

12th Sunday after Pentecost
Lectionary 22
August 31, 2025
10 am



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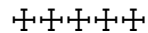
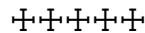
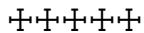
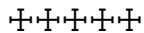
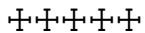
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Office Hours
Monday – Thursday 8:30am-12:00pm

Our Mission is to make Christ known.

We welcome all guests this morning.
We are very pleased to have you worship with us.
All are welcome to receive communion.

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WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Caring Conversations: If St. John was to host a banquet, who should we invite?

PRELUDE Amazing Grace

arr. McDonald

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P: In the name of Almighty God, the Father, and of the ✝ Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

P: Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Silence for reflection and self-examination.

P: Most merciful God,

C: We confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen

P: Almighty God, in his mercy, has given his Son to die for us and, for his sake, forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the ✝ Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen**

GATHERING HYMN *Morning Has Broken*

1 Morning has broken like the first morning;
Blackbird has spoken like the first bird.
Praise for the singing! Praise for the morning!
Praise for them, springing fresh from the Word!

3 Mine is the sunlight! Mine is the morning,
Born of the one light Eden saw play!
Praise with elation, praise ev'ry morning,
God's recreation of the new day!

2 Sweet the rain's new fall, sunlit from heaven,
Like the first dewfall on the first grass.
Praise for the sweetness of the wet garden,
Sprung in completeness where God's feet pass.

INVOCATION

P: May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **C: And also with you.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

P: 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.**

FIRST READING

Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16

¹ Let mutual affection continue. ² Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by doing that some have entertained angels without knowing it. ³ 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. ⁴ 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. ⁵ 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." ⁶ So we can say with confidence, "The Lord is my helper; I will not be afraid. What can anyone do to me?"

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

P: The Holy Gospel according to Luke... **Glory to you O Lord.**

GOSPEL

Luke 14:1, 7-14

¹ 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.

⁷ When he noticed how the guests chose the places of honor, he told them a parable. ⁸ "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, ⁹ 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. ¹⁰ 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. ¹¹ For all who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted." ¹² 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. ¹³ But when you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, and the blind. ¹⁴ 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.***

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

THE MESSAGE

Pastor Wayne Gallipo

HYMN *Lord Whose Love in Humble Service*

- 1 Lord, whose love in humble service, bore the weight of human need,
who upon the cross, forsaken, worked your mercy's perfect deed:
we, your servants, bring the worship not of voice alone, but heart;
consecrating to your purpose ev'ry gift which you impart.
- 2 Still your children wander homeless; still the hungry cry for bread;
still the captives long for freedom; still in grief we mourn our dead.
As you, Lord, in deep compassion healed the sick and freed the soul,
by your Spirit send your power to our world to make it whole.
- 3 As we worship, grant us vision, till your love's revealing light
in its height and depth and greatness dawns upon our quickened sight,
making known the needs and burdens your compassion bids us bear,
stirring us to ardent service, your abundant life to share.
- 4 Called by worship to your service, forth in your dear name we go,
to the child, the youth, the a-ged, love in living deeds to show;
hope and health, good will and comfort, counsel, aid and peace we give,
that your servants, Lord, in freedom may your mercy know and live.

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

Response: Hear us, O God. **Your Mercy is Great**

PEACE

RECEPTION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

God of Wonders

Stacey & Andrea Haynes

OFFERING PRAYER

C: 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

P: The Lord be with you. **C: And also with you.**

P: Lift up your hearts. **C: We lift them unto the Lord.**

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.

C: It is right to give God our thanks and praise.

P: It is indeed right....

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

P: On the night in which he was betrayed ... for as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death, until he comes again.

LORD'S PRAYER

THE FRACTION AND INVITATION

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COMMUNION HYMNS

Shall We Gather at the River

- 1 Shall we gather at the river, where bright angel feet have trod,
with its crystal tide forever, flowing by the throne of God?

**Refrain*

Yes, we'll gather at the river, the beautiful, the beautiful river;
gather with the saints at the river, that flows by the throne of God.

- 2 On the margin of the river, washing up its silver spray,
we will walk and worship ever, all the happy golden day. **Refrain*
- 3 Ere we reach the shining river, lay we ev'ry burden down;
grace our spirits will deliver, and provide a robe and crown. **Refrain*
- 4 Soon we'll reach the shining river, soon our pilgrimage will cease;
soon our happy hearts will quiver, with the melody of peace. **Refrain*

What Feast of Love

- 1 What feast of love is offered here, what banquet come from heaven?
What food of everlasting life, what gracious gift is given?
This, this is Christ the king, the bread come down from heaven.
Oh, taste and see and sing! How sweet the manna given!
- 2 What light of truth is offered here, what covenant from heaven?
What hope of everlasting life, what wondrous word is given?
This, this is Christ the king, the sun come down from heaven.
Oh, see and hear and sing! The Word of God is given!
- 3 What wine of love is offered here, what crimson drink from heaven?
What stream of everlasting life, what precious blood is given?
This, this is Christ the king, the sweetest wine of heaven.
Oh, taste and see and sing! The Son of God is given!

