

WORSHIP WITH HOLY BAPTISM:

CALL OF ABRAHAM

Sunday, September 18, 2022

9:30 am

PRELUDE

+ **Gathering** +

RINGING OF THE BELL

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

GATHERING HYMN

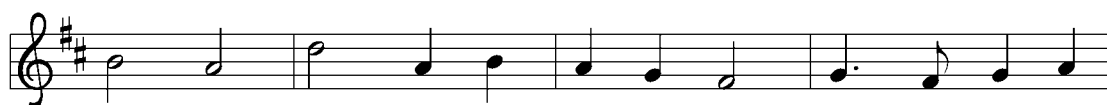
Praise and Thanksgiving Be to God (ELW 458)



1 Praise and thanks - giv - ing be to God our
2 Not our own ho - li - ness, nor that we have
3 Come, Ho - ly Spir - it, come in vis - i -
4 Praise to the Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly



mak - er, source of all bless - ing, prod - i - gal cre -
striv - en brings us the peace which you, O Christ, have
ta - tion; you are the truth, our hope, and our sal -
Spir - it: one Lord, one faith, one source of ev - 'ry



a - tor. Bap - tized and made your own, now we come be -
giv - en. Bap - tized and set a - part, strength - en us, O
va - tion. Bap - tize with joy and pow'r, give, O Dove de -
mer - it. Here now re - new your church through this sym - bol



fore you, and we a - dore you.
Sav - ior, with grace and fa - vor.
scend - ing, life nev - er end - ing.
giv - en; grant peace from heav - en.

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.

+ **Baptism** +

PRESENTATION

Pastor: God, who is rich in mercy and love, gives us a new birth into a living hope through the sacrament of baptism. By water and the Word, God delivers us from sin and death and raises us to new life in Jesus Christ. We are united with all the baptized in the one body of Christ, anointed with the gift of the Holy Spirit, and joined in God's mission for the life of the world.

Sponsors: We present Baker James Burseth for baptism.

Pastor: Lauren and Daniel, called by the Holy Spirit, trusting in the grace and love of God, do you desire to have Baker baptized into Christ?

Parents: We do.

Pastor: As you bring Baker to receive the gift of baptism, you are entrusted with the following responsibilities: to live with him among God's faithful people, to bring him to the word of God and the Holy Supper, to teach him the Lord's Prayer, the Creed, and the Ten Commandments, to place in his hands the holy scriptures, and to nurture him in faith and prayer, so that he may learn to trust God, proclaim Christ through word and deed, care for others and the world God made, and work for justice and peace. Do you promise to help him grow in the Christian faith and life?

Parents: We do.

Pastor: Sponsors, do you promise to nurture Baker in the Christian faith as you are empowered by God's Spirit, and to help him live in the covenant of baptism and in communion with the church?

Sponsors: We do.

Pastor: People of God, do you promise to support Baker and pray for him in his new life in Christ?

Congregation: **We do.**

PROFESSION OF FAITH

Together, we now profess our faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church.

People of God, do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God?

I renounce them.

Do you renounce the powers of this world that rebel against God?

I renounce them.

Do you renounce the ways of sin that draw you from God?

I renounce them.

Do you believe in God the Father?

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

**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.**

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**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.**

All children are invited forward.

THANKSGIVING AT THE FONT

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning your spirit moved over the waters and by your Word you created the world, calling forth life in which you took delight. Through the waters of the flood you delivered Noah and his family, and through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery into freedom. At the river your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit. By the baptism of Jesus' death and resurrection you set us free from the power of sin and death and raise us up to live in you.

God, pour out your Holy Spirit upon this water, that it may heal the wounds and burdens left by sin and wash away the walls that divide us. Grant all who are baptized in this water new life.

Amen.

BAPTISM

Baker James Burseth,

I baptize you in the name of the Creator, who is our Mother and our Father,
in the name of the Son, Jesus, who is the Christ,
and in the name of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

ACCLAMATION

Sung three times.

1* 2 3

You have put on Christ; in whom you have been bap - tized.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

** May be sung in two or three part canon.*

Text: International Commission on English in the Liturgy
Music: Howard Hughes, b. 1930
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ANOINTING

Let us pray.

We give you thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy Spirit you give your children new birth, cleanse them from sin, and raise them to eternal life. Sustain Baker with the gift of your Holy Spirit: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence, both now and forever.

Amen.

