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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.

Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

July 30, 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 today's first reading God invites all who are hungry or thirsty to receive food and drink without cost. Jesus feeds the hungry multitude and reveals the abundance of God. At the eucharistic table we remember all who are hungry or poor in our world today. As we share the bread of life, we are sent forth to give ourselves away as bread for the hungry.

(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

The Commission

Yoon Mee Chong, violinist

(arr. © 1995 Tracey Ann Collins)

(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.

(Silence is kept for reflection.)

This week's schedule

Today	9 am Faith & Fellowship (Fellowship Hall) 10 am Live & Online Worship
Mon.	
Tues.	
Wed.	9:30 am Busy Bees (Smith Building) 5:30 pm Community Meal (Fellowship Hall)
Thurs.	
Fri.	
Sat.	

Counting our Blessings

Sunday	Attendance: 89	2023	
7/23	Offering: \$4,357	April Offering Income	\$28,719
	Homebound: 19	April Other Income	\$ 2,614
		March Total Income	\$31,333
		March Expenses	\$33,887
		YTD Offering Income	\$92,875
		YTD Other Income	\$19,344
		YTD Total Income	\$112,219
		YTD Expenses	\$131,130



Prayer List

Please remember the following individuals in your prayers.

For health & healing: 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: Joann Bayer, Norman Bayer, Sue Eid, Genevieve Byrnes, Julie Bramble, Phil Gasior & family, 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 St. John's Caring Friends: Patricia Becker, Agatha Biensach-Daniels, Barbara Conrad, Betty Creutzer, Gladys Downs, 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

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 *All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly* **ELW 461 (vv. 1-2)**

(Text: Sylvia G. Dunstan, 1955-1993; Music: W. Moore, Columbian Harmony, 1825; arr. hymnal version; Text © 1991 GIA Publications, Inc.; Arr. © 2003 Augsburg Fortress)

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.

Glorious God, your generosity waters the world with goodness, and you cover creation with abundance. Awaken in us a hunger for the food that satisfies both body and spirit, and with this food fill all the starving world; through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

(The assembly is seated.)

CHILDREN'S SERMON

FIRST READING

Isaiah 55:1-5

God invites Israel to a great feast at which both food and drink are free. God also promises to make an everlasting covenant with all peoples, with promises that previously had been limited to Israel. As David was a witness to the nations, these nations shall now acknowledge the ways in which God has glorified Israel.

¹Ho, everyone who thirsts,
come to the waters;
and you that have no money,
come, buy and eat!

Come, buy wine and milk
without money and without price.

²Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread,
and your labor for that which does not satisfy?

Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good,
and delight yourselves in rich food.

³Incline your ear, and come to me;
listen, so that you may live.
I will make with you an everlasting covenant,
my steadfast, sure love for David.
⁴See, I made him a witness to the peoples,
a leader and commander for the peoples.
⁵See, you shall call nations that you do not know,
and nations that do not know you shall run to you,
because of the LORD your God, the Holy One of Israel,
for he has glorified you.

Word of God, word of life.

PSALM

⁸The LORD is gracious and full of compassion,
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.
⁹**LORD, you are good to all,
and your compassion is over all your works.**
¹⁴The Lord upholds all those who fall
and lifts up those who are bowed down.
¹⁵**The eyes of all wait upon you, O LORD,
and you give them their food in due season.**
¹⁶You open wide your hand
and satisfy the desire of every living thing.
¹⁷**You are righteous in all your ways
and loving in all your works.**
¹⁸You are near to all who call upon you,
to all who call up- on you faithfully.
¹⁹**You fulfill the desire of those who fear you;
you hear their cry and save them.**
²⁰You watch over all those who love you,
but all the wicked you shall destroy.
²¹**My mouth shall speak the praise of the LORD;
let all flesh bless God's holy name forever and ever.**

SECOND READING

This begins a new section in Paul's letter in which he will deal with the place of Israel in God's saving plan. He opens by highlighting how Israel's heritage and legacy include being God's children, having God's covenants, being given God's law, participating in worship of God, and receiving divine promises.

¹I am speaking the truth in Christ—I am not lying; my conscience confirms it by the Holy Spirit—²I have great sorrow and unceasing anguish in my heart. ³For I could wish that I

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 145:8-9, 14-21

Save the Date for our Sunday School Kickoff on Sunday, September 10th at 9 am in the Fellowship Hall. We will have registration forms available that day. Hope to see you there.



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 1st—August 8th and August 22nd-29th. In case of an emergency, 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 on August 4th and 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	Robin Dibley
Crucifer	Emily B.
Acolyte (s)	Alec B.
Lector	Ed Ford
Communion Assistant	Ed Ford
Dismissal Assistant	Maddie W.

Announcements & Upcoming Events

Next Week— Sunday, August 6th—Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

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

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The beautiful flowers gracing our worship service today are given in memory of Anna Smith's birthday with love from Marge and Bob Jasper.

We are taking altar flower dedications for 2023. Dates available are: August 27th, 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 July and 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 in September. See you then!



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, ccccSeptember 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.**

Join us for our next Community Meal on Wednesday, August 2nd from 5:30 pm—7 pm. Thank you to everyone who helped make the July Community Meal a success! We need a few more people to help with our next meal. If you have a few hours to spare, the sign up sheet is on the third floor bulletin board. Please come and invite your friends, family and neighbors!



