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

Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 3, 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

The prophet Jeremiah speaks of the incurable wound of his suffering yet finds in God's words the delight of his heart. When Peter doesn't grasp Jesus' words about suffering, Jesus tells the disciples they will find their lives in losing them. Such sacrificial love is described by Paul when he urges us to associate with the lowly and not repay evil with evil. In worship we gather as a community that we might offer ourselves for the sake of our suffering world.

*(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 *O God Beyond All Praising* *Anna Laura Page*
(Tune: THAXTED by Gustav Holst; Arr. © 2011 Lorenz Publishing Co.)

(Please stand as you are able.)

GATHERING

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be God,
 the one who forms us,
 † Jesus who bears the cross,
 the Spirit who makes our joy complete.
Amen.

Let us bow before God in humility,
 confessing our sin.

(Silence is kept for reflection.)

Steadfast and faithful God,
**you have revealed the ways of justice,
 yet we fail to follow you.
 We are overwhelmed
 by the world's violence and suffering.
 We are afraid to risk what we have
 for the sake of others.
 For the harm we have caused,
 known and unknown, forgive us.
 For the unjust demands we place on others
 and your creation, forgive us.
 For the ways we turn away
 from you and our neighbor, forgive us.**

This week's schedule	
Today	10 am Live & Online Worship
Mon.	<i>Labor Day (office closed)</i>
Tues.	
Wed.	9:30 am Busy Bees (Smith Building) 5:30 pm Community Meal (Fellowship Hall)
Thurs.	
Fri.	11 am Bible Study (Smith Building)
Sat.	10 am—3 pm Parkville-Carney Festival

Counting our Blessings			
Sunday	Attendance: 93	2023	
8/27	Offering: \$2,608	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: Robert Suznick, Cass Tracey, Lou Gerber, Lisa Duerling, Len Steg, Mary Gude, Joan Kraft, Mike McDonough, Bonnie Spellman, Ardi Scarborough, Mardi Nickel, Joan Swank, Andy Rother, Rosalie Coffman, Pat Hurley, Bett Murphy, Debbie Miller, Sandy Scott, Tony Jasinski, and Vickie Jasinski

For family & friends: Rob Graff, 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, Staff Sgt. Brandan Hartmann, Michael Anthony Tucker, and all those in harm's way

For those grieving family & friends of:

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

**Lead us back to you
and set us on the right path;
in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior.
Amen.**

Beloved in Christ,
God's justice stretches beyond all understanding.
God's compassion is beyond compare.
In Jesus, God is always making a new way for us.
In + Christ, you are already and always forgiven.
Amen.

GATHERING HYMN *Son of God, Eternal Savior* **ELW 655 (vv. 1-2)**

(Text: Somerset C. Lawry, 1855-1932; Music: Oude en Nieuwe Hollandse Boerenlities en Contradansen, 1710; arr. Julius Rontgen, 1855-1932)

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.
O God, we thank you for your Son, who chose the path of suffering for the sake of the world. Humble us by his example, point us to the path of obedience, and give us strength to follow your commands, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
Amen.

(The assembly is seated.)

CHILDREN'S SERMON

FIRST READING

Jeremiah 15:15-21

God's tough love to Jeremiah says that if he repents, he will be allowed to continue in his strenuous ministry. Jeremiah is strengthened by the simple words, "I am with you."

¹⁵O LORD, you know;
remember me and visit me,
and bring down retribution for me on my persecutors.
In your forbearance do not take me away;
know that on your account I suffer insult.
¹⁶Your words were found, and I ate them,
and your words became to me a joy

and the delight of my heart;
for I am called by your name,

O LORD, God of hosts.

¹⁷I did not sit in the company of merry-makers,
nor did I rejoice;
under the weight of your hand I sat alone,
for you had filled me with indignation.

¹⁸Why is my pain unceasing,
my wound incurable,
refusing to be healed?
Truly, you are to me like a deceitful brook,
like waters that fail.

¹⁹Therefore thus says the LORD:
If you turn back, I will take you back,
and you shall stand before me.
If you utter what is precious, and not what is worthless,
you shall serve as my mouth.
It is they who will turn to you,
not you who will turn to them.
²⁰And I will make you to this people
a fortified wall of bronze;
they will fight against you,
but they shall not prevail over you,
for I am with you
to save you and deliver you,
says the LORD.

