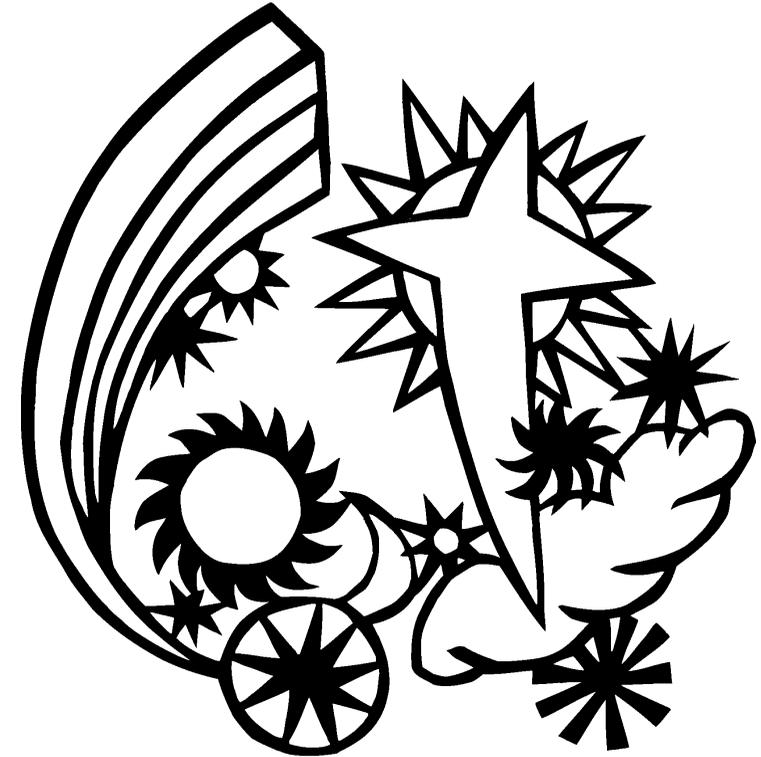


**Twenty-Third Sunday  
after Pentecost**  
November 13, 2022



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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 baptized are strengthened for the living of these days in word and sacrament. The baptized rally around the invitation of the apostle: “Do not be weary in doing what is right.”

*(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** *Sing Praise to God* *arr. Edward Broughton*  
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*(Please stand as you are able.)*

## CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✚ one God, who redeems us in Christ Jesus, whose steadfast love endures forever.

**Amen.**

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

*(Silence is kept for reflection.)*

Most merciful God,  
**we confess that we have sinned against you and our neighbors. We have ignored voices that call for your justice. We have neglected actions that witness to your righteousness. We have spoken and acted in ways that disrupt your beloved community. We truly repent of things we have done and left undone. For the sake of Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Restore our troubled spirits, so that we may live in newness, follow the way of the Spirit, and build up the body of Christ.**  
**Amen.**

Rejoice and be glad! God hears the prayers of all who cry out, and restores us to life through the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. Therefore, I declare to you the forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the ✚ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.  
**Amen.**

**GATHERING** *Through the Night of Doubt and Sorrow* *ELW 327 (vv. 1, 3)*

*(Text: Bernardt S. Ingemann, 1789-1862; tr. Sabine Baring-Gould, 1834-1924, alt.; Music: Thomas J. Williams, 1869-1944; arr. Richard W. Hillert, b. 1923; Arr. © 1969 Concordia Publishing House)*

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### Notice of live streaming:

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



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**This week's schedule**

Today	9 am	Sunday School and Faith & Fellowship
	9 am	Handbell Choir (Music Room)
	10 am	Live & Online Worship
	11 am	Altar Guild Meeting (Smith Building)
Mon.		
Tues.		
Wed.	9:30 am	Busy Bees (Smith Building)
	7:30 pm	Adult Choir (Music Room)
Thurs.		
Fri.	7 pm	Youth Dinner night <i>Newsletter Articles Due</i>
Sat.	9 am	Men-in-Mission Breakfast (Jerry D's)

