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Today's worship service is being live streamed to YouTube with video coverage of leaders and worshippers.

Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

August 20, 2023



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Welcome to St. John's—we are glad you're here! Whether you have worshiped with us many times, or this is your first time, there is a place for you here. Your presence among us is a gift.

Introduction to the Day

In Isaiah we hear that God’s house shall be a house of prayer for all people and that God will gather the outcasts of Israel. The Canaanite woman in today’s gospel is a Gentile, an outsider, who is unflinching in her request that Jesus heal her daughter. As Jesus commends her bold faith, how might our church extend its mission to those on the margins of society? In our gathering around word and meal we receive strength to be signs of comfort, healing, and justice for those in need.

*(Please take a moment to silence all electronics. Thank you!)
(Hymns are taken from Evangelical Lutheran Worship, the red book in the pew rack.)*

WELCOME

PRELUDE *God Himself is With Us* *Gilbert M. Martin*
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(Please stand as you are able.)

GATHERING

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,
who greets us in this and every season,
whose word never fails,
whose promise is sure.

Amen.
Let us confess our sin in the presence of God
and of our neighbors.

Merciful God,
we confess that we have sinned.
We have hurt our community.
We have squandered your blessings.
We have hoarded your bounty.
In the name of Jesus,
forgive us and grant us your mercy.

(Silence is kept for reflection.)

Righteous God,
we confess that we have sinned.
We have failed to be honest.
We have lacked the courage to speak.
We have spoken falsely.
In the name of Jesus,
forgive us and grant us your mercy.

This week's schedule

Today	9:15 am	Sunday School Teachers Meeting (Fellowship Hall)
	10 am	Live & Online Worship Blessing of the Backpacks/Ice Cream Sunday
	11:15 am	Worship & Music Meeting (Music Room)
Mon.	7 pm	Council Meeting (Smith Building)
Tues.		
Wed.	9:30 am	Busy Bees (Smith Building)
Thurs.		
Fri.		
Sat.		

Counting our Blessings

Sunday	Attendance: 92	2023	
8/13	Offering: \$3,078	June Offering Income	\$18,282
	Homebound: 19	June Other Income	\$ 1,293
		June Total Income	\$19,575
		June Expenses	\$34,851
		YTD Offering Income	\$134,709
		YTD Other Income	\$ 29,430
		YTD Total Income	\$164,139
		YTD Expenses	\$195,898



Prayer List

Please remember the following individuals in your prayers.

For health & healing: Cass Tracey, Lou Gerber, Lisa Duerling, Len Steg, Mary Gude, Joan Kraft, Mike McDonough, Bonnie Spellman, Ardi Scarborough, Mardi Nickel, Diane Carroll, Joan Swank, Andy Rother, Rosalie Coffman, Pat Hurley, Phil Ermer, Bett Murphy, Debbie Miller, Sandy Scott, Tony Jasinski, and Vickie Jasinski

For family & friends: Alice Evans, Roland Curtis, Trish Pizza, Robert Hunter, Jr., Betsy Shock, Joann Bayer, Norman Bayer, Sue Eid, Genevieve Byrnes, Julie Bramble, Ruth Reimschissel aka Mrs. Claus, Darlene & Odin Saby, Holly Hartman, Colette, Larry Harmel, Michael Ellisson, Lonnie Rash, Gary Jones, Karen Alban, Bruce Cohen, Kathy Barnes, Vic Giordani, Helen Bender, Anna Meyers, Deemer Morrow, Lee Hall, Robin, Alice Ensor, Jeanne Edmunds, Mike Haven, Gail Gangi, Kristin Weger, Donna Bobloch and Yung-Mee Rhee

For the military and their families: Kalib McCann, Mason Ledbetter, Leroy Keller, Seaman E-3 Carson Anthony Bowser, Corporal Justin Ferro, Sgt. Stephen Peck, Staff Sgt. Brandan Hartmann, Michael Anthony Tucker, Chaplain A. J. Striffler and all those in harm's way

For those grieving family & friends of: Gladys Downs

For St. John's Caring Friends: Patricia Becker, Agatha Biensach-Daniels, Barbara Conrad, Betty Creutzer, Margaret Eubert, June Franz, Betty Glassband, Richard Hoerner, Patricia Hurley, Audrey Lentz, John Lotterer, Paul Nolder, Patrick O'Connell, Mary Ann Reek, Janet Roth, Kim Townsley, Cass Tracey and Emma Volz

(Silence is kept for reflection.)