²¹I will deliver you out of the hand of the wicked,
and redeem you from the grasp of the ruthless.

Word of God, word of life.

PSALM

¹Give judgment for me, O LORD, for I have lived with integrity;
I have trusted in the LORD and have not faltered.

²**Test me, O LORD, and try me;
examine my heart and my mind.**

³For your steadfast love is before my eyes;
I have walked faithfully with you.

⁴**I have not sat with the worthless,
nor do I consort with the deceitful.**

⁵I have hated the company of evildoers;
I will not sit down with the wicked.

⁶**I will wash my hands in innocence, O LORD,
that I may go in procession round your altar,**

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 26:1-8

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 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 pm. The St. John's Youth Group will meet the 1st and 3rd Sunday of every month after worship. A schedule of events is located on the third floor bulletin board.

“S’mores and More” Family Campfire will be held on Friday, September 29th from 6 pm-8 pm at the Labyrinth. Everyone is welcome for a fun night of yard games, s’mores, songs, prayer and fellowship by the fireside! Invite your friends and neighbors!



Join us for our Annual Blessing of the Animals on Friday, October, 6th from 6 pm—6:30 pm in St. John's Park. Bring your pet or a photo of your pet for a blessing and treat.



The Food for Thought Program has begun 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 weekend bags for 25 students. Please help if you can!



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.



St. John's Preschool has openings this fall for the 3 and 4 year old preschool program. For more information contact the preschool at preschool@stjohnsparkville.org.

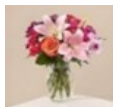


Victor's Vittles, the food pantry at Christus Victor Lutheran Church is in need of items for their food pantry. Items needed are: canned fruit, cereal & oatmeal, jelly, peanut butter, pasta sauce, spaghetti noodles, Raman noodles, mac & cheese, beef stew, pancake mix, syrup, instant potatoes, and canned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

Announcements & Upcoming Events

Next Week— Sunday, September 10th— Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

† 9 am—**Sunday School Kickoff (All are Welcome)**
 † 10 am—**Worship in-person w/Blessing of Sunday School Teachers & Students and livestreamed on our YouTube Channel**
 Visit stjohnsparkville.org



The beautiful flowers gracing our worship service today are given in honor of our 58th wedding anniversary by Milt and Jeannette Dutcher.

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 The Friday Bible Study will resume on Friday, September 8th at 11 am in the Smith Building. All are welcome!



Faith + Fellowship will resume on September 17th at 9 am in the Fellowship Hall. 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!



COMMUNITY DINNER

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.

⁷singing aloud a song of thanksgiving and recounting all your wonderful deeds.
⁸**LORD, I love the house in which you dwell and the place where your glory abides.**

SECOND READING

Romans 12:9-21

Paul presents benchmarks for faithful relationships with Christians and non-Christians. Love is the unflagging standard of our behavior. When we encounter evil, we do not resort to its tactics but seek to overcome it with good. While Christians cannot control the actions and attitudes of others, we seek to live at peace with all people.

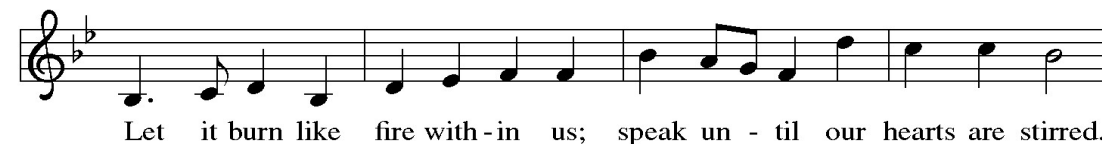
⁹Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good; ¹⁰love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honor. ¹¹Do not lag in zeal, be ardent in spirit, serve the Lord. ¹²Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer. ¹³Contribute to the needs of the saints; extend hospitality to strangers. ¹⁴Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. ¹⁵Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. ¹⁶Live in harmony with one another; do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly; do not claim to be wiser than you are. ¹⁷Do not repay anyone evil for evil, but take thought for what is noble in the sight of all. ¹⁸If it is possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. ¹⁹Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave room for the wrath of God; for it is written, "Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord." ²⁰No, "if your enemies are hungry, feed them; if they are thirsty, give them something to drink; for by doing this you will heap burning coals on their heads." ²¹Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

(Please stand as you are able.)