**Counting our Blessings**

Sun. 11/6	Attendance: 118 Offering: \$6,508 Homebound: 20	2022	
		September Offering Income	\$18,675
		September Other Income	\$ 553
		September Total Income	\$19,228
		September Expenses	\$34,562
		YTD Offering Income	\$183,710
		YTD Other Income	\$ 19,062
		YTD Total Income	\$202,772
		YTD Expenses	\$273,981

**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**

O God, the protector of all who trust in you, without you nothing is strong, nothing is holy. Embrace us with your mercy, that with you as our ruler and guide, we may live through what is temporary without losing what is eternal, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**Amen.**

*(The assembly is seated.)*

**CHILDREN'S SERMON**

**WORD**

**FIRST READING**

**Malachi 4:1-2a**

*Malachi, whose name means "my messenger," warns that "the day is coming." On that day, the evil will be destroyed like stubble in a fire, but the "sun of righteousness" will shine on those who honor God.*

See, the day is coming, burning like an oven, when all the arrogant and all evildoers will be stubble; the day that comes shall burn them up, says the LORD of hosts, so that it will leave them neither root nor branch. But for you who revere my name the sun of righteousness shall rise, with healing in its wings.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**PSALM** *(Read responsively; congregation reads bold verses)*

**Psalm 98**

Sing a new song to the LORD, who has done marvelous things,  
whose right hand and holy arm have won the victory.

**O LORD, you have made known your victory,  
you have revealed your righteousness in the sight of the nations.**

You remember your steadfast love and faithfulness to the house of Israel;  
all the ends of the earth have seen the victory of our God.

**Shout with joy to the LORD, all you lands;  
lift up your voice, rejoice, and sing.**

Sing to the LORD with the harp,  
with the harp and the voice of song.

**With trumpets and the sound of the horn  
shout with joy before the king, the LORD.**

Let the sea roar, and all that fills it,  
the world and those who dwell therein.

**Let the rivers clap their hands,  
and let the hills ring out with joy before the LORD, who comes to judge the  
earth.**

The LORD will judge the world with righteousness  
and the peoples with equity.

## SECOND READING

## 2 Thessalonians 3:6-13

*Some members of the Thessalonian community, because of their belief in the nearness of Christ's return, had ceased to work, living off the generosity of other members of the community. The writer of this letter warns them bluntly that if they want to eat, they need to work.*

Now we command you, beloved, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, to keep away from believers who are living in idleness and not according to the tradition that they received from us. For you yourselves know how you ought to imitate us; we were not idle when we were with you, and we did not eat anyone's bread without paying for it; but with toil and labor we worked night and day, so that we might not burden any of you. This was not because we do not have that right, but in order to give you an example to imitate. For even when we were with you, we gave you this command: Anyone unwilling to work should not eat. For we hear that some of you are living in idleness, mere busybodies, not doing any work. Now such persons we command and exhort in the Lord Jesus Christ to do their work quietly and to earn their own living. Brothers and sisters, do not be weary in doing what is right.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

*(Please stand as you are able.)*

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



## Prayer List

Please remember the following individuals in your prayers.

**For health & healing:** Bob Murphy, Raymond Miller, Matthew Miller, Bill & Bonnie Rogers, Jim Morrow, Mardi Nickel, Kim Townsley, Thomas McDonough, Bett Murphy, Debbie Miller, Sandy Scott, Tony Jasinski, and Vickie Jasinski

**For family & friends:** Jen Schoenfliess, Pearl Johnson, Sharon Hunt, Lee Hall, Patricia Kuklinski, Judy Taylor, Sean Pullen, John Bowman, Norma Weber, Rejena Hartlove, Chuck Miller, Jeanne Edmunds, John Miller, Arlo Jones, Denise Ferguson, Mary Jo Rother, Bonnie Kellner, Kristin Weger, Linda Fliegel, Helen Bender and Doug Adams

**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:**

**For St. John's Caring Friends:** Trudy Anderson, Patricia Becker, Agatha Biensach-Daniels, Gladys Downs, Margaret Eubert, June Franz, Betty Glassband, Richard Hoerner, Audrey Lentz, John Lotterer, Paul and Alberta Nolder, Patrick O'Connell, Arthur Pulket, Mary Ann Reek, Janet Roth, Patricia Sollanek, Kim Townsley, Cass Tracey and Emma Volz

Please drop your donations in the bins in the 2nd & 3rd floor stairwells or in the church office. **Donations are due by Sunday, November 27<sup>th</sup>**. If you have any questions, please contact Peggy Buckless.



