

# St John's Lutheran Church

4842 Nicollet Avenue South  
Minneapolis, Minnesota 55419

*Fueled by Christ's redeeming love,  
St. John's is called into a joyful life of  
welcoming hospitality, grace-filled  
worship, transformational relationships,  
and Gospel-driven service in the world.*

**St. John's is an RIC congregation.**

*A vibrant community living faith boldly through Welcoming, Worshiping, Healing, and Serving.*

## Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost September 15, 2019



Flor Peeters

Prelude

*Aria*

Welcome

### Confession and Forgiveness

Blessed be the Holy Trinity, ✚ one God, who forgives all our sin,  
whose mercy endures forever.

**Amen.**

Seeking reconciliation with God and neighbor,  
let us remember the gift of baptism and confess our sin. *(Silence is kept for reflection.)*

God of mercy,  
we confess that we have sinned against you, against one another, and against  
the earth entrusted to our care. We are worried and distracted by many things,  
and we fail to love you above all else. We store up treasures for ourselves  
and turn away from our neighbors in need. Forgive us, that we may live in the  
freedom of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

When we were laid low by sin and guilt, God made us alive together with Christ,  
forgiving us ✚ all our trespasses by taking our sins to the cross.

For freedom Christ has set us free: Rejoice in this good news!

**Amen.**

Opening Hymn

*Great Is Thy Faithfulness*

ELW 733

Greeting

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, the communion of the Holy  
Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

**W**  
**OR**  
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**N**  
**G**  
Gathering together in prayer and praise.

## WELCOME!

God is here for you.

If you have a prayer of celebration or concern that you would like included in the prayers, please complete the white card located in the pew rack and place it in the offering plate during the offering.

## FRIENDS—

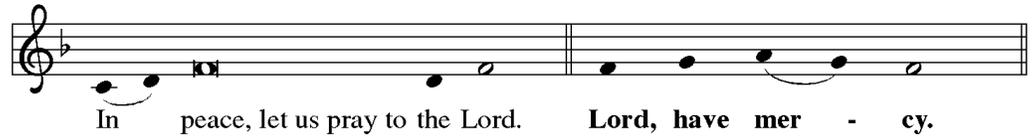
Welcome! Thank you for worshipping at St. John's today.

You are welcome to participate in every part of the worship service, including Holy Communion.

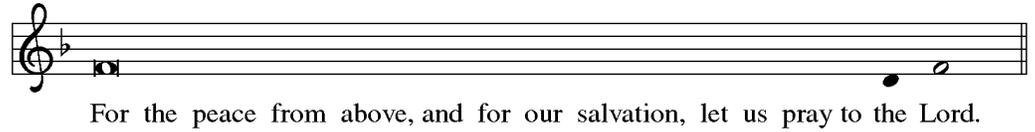
You're also welcome to fill out a white Fellowship Card in your pew rack and place it in the offering plate.

If you would like more information about this congregation and its ministry in the world, please ask!

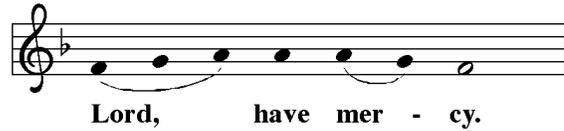
## Kyrie



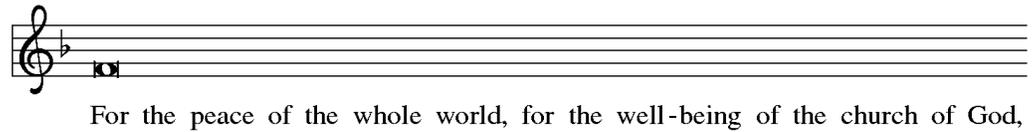
In peace, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mer - cy.**



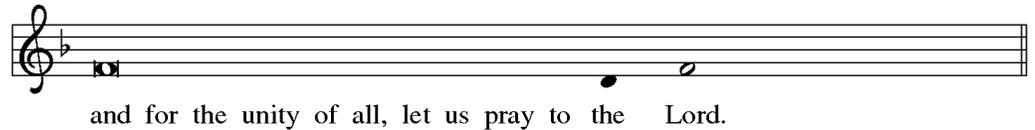
For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