Baker, child of God, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever. **Amen.**

PRESENTATION OF GIFTS

As the baptismal candle is presented:

Baker, let your light shine before others that they may see your good works and glorify your Creator.

Let us welcome the newly baptized.

We welcome you into the body of Christ and into the mission we share. Join us in giving thanks and praise to God and bearing God's creative and redeeming word to all the world.

The congregation may applaud.

Children may follow their teachers to Children's Church.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray together.

God of covenant, you promised Abraham land, descendants, and blessing so that he might be a blessing for all. Show us how to honor the covenant, so that we might be a blessing to others. We pray these things in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

+ Word +

THE BIBLE STORY

Genesis 12:1-9

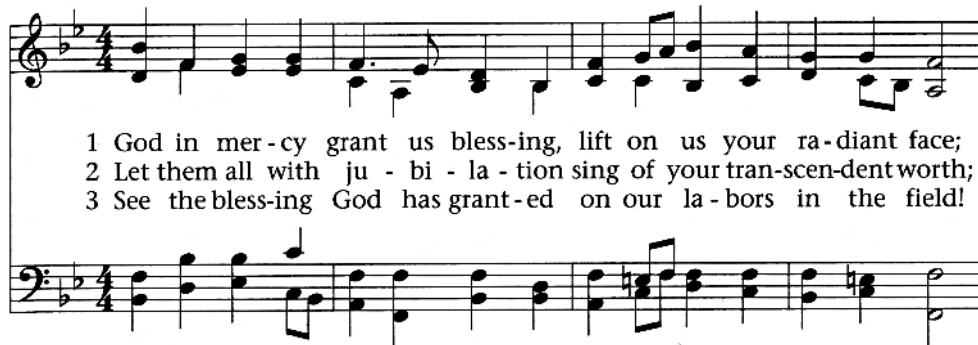
In keeping with the oral tradition of scripture, this week's Bible Story is presented verbally. You are invited to receive the story with open ears, minds, and hearts, joining with our ancestors in faith who have received these narratives through oral storytelling for thousands of years. For those who are hard of hearing, the text is provided on page 19.

Word of God, word of Life. **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 67

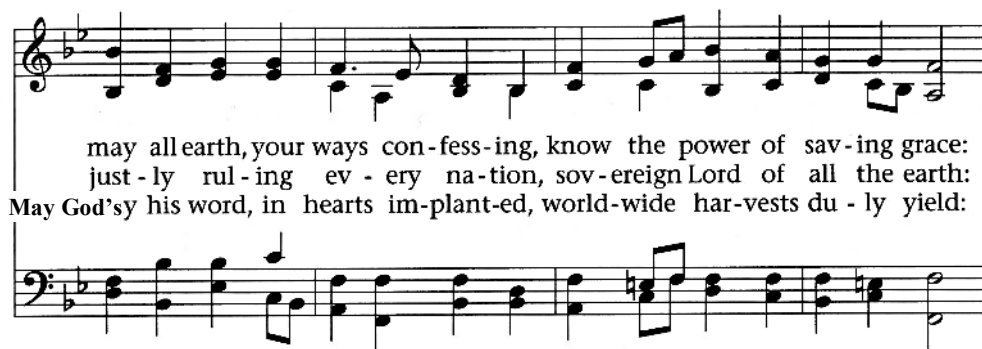
God in Mercy Grant Us Blessing

B^b E^b F B^b F/A B^b C_{sus} C F



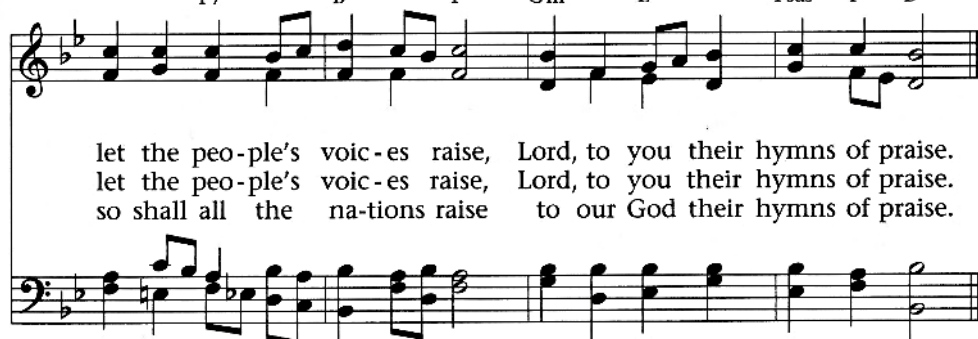
1 God in mer-cy grant us bless-ing, lift on us your ra-diant face;
2 Let them all with ju - bi - la - tion sing of your tran-scen-dent worth;
3 See the bless-ing God has grant-ed on our la - bors in the field!