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.



myself were accursed and cut off from Christ for the sake of my own people, my kindred according to the flesh. ⁴They are Israelites, and to them belong the adoption, the glory, the covenants, the giving of the law, the worship, and the promises; ⁵to them belong the patriarchs, and from them, according to the flesh, comes the Messiah, who is over all, God blessed forever. Amen.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

(Please stand as you are able.)

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 14:13-21

After John the Baptist is murdered, Jesus desires a time of solitude. Still, his compassion for others will not allow him to dismiss those who need him, and he is moved to perform one of his greatest miracles.

The holy gospel according to Matthew.

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹³Now when Jesus heard [about the beheading of John the Baptist], he withdrew from there in a boat to a deserted place by himself. But when the crowds heard it, they followed him on foot from the towns. ¹⁴When he went ashore, he saw a great crowd; and he had compassion for them and cured their sick. ¹⁵When it was evening, the disciples came to him and said, "This is a deserted place, and the hour is now late; send the crowds away so that they may go into the villages and buy food for themselves." ¹⁶Jesus said to them, "They need not go away; you give them something to eat." ¹⁷They replied, "We have nothing here but five loaves and two fish." ¹⁸And he said, "Bring them here to me." ¹⁹Then he ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass. Taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven, and blessed and broke the loaves, and gave them to the disciples,

and the disciples gave them to the crowds. ²⁰And all ate and were filled; and they took up what was left over of the broken pieces, twelve baskets full. ²¹And those who ate were about five thousand men, besides women and children.

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 *Loaves Were Broken, Words Were Spoken* **ACS 966**
(See Insert)

(Text: Herman G. Stuempfle, Jr., 1923-2007; Music: Marty Haugen, b. 1950; Text © 2006 GIA Publications, Inc.; Music © 1987 GIA Publications, Inc.)

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 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 *Thank You, Lord* *Benton Price*
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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.

at your banquet table.

Send us now to spread your generosity into all the world,
through the one who is our dearest treasure,
Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SENDING

BLESSING

God, the Source of glory,
God, the Word of life,
God, the Spirit of truth

✚ bless you all, now and forever.
Amen.

SENDING HYMN

Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ

ELW 674

(Text: Fred Kaan, 1929-2009; Music: Jamaican folk tune; adapt. Doreen Potter, 1925-1980; Text and music © 1975 Hope Publishing Company)

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Share the harvest.
Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Voluntary on "Engelberg"

Lloyd Larson

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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 *Come, Let Us Eat* **ELW 491**

(Text: Billema Kwillia, b. 1925, sts. 1-3; Gilbert E. Doan, Jr., b. 1930, st. 4, alt; tr. Margaret D. Miller, b. 1927, sts. 1-3, alt.; Music: Billema Kwillia, adapt.; Text sts. 1-3 and tune © Lutheran World Federation; text st. 4 and adapt. © 1972 Contemporary Worship 4, admin. Augsburg Fortress)

You Satisfy the Hungry Heart **ELW 484**

(Text: Omer Westendorf, 1916-1997; Music: Robert E. Kreutz, 1922-1996; Text and music © 1977 Archdiocese of Philadelphia)

(The assembly remains seated.)

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray.
We thank you, generous God,
for the refreshment we have received

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.

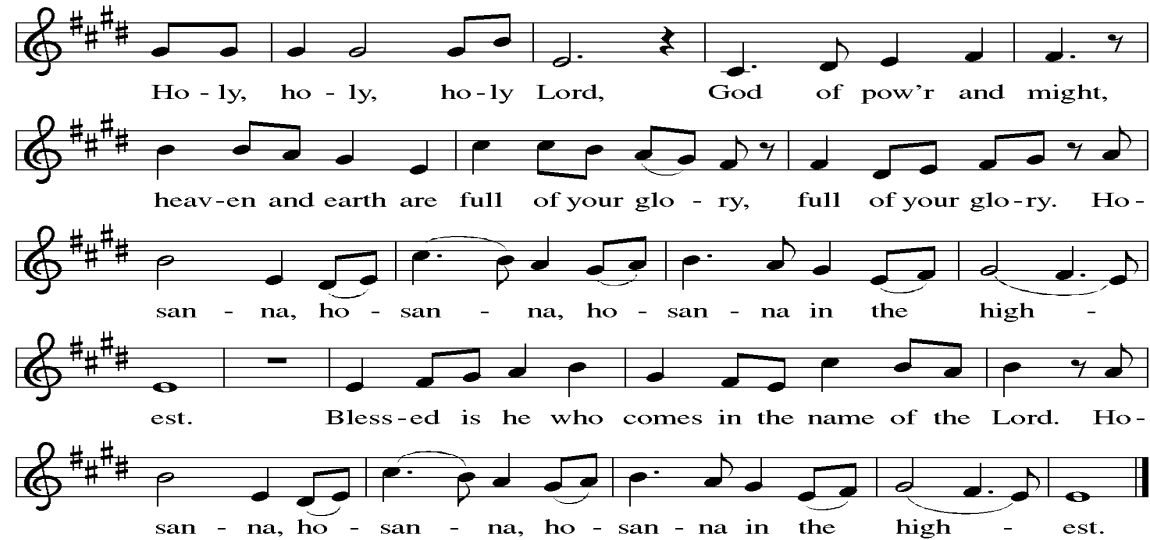
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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.