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



GOSPEL

Matthew 16:21-28

After Peter confesses that Jesus is “the Messiah, the Son of the living God” (16:16), Jesus reveals the ultimate purpose of his ministry. These words prove hard to accept, even for a disciple whom Jesus has called a “rock.”

The holy gospel according to Matthew.

Glory to you, O Lord.

²¹From that time on, [after Peter confessed that Jesus was the Messiah,] Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and undergo great suffering at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised. ²²And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, “God forbid it, Lord! This must never happen to you.” ²³But he turned and said to Peter, “Get behind me, Satan! You are a \stumbling block to me; for you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things.”

²⁴Then Jesus told his disciples, “If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. ²⁵For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it. ²⁶For what will it profit them if they gain the whole world but forfeit their life? Or what will they give in return for their life?

²⁷“For the Son of Man is to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will repay everyone for what has been done. ²⁸Truly I tell you, there are some standing here who will not taste death before they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom.”

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

(The assembly is seated.)

SERMON

(Please stand as you are able.)

HYMN OF THE DAY *Will You Come and Follow Me* **ELW 798**

(Text: John L. Bell, b. 1949; Music: Scottish traditional; Text © 1987 Iona Community, admin. GIA Publications, Inc.)

APOSTLES’ CREED

With the whole church, let us confess our faith.

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.**

SENDING

BLESSING

The God of glory,

✝ Jesus Christ, name above all names,
and the Spirit who lives in you,
bless you now and forever.

Amen.

SENDING HYMN

Let Streams of Living Justice

ELW 710 (vv. 1-2)

(Text: William Whitla, b. 1934; Music: Gustav Holst, 1874-1934; Text © 1989 William Whitla)

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. God is at work in you.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

A Joyful Trumpeting

Lani Smith

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Those Serving Today	
Assisting Minister	JoAnn Weiland
Crucifer	Brody E.
Acolyte (s)	Landry E.
Lector	Megan Czarski
Communion Assistant	Megan Czarski
Dismissal Assistant	Maddie W.

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

LAMB OF GOD



1 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;
2 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;
3 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;



you suf-fered death our lives to save: have mer-cy now, we pray.
you set us free from guilt and grave: have mer-cy now, we pray.
e - ter-nal peace with God you made: give us your peace, we pray.

COMMUNION HYMNS

In the Singing

ELW 466

(Text: Shirley Erena Murray, 1931-2020; Music: Carlton R. Young, b. 1926; Text and music © 1996 Hope Publishing Company)

For the Beauty of the Earth

ELW 879

(Text: Folliott S. Pierpoint, 1835-1917, alt.; Music: Conrad Kocher, 1786-1872)

(The assembly remains seated.)

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray.
Blessed be your name, O God,
for we have feasted on your Word,
Christ Jesus, the joy and delight of our hearts.
Strengthened by this food,
send us to gather the world to your banquet,
where none are left out and all are satisfied.
In Jesus' name we pray.
Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

After each petition Merciful God,
Receive our prayer.

PEACE The peace of Christ be with you always.
And also with you.

(We offer each other a sign of Christ's peace. Afterwards, the assembly is seated.)

MEAL

OFFERTORY MUSIC *Communion Meditation on "Bread of Life" Craig A. Penfield*
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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

God of the Fertile Fields

ACS 1063 (vv. 1-2)
(See Insert)

(Text: Georgia Harkness, 1891-1974; Music: Felice de Giardini, 1716-1796; Text © 1955 ren. 1983 The Hymn Society, admin. Hope Publishing Company)

OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray.
God of power, God of plenty,
all things belong to you.
We bring your gifts to the table,
that all might be fed.
Form us into the body of your Beloved,
Jesus Christ, our Savior.
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-er and might,



heav'n and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho-san - na in the high - est.



Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -



san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

Blessed are you O God,
for you made the earth and all that is, and declared it good.
Blessed are you,
for in Christ you entered into creation,
into our humanity, into our vulnerability, into our mortality.
You stayed with us through conflict, through suffering, through death.
Blessed are you for raising Jesus from the death,
in him promising new life to us all.

In the night in which he was betrayed...

Come, Lord, Jesus, in this meal,
and make us alive again.
By your Spirit,
bind unto to that holy communion of saints in every time and place,
and make us your body in the world,
bringing light and healing to all.
Amen.

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

(Sung call-and-echo)

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as in heaven.**

**Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our sins
as we forgive; 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

Jesus invites you to this table.
Come, eat and live.

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.