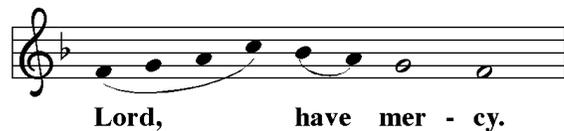
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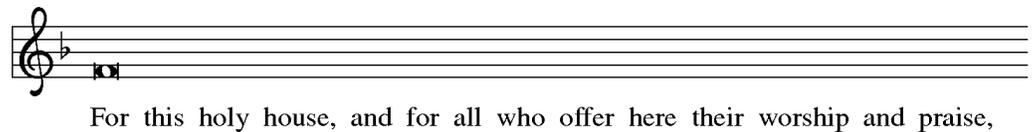
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



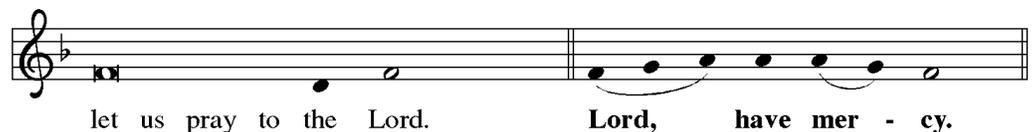
and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



**Lord, have mer - cy.**



For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mer - cy.**



Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord. **A - men.**

## Hymn of Praise

### Refrain

This is the feast \_\_\_\_\_ of vic - to - ry for our God. Al - le -  
lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

1. Wor - thy is Christ, the \_\_\_\_\_ Lamb who was slain, whose  
blood set us free \_\_\_\_\_ to be peo - ple of God. (To Refrain)

2. Pow - er, rich - es, \_\_\_\_\_ wis - dom, and strength, and  
hon - or, \_\_\_\_\_ bless - ing, and glo - ry are his. (To Refrain)

3. Sing with all the peo - ple of God, and join in the  
hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless - ing, hon - or, glo - ry, and  
might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men. (To Refrain)

4. For the Lamb who was slain has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu \_\_\_\_\_ ia.  
(To Refrain)

Children are welcome to worship in their seats with you or go to the nursery with a Nursery Attendant.

Nursery care is offered for children up to age 6.

The nursery is located at the end of the hall to the right of the front of the sanctuary.

Activity bags are available at the back of the sanctuary.

Today's Nursery Attendants are:  
**Dustin Olson**  
**Jackie Catullo**

## Prayer of the Day

O God, overflowing with mercy and compassion, you lead back to yourself all those who go astray. Preserve your people in your loving care, that we may reject whatever is contrary to you and may follow all things that sustain our life in your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

## Word for Children

Pastor Mark

**First Reading**

**Exodus 32:7-14**

**Pew Bible p. 69**

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm 51:1-10** *(read responsively)*

Have mercy on me, O God,  
according to your steadfast love;  
according to your abundant mercy  
blot out my transgressions.

**Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity,  
and cleanse me from my sin.**

For I know my transgressions,  
and my sin is ever before me.

**Against you, you alone, have I sinned,  
and done what is evil in your sight,  
so that you are justified in your sentence  
and blameless when you pass judgment.**

Indeed, I was born guilty,  
a sinner when my mother conceived me.

**You desire truth in the inward being;  
therefore teach me wisdom in my secret heart.**

Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean;  
wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.

**Let me hear joy and gladness;  
let the bones that you have crushed rejoice.**

Hide your face from my sins,  
and blot out all my iniquities.

**Create in me a clean heart, O God,  
and put a new and right spirit within me.**

**Second Reading**

**1 Timothy 1:12-17**

**Pew Bible p. 963**

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Gospel Acclamation** *(please stand as able)*



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.

Readings next week:

Amos 8:4-7

Psalm 113

1 Timothy 2:1-7

Luke 16:1-13

**Those in our prayers today:**

Margaret Thompson  
Jane McDonald  
Norleen Schmidt  
Bruce Walker  
Margery Arens  
Amy Arens  
Susan Stagg  
Rhonda Stanley  
Sharon Kunz  
Nancy Hacker  
Violet Raymond  
Taichi Chen  
Anna Koosman  
Shirley Foerster  
Jane McNaughton  
Oly Stromberg  
Vicky Ercolani  
Sara Reineke  
Gloria Swanson  
Diane Ristrom  
Ken Marsh  
Mike Schlagel  
Lori Christoferson  
Debra Jacobs

**The Offering** is an important part of Christian worship; a moment when we share God's abundance by giving back to God what God has first given to us: our selves, time, talents, and finances. Thank you for all the ways you live by God's grace, sharing from what you have to empower the mission and ministry to which God has called us as St. John's Lutheran Church.