B^b E^b F B^b F/A B^b C_{sus} C F



may all earth, your ways con-fess-ing, know the power of sav-ing grace:
just - ly rul - ing ev - ery na - tion, sov - ereign Lord of all the earth:
May God'sy his word, in hearts im-plant-ed, world-wide har-vests du - ly yield:

F7 B^b F G_m E^b F_{sus} F B^b



let the peo-ple's voic-es raise, Lord, to you their hymns of praise.
let the peo-ple's voic-es raise, Lord, to you their hymns of praise.
so shall all the na-tions raise to our God their hymns of praise.

Guitar chords do not correspond with keyboard harmony.

Words: David G. Preston © The Jubilate Group, admin. Hope Publishing Company
Music (ZEUCH MICH, ZEUCH MICH 8.7.8.7.7.7): *Geistreiches Gesangbuch*, Darmstadt, 1698; adapt. William H. Monk, 1861, P.D.

HYMN OF THE DAY

I Will Be Your God

E^b Cm A^b B^b E^b/G B^b7 E^b

1 To A - bra - ham and Sa - rah the call of God was clear:
 2 From A - bra - ham and Sa - rah a - rose a pil - grim race,
 3 We of the gen - er - a - tion on whom God's hand is laid

Cm A^b B^b E^b/G Fm B^b7 E^b

"Go forth, and I will show you a coun - try rich and fair.
 de - pen - dent for their jour - ney on God's a - bun - dant grace;
 can jour - ney to the fu - ture se - cure and un - a - fraid,

Cm F B^b A^b Fm B^b

You need not fear the jour - ney, for I have pledged my word
 and in their heart was writ - ten by God this sav - ing word,
 re - joic - ing in God's good - ness and trust - ing in God's word,

E^b Cm A^b B^b E^b Fm B^b7 E^b

that you shall be my peo - ple and I will be your God."
 "That you shall be my peo - ple and I will be your God."
 "That you shall be my peo - ple and I will be your God."

Words: Judith A. Fetter, 1984, (Gen. 12:1-3) © 1984 Judith A. Fetter
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PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

I invite you to assume a posture of prayer. You may sit, stand, or kneel; fold your hands or turn them upward; close your eyes or lift them to the altar.

Guiding God,
for days when we see the way ahead clearly
and for days beset by mist,
we pray for the faith of Abram to set out on a journey,
not knowing where it will take us,
not knowing who we will meet along the way,
but assured of your presence by our side.

We pray for those forced to make journeys
not of their choosing,
those who flee homes and lands and lives blighted by violence.
May they see you standing by the roadside,
crouching in their hiding places,
languishing in the rubble that remains
of all that they have known and loved.

We pray for all those thrust into environments
that are foreign to them.
May the kindness and compassion of others
bring them comfort and speak to them of welcome.

We pray for those tasked with moving folk on,
forced to uproot folk from all that they have known.
May their words of promise match their actions
and may peace accompany their paths.

God in every uncertainty you breathe the promise of hope.
In every conflict you breathe the promise of peace.
In every act of injustice you breathe the promise of love.

We pray for all whom we know facing the challenge of change,
whether by choice or whether imposed by outside forces,
those who are bereaved,
those who are facing illness,
those whose age and stage in life
presents challenges that are unknown.

Silence is kept.

Lord God, breathe your faith, your hope and your love
into the lives of this people and this community so that,
together, we may journey on with you, the God of all.
Amen.

From *Spill the Beans: Worship and Learning Resources for All Ages*, Issue 13, page 19.

THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

You are invited to share a sign of peace with one another (wave, handshake, hug, etc.), honoring the personal boundaries of all. Those online may unmute and verbally share the peace.

+ Meal +

INVITATION TO OFFERING

Grounded in God's covenant, it is our active love that reveals who we worship. As the plate is passed, you are invited to commit to giving of your whole selves. Together, we give of our talents and material resources to the church, with the expectation that they be used to further God's dream for our world.

By Tim Graves, adapted by Pr. Allison Bengfort.

OFFERING

We give thanks for your ongoing support of the ministry of St. John's!

