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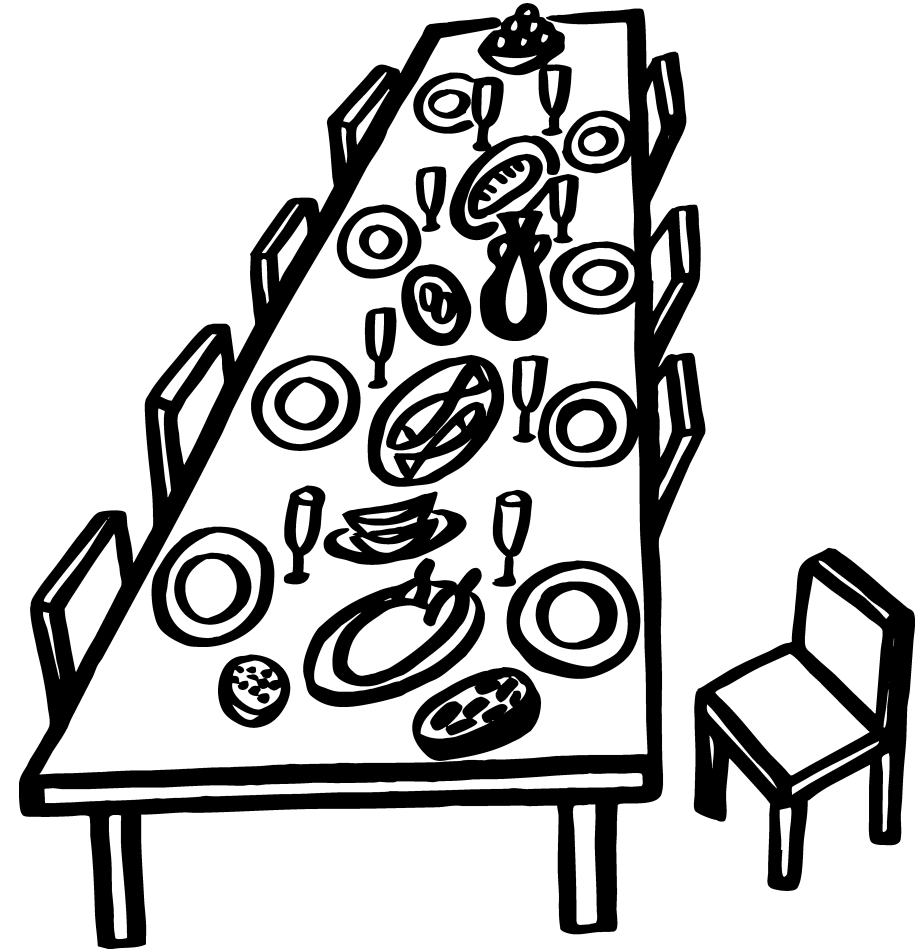
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 St. John's Lutheran Church Parkville

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# Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

August 31, 2025



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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

Invited and inviting—that is the nature of the church. By God’s grace in holy baptism we have a place at Christ’s banquet table. When, by the power of that same Spirit, humility and mutual love continue among us, the church can be more inviting still.

*(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*

*Anthony Giamanco*

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*(Please stand as you are able.)*

## GATHERING

## CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

In the name of the Father,  
and of the + Son,  
and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

Baptized into Christ, let us confess our sin.

*(Silence is kept for reflection.)*

Merciful God,  
**you free us to love others,  
but we neglect our neighbors and follow our own way.  
You lead us by the Spirit of joy and peace,  
but we turn away from the abundant life you offer.  
You surround us with patience, kindness,  
and generosity,  
but we grow weary in doing what is right.  
In your mercy, forgive us.  
Do not give up on us.  
Heal us, break our bonds,  
and show us the path of life.  
Amen.**

You belong to Christ Jesus  
and you are God’s children through faith.

In the cross of + Christ,  
and through the power of the Holy Spirit,  
your sins are forgiven.