**Gospel Reading:**

Luke 15:1-10

The Holy Gospel according to Luke, the fifteenth chapter:

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

Now all the tax collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to [Jesus.] And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, "This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them."

So he told them this parable: "Which one of you, having a hundred sheep and losing one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the wilderness and go after the one that is lost until he finds it? When he has found it, he lays it on his shoulders and rejoices. And when he comes home, he calls together his friends and neighbors, saying to them, 'Rejoice with me, for I have found my sheep that was lost.' Just so, I tell you, there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who need no repentance.

"Or what woman having ten silver coins, if she loses one of them, does not light a lamp, sweep the house, and search carefully until she finds it? When she has found it, she calls together her friends and neighbors, saying, 'Rejoice with me, for I have found the coin that I had lost.' Just so, I tell you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents."

The gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

**Sermon**

Pastor Mark

**Hymn of the Day**    *Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound*    **ELW 779**

**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**

Lord in your mercy,  
**Hear our prayer.**

**Sharing of the Peace**

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

**Offering**

**Special Music**

*The King of Love My Shepherd Is*

St. Columba

Setting by Jeffrey Honoré

## In The Great

**Thanksgiving**, we lift our hearts to a good and generous God who provides this gift for us.

All are welcome to commune at St. John's. If your child does not yet commune, you are welcome to bring them forward to receive a blessing from the pastor.

Communion will be served from the kneelers at the front of the sanctuary. Greeters will direct you forward for distribution. You will receive the host to eat and then wine (red) or juice (white) from an individual communion cup. Gluten-free wafers are available. Please indicate your need to the server.

**The ingredients for our communion bread are:**  
**whole wheat flour, white flour, salt, baking powder, oil, water, molasses & honey.**

Please inform the greeters if you need special assistance, and communion will be brought to you.

## Offering Hymn

## Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful

### Offering Song



Let the vine - yards be fruit-ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of  
bless-ing. Gath - er a har-vest from the seeds that were sown, that we may be  
fed with the bread of life. Gath - er the hopes and the dreams of all; u -  
nite them with the prayers we of - fer now. Grace our ta - ble with your  
pres-ence, and give us a fore-taste of the feast to come.

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## Offering Prayer

Blessed are you,

**O Lord our God, maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts. With them we offer ourselves to your service and dedicate our lives to the care and redemption of all that you have made, for the sake of him who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## The Great Thanksgiving

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.**

## The Words of Institution

### The Lord's Prayer

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.**

## **WORSHIP**

### **LEADERS**

Presiding Minister:

*Mark Tiede*

Assisting Minister:

*Sarah Tellijohn*

Worship & Music:

*Kira Winter, Director*

*Peder Flaten, organist*

St. John's Bells

Communion Preparer:

*Elizabeth Roe*

Acolyte:

Greeters:

*Sharon Koschak*

*Andy Tellijohn*

*Jim & Dona Collins*

Nursery:

*Dustin Olson*

*Jackie Catullo*

Coffee Servers:

*Matt & Jennifer Burdick*

Counters:

*Deborah Dunham*

*JoAnn Christoferson*

## **CHURCH COUNCIL**

President:

*Lori Johnson*

Vice President:

*Jennifer Burdick*

Secretary:

*Patrick Coveney*

Treasurer:

*Susan Zabel*

Members-at-Large:

*Jim Gambucci*

*Tamara Gebhardt*

*Bea Hasselmann*

*Ann Paulson*

*Jeanne Tuwey*

*Clara Willette*

## **Invitation to Communion**

God invites all of you to this table of bounty.

Come, the banquet is ready.

