

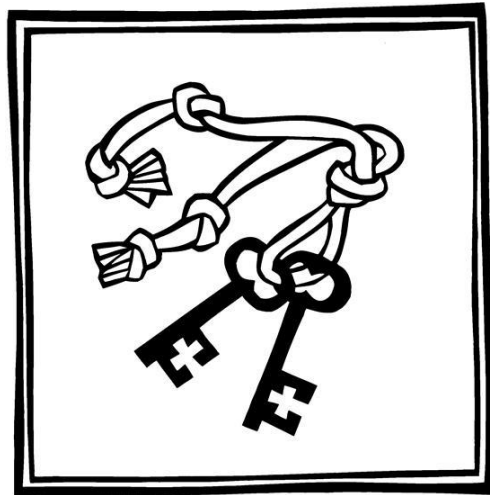
St. John's Lutheran Church

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Pastor Stacy Malzhan



Thirteenth Sunday After Pentecost
August 23rd, 2026

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Call for an appointment with Pastor Stacy

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Our worship services are live broadcasted and available for future viewing via YouTube. In-person attendance implies consent to be included in the live streamed and recorded worship service.

Meditation

During the prelude, we invite you into a time of reflection. The main doors of the sanctuary will remain closed prior to worship so those who wish may have a time of centering and reflection of the past week, our community, our world, and God's sacrificial and redeeming love for us all.

Church Year Information~ Season: Pentecost • Color: Green

GATHERING

PRELUDE

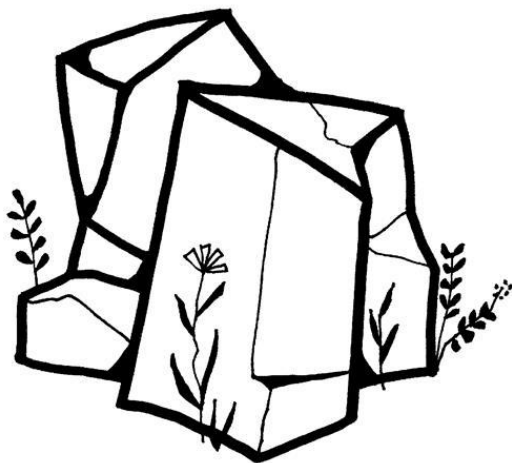
WELCOME

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS (Pg. 94)

GATHERING HYMN: We All are One in Mission (ELW 576)

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.



HYMN OF PRAISE: *What is this Place*



Text: Haub Oosterhuis, b. 1933; tr. David Smith, b. 1933
Music: KOMT NU MET ZANG, A. Valerius, *Nederlandsch Gedenckclanck*, 1626
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PRAYER OF THE DAY

WORD

SCRIPTURE: Romans 12: 1-8

¹ I appeal to you therefore, brothers and sisters, on the basis of God's mercy, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your reasonable act of worship. ² Do not be conformed to this age, but be transformed by the renewing of the mind, so that you may discern what is the will of God—what is good and acceptable and perfect.

³ For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of yourself more highly than you ought to think but to think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. ⁴ For as in one body we have many members and not all the members have the same function, ⁵ so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another. ⁶ We have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us: prophecy, in proportion to faith; ⁷ ministry, in ministering; the teacher, in teaching; ⁸ the encourager, in encouragement; the giver,

in sincerity; the leader, in diligence; the compassionate, in cheerfulness.

Word of God, Word of Life.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: *Let My Heart Be Good Soil*



Lord, let my heart be good soil, o-pen to the seed of your word.

Lord, let my heart be good soil, where love can grow and peace is un-der-stood.

When my heart is hard, break the stone a - way. When my heart is cold,

warm it with the day. When my heart is lost, lead me on your way.

Lord, let my heart, Lord, let my heart, Lord, let my heart be good soil.

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Music: GOOD SOIL, Handt Hanson
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THE HOLY GOSPEL: Matthew 16: 13-20

The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the sixteenth chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹³ Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that the Son of Man is?" ¹⁴ And they said, "Some say John the Baptist but others Elijah and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets." ¹⁵ He said to them, "But

who do you say that I am?" ¹⁶ Simon Peter answered, "You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God." ¹⁷ And Jesus answered him, "Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you but my Father in heaven. ¹⁸ And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it. ¹⁹ I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven." ²⁰ Then he sternly ordered the disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah.

The gospel of our Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON ON THE STEPS

NOISY OFFERING: LWF Disaster Relief for the Fox Valley

MESSAGE

HYMN OF THE DAY: Built on a Rock (ELW 652)

THE APOSTLE'S 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 PEOPLE

SHARING OF PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.
And also with you.

MEAL

God has offered us our lives and bestowed us with mercy, grace, and love. Let us now respond to God's offering to us by returning to God in part what is God's in whole. (based on Exodus 32:7-14)

OFFERTORY

Thank you for your ongoing financial support of St. John's Ministries.

Offerings may be given in the following ways:

- Use the QR code to the right to make a gift.
- Place your offering in the plate when it is passed.
- Enroll in Simply Giving for automatic giving from a bank account or credit card.



OFFERING OF SERVICE

OFFERTORY RESPONSE: Take My Life v.1 & 5 (ELW 685)



5 Take my will and make it thine;
it shall be no longer mine.
Take my heart, it is thine own;
it shall be thy royal throne.

Text: Frances R. Havergal, 1836–1879, alt.
Music: PATMOS, William H. Havergal, 1793–1870

OFFERTORY PRAYER

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.