Those Serving Today	
Assisting Minister	Robin Dibley
Crucifer	James W.
Acolyte (s)	Jack W.
Lector	Donna McDonough
Communion Assistant	Donna McDonough
Dismissal Assistant	Alec B.

This week's schedule		
Today	9:00 am	Faith + Fellowship (Fellowship Hall)
	10:00 am	Live & Online Worship
Mon.	<b><i>Labor Day (office closed)</i></b>	
Tues.		
Wed.	9:30 am	Busy Bees (Smith Building)
	5:30 pm	Community Meal (Fellowship Hall)
	6:45 pm	Wed. Night Worship (Smith Building)
Thurs.		
Fri.	10:00 am	Bible Study (Smith Building)
Sat.		

Counting our Blessings			
Sun.	Attendance: 103	<b>2025</b>	
8/24	Offering: \$ 3,933	July Offering Income	\$ 19,581
	Homebound: 16	July Other Income	\$ 60,062
		July Total Income	\$ 79,643
		July Expenses	\$ 50,748
		YTD Offering Income	\$193,331
		YTD Other Income	\$123,868
		YTD Total Income	\$317,199
		YTD Expenses	\$264,241



## Prayer List

Please remember the following individuals in your prayers.

**For health & healing:** Tony Jasinski, Danyiel Cleckley, Kathy Barnes, Sue Wenneson, Pat Denk, Louie Gerber, Joan Kraft, Shirley Kreh, Olusegun Fowode, Marge Jasper, Julie Hastings, Kim Townsley, Mildred Schaffer, Bill Fliegel, Ruth Albrecht, Marion McDonough, Diane Carroll, Richard Souders, Oluseye Fowode, Robert Suznick, Lisa Duerling, Debbie Miller, Sandy Scott and Vickie Jasinski

**For family & friends:** Linda Preuet, Jerry Earles, Lynette Earles, Bill Beck, Henry Davis, Donna Parrish, Brenda DeSouze, Bill Sanner, Linda Sanner, Don Garrish, Peggy Denk, JR Kidd, Carol Paulshock, Katherine Fliegel, Elaine Perzan, Debbie McWilliam, George Lotterer, Jenny Cavallero, Barb Distefano, Marilyn Baldwin, Wendy Kraft, Fred Smith, Anna Meyer, Patricia Dunn, Jerre Keller, Scott Hendricks, Chuck Taylor, Jane Esterby, Patsy Smith, Marianne Widderich

**For the military and their families:** Christopher McCann, Mason Arnold, Kalib McCann, 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:** Charlotte Leach, Gary Roth, Sr.

**For St. John's Caring Friends:** Patricia Becker, Agatha Biensach-Daniels, Barbara Conrad, Margaret Eubert, June Franz, Betty Glassband, Richard Hoerner, Audrey Lentz, Carl Lotterer, Barbara Mueller, Paul Nolder, Janet Roth, Doris Rye, Joan Swank, Kim Townsley, and Emma Volz

### Note regarding the Prayer List

Those on the family & friends prayer list will remain for 6 weeks and then be removed— unless otherwise specified. If at any time you would like to add or remove someone from the list, please contact the church office.

Clothed with Christ, you are a new creation.

**Amen.**

## GATHERING HYMN

*O God, beyond All Praising*

*ELW 880*

*(Text: Michael Perry, 1942-1996; Music: Gustav Holst, 1874-1934; Text © 1982, 1987 Jubilate Hymns, admin. Hope Publishing Company)*

## 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, you resist those who are proud and give grace to those who are humble. Give us the humility of your Son, that we may embody the generosity of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.  
**Amen.**

## CHILDREN'S SERMON

### WORD

## FIRST READING

**Proverbs 25:6-7a**

*The book of Proverbs is part of a collection of writings known as wisdom literature. Wisdom literature gave directions to Israel's leaders and people for the conduct of daily life. Today's reading is about humility.*

- <sup>6</sup> Do not put yourself forward in the king's presence or stand in the place of the great,
- <sup>7a</sup> for it is better to be told, "Come up here," than to be put lower in the presence of a noble.