Gifts may be placed in the offering plate, made in the Vanco Mobile app, or given online at stjohnswilmette.org/give. Thank you for your generosity!

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Be Thou My Vision

arr. by Tom Trenney

OFFERTORY VERSE

Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful

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 dreams of
all; u-nite them with the prayers we of-fer. Grace our ta-ble
with your pres-ence, and give us a fore-taste of the feast to come.

OFFERTORY

Text: John W. Arthur, 1922-1980
Music: Ronald A. Nelson, b. 1927
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Let us pray together.

**Gracious God,
in your great love you richly provide for our needs.
Make of these gifts a banquet of blessing,
and make us ready to share with all in need;
through Jesus Christ, who sets a table for all. Amen.**

DIALOGUE

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

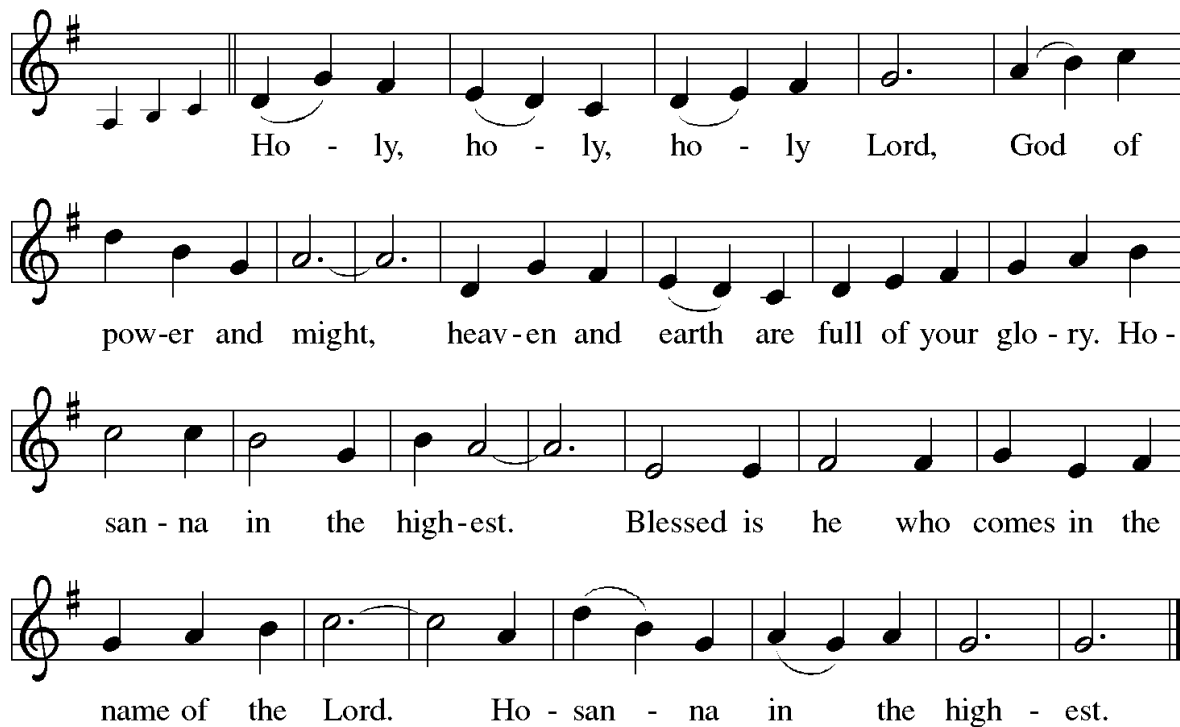
We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

PREFACE

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of
pow-er and might, heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
san - na in the high-est. Blessed is he who comes in the
name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

Those worshipping online are invited to raise their bread and wine along with the pastor to be blessed.

LORD'S PRAYER

**God our Mother,
God our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name.
Your kin-dom 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 kin-dom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and forever. Amen.**

**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,
the power, and the glory,
forever and ever. Amen.**

INVITATION

COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION

All are welcome to commune at Christ's table! If you are online, serve yourself or those worshipping with you by saying, "The body of Christ, given for you," and, "The blood of Christ, shed for you." If you are communing in person, please proceed down the center aisle at the direction of an usher, maintaining social distancing. You may receive bread or request a gluten-free wafer. Please step forward and then remove your mask to eat in front of the altar. A glass of wine (dark colored) will be placed on the table next to you, or you may request grape juice (light colored). You may drink and then place the empty glass in the basket. Please re-mask before returning to your seat. If you would prefer to receive only a blessing, you may cross your arms across your chest to indicate this preference. If you would like to receive communion in your seat, please inform an usher, and the sacrament will be brought to you.

