

The Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost  
August 4, 2024, 8:30 A.M.  
St. John's Lutheran Church

**Announcements**

**Prelude**

*This Little Light of Mine/Do Lord Medley*  
The Men's Choir

arr. Val Hicks

**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.**

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**

*Come, Ye Disconsolate*

ELW #607

**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: O God, eternal goodness, immeasurable love, you place your gifts before us; we eat and are satisfied. Fill us and this world in all its need with the life that comes only from you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. C: Amen.

### First Reading: Exodus 16:2-4, 9-15

<sup>2</sup>The whole congregation of the Israelites complained against Moses and Aaron in the wilderness. <sup>3</sup>The Israelites said to them, "If only we had died by the hand of the Lord in the land of Egypt, when we sat by the fleshpots and ate our fill of bread; for you have brought us out into this wilderness to kill this whole assembly with hunger." <sup>4</sup>Then the Lord said to Moses, "I am going to rain bread from heaven for you, and each day the people shall go out and gather enough for that day. In that way I will test them, whether they will follow my instruction or not."

<sup>9</sup>Then Moses said to Aaron, "Say to the whole congregation of the Israelites, 'Draw near to the Lord, for he has heard your complaining.'" <sup>10</sup>And as Aaron spoke to the whole congregation of the Israelites, they looked toward the wilderness, and the glory of the Lord appeared in the cloud. <sup>11</sup>The Lord spoke to Moses and said, <sup>12</sup>"I have heard the complaining of the Israelites; say to them, 'At twilight you shall eat meat, and in the morning you shall have your fill of bread; then you shall know that I am the Lord your God.'"

<sup>13</sup>In the evening quails came up and covered the camp; and in the morning there was a layer of dew around the camp. <sup>14</sup>When the layer of dew lifted, there on the surface of the wilderness was a fine flaky substance, as fine as frost on the ground. <sup>15</sup>When the Israelites saw it, they said to one another, "What is it?" For they did not know what it was. Moses said to them, "It is the bread that the Lord has given you to eat."

### Psalm 78:23-29

L: <sup>23</sup>So God commanded the clouds above  
and opened the doors of heaven,

**C: <sup>24</sup>raining down manna upon them to eat  
and giving them grain from heaven.**

L: <sup>25</sup>So mortals ate the bread of angels;  
God provided for them food enough.

**C: <sup>26</sup>The Lord caused the east wind to blow in the heavens  
and powerfully led out the south wind,**

L: <sup>27</sup>raining down flesh upon them like dust  
and flying birds like the sand of the seas,

**C: <sup>28</sup>letting them fall in the midst of the camp  
and round about the dwellings.**

L: <sup>29</sup>So the people ate and were well filled,  
for God gave them what they craved.

## Second Reading: Ephesians 4:1-16

<sup>1</sup>I therefore, the prisoner in the Lord, beg you to lead a life worthy of the calling to which you have been called, <sup>2</sup>with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, <sup>3</sup>making every effort to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. <sup>4</sup>There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope of your calling, <sup>5</sup>one Lord, one faith, one baptism, <sup>6</sup>one God and Father of all, who is above all and through all and in all.

<sup>7</sup>But each of us was given grace according to the measure of Christ's gift. <sup>8</sup>Therefore it is said, "When he ascended on high he made captivity itself a captive; he gave gifts to his people."

<sup>9</sup>(When it says, "He ascended," what does it mean but that he had also descended into the lower parts of the earth? <sup>10</sup>He who descended is the same one who ascended far above all the heavens, so that he might fill all things.) <sup>11</sup>The gifts he gave were that some would be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, some pastors and teachers, <sup>12</sup>to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, <sup>13</sup>until all of us come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to maturity, to the measure of the full stature of Christ. <sup>14</sup>We must no longer be children, tossed to and fro and blown about by every wind of doctrine, by people's trickery, by their craftiness in deceitful scheming. <sup>15</sup>But speaking the truth in love, we must grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ, <sup>16</sup>from whom the whole body, joined and knit together by every ligament with which it is equipped, as each part is working properly, promotes the body's growth in building itself up in love.