Word of God, word of life.

**Thanks be to God.**

## PSALM

*(Read responsively; congregation reads bold verses)*

**Psalm 112**

- <sup>1</sup> Hallelujah! Happy are they who fear the LORD and have great delight in God's commandments!
- <sup>2</sup> **Their descendants will be mighty in the land; the generation of the upright will be blessed.**
- <sup>3</sup> Wealth and riches will be in their house, and their righteousness will last forever.
- <sup>4</sup> **Light shines in the darkness for the upright; the righteous are merciful and full of compassion.**

- <sup>5</sup> It is good for them to be generous in lending and to manage their affairs with justice.
- <sup>6</sup> **For they will never be shaken; the righteous will be kept in everlasting remembrance.**
- <sup>7</sup> They will not be afraid of any evil rumors; their heart is steadfast, trusting in the LORD.
- <sup>8</sup> **Their heart is established and will not shrink, until they see their desire upon their enemies.**
- <sup>9</sup> They have given freely to the poor, and their righteousness stands fast forever; they will hold up their head with honor.
- <sup>10</sup> **The wicked will see it and be angry; they will gnash their teeth and pine away; the desires of the wicked will perish.**

**SECOND READING**

**Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16**

*The conclusion of the letter to the Hebrews contains suggestions for the conduct of a holy life, all of which are shaped by God's love toward us in Jesus Christ.*

<sup>1</sup> Let mutual affection continue. <sup>2</sup> Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by doing that some have entertained angels without knowing it. <sup>3</sup> Remember those who are in prison, as though you were in prison with them, those who are being tortured, as though you yourselves were being tortured. <sup>4</sup> Let marriage be held in honor by all, and let the marriage bed be kept undefiled, for God will judge the sexually immoral and adulterers. <sup>5</sup> Keep your lives free from the love of money, and be content with what you have, for he himself has said, "I will never leave you or forsake you." <sup>6</sup> So we can say with confidence,

"The Lord is my helper;  
I will not be afraid.

What can anyone do to me?"

<sup>7</sup> Remember your leaders, those who spoke the word of God to you; consider the outcome of their way of life, and imitate their faith. <sup>8</sup> Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever. <sup>15</sup> Through him, then, let us continually offer a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that confess his name. <sup>16</sup> Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.

Word of God, word of life.

**Thanks be to God.**


*(Please stand as you are able.)*


**Announcements & Upcoming Events**


**Next Week—Sunday, September 7<sup>th</sup>—Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost**  
 † 9 am—Sunday School Kickoff (for all ages) in Fellowship Hall  
 † 10 am—Worship in-person  
 † 11:30 am—Executive Meeting  
**and livestreamed on our YouTube Channel**  
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**The beautiful flowers gracing our worship service** today are given in honor of Robin Dibley's birthday by her mother, Mary Gude.

**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. 


 **What is Lutheran Christianity?** Wow, what a big question! Starting Sunday, September 14<sup>th</sup>, you're invited to Faith and Fellowship as we dig into this together. We'll meet in the Fellowship Hall from 9:00–9:45am to learn, ask questions, and share conversation about what it means to be Lutheran and how our faith shapes daily life. All are welcome—come with your curiosity!


**The Food for Thought Program is gearing up for the 2025-2026 school year.** We will again be supporting children at Carney Elementary. **At this time we are in need of: tuna & chicken salad kits, applesauce pouches, poparts and pudding cups.** Don't feel like shopping? Monetary donations are always welcome. 

 **Join us for our next Community Meal on Wednesday, September 3<sup>rd</sup> beginning at 5:30 pm.** Please come and invite your friends, family and neighbors! We will need donations and volunteers. Look for the sign up sheet on the third floor bulletin board.