COMMUNION SONG

Come to the Table (ELW 481)

Sung three times or more.



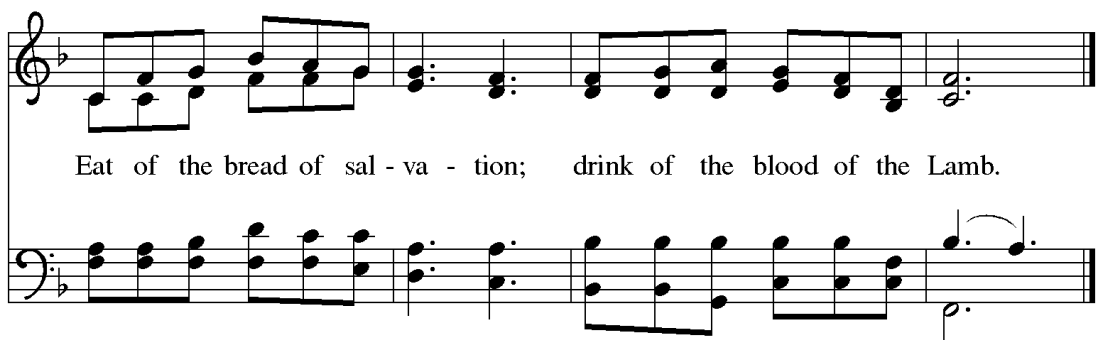
Come to the ta - ble of mer - cy, pre - pared with the wine and the bread.



All who are hun - gry and thirst - y, come, and your souls will be fed.



Come at the Lord's in - vi - ta - tion; re - ceive from his nail - scarred hand.



Eat of the bread of sal - va - tion; drink of the blood of the Lamb.

Text: Claire Cloninger, b. 1942
Music: COME TO THE TABLE, Martin J. Nystrom, b. 1956
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PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray together.

**God of the abundant table,
you have refreshed our hearts in this meal
with bread for the journey.**

**Give us your grace on the road
that we might serve our neighbors with joy;
for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

+ Sending +

COLORS OF THE COVENANT CHILDREN'S TIME

The musical score is written on three staves in a 4/4 time signature with a key signature of two flats (B-flat and E-flat). The melody is simple and suitable for children. The lyrics are: "Shades of pur - ple, shades of blue, green and yell - ow, or - ange, red No - ah and his fam' - ly too, saw the rain - bow ov - er - head God, Cre - a - tor, high a - bove you dis - played your sign of love." The score includes measure numbers 5 and 9.

Words: Carolyn Winfrey Gillete

Music: Richard Redhead, 1820-1901
Gethsemane (777777)

BENEDICTION

God, whose breath enlivens all things,
whose promise is everlasting,
and whose love overflows to all,
bless you with truth and peace,
in the name of the Creator, † the Christ, and the Holy Spirit,
Amen.

SENDING HYMN

Sent Forth by God's Blessings (ELW 547)

1 Sent forth by God's bless - ing, our true faith con - fess - ing,
 2 With praise and thanks - giv - ing, to God ev - er - liv - ing,
 the peo - ple of God from this dwell - ing take leave.
 the tasks of our ev - 'ry - day life we will face—
 The sup - per is end - ed. Oh, now be ex - tend - ed
 our faith ev - er shar - ing, in love ev - er car - ing,
 the fruits of this ser - vice in all who be - lieve.
 em - brac - ing God's chil - dren, the whole hu - man race.
 The seed of Christ's teach - ing, re - cep - tive souls
 With your feast you feed us, with your light now
 reach - ing, shall blos - som in ac - tion for God and for all.
 lead us; u - nite us as one in this life that we share.
 Your grace shall in - cite us, your love shall u - nite us
 Then may all the liv - ing with praise and thanks - giv - ing
 to work for your king - dom and an - swer your call.
 give hon - or to Christ and his name that we bear.

Text: Omer Westendorf, 1916–1997, alt.
 Music: THE ASH GROVE, Welsh folk tune
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DISMISSAL

Go in peace, confident in Christ's love.
Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Baptism of Baker Burseth

It is with great joy that we celebrate the baptism of Baker Burseth today, welcoming him into the Body of Christ. We rejoice with his parents, Lauren and Daniel, and we welcome the family members and friends who join us for worship today. Thanks be to God for the gift of this child!