## 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 6:24-35

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

<sup>24</sup>When the crowd saw that neither Jesus nor his disciples were [beside the sea,] they themselves got into the boats and went to Capernaum looking for Jesus.

<sup>25</sup>When they found him on the other side of the sea, they said to him, "Rabbi, when did you come here?" <sup>26</sup>Jesus answered them, "Very truly, I tell you, you are looking for me, not because you saw signs, but because you ate your fill of the loaves. <sup>27</sup>Do not work for the food that perishes, but for the food that endures for eternal life, which the Son of Man will give you. For it is on him that God the Father has set his seal." <sup>28</sup>Then they said to him, "What must we do to perform the works of God?" <sup>29</sup>Jesus answered them, "This is the work of God, that you believe in him whom he has sent." <sup>30</sup>So they said to him, "What sign are you going to give us then, so that we may see it and believe you? What work are you performing?" <sup>31</sup>Our ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness; as it is written, 'He gave them bread from heaven to eat.' " <sup>32</sup>Then Jesus said to them, "Very truly, I tell you, it was not Moses who gave you the bread from heaven, but it is my Father who gives you the true bread from heaven. <sup>33</sup>For the bread of God is that which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world." <sup>34</sup>They said to him, "Sir, give us this bread always."

<sup>35</sup>Jesus said to them, "I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty."

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

*Children of the Heavenly Father*

ELW# 781

## 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: In Your mercy,... **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:** *Now We Join in Celebration* ELW #462; *In the Singing* ELW #466

**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

*Lord, Speak to Us, That We May Speak*

ELW #676

## Postlude

**Activities this Week at St. John's**

Sun, Aug 4	8:30am & 10am 11am-4pm
Tues, Aug 6	2pm
Thurs, Aug 8	8:45am-noon
Sun, Aug 11	8:30 & 10am 8:30am

**Aug 4, 2024 to Aug 11, 2024**

Worship services w/comm  
Goeke use of FH  
WELCA mtg – Lounge  
Quilting  
Worship services  
hand out scholarships

**General Funds** (undesignated)

**Jan. 1 – July 31, 2024**

Actual Income	\$109,060
Actual Expenses	116,587

**Jan. 1 – July 31, 2024**

Budget Expenses	129,641
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**Attendance**

Last Sunday	89
2024 Average	102
2023 Average	110

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Scripture Reader	8:30am 10am	Linda Halvorson Randy Johnsen
Greeters	8:30am 10am	Tom & Caroll Schreiber Geraldyn Smith Vickie Larson
Ushers	8:30am 10am	Bill Roe family Wendy & Sadie Bucheit
Comm Prep	8:30am 10am	Ann Hagensick, Allie H Rottink Carole Yohe, Kristi Fahey
Comm Asst	8:30am 10am	Russ & Mary Jo Meyer, Chris Stuckman Vickie Larson
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 in loving memory of Edith Johnson’s 96<sup>th</sup> birthday on July 30. 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.**

**Flowers on the altar** are given in memory of Sue Bieber and Nathan Bieber. Given by the Jim Bieber family.

**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!**

**Scholarships:** Members of St. John's attending post high school education institutions this fall, please let the Church Office know. Those who are attending ELCA colleges will receive a \$100 EPIC Scholarship from the Church that is matched by the college. All students receive a \$100 general scholarship from the Church. These gifts are funded through proceeds from the Youth & Education portions of the St. John's Trust Fund. **Scholarships to be distributed on Sunday, August 11, 8:30am service ONLY.**

**Zalmona Presbyterian Church** invites all children ages 5-11 to their annual Vacation Bible School to be held August 6-11. A picnic for the children will be held on Saturday, August 10 and a celebration program on Sunday, August 11 with a family potluck to follow. See insert.

## Dinner News!

We're hosting a Rieck's Chicken Dinner

Fried chicken, potato wedges, baked beans and bun

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

Dine-in/Carry-out before football home game

More info to come