God is a cup of cold water when we thirst.
God offers boundless grace when we fail.
Claim the gift of God's mercy:
you are freed and forgiven
in the name of ✝ Jesus Christ.
Amen.

GATHERING HYMN *Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing* **ELW 886 (vv. 1-4)**
(Text: Charles Wesley, 1707-1788, alt.; Music: Carl G. Glaser, 1784-1829; arr. Lowell Mason, 1792-1872)

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.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.
God of all peoples, your arms reach out to embrace all those who call upon you. Teach us as disciples of your Son to love the world with compassion and constancy, that your name may be known throughout the earth, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
Amen.

(The assembly is seated.)

CHILDREN'S SERMON

FIRST READING

Isaiah 56:1, 6-8

The prophet calls upon Israel to do justice in view of God's imminent intervention to save. Righteousness and obedience define who belongs to the Israelite community—not race, nationality, or any other category.

¹Thus says the LORD:

Maintain justice, and do what is right,
for soon my salvation will come,
and my deliverance be revealed.

⁶And the foreigners who join themselves to the LORD,
to minister to him, to love the name of the LORD,
and to be his servants,
all who keep the sabbath, and do not profane it,
and hold fast my covenant—

⁷these I will bring to my holy mountain,
and make them joyful in my house of prayer;
their burnt offerings and their sacrifices
will be accepted on my altar;
for my house shall be called a house of prayer
for all peoples.

⁸Thus says the Lord GOD,
who gathers the outcasts of Israel,
I will gather others to them
besides those already gathered.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM

Psalm 67

¹May God be merciful to us and bless us;
may the light of God’s face shine upon us.

²**Let your way be known upon earth,
your saving health among all nations.**

³Let the peoples praise you, O God;
let all the peoples praise you.

⁴**Let the nations be glad and sing for joy,
for you judge the peoples with equity and guide all the nations on earth.**

⁵Let the peoples praise you, O God;
let all the peoples praise you.

⁶**The earth has brought forth its increase;
God, our own God, has blessed us.**

⁷May God give us blessing,
and may all the ends of the earth stand in awe.

SECOND READING

Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32

God has not rejected Israel. Rather, the call and gifts of God are irrevocable so that, while all have been disobedient, God has mercy upon all.

Paul writes: ¹I ask, then, has God rejected his people? By no means! I myself am an Israelite, a descendant of Abraham, a member of the tribe of Benjamin. ^{2a}God has not rejected his people whom he foreknew.

²⁹For the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable. ³⁰Just as you were once disobedient to God but have now received mercy because of their disobedience, ³¹so they have now been disobedient in order that, by the mercy shown to you, they too may now receive mercy. ³²For God has imprisoned all in disobedience so that he may be merciful to all.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

(Please stand as you are able.)

We will be having a New Members Lunch for all prospective new/returning members on Saturday, September 16th from 12 noon—2 pm in the Fellowship Hall. Lunch will be provided! This will be a time to build relationships, learn more about the ministry of St. John’s and ask questions together. Then on Sunday, September 17th, we will formally welcome new members into the St. John’s family during the 10 am worship service. **Please RSVP by September 1st to the church office at 410-665-1234 or office@stjohnsparkville.org if you will be joining us for the new member’s lunch.**



Save the date! Youth Group begins on Sunday, September 17th. We will meet after worship from about 11:30 am-1:00 pm. Look for more details soon! The St. John’s Youth Group will meet the 1st and 3rd Sunday of every month after worship.

The Busy Bees need flannel sheets as a component for the quilts they make for the homeless. If you have any used but clean flannel sheets that you would like to donate we would really appreciate it.