Youth Choir Begins Today

Starting today, St. John's will be offering a new opportunity for children to participate in a youth choir. Rehearsals will be held on Sundays in the sanctuary from 11:00 to 11:30 am, and the group will perform once or twice per season. Any children who enjoy music or singing are encouraged to participate. No experience is required - all are welcome! Please contact the music director, Luke Duroc-Danner, for any questions or to express interest (luke@stjohnswilmette.com).

Adult Forum: What Shall We Study?

Today at 11:00 am, all teens and adults are invited to gather in the downstairs conference room to select a study topic for the next four weeks. Several options with accompanying resources will be provided, and we will collectively decide on a focus for the next Adult Forum series. We would love to have you join us! Facilitator: Peter Knobel 847-494-2815.

Confirmation & High School Youth Group

This year, St. John's is joining with other Lutheran churches in the area (Immanuel Evanston, Grace Evanston, St. Timothy's Skokie) for a joint Confirmation program and a Joint High School Youth Group. Both groups have their first meeting today at Immanuel Lutheran in Evanston from 12:30-2 pm. If you would like to volunteer to help with either of these groups by providing lunch, doing clean-up, or being an assistant, please let Pastor Allison know!

Bible Study Begins

Bible Study has resumed meeting on Tuesdays at 11 am in person at St. John's. All are welcome to join us for prayer, study, and camaraderie.

Truck Needed

One of our families who lives in Wilmette has some awesome furniture to donate for use in the youth room. If you have a truck or know someone who does and would be willing to transport the furniture to St. John's (you do not need to do the lifting, just the driving), please call Jan in the church office to make arrangements.

Support your Church Family by Hosting Coffee Hour

We treasure the time to socialize after worship each Sunday, and we also welcome the opportunity to serve one another. To make coffee hour possible, one or two volunteers are needed to set up coffee, provide treats, and clean up each week. We ask that everyone sign up to host coffee hour at least one Sunday between now and the end of 2022. If you've never done it before, Jan will be happy to teach you. Thank you for your consideration!

GoodFest is Coming!

Love good music, good food, and a good cause? We do too! That's why our fundraiser this year will be delivering just that. GoodFest is coming Saturday, October 1st. It'll feature the local music and BBQ we love (with some special guest musicians), and a portion of the proceeds will go to a cause near and dear to our hearts: Family Promise. In order to help make this fundraiser a success, every household at St. John's

is encouraged to buy 10 tickets to sell or give away to friends and family members. Tickets can be purchased at the Eventbrite link in your eNewsletter. Please also share the Eventbrite on Facebook and via email to anyone who might enjoy an evening of good food, good music, and good company. Thank you!

CROP Hunger Walk

There are five weeks until the North Shore Virtual CROP Walk, Sunday, October 16th! St. John's has traditionally taken part in this walk as a group when it used to be in-person. This year, you can support the cause by walking any day and donating online to show your commitment to ending hunger in our community and throughout the world. Donations can be made using the link in this week's Enewsletter.

Space Sharing

Centered in the heart of Wilmette, we want to be a home for doing good. St. John's is a place where people can work together comfortably to help create a brighter future for all. Can you help spread the word that we are sharing our space? If you know people who need a space to work, throw a celebration, get married and more, please direct them to our website stjohnswilmette.org or the link provided in your Enewsletter.

Support St. John's through your Online Purchases

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THIS WEEK'S BIBLE STORY

Genesis 12:1-9

¹Now God said to Abram, "Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you. ²I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you, and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. ³I will bless those who bless you, and the one who curses you I will curse; and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed."

⁴So Abram went, as God had told him; and Lot went with him. Abram was seventy-five years old when he departed from Haran. ⁵Abram took his wife Sarai and his brother's son Lot, and all the possessions that they had gathered, and the persons whom they had acquired in Haran; and they set forth to go to the land of Canaan. When they had come to the land of Canaan, ⁶Abram passed through the land to the place at Shechem, to the oak of Moreh. At that time the Canaanites were in the land. ⁷Then God appeared to Abram, and said, "To your offspring I will give this land." So Abram built there an altar to God, who had appeared to him. ⁸From there Abram moved on to the hill country on the east of Bethel, and pitched his tent, with Bethel on the west and Ai on the east; and there he built an altar to God and invoked the name of God. ⁹And Abram journeyed on by stages towards the Negeb.

Word of God, word of Life. **Thanks be to God.**