**Our next Wednesday Night Worship will take place on Wednesday, September 3<sup>rd</sup> after the Community Meal at 6:45 pm.** This is a brief communion service held in the Smith Building with blended music featuring piano and/or guitar, as well as an interactive reflection. We hope you can join us and invite your friends and neighbors! 

 **Join us for our Friday morning Bible Study on September 5<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 am in the Smith Building.** Our study will be on Philipians. All are welcome!

**Sunday School Kickoff is next Sunday, September 7<sup>th</sup> 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! 

 **The church office will be closed on Monday, September 1<sup>st</sup> in observance of Labor Day.**

# You Are Holy

## Du är helig

1\*

Du är he - lig, du är hel. Du är all - tid myck-et mer  
You are ho - ly, you are whole. You are al - ways ev - er more

än vi nån - sin kan för - stå, du är nä - ra än - då.  
than we ev - er un - der - stand. You are al - ways at hand.

Väl - sig - nad va - re du som kom - mer hit just nu,  
Bless - ed are you com - ing near. Bless - ed are you com - ing here

väl - sig - na - de vår jord, blir till bröd på vår jord.  
to your church in wine and bread, raised from soil, raised from dead.

2

Du är he - lig, du är hel - het,  
You are ho - ly, you are whole - ness,

du är när - het he - la kos - mos lo - var dig!  
you are pres - ent. Let the cos - mos praise you, Lord!

Ho - si - an - na, ho - si - an - na,  
Sing ho - san - na in the high - est!

ho - si - an - na, ho - si - an - na vår Gud.  
Sing ho - san - na! Sing ho - san - na to our God!

\* May be sung in canon.

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## 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

Luke 14:1, 7-14

*Jesus observes guests jockeying for position at the table. He uses the opportunity to teach his hearers to choose humility rather than self-exaltation. Jesus also makes an appeal for hosts to imitate God's gracious hospitality to those in need.*

The holy gospel according to Luke.

Glory to you, O Lord.

<sup>1</sup> On one occasion when Jesus was going to the house of a leader of the Pharisees to eat a meal on the Sabbath, they were watching him closely.

<sup>7</sup> When he noticed how the guests chose the places of honor, he told them a parable. <sup>8</sup> "When you are invited by someone to a wedding banquet, do not sit down at the place of honor, in case someone more distinguished than you has been invited by your host, <sup>9</sup> and the host who invited both of you may come and say to you, 'Give this person your place,' and then in disgrace you would start to take the lowest place. <sup>10</sup> But when you are invited, go and sit down at the lowest place, so that when your host comes, he may say to you, 'Friend, move up higher'; then you will be honored in the presence of all who sit at the table with you. <sup>11</sup> For all who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted."

<sup>12</sup> He said also to the one who had invited him, "When you give a luncheon or a dinner, do not invite your friends or your brothers and sisters or your relatives or rich neighbors, in case they may invite you in return, and you would be repaid. <sup>13</sup> But when you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, and the blind. <sup>14</sup> And you will be blessed because they cannot repay you, for you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous."