## **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.

**Communion Hymn**     *Lord Jesus, You Shall Be My Song*     ELW 808

## **Post Communion Blessing**

### **Prayer after Communion**

Let us pray. O God, in this holy communion you have welcomed us into your presence, nourished us with words of mercy, and fed us at your table. Amid the cares of this life, strengthen us to love you with all our heart, serve our neighbors with a willing spirit, and honor the earth you have made; through Christ our lord. Amen.

## **Announcements** (*please be seated*)

### **The Benediction**

The Lord bless you and keep you, the Lord make His face shine upon you with grace and mercy, the Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace. In the name of the Father,  $\text{†}$  Son and the Holy Spirit. Amen.

**Sending Hymn**     *Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing*     ELW 807

### **Dismissal**

Christ is with you. God in peace. Serve the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### **Postlude**

*Variation on 'New Britain'*

Neal Kamp

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# Our Welcoming Life Together

## CALENDAR:

### Today:

	<u>Event:</u>	<u>Location:</u>
10:00 a.m.	Worship	Sanctuary
11:00 a.m.	Fellowship; Everyone Welcome!	Fellowship Hall
11:15 a.m.	Forum: 'Breeze' Introduction	Fellowship Hall

### Tuesday, September 17

8:00 a.m.	Stewardship Committee	Lounge
2:00 p.m.	St. John's Staff	Lounge
7:00 p.m.	Metropolitan Men's Choir	Fellowship Hall

### Wednesday, September 18

6:30 p.m.	Bible Study & More	Lounge
6:45 p.m.	St. John's Brass	Sanctuary
7:30 p.m.	St. John's Choir	Fellowship Hall

### Thursday, September 19 Page Backpack Delivery

10:00 a.m.	Bible Study & More	Lounge
5:30 p.m.	ECFE (Child Care)	FH/Lounge
7:00 p.m.	St. John's Council	Chapel

### Saturday, September 21

9:00 a.m.	Metropolitan Boys & Men's Choir Rehearsals	FH/Chapel
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### Next Sunday, September 22—Pentecost 15

9:15 a.m.	Sunday School	Upper Room
10:00 a.m.	Worship	Sanctuary
11:00 a.m.	Fellowship Hour/ <i>Breeze</i> info available	Fellowship Hall

**FLOWERS** are given today by Jim and Dona Collins in celebration of their 65th wedding anniversary on September 18.

**BREEZE**, our new church membership system, will be introduced to St. John's members during a forum in Fellowship Hall following worship today. A brief demonstration on how to access Breeze and use the online directory will be given. Follow-up assistance will be available during fellowship hour on September 22 and 29 as well.

**BIBLE STUDY & MORE** with Pastor Mark is offered Wednesday evening at 6:30 p.m. and Thursday morning at 10:00 a.m. in St. John's Lounge. ALL ARE WELCOME to join in exploring key teachings, worship patterns and practices, and other aspects of main religious traditions in our country today, with discussion based on the study *Honoring Our Neighbor's Faith: A Lutheran Perspective on Faith Traditions in America*.

**TOWELS FOR HARBOR LIGHT**—Throughout September, Missionary Circle is asking for the help of St. John's congregation in gathering new or clean, used towels for donation to Harbor Light Shelter in Minneapolis. Your gifts will be much appreciated!

**ST. JOHN'S CHILD CARE CENTER'S SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR:** Tuesday - Thursday, September 24 - 26, join in sharing a love of reading with our students at the Book Fair—it's a great way to connect kids you know with books they want to read! Visit our Fair to make your selections in person. Consider purchasing a book for one of our classrooms; teacher "Wish Lists" will be posted at the fair. We appreciate your dedication to creating lifelong readers. See you at our Book Fair!

**YOUR GENEROSITY FEEDS THE HUNGRY!** Thank you for your food donations for the Page Backpack Program! Backpacks are being delivered to the school this Thursday, September 19.

## ST JOHN'S STAFF

Pastor:

*Mark Tiede*

Dir. of Worship & Music:

*Kira Winter*

Office Assistant:

*Ann Paulson*

Bookkeeper:

*Sarah Sarset*

Custodians:

*Joseph Sabai*

Day

*Ben Gebhardt*

Weekend/

Event

Organist:

*Peder Flaten*

Accompanist:

*Ann Paulson*

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*Tina Shear*

Chi Rho Camp Manager

*Dave Helm*

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