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Twenty-Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

November 12, 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

Today the prophet Amos calls for justice to roll down like waters. Paul urges us to encourage one another with the promised coming of the Lord. Jesus tells the parable of the wise and foolish bridesmaids. Surrounded by the faithful of every time and place, we celebrate Christ's coming in our midst in the word of life and the feast of victory—the marriage feast of the lamb.

(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 *Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers* *Arr. Paul Manz*
 (© 1990 MorningStar Music Publishers)
(Please stand as you are able.)

GATHERING

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✚ one God,
 in whose image we are made,
 who claims us and calls us beloved.
Amen.

(Silence is kept for reflection.)

Holy One,
we confess that we are not awake for you.
We are not faithful in using your gifts.
We forget the least of our siblings.
We do not see your beautiful image in one another.
We are infected by sin
that divides your beloved community.
Open our hearts to your coming,
open our eyes to see you in our neighbor,
open our hands to serve your creation.
Amen.

Beloved, we are God's children,
 and Jesus, our Beloved, opens the door to us.
 Through ✚ Jesus you are forgiven,
 by Jesus you are welcome,
 in Jesus you are called to rejoice!
 Let us live in the promises prepared for us
 from the foundation of the world.
Amen.

This week's schedule

Today	9 am	Sunday School & Faith and Fellowship
	9 am	Handbell Choir Rehearsal (Music Room)
	10 am	Live & Online Worship
	11:30 am	Executive Meeting (Music Room)
Mon.		
Tues.	7 pm	Men in Mission (Youth Room)
	7 pm	Trinity Circle (Smith Building)
Wed.	9:30 am	Busy Bees (Smith Building)
	1 pm	Audit Committee (Christian Ed Room)
	7:30 pm	Adult Choir Rehearsal (Music Room)
Thurs.		
Fri.	11 am	Bible Study (Music Room)
		<i>Newsletter Articles Due</i>
Sat.		

Counting our Blessings

Sunday	Attendance: 149	2023	
11/5	Offering: \$ 8,073	August Offering Income	\$18,031
	Homebound: 17	August Other Income	\$ 741
		August Total Income	\$18,772
		August Expenses	\$25,284
		YTD Offering Income	\$179,427
		YTD Other Income	\$ 33,151
		YTD Total Income	\$212,578
		YTD Expenses	\$253,418



Prayer List

Please remember the following individuals in your prayers.

For health & healing: Oluseye Fowode, Robert Suznick, Barbara Mueller, Patricia Denk, Cass Tracey, Lisa Duerling, Len Steg, Joan Kraft, Mike McDonough, Mardi Nickel, Joan Swank, Andy Rother, Rosalie Coffman, Pat Hurley, Debbie Miller, Sandy Scott, and Vickie Jasinski

For family & friends: Shannon McLaughlin, John Bryan, Joe Federline, Pastor John Burk, Klaus Thoericht, Tiffany Webb, Mary & Barry McCain, Russell Fitch, Bonnie Franklin, Jamie Kirschner, Lily Newman, Rob Graff, Alice Evans, Trish Pizza, Betsy Shock, Joann Bayer, Norman Bayer, Sue Eid, Genevieve Byrnes, Julie Bramble, Ruth Reimschissel aka Mrs. Claus, Deemer Morrow, 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 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, Janet Roth, Kim Townsley, Cass Tracey and Emma Volz

GATHERING HYMN

Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers

ELW 244 (vv. 1-2)

(Text: Laurentius Laurenti, 1660-1722; tr. Sarah B. Findlater, 1823-1907; Music: Swedish folk tune)

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 of justice and love, you illumine our way through life with the words of your Son. Give us the light we need, and awaken us to the needs of others, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

(The assembly is seated.)

CHILDREN'S SERMON

FIRST READING

Amos 5:18-24

In the days of Amos, people thought that the day of the LORD would be a time of great victory, but Amos announced that it would be a day of darkness, not light. He said liturgy is no substitute for obedience. The LORD demands justice and righteousness in the community.

¹⁸Alas for you who desire the day of the LORD!

Why do you want the day of the LORD?

It is darkness, not light;

¹⁹as if someone fled from a lion,

and was met by a bear;

or went into the house and rested a hand against the wall,

and was bitten by a snake.

²⁰Is not the day of the LORD darkness, not light,

and gloom with no brightness in it?

²¹I hate, I despise your festivals,

and I take no delight in your solemn assemblies.