St. John's Youth is sponsoring **Breakfast with Santa** on Saturday, December 10<sup>th</sup> from 9 am—11 am. Flyers are located on the counter outside of the Sanctuary. Please fill out a form and drop it in the box or return it to the church office. Reservations are requested. **Please sign up by December 4<sup>th</sup>**.

**We invite you to participate in the Wreaths across America event** on December 17<sup>th</sup> at 2 pm in St. John's Cemetery. The cost of the wreaths are \$15. \$5 from each wreath sold will go to St. John's. Flyers with more information are located on the counter outside of the Sanctuary, in the weekly emails and on the website.



 **Save the Date for St. John's 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Bull and Shrimp Roast.** Friday, February 17, 2023 from 6:30 pm—10:30 pm at Columbus Gardens. Flyers are located on the counter outside of the Sanctuary, on the website and in the weekly emails .

**Ushers Needed!** For more information, contact Tony Jasinski at [polishfossil29@verizon.net](mailto:polishfossil29@verizon.net).



 **Venmo is Here!** We are happy to announce that you can now give your offering using Venmo. Enter @stjohnsparkville in the Venmo App or scan the QR code.

## GOSPEL

**Luke 21:5-19**

*As history moves toward God's fulfillment there will be frightening signs and events. Before the end, believers will draw strength from their relationship to God and will be given the words they need to testify and to endure without fear.*

The Holy Gospel according to Luke.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

When some were speaking about the temple, how it was adorned with beautiful stones and gifts dedicated to God, Jesus said, "As for these things that you see, the days will come when not one stone will be left upon another; all will be thrown down."

They asked him, "Teacher, when will this be, and what will be the sign that this is about to take place?" And he said, "Beware that you are not led astray; for many will come in my name and say, 'I am he!' and, 'The time is near!' Do not go after them.

"When you hear of wars and insurrections, do not be terrified; for these things must take place first, but the end will not follow immediately." Then he said to them, "Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom; there will be great earthquakes, and in various places famines and plagues; and there will be dreadful portents and great signs from heaven.

"But before all this occurs, they will arrest you and persecute you; they will hand you over to synagogues and prisons, and you will be brought before kings and governors because of my name. This will give you an opportunity to testify. So make up your minds not to prepare your defense in advance; for I will give you words and a wisdom that none of your opponents will be able to withstand or contradict. You will be betrayed even by parents and brothers, by relatives and friends; and they will put some of you to death. You will be hated by all because of my name. But not a hair of your head will perish. By your endurance you will gain your souls."

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

*Lord of Our Life*

*ELW 766*

*(Text: Mattheus A. von Lowenstern, 1594-1648; tr. Philip Pusey, 1799-1855, alt.; Music: Poitiers Antiphoner, 1746)*

## 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.

## PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

After each petition Lord, in your mercy,  
Receive our prayer.

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

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

## MEAL

OFFERTORY MUSIC *A Moment of Prayer* Gerald Peterson  
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*(An offering is gathered for the mission and ministry of God's Church.)  
(Please stand as you are able.)*

OFFERING HYMN *We Give Thee but Thine Own* ELW 686 (vv. 1, 2)  
(Text: William W. How, 1832-1897, alt.; Music: L. Mason and G. Webb, Cantica Lauda)

## OFFERING PRAYER

Blessed are you, Maker of all things. As you have entrusted us with all that you have created, now gather our gifts, nourish us with this sacrament, and send us to those who hunger and thirst, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Savior.  
Amen.