COMMUNION BLESSING

P: May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the gifts of his body and blood strengthen, keep and unite us, now and forever. **Amen.**

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P: Let us pray...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 and proclaim your love in Jesus' name. **Amen.**

BLESSING

P: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and ☩ give you peace. **Amen.**

SENDING HYMN *Go Make Disciples*

Go, make disciples, baptizing them, teaching them.
Go, make disciples, for I am with you till the end of time.
Go, be the salt of the earth. Go be the light for the world.
Go, be a city on a hill, so all can see that you're serving me (Repeat)
Go, make disciples.

DISMISSAL

P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE **Let All Things Now Living**

arr. Hayes

August 31, 2025 Announcements

Pippenfest Crab Meat: We are asking for donations only. If you can only purchase one or 2 cans to donate that is very much appreciated. We will purchase any additional crab meat needed from a Thrivent fund to help defer costs if we need more. Thank you so much!

Pippenfest Small Bags Needed: The Pippenfest committee is looking for donations of small bags with handles for the soup quarts if anyone has any or can donate additional bags, please let Martha Fitz or DeeDee Mezger know. Thank you.

Prayer Hunt: There are interactive prayer stations set up in and around the church. Take some time to explore and engage in these stations during the month of September.

Craft Fair: Applications for the November 8th Craft Fair are now available in the Gathering Area.

Confirmation and First Communion Signup: There are signup sheets in the Fellowship Hall for First Communion and Confirmation classes. The last day for signups will be Sunday, September 7th.

Pastor Wayne's Cell #: There has been some confusion about my phone number. I have had some people who were hesitant to answer because of the 605 area code. If you put my number in your contacts on your cell phone, you will know it is me calling. My cell number is 605-214-6828.

Class/Refresher for Offering Counters: There will be an upcoming class scheduled for those who wish to volunteer as offering counters. Stay tuned for more details.

Donations Requested: Dave Thomas is seeking newspapers for his "store project". Please place them in the box located in Fellowship Hall. Thank you.

Our Stories, Our Lives: Our Stories, Our Lives is a 5-week storytelling program for the St. John community, in which participants get to know each other more fully by sharing important stories from their lives and reflecting on spiritual development together. The program will run during September or early October, at the time we all choose. If you have questions, feel free to ask or contact her at (609) 675-0720.

Office Hours: Prior to being hired, Keely had a previous commitment that she needs to honor, and the Church Council supports her in this. This time will include Aug. 25-28, Sept. 2-4, & Sept. 8-11. Regular office hours will resume Monday, September 15. Dawn Cool has volunteered to take over various office duties while Keely is away. Please continue to reach out to the church office 717-642-5822 and leave a message. You can also email office@stjohnfairfield.net. Dawn will be monitoring the phone messages and email and will respond accordingly.

Rally Day: Our new Sunday School year will begin Sept. 7th, 10:15-11:15, for all ages preschool-adults. Our young people will have a chance to hear a Bible story, enjoy carnival games & snacks, do a craft & some music activities. Bring a friend! For more info, contact Carol Garman or Stacey Haynes.

With One Voice and Handbell Choirs: Singers & ringers will begin the new season with food & fellowship Weds., Sept. 3, 6:30 PM at the home of Barb & Dave Booz. Regular rehearsals will begin the following Weds. Sept. 10th. Singers will meet at 6:45 & Ringers will meet at 7:30. New members welcome. For more info, contact Carol Garman.

Newsletter Submissions & Website Changes/Additions: Contact Becky Robinson at rlrobinson08@gmail.com. **The deadline for the October newsletter is Sept. 25th.**

Those for Whom We Pray- Steve M., Nancy M., Marla, Robyn A., Donna, Shirley, Bill, Kelly, Mae, Patty, Dylan, Charles “Sam”, Rosie, Ed, John, Craig, Judy, Bob, Charlie, Essie, Jim, Jim & Mary Lou, Nancy.

Birthdays: **Sept. 2nd** – Linda Sanders **Sept. 3rd** – David Thomas

<i>Happening This Week at St. John</i>		
Today	31	10 a.m. Service of Holy Communion at CV Park
Monday	1	LABOR DAY
Tuesday	2	10 a.m. – Women’s Group
Wednesday	3	9:30 Discussion Group; 6:30 WOV/Bells at Booz Home
Thursday	4	
Friday	5	
Saturday	6	

Attendance: August 24th - 54

	8-31-2025	9-7-2025
Lector	Julie Falk	Josh Haynes
Communion Asst.	Sue Hall	Chris Cool
Usher	Roger & Linn	Roger & Linn
Flower Sponsor	No Flowers Today	David Thomas
Offering Counters	Bret & Becky Robinson	DeeDee Mezger & Shelly Wheeler
Altar Guild	Hazel Musselman	Dawn Cool
Bread Sponsor	Hazel Musselman	Chris & Dawn Cool
Bulletin Sponsor	Ed & Margie Hartzell	Michael Gamer