²²Even though you offer me your burnt offerings and grain offerings,

I will not accept them;

and the offerings of well-being of your fatted animals

I will not look upon.

²³Take away from me the noise of your songs;
I will not listen to the melody of your harps.
²⁴But let justice roll down like waters,
and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM

Psalm 70

¹Be pleased, O God, to deliver me;
O LORD, make haste to help me.
²**Let those who seek my life be put to shame and confounded;
let those who take pleasure in my misfortune draw back and be disgraced.**
³Let those who say to me “Aha!” and gloat over me
turn back because of their shame.
⁴**Let all who seek you rejoice and be glad in you;
let those who love your salvation say forever, “Great is the LORD!”**
⁵But as for me, I am poor and needy; come to me quickly, O God.
You are my helper and my deliverer; O LORD, do not tarry.

SECOND READING

1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

Some of the Thessalonians are worried that dead Christians will be excluded from the resurrection to eternal life when Christ comes again. Paul reassures them with the word of hope that all Christians, living or dead, will be raised into everlasting life with Christ.

¹³We do not want you to be uninformed, brothers and sisters, about those who have died, so that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. ¹⁴For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have died. ¹⁵For this we declare to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will by no means precede those who have died. ¹⁶For the Lord himself, with a cry of command, with the archangel’s call and with the sound of God’s trumpet, will descend from heaven, and the dead in Christ will rise first. ¹⁷Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up in the clouds together with them to meet the Lord in the air; and so we will be with the Lord forever. ¹⁸Therefore encourage one another with these words.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

(Please stand as you are able.)

Join us for our Ecumenical Thanksgiving Eve Service with Hiss UMC and St. Ursula Catholic Church on Wednesday, November 22nd at 7 pm. We are happy to announce that the service will be held at St. John’s this year with music by our very own choir. We hope to see you there!



Christmas Plants are 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 in the weekly email and on the third floor bulletin board . **Orders are due by Sunday, November 26th.**

Social Ministry is again participating in the **Shoebboxes for C.A.N. Program.** The shoeboxes will be filled and donated to children in need at the Eastside Shelter. **Items needed are: shoeboxes, individually wrapped tooth brushes, travel size toothpaste, books and toys that will fit in a shoebox for ages 7-14.** Please drop your donations in the bins in the 2nd & 3rd floor stairwells or in the church office. **Donations are due by Sunday, November 26th.** If you have any questions, please contact Peggy Buckless.



St. John’s Youth is sponsoring **Breakfast with Santa** on Saturday, December 9th from 9 am—11 am. Flyers are located on the third floor bulletin board. 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 3rd.**

Join us for our next Community Meal, Wednesday, December 6th from 5:30 pm—7 pm. Thank you to everyone who helped make the November meal a success! We still need volunteers for the December meal. The sign up sheet is on the third floor bulletin board. Please come and invite your friends, family and neighbors!



Our next Wednesday Night Worship will take place on December 6th after the Community Meal. This is a brief communion service held in the Smith Building with blended music featuring piano and guitar, as well as an interactive reflection. We hope you can join us and invite your friends and neighbors!

Wreaths across America ceremony will be held in St. John’s Cemetery on Friday, December 16th at 2 pm. If you would like to sponsor a wreath for a veteran, please contact Nancy Ford at 443-835-7038. There are flyers with more information on the 3rd floor bulletin board. Orders must be placed by November 30th.



Save the date for St. John’s 5th Annual Bull and Shrimp Roast on Friday, February 2, 2024 from 6:30 pm—10:30 pm at Columbus Gardens. More information will be coming soon.

Announcements & Upcoming Events

Next Week— Sunday, November 19th— Christ the King Sunday

† 9 am—**Sunday School & Faith and Fellowship**

† 9 am—**Handbell Choir**

† 10 am—**Worship in-person
and livestreamed on our YouTube Channel**

† 11:30 am—**Altar Guild Meeting**

† 11:30 am—**Youth Group**

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The beautiful flowers gracing our worship service today are given in honor of Noah Shull's 16th birthday with love from his family,

We are taking altar flower dedications for 2024. The cost is \$50. Contact Rachel Hills at rm_hills@yahoo.com if you would like to sponsor the flowers. Available dates are January 14th, February 4th, 11th, 18th, and 25th, March 10th and 24th, April 7th, 14th, and 21st, May 5th, 12th, and 19th, June 2nd, 9th, 16th, 23rd, and 30th.

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.



