchild/family member of any kind would like a role!

Reformation is approaching on October 31st. So why do we celebrate the Reformation? What is it that sets us Lutherans apart? Join us as we Make Sense of Martin Luther! It's a seven-week series, beginning **October 15th at 11 AM at St John's** (we will not meet the week of Thanksgiving). Anyone is welcome in this group.

Kitchen and Fellowship Hall renovation! The council is asking for your help. It is time to put together a renovation plan. If you would like to be part of a committee to develop plans for a new kitchen and fellowship area, if you have skills in design or kitchen design, please contact Pastor Stacy or any member of council.

Swiss Steak Dinner Time: St. John's UCC, 2712 Mason Rd. W Milan will hold it's annual Swiss Steak Dinner on October 18, 2024 from 4:30-6:30 pm. Tickets are \$12.00 and carry out is available. Menu: Swiss Steak, Mashed Potatoes and gravy, Green Beans, Coleslaw, Applesauce, Roll, Dessert and Beverage.

Happy Birthday to Barb Bliss and Callum Freeman.

ST. JOHN'S CALENDAR FOR OCTOBER 6TH THRU OCTOBER 20TH

Sunday, October 6	9:15 am 10:30 am	Study with Lynn Worship/Blessing of our pets
Sunday, October 13	9:00 am 10:30 am	Sunday School for all ages, Reformation and dreaming for St. John's. Worship
Tuesday, October 15	11:00 am 7:00 pm	Making Sense of Martin Luther Study Council Meeting
Saturday, October 19	1-2:00 pm	Blessing of the pets at Parkvue
Sunday, October 20	9:15 am 10:30 am	Study with Lynn Worship

Weekly Verse: But Jesus looked at them and said, “For mortals it is impossible, but for God all things are possible.” -Matthew 19:26

- Oct. 6 – Begin your day with five minutes of silence.
 7 – Eat something you associate with Fall. Give thanks for this gift..
 8 – Ask someone for help today. Do not apologize for needing it.
 9 – Offer a prayer of petition asking God for what you need.
 10 – Take time to marvel at something created by another.
 11 – Take a bike ride or a stroll outside. Enjoy your surroundings.
 12 – Donate your time or money to something you believe in.