Victor’s Vittles, the food pantry at Christus Victor Lutheran Church is in need of items for their food pantry. Items needed are: canned fruit, cereal & oatmeal, jelly, peanut butter, pasta sauce, spaghetti noodles, Raman noodles, mac & cheese, beef stew, pancake mix, syrup, instant potatoes, and canned spaghetti

Out of the office...

- Pastor Mathew & Pastor Amy will be away August 22nd-29th. In case of an emergency during this time, please contact the church office during office hours. Evenings and weekends, please call the emergency number at 443-844-9314.
- Carol, the office administrator, will be out of the office August 21st—25th. There will be volunteers in the office. The office hours will be 10 am–2 pm during this time.

Those Serving Today	
Assisting Minister	Bob Berner
Crucifer	Devon W.
Acolyte (s)	Jack W.
Lector	Amanda Wood
Communion Assistant	Amanda Wood
Dismissal Assistant	Madilyn A.

Announcements & Upcoming Events

Next Week— Sunday, August 27th— Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost
 † 10 am—**Worship in-person and livestreamed on our YouTube Channel**
 Visit stjohnsparkville.org



The beautiful flowers gracing our worship service today are given to celebrate Gary Woods' 30th birthday and 547 day of sobriety. I couldn't be prouder to call you my brother and my friend. Love your big sister, Michelle Alkire

We are taking altar flower dedications for 2023. Dates available are: September 10th and 17th, October 8th and 15th, November 5th, and December 31st. The cost is \$50. Contact Rachel Hills at rm_hills@yahoo.com if you would like to sponsor the flowers.

Nursery Care for infants through age 2 is available during the Sunday School hour while parents are attending Faith and Fellowship. During worship, care is available for infants through kindergarten.



BIBLE Study The Friday Bible Study will take August off, but will resume again on Friday, September 8th.

Faith + Fellowship will be taking a break for the month of August. We will resume our meetings on September 17th. See you then!



Join us for our next Community Meal on Wednesday, September 6th from 5:30 pm—7 pm. Thank you to everyone who helped make the August Community Meal a success! We need volunteers for our next meal. If you can help, there is a sign up sheet on the third floor bulletin board or you can call the church office. Please come and invite your friends, family and neighbors!



Save the Date for our Sunday School Kickoff on Sunday, September 10th at 9 am in the Fellowship Hall. We will have songs, prayers, food and a craft! Everyone of all ages is welcome to join in the fun! Registration forms are available in the church office, in the weekly email and on the third floor bulletin board.



St. John's will be participating in the Parkville-Carney Fair on Saturday, September 9th from 10 am—3 pm in St. Ursula Church parking lot. Come out and do some shopping and get some free stuff. Don't forget to stop by the St. John's table and say hi.



The Food for Thought Program is gearing up for the 2023-2024 school year. A list of what is needed is on the third floor bulletin board. We will again be packing 50 bags for 25 students, so we will need a large supply to get started.



GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

♩=63 **INTRO**
 F B \flat /F F C^{SUS} Gm B \flat ² F/A Dm C^{SUS}



VERSE 1
 5 F B \flat /F F C^{SUS} Gm⁷ B \flat ² F Dm C^{SUS}



1. Lord, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy. Hear our cry and heal ___ our _land. Let

9 F B \flat /F F C^{SUS} Gm⁷ B \flat ² F C^{SUS}

kind - ness lead us to re - pent - ance; bring us back a - gain. _

GOSPEL

Matthew 15:10-28

Jesus teaches his disciples that true purity is a matter of the heart rather than outward religious observances. Almost immediately, this teaching is tested when a woman considered to be a religious outsider approaches him for help.

The holy gospel according to Matthew.

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹⁰Jesus called the crowd to him and said to them, “Listen and understand: ¹¹it is not what goes into the mouth that defiles a person, but it is what comes out of the mouth that defiles.” ¹²Then the disciples approached and said to him, “Do you know that the Pharisees took offense when they heard what you said?” ¹³He answered, “Every plant that my heavenly Father has not planted will be uprooted. ¹⁴Let them alone; they are blind guides of the blind. And if one blind person guides another, both will fall into a pit.” ¹⁵But Peter said to him, “Explain this parable to us.” ¹⁶Then he said, “Are you also still without understanding? ¹⁷Do you not see that whatever goes into the mouth enters the stomach, and goes out into the sewer? ¹⁸But what comes out of the mouth proceeds from the heart, and this is what defiles. ¹⁹For out of the heart come evil intentions, murder, adultery, fornication, theft, false witness, slander. ²⁰These are what defile a person, but to eat with unwashed hands does not defile.”