YOUTH GROUP St. John's Youth Group meets in the Youth Room on the second floor from about 11:30 am-12:30 pm on the 1st and 3rd Sundays of the month. This group is for middle and high school students. Join us as we have fun, get to know one another, and grow in faith together.

Faith and Fellowship meets in the Fellowship Hall on the first floor from 9 am—9:45 am each Sunday. This is an opportunity for adults to gather for light refreshments and to grow in faith.



BIBLE Study The Bible Study group meets on Friday's at 11 am in the Smith Building. We are studying the book of Matthew. All are welcome!

The Food for Thought Program is packing 50 weekend bags for 25 students at Carney Elementary. It costs \$16.94 to provide food for each child, each weekend. We have an immediate need for Chef Boyardee single serving meals, tuna/chicken salad kits, and Capri Sun juice pouches. Offering money helps support this effort too! Any monetary donations are welcomed and certainly appreciated. Thank you!



PRESCHOOL St John's Preschool needs glass jars for a project they are working on with the children. They can be spaghetti or pickle jars or something similar.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



GOSPEL

Matthew 25:1-13

Jesus tells a parable about his own second coming, emphasizing the need for readiness at all times.

The holy gospel according to Matthew.

Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus said to the disciples: ¹“Then the kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. ²Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. ³When the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them; ⁴but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. ⁵As the bridegroom was delayed, all of them became drowsy and slept. ⁶But at midnight there was a shout, ‘Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.’ ⁷Then all those bridesmaids got up and trimmed their lamps. ⁸The foolish said to the wise, ‘Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.’ ⁹But the wise replied, ‘No! there will not be enough for you and for us; you had better go to the dealers and buy some for yourselves.’ ¹⁰And while they went to buy it, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went with him into the wedding banquet; and the door was shut. ¹¹Later the other bridesmaids came also, saying, ‘Lord, lord, open to us.’ ¹²But he replied, ‘Truly I tell you, I do not know you.’ ¹³Keep awake therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour.”

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 *Soul, Adorn Yourself with Gladness* **ELW 488 (vv. 1-2)**

(Text: Johann Franck, 1618-1677; tr. Lutheran Book of Worship; Music: Johann Cruger, 1598-1662; Text © 1978 Lutheran Book of Worship, admin. Augsburg Fortress)

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.**

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

After each petition Hear us, O God.
 Your mercy is great.

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 *Blessed Assurance* *Arr. John Ness Beck*
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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.)

Sovereign, + Savior, and Spirit,
be with you today and always.
Amen.

SENDING HYMN *When Peace like a River* *ELW 785 (vv. 1 & 4)*
(Text: Horatio G. Spafford, 1828-1888; Music: Philip P. Bliss, 1838-1876)

DISMISSAL

Beloved of God,
go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

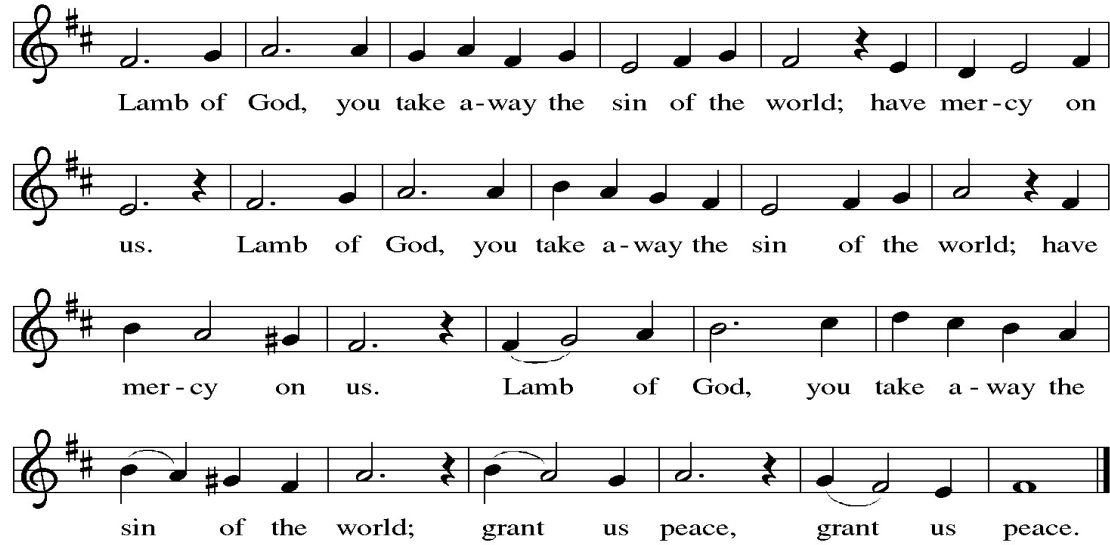
POSTLUDE *O Thou of God the Father* *Johann Sebastian Bach*

