

The Eighth Sunday after Pentecost
August 3, 2025, 8:30 A.M.
St. John's Lutheran Church

Announcements

Prelude

Whispering Hope

arr. Charles Callahan

Ringling of the Church Bell

Confession and Forgiveness

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L: Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever. **C: Amen.**

L: God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

L: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another. Most merciful God,

C: we confess that we are captive 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.

L: God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith.

C: Amen.

Gathering Hymn

A Hymn of Glory Let Us Sing

ELW #393, vss. 1-4

Greeting and Kyrie

"In peace, let us pray..."

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P: 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.

L: In peace, let us pray to the Lord. **C: Lord, have mercy.**

L: For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord. **C: Lord, have mercy.**

L: 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. **C: Lord, have mercy.**

L: For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord. **C: Lord, have mercy.**

L: Help, save, comfort and defend us gracious Lord. **C: Amen**

L: This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia. **C: Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be people of God. Power and riches and wisdom and strength, and honor and blessing and glory are his. This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia. Sing with all the people of God and join in the hymn of all creation: Blessing and honor and glory and might be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen. This is the feast of victory for our God, for the Lamb who was slain has begun his reign. Alleluia. Alleluia.**

Prayer of the Day: L: Benevolent God, you are the source, the guide, and the goal of our lives. Teach us to love what is worth loving, to reject what is offensive to you, and to treasure what is precious in your sight, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. C: Amen.

First Reading: Ecclesiastes 1:2, 12-14; 2:18-23

² Vanity of vanities, says the Teacher,
vanity of vanities! All is vanity.

¹² I, the Teacher, was king over Israel in Jerusalem. ¹³ I applied my mind to seek and to search out by wisdom all that is done under heaven; it is an unhappy business that God has given to humans to be busy with. ¹⁴ I saw all the deeds that are done under the sun, and see, all is vanity and a chasing after wind.

^{2:18} I hated all my toil in which I had toiled under the sun, seeing that I must leave it to my successor, ¹⁹ and who knows whether he will be wise or foolish? Yet he will be master of all for which I toiled and used my wisdom under the sun. This also is vanity. ²⁰ So I turned and gave my heart up to despair concerning all the toil of my labors under the sun, ²¹ because sometimes one who has toiled with wisdom and knowledge and skill must leave all to be enjoyed by another who did not toil for it. This also is vanity and a great evil. ²² What do mortals get from all the toil and strain with which they toil under the sun? ²³ For all their days are full of pain, and their work is a vexation; even at night their minds do not rest. This also is vanity.

Psalms 107:1-9, 43

L: ¹ Give thanks to the Lord, for the Lord is good,
for God's mercy endures forever.

**C: ² Let the redeemed of the Lord proclaim
that God redeemed them from the hand of the foe,**

L: ³ gathering them in from the lands;
from the east and from the west, from the north and from the south.

**C: ⁴ Some wandered in desert wastes;
they found no path to a city where they might dwell.**

L: ⁵ They were hungry and thirsty;
their spirits languished within them.

**C: ⁶ Then in their trouble they cried to the Lord,
and you delivered them from their distress.**

L: ⁷ You led them on a straight path
to go to a city where they might dwell.

**C: ⁸ Let them give thanks to you, Lord, for your steadfast love
and your wonderful works for all people.**

L: ⁹ For you satisfy the thirsty soul
and fill the hungry with good things.

**C: ⁴³ Whoever is wise will ponder these things,
and consider well the Lord's steadfast love.**

Second Reading **Colossians 3:1-11**

¹ So if you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. ² Set your minds on the things that are above, not on the things that are on earth, ³ for you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. ⁴ When Christ who is your life is revealed, then you also will be revealed with him in glory.

⁵ Put to death, therefore, whatever in you is earthly: sexual immorality, impurity, passion, evil desire, and greed (which is idolatry). ⁶ On account of these the wrath of God is coming on those who are disobedient. ⁷ These are the ways you also once followed, when you were living that life. ⁸ But now you must get rid of all such things: anger, wrath, malice, slander, and abusive language from your mouth. ⁹ Do not lie to one another, seeing that you have stripped off the old self with its practices ¹⁰ and have clothed yourselves with the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge according to the image of its creator. ¹¹ In that renewal there is no longer Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, enslaved and free, but Christ is all and in all!

Special Music

Jesus Shall Reign

Ila Johnsen, Table Bell Solo

Children's Message & Noisy Offering

Gospel Acclamation

"Alleluia. Lord to whom shall we go?"

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Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia.

The Gospel: Luke 12:13-21

Glory to you, O Lord/Praise to you, O Christ.