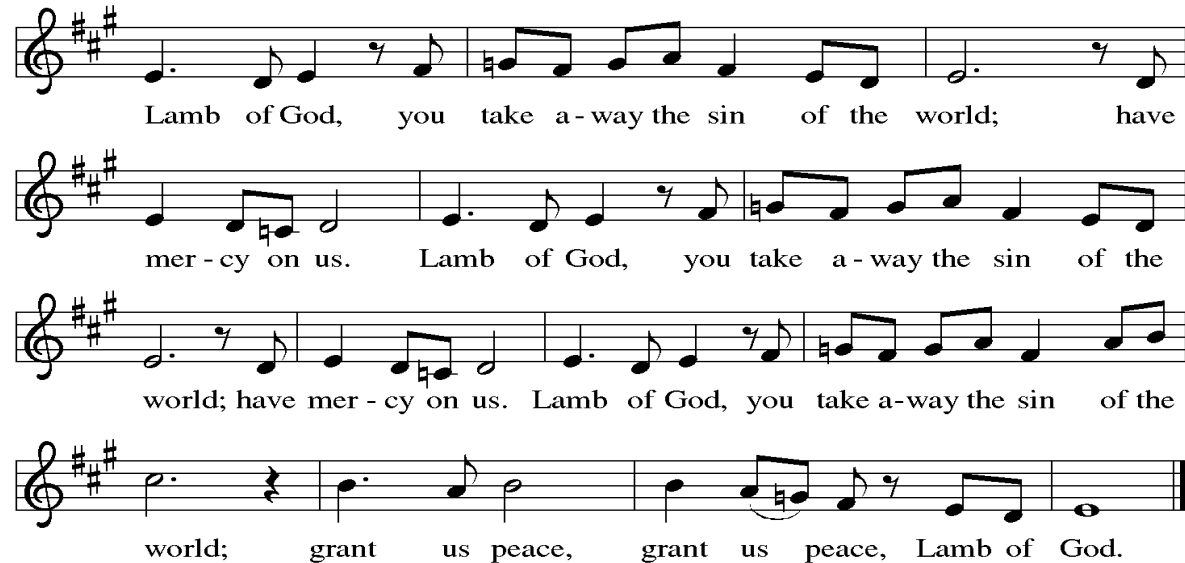
²¹Jesus left that place and went away to the district of Tyre and Sidon. ²²Just then a

COMMUNION

All are welcome at Christ's table. Bread is received in the hands. Gluten-free wafers are available-if you need one, please ask the pastor. To receive the wine, take an empty cup and the communion assistant will fill it with a sip of wine. The cups that are already filled contain grape juice. After drinking, place the used cup in the basket on your way back to your seat.

If you are not communing you are welcome to come forward for a blessing, crossing your arms over your chest.

LAMB OF GOD



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, Lamb of God.

COMMUNION HYMNS

My Faith Looks Up to Thee

ELW 759

(Text: Ray Palmer, 1808-1887; Music: Lowell Mason, 1792-1872)

Creating God, Your Fingers Trace

ELW 684

(Text: Jeffrey Rowthorn, b. 1934; W. Walker, Southern Harmony, 1835; arr. hymnal version; Text © 1979 The Hymn Society, admin. Hope Publishing Company; Arr. © 2006 Augsburg Fortress)

(The assembly remains seated.)

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray.
We thank you, generous God,
for the refreshment we have received
at your banquet table.
Send us now to spread your generosity into all the world,

Thank you for your generous support of St. John's. During this time an offering is gathered for the mission and ministry of the Church as together we experience and share God's abundant grace and love.

Many in our congregation give online. You can set up one-time or recurring donations on our website stjohnsparkville.org. Checks and cash may be placed in the offering plate or mailed to the church. You may also donate via venmo @stjohnsparkville



(Please stand as you are able.)

