

The Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost
August 18, 2024, 8:30 A.M.
St. John's Lutheran Church

Announcements

Prelude

Ringing 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.

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

Soul, Adorn Yourself with Gladness

ELW #488

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: Ever-loving God, your Son gives himself as living bread for the life of the world. Fill us with such a knowledge of his presence that we may be strengthened and sustained by his risen life to serve you continually, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. C: Amen.

First Reading: Proverbs 9:1-6

¹Wisdom has built her house, she has hewn her seven pillars.

²She has slaughtered her animals, she has mixed her wine, she has also set her table.

³She has sent out her servant-girls, she calls from the highest places in the town,

⁴"You that are simple, turn in here!" To those without sense she says,

⁵"Come, eat of my bread and drink of the wine I have mixed.

⁶Lay aside immaturity, and live, and walk in the way of insight."

Psalm 34:9-14

L: ⁹Fear the Lord, you saints of the Lord, for those who fear the Lord lack nothing.

C: ¹⁰The lions are in want and suffer hunger, but those who seek the Lord lack nothing that is good.

L: ¹¹Come, children, and listen to me; I will teach you reverence for the Lord.

C: ¹²Who among you takes pleasure in life and desires long life to enjoy prosperity?

L: ¹³Keep your tongue from evil and your lips from lying words.

C: ¹⁴Turn from evil and do good; seek peace and pursue it.

Second Reading: Ephesians 5:15-20

¹⁵Be careful then how you live, not as unwise people but as wise, ¹⁶making the most of the time, because the days are evil. ¹⁷So do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is. ¹⁸Do not get drunk with wine, for that is debauchery; but be filled with the Spirit, ¹⁹as you sing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs among yourselves, singing and making melody to the Lord in your hearts, ²⁰giving thanks to God the Father at all times and for everything in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Youth Gathering News

Children's Message

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: John 6:51-58

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

[Jesus said,] ⁵¹"I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Whoever eats of this bread will live forever; and the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh."

⁵²The Jews then disputed among themselves, saying, "How can this man give us his flesh to eat?" ⁵³So Jesus

said to them, "Very truly, I tell you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you have no life in you. ⁵⁴Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood have eternal life, and I will raise them up on the last day; ⁵⁵for my flesh is true food and my blood is true drink. ⁵⁶Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood abide in me, and I in them. ⁵⁷Just as the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so whoever eats me will live because of me. ⁵⁸This is the bread that came down from heaven, not like that which your ancestors ate, and they died. But the one who eats this bread will live forever."

Sermon

Confession of Faith

The 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.

Offering Hymn

Wonderful Peace

1 Far away in the depths of my spirit tonight
Rolls a melody sweeter than psalm;
In celestial-like strains it unceasingly falls
O'er my soul like an infinite calm.

Refrain:

**Peace, peace! wonderful peace,
Coming down from the Father above,
Sweep over my spirit forever, I pray,
In fathomless billows of love.**

2 What a treasure I have in this wonderful peace
Buried deep in the heart of my soul,
So secure that no power can mine it away
While the years of eternity roll. **Refrain:**

3 I am resting tonight in this wonderful peace,
Resting sweetly in Jesus' control,
For I'm kept from all danger by night and by day,
And His glory is flooding my soul. **Refrain:**

4 And me thinks when I rise to that city of peace
Where the Author of peace I shall see,
That one strain of the song which the ransomed will sing
In that heavenly kingdom shall be:

Refrain:

**Peace, peace! wonderful peace,
Coming down from the Father above,
Sweep over my spirit forever, I pray,
In fathomless billows of love.**

5 Ah! soul, are you here without comfort and rest,
Marching down the rough pathway of time?
Make Jesus your friend ere the shadows grow dark
O accept this sweet peace so sublime. **Refrain:**

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: Merciful God,... C: ...receive 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: *As We Gather at Your Table* ELW #522; *O Living Bread from Heaven* ELW #542

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

Voices Raised to You

ELW #845, vss. 1-4

Postlude

Activities this Week at St. John's

Aug 18, 2024 to Aug 25, 2024

Sun, Aug 18	8:30am & 10am
Tues, Aug 20	6pm
	7pm
Thurs, Aug 22	8:45am-noon
Sun, Aug 25	8:30 & 10am

Worship services w/comm
 Trustee mtg
 Church Council mtg
 Quilting
 Worship services

General Funds (undesignated)

Attendance

Jan. 1 – Aug 14, 2024

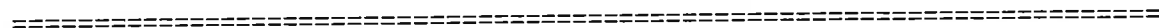
Last Sunday	84
2024 Average	100
2023 Average	110

Actual Income \$114,119

Actual Expenses 120,552

Jan. 1 – Aug 31, 2024

Budget Expenses 146,927



Scripture Reader	8:30am	Mary Jackson
	10am	Linda Groe
Greeters	8:30am	Jens & Jane Kallevang
	10am	Jon Payne
Ushers	8:30am	Ron & Nancy Brandt
	10am	Bill Roe family
Comm Prep	8:30am	Wendy & Sadie Bucheit
	10am	Randy & Lori Hesse
Comm Asst	8:30am	Altar Guild
	10am	Dennis & Linda DeBuhr,
		Rhonda Barr
Secretary		Tiffany Evans
Custodians		Rhonda Barr
Organist/Director of Music		John & Sharon Roe
Pastor		James H. Bieber
		Bryan Robertson

Radio Broadcast Ministry –Today’s radio broadcast is given in loving memory of Dale Rademaker by Ann Rademaker & family. 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.**

Quilters will again be meeting this fall to begin their work. We will also be assembling school kits this year and need your help! You can make up your own kit, or simply supply needed items that we will put together for finished kits. This is a list of school kit items needed: 70 sheet notebooks, 30

centimeter ruler, pencil sharpener, blunt scissor, pencils with erasers, black or blue ballpoint pens, box of 16 or 24 crayons and 2 ½ inch eraser. We will supply the backpacks. A more complete list is posted on the Narthex bulletin board. **Thank you so much for taking part in this project!**

All of our women are invited to donate to the Pennies for Presents containers in the narthex today. We will have these containers available every third Sunday of each month through November. The money we gather will once again go toward Christmas gifts for three boys and three girls next December. You may also drop off your donation in the church office during the week. Thank you for caring for others.

Dinner News!

We're hosting a Rieck's Chicken Dinner

Fried chicken, seasoned potato wedges, baked beans and bun

Dine in drinks: coffee, milk & bottled water

Friday, August 30, 4:00-7:00 P.M.

Dine-in/Carry-out before football home game

\$15