## GREAT THANKSGIVING

## Announcements & Upcoming Event

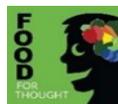
Next Week— Christ the King Sunday, November 20<sup>th</sup>  
† 9 am— Sunday School and Faith & Fellowship  
† 10 am— Youth led Worship in-person and livestreamed on our YouTube Channel at stjohns.lutheran.church.parkville.md.  
Please join us next week for our Congregational Meeting following worship. We will be approving the 2023 Budget and electing new council members.



The beautiful flowers gracing our worship service today are given in honor of Bonnie Rogers' birthday from her husband, Bill.  
The beautiful flowers gracing our worship service today are given in honor of Bonnie Rogers' birthday by Linda Farrell.

We are now taking altar flower dedications for 2023. Dates available are: January 1<sup>st</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup>, 22<sup>nd</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup>, February 5<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup>, March 5<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup>, April 2<sup>nd</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup>, May 7<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup>. 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. 



**Food for Thought Program has begun.** We are again partnering with Carney Elementary. **Items that we need at this time are: pudding cups and breakfast bars.**

**Christmas Plants are now for sale.** If you would like to sponsor a plant in memory or in honor of your loved one, please fill out a form and place your check (marked Altar Guild) in the offering plate or bring it to the church office. Forms are available on the counter outside of the Sanctuary. **Orders are due by Sunday, November 27<sup>th</sup>.** 



**Join us for our Ecumenical Thanksgiving Eve Service** with Hiss UMC and St. Ursula Catholic Church on Wednesday, November 23<sup>rd</sup> at 7 pm. Pastor Mathew and Pastor Amy will be preaching and St. John's Choir will also be participating in the service. The service this year will be held at Hiss UMC. We hope to see you there!

Social Ministry is again participating in the **Shoeboxes for C.A.N. Program.** The shoeboxes will be filled and donated to children in need at the Eastside Shelter. **Items needed are: shoeboxes, matching hats and gloves, small toys that will fit in the shoeboxes. (Please no matchbox cars, we have plenty).** 

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray.

We give you thanks, most gracious God, that you have fed us with the bread of heaven and given us a foretaste of Paradise. Enliven us to be your body in the world and to serve those who are in need; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

## SENDING

## BLESSING

The God of peace, who creates all things and calls them good, who makes us alive in Jesus, and who breathes on us the Spirit of hope, ✠ bless you now and forever.

**Amen.**

## SENDING HYMN

*How Firm a Foundation*

*ELW 796 (vv. 1, 2)*

*(Text: J. Rippon, A Selection of Hymns, 1787, alt.: Music: Early American)*

## DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Be a blessing in the world.

**Thanks be to God.**

## POSTLUDE

*Postlude on "Azmon"*

*Richard A. Williamson*

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Those Serving Today	
Assisting Minister	Claire Miller
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## DIALOGUE

The Lord be with you. **And al - so 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, Lord God of pow'r 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.

## THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

Blessed are you, O God,  
creator of heaven and earth.  
You rescued your covenant people,  
led them on all their journeys,  
and taught them by the prophets.  
You so loved the world  
that you gave your only Son,  
so that everyone who believes in him  
may not perish but may have eternal life.

In the night in which he was betrayed...

As often as we eat this bread  
and drink this cup,  
we proclaim the Lord's death  
until he comes.

**Christ has died.  
Christ is risen.  
Christ will come again.**

Pour out your Holy Spirit  
in this meal,  
and make us one  
in this community of faith  
and with your people  
throughout the world.  
Glory and praise to you, O God,  
Author of life,  
Word made flesh,  
Power of the Most High,  
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

Christ spreads a table before you.  
Gather here with all the saints.

## 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.

## COMMUNION HYMN *If You But Trust in God to Guide You* ELW 769

*(Text and music: Georg Neumark, 1621-1681; tr. composite; Text © 1978, 2006 Augsburg Fortress)*

## POST COMMUNION BLESSING

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.  
**Amen.**