¹³ Someone in the crowd said to [Jesus,] "Teacher, tell my brother to divide the family inheritance with me." ¹⁴ But he said to him, "Friend, who set me to be a judge or arbitrator over you?" ¹⁵ And he said to them, "Take care! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed, for one's life does not consist in the abundance of possessions." ¹⁶ Then he told them a parable: "The land of a rich man produced abundantly. ¹⁷ And he thought to himself, 'What should I do, for I have no place to store my crops?' ¹⁸ Then he said, 'I will do this: I will pull down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. ¹⁹ And I will say to my soul, Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry.' ²⁰ But God said to him, 'You fool! This very night your life is being demanded of you. And the things you have prepared, whose will they be?' ²¹ So it is with those who store up treasures for themselves but are not rich toward God."

Sermon

Confession of Faith

Apostles' Creed

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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.

The Offering Hymn

All Depends on Our Possessing

ELW #589, vss. 1-4

Offering Prayer

L: Holy God, gracious and merciful, you bring forth food from the earth and nourish your whole creation. Turn our hearts toward those who hunger in any way, that all may know your care; and prepare us now to feast on the bread of life, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **C: Amen**

Prayers of the Church: L: God of grace,... **C: ,...hear our prayer.**

The Words of Institution

The Lord's Prayer

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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, for ever and ever. Amen.

Communion Songs:

Break Now the Bread of Life ELW #515;

Almighty God, Your Word Is Cast ELW #516

Prayer Following Communion L: We give you thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us through the healing power of this gift of life. In your mercy, strengthen us through this gift, in faith toward you and in fervent love toward one another; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. **C: Amen**

Benediction

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. The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord's 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, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Go in peace. Serve the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God.**

Closing Hymn

In Christ There Is No East or West Text: ELW #650; Tune: ELW #620

Postlude

Lasst Uns Erfreuen

arr. John Leavitt

Activities this Week at St. John's

Sun, Aug 3	8:30 & 10am 7pm
Sun, Aug 10	8:30 & 10am 8:30am 7pm

Aug 3, 2025 to Aug 10, 2025

Worship Services w/comm
Mens Choir
Worship Services
Award college scholarships
Mens Choir

General Funds (undesignated)**Jan 1 – July 29, 2025**

Actual Income	\$121,689
Actual Expenses	101,622

Jan 1 – July 31, 2025

Budget Expenses	118,091
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Attendance

Last Sunday	89
2025 Average	96
2024 Average	90

Greeters	8:30am 10am	Cindy Barness Norm Peterson
Ushers	8:30am 10am	Bill Roe family
Readers	8:30am 10am	Nona Sawyer Jill Kistler
Comm Prep	8:30am 10am	Sue Blagsvedt, Bonnie Roe Wendy & Sadie Bucheit
Comm Asst	8:30am 10am	Russ & Mary Jo Meyer, Sherry Knudtson Jill Kistler
Secretary		Rhonda Barr
Custodians		John & Sharon Roe
Organist/Director of Music		James H. Bieber
Pastor		Bryan Robertson

Radio Broadcast Ministry –Today's radio broadcast is given with Church Funds. Thank you for your continuing support of this outreach ministry. Join us on Sunday mornings on KNEI 103.5 at 8:30am.

Note: *you have the option of selecting a hymn of your choice for the service you sponsor.*

Scholarships: Handed out On Sunday, August 10 at 8:30am service only. We will be awarding scholarships to the children of parishioners who enrolled in an institution of higher learning. The amount of the award is \$500. If the child is enrolled in a Lutheran College, he/she will be eligible for a matching EPIC of \$500. In order to receive the scholarship, please indicate your interest to the Church Office.

We are accepting pledges toward the Solar Project. Pledges may be made by calling the Church Office or talking to Pastor Bryan.

Position: Church Secretary, part-time ***Summary:*** responsible for day-to-day operations of Church Office. ***Duties*** include: general reception, answering phone, preparing weekly bulletin inserts, preparing monthly newsletters & assisting Pastor & others with day-to-day requests & preparing various reports. Contact Matt Teslow, Donna Wood or Pastor Bryan with questions.

Newsletters are available for pickup for those who requested printed correspondence from the Church.

Volunteers for **Aug 10** services:

Ushers for August: 8:30am Bill & Becky Roe family / 10am:

Greeter: 8:30am Bill & Sue Blagsvedt/ 10am Ed & Karen Stamper

Readers: 8:30am Mary Jo Meyer/ 10am Ed Stamper

Comm Prep: 8:30am / 10am

Comm Asst: 8:30am / 10am