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

*(The assembly is seated.)*

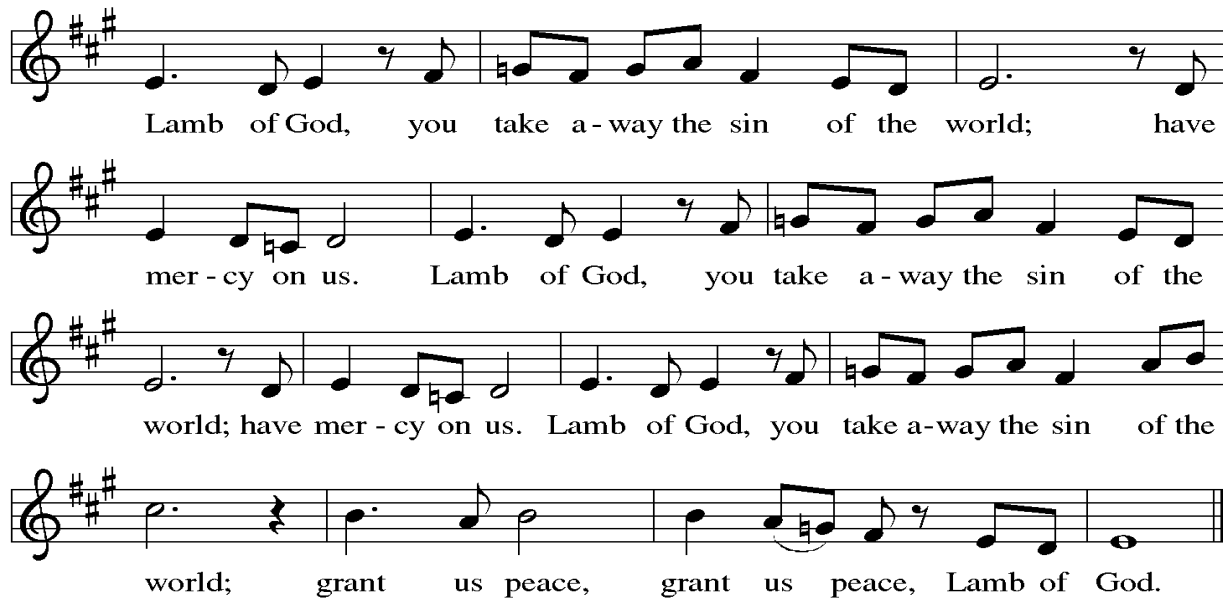


## COMMUNION

*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 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

*Now We Join in Celebration*

*ELW 462*

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*In the Singing*

*ELW 466*

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*(The assembly remains seated.)*


## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Mothering God,  
you gathered us to your table  
and we drank deeply of your grace.  
Send us out by your Spirit  
to love our neighbors as ourselves

## OFFERING HYMN

*Goodness Is Stronger than Evil*

*ELW 721*



Good-ness is stron-ger than e - vil; love is stron-ger than hate;  
light is stron-ger than dark - ness; life is stron-ger than death; vic-t'ry is  
ours, vic-t'ry is ours, through God who loves us. Vic-t'ry is  
ours, vic-t'ry is ours, through God who loves us.

Text: From *An African Prayer Book*, Desmond Tutu, b. 1931

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## OFFERING PRAYER

Creator God,  
in your wisdom you bring forth all that is good  
and the harvest is plentiful.  
Strengthen us at your table with these gifts of the earth  
and our labor,  
that we may work for the good of all;  
through 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**

*You Are Holy (See page 12)*

*ELW 525*

## THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

Holy God,  
you alone are holy,  
you alone are God.

The universe declares your praise:  
beyond the stars;  
beneath the sea;  
within each cell;  
with every breath.  
We praise you, O God.  
**We praise you, O God.**

Generations bless your faithfulness:  
through the water;  
by night and day;  
across the wilderness;  
out of exile;  
into the future.  
We bless you, O God.  
**We bless you, O God.**

We give you thanks for your dear Son:  
at the heart of human life;  
near to those who suffer;  
beside the sinner;

among the poor;  
with us now.  
We thank you, O God.  
**We thank you, O God.**

In the night in which he was betrayed...

Remembering his love for us  
on the way,  
at the table,  
and to the end,  
we proclaim the mystery of faith:  
**Christ has died.**  
**Christ is risen.**  
**Christ will come again.**

We pray for the gift of your Spirit:  
in our gathering;  
within this meal;  
among your people;  
throughout the world.

Blessing, praise, and thanks  
to you, holy God,  
through Christ Jesus,  
by your Spirit,  
in your church,  
without end.  
**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

The kingdom of God is set before you.  
Eat and rejoice.