*We welcome Gail Jothen as our organist today,
and thank her for sharing her God-given gifts with us in worship.*

Those Serving Today	
Assisting Minister	Vickie Jasinski
Crucifer	Brody E.
Acolyte (s)	Landry E., Olivia S.
Lector	Donna Nicholson
Communion Assistant	Donna Nicholson
Dismissal Assistant	Maddie W.

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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

Blessed Assurance

ELW 638

(Text: Fanny J. Crosby, 1820-1915; Music: Phoebe P. Knapp, 1830-1908)

(The assembly remains seated.)

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray.
Lord Jesus,
in this simple meal you have set a banquet.
Sustain us on the journey,
strengthen us to care for the least of your beloved children,
and give us glad and generous hearts
as we meet you on the way.
Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SENDING

BLESSING

May the God of all creation,
in whose image we are made,
who claims us and calls us beloved,
who strengthens us for service,
give you reason to rejoice and be glad!
The blessing of God,

OFFERING HYMN

God of the Fertile Fields

ACS 1063 (vv. 1-2)



1 God of the fer - tile fields, sha - per of
2 We would be stew - ards true, hold - ing in
earth that yields our dai - ly bread: forth from your
trust from you all that you give; help us in
boun - teous hand, come gifts your love has planned,
love to share, teach us like you to care
that all in ev - 'ry land be clothed and fed.
for peo - ple ev - 'ry - where, that all may live.

Text: Georgia Harkness, 1891-1974, alt.

Music: ITALIAN HYMN, Felice de Giardini, 1716-1796

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OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray.
God of all goodness,
generations have turned to you,
gathered around your table,
and shared your abundant blessings.
Number us among them
that, as we gather these gifts from your abundance,
and give thanks for your rich blessings,
we may feast upon your very self
and care for all that you have made,
through Jesus Christ, our Sovereign and Servant.
Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

DIALOGUE

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

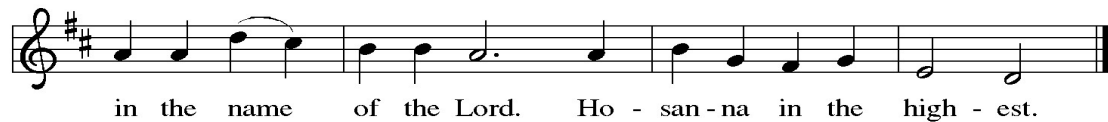
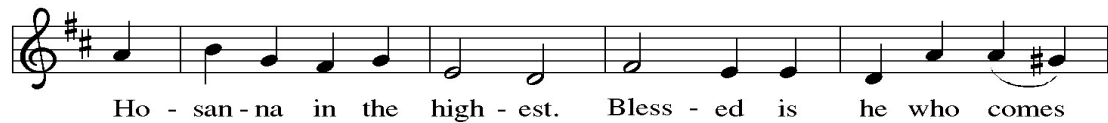
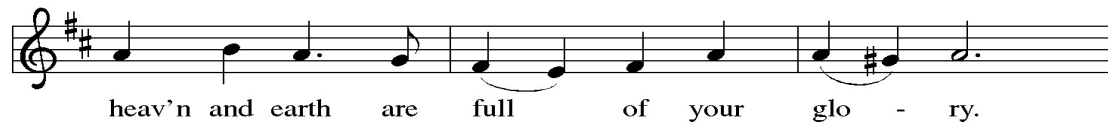
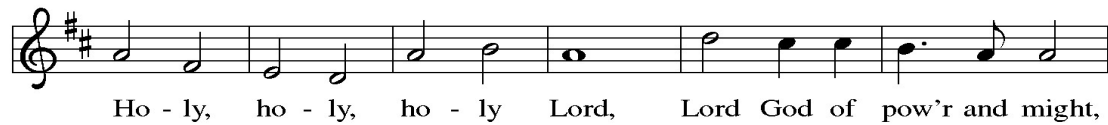
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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



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 dead.
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 us 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.

**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

There is a place for you at the banquet.
Come and feast at Jesus' table.

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.*