OFFERING HYMN

For the Wholeness of the Earth

ACS 1067



1 We lift this prayer for the whole-ness of the earth. We lift this
2 We turn our lives to the whole-ness of the earth. We turn our
3 Give thanks to God for the whole-ness of the earth. Give thanks to
prayer for the whole-ness of the earth. We lift this prayer for the
lives to the whole-ness of the earth. We turn our lives to the
God for the whole-ness of the earth. Give thanks to God for the
whole-ness of the earth. Can you feel it ris-ing in you?
whole-ness of the earth. Can you feel it spin-ning in you?
whole-ness of the earth. Can you feel it ris-ing in you?

Text: Bret Hesla, b. 1957
Music: WHOLENESS OF THE EARTH, Bret Hesla
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OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray.
God of field and forest, sea and sky,
you are the giver of all good things.
Sustain us with these gifts of your creation,
and multiply your graciousness in us,
that the world may be fed with your love,
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

DIALOGUE

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

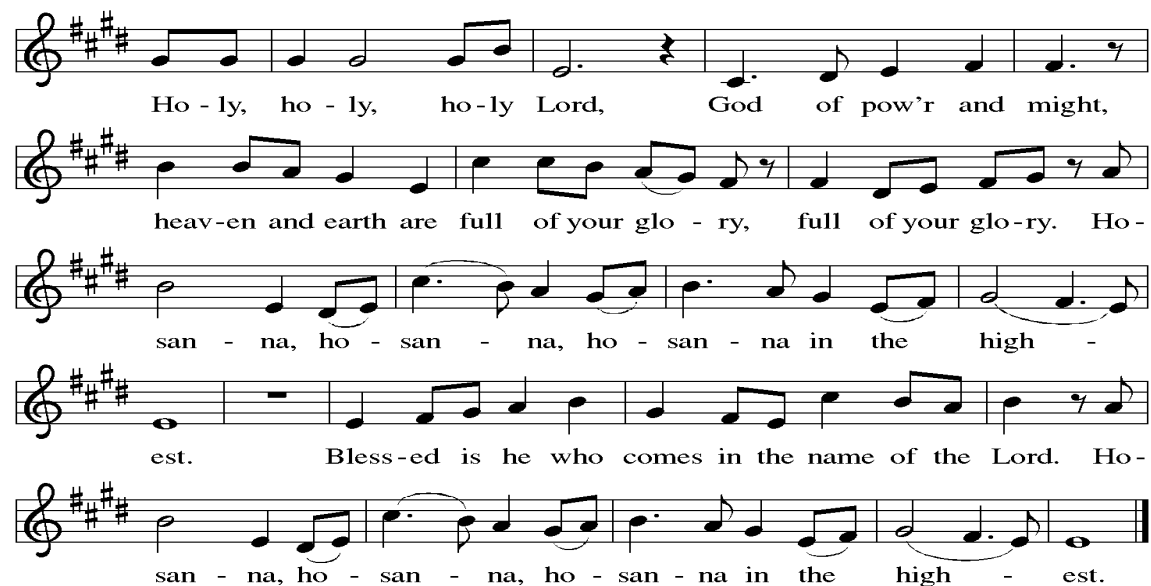
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

Holy, living, and loving God,

we praise you for creating the heavens and the earth.

We bless you for bringing Noah and his family through the waters of the flood,
for freeing your people Israel from the bonds of slavery,
and for sending your Son to be our Redeemer.

We give you thanks for Jesus

who, living among us,

healed the sick,

fed the hungry,

and with a love stronger than death,

gave his life for others.

In the night in which he was betrayed...

Remembering, therefore,

his life-giving death and glorious resurrection,

we await your promised life for all this dying world.

Breathe your Spirit on us and on this bread and cup:

carry us in your arms from death to life,

that we may live as your chosen ones,

clothed in the righteousness of Christ.

Through him all glory and honor is yours,

Almighty Father, with the Holy Spirit,

in your holy Church,

both now and forever.

Amen.

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.**

(The assembly is seated.)

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

All people are called to Christ's table.

Come, eat what is good.