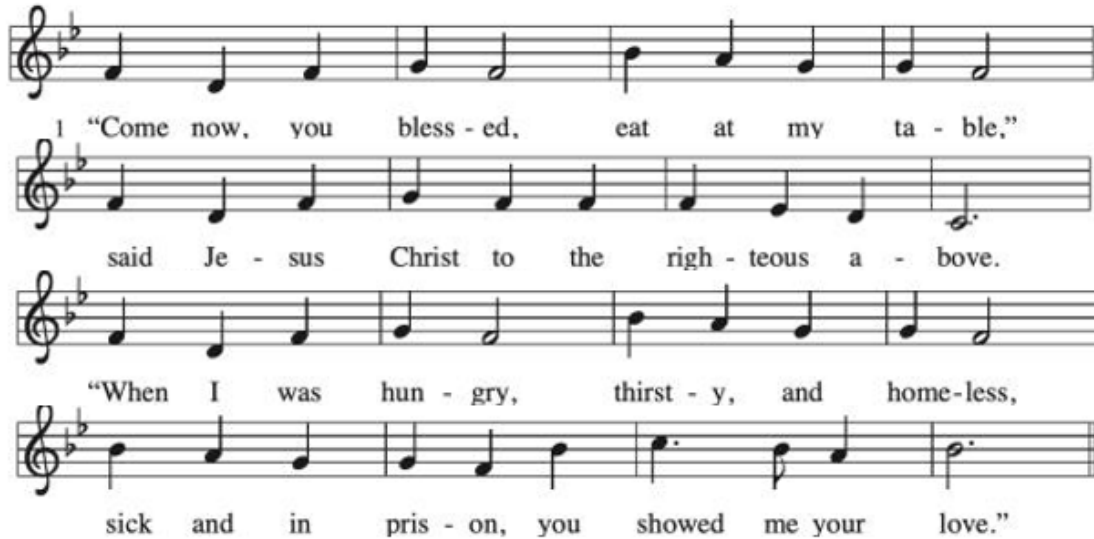
THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

LORD'S PRAYER: (ELW Page 191)

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

Gluten free wafers and grape juice are offered.

LAMB OF GOD: Come Now, You Blessed



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Music: MATTHEW 25, Emily R. Brink, b. 1940
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COMMUNION HYMN: My Hope is Built on Nothing (ELW 597)

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

SENDING

BLESSING

SENDING HYMN: Faith of Our Fathers (ELW 812)

DISMISSAL

Heaven has come near.

Gather, Give, Grow, and **Go with God!**

POSTLUDE

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Please remember these people in your prayers.

There are **Prayer Cards** in the Narthex between the nametags and the pews. If you have a prayer request, please complete the form and place it in the offering plate or the office mailbox. Your prayer will then be added to the prayer list for **3 weeks**. If you wish to have the person's name included longer, you must notify the church office in writing on a prayer card or by email. Please be sure to let us know when a person can be removed from the prayer list as well. If any questions, please contact Aymee in the office.

Those who are home bound:

Arlene Matuszewski Fran Koski Arlene Giese
Edwin Kazik (Father of Karie Peters) Ron & Diana Sefcik
Yvonne Virtues (Mother of Pat Virtues)
Donna Ward (Sister of Lorna Koch)
Bud & Ann Wardecke (Parents of Barb Dorn)

Those who are ill/recovering/ have special needs or concerns:

Ron Koch Doris Fleck Joe Kozlovsky John Demney
Susan (Cahoon) Olson Marie Zirbel Meyer (Aunt of Janet Francies)
Mark Heisel (Friend of Greg & Tammy Yager) Al Reimer (Friend of Pam Giese)
Mike Killian (Friend of Tim & Karie Peters) Erin Culbertson (Friend of Doris Fleck)
Peggy Foltz (Sister of Beth Wentz) Brian Giese (Brother of Pam Giese)
Kerry Pranica (Friend of Doris Fleck)
Helen Mohan (Daughter of Tess Smith)
Carol Barker (Mother of Beth Wentz)
Ashley Rogers (Friend of Tim & Karie Peters)
Mike & Carmen Peters (Parents of Tim Peters)
Carla Hedtke (Mother of Shellie Virtues)
Kelly Havlik Lacera (Friend of Desiree Kozlovsky)
Nick Carter (Friend of Duayne & Pat Rosenberg)
Sharon Hanson (Sister/Sister-in-law of Doug & Helen Malueg)
Sophia Franda (Granddaughter of Dawn Demeny)
Dave Hansen (Nephew of Doug & Helen Malueg)
Chris Johnson (Brother-in-law of Tammy Yager)
William Allen (Cousin of Sara Beth Holman)

Those who are serving in the Military:

Josh & Cheyenne Perrault- Air Force
Gage Boyd- Air Force (Grandson of Tracey & Pamela Krumrei)
Alex Culbertson-Wisconsin National Guard (Grandson of Dave & Ginny Burkart)
Sam Cooper-Captain, Army Reserves (Son of Jerry & Michelle Cooper)

Upcoming at St. John's



Blessing of the Backpacks
Sunday AUGUST 30th



SUNDAY SCHOOL REGISTRATION

We are very excited to be
together again!

Start: Sunday, September 20th, 2026.

If you haven't already, **please fill out a registration
form for your child(ren).**

Forms can be found on the table outside of the
church office, and once filled out, can be left in the
office mailbox. You can also find a form on our
website that can be printed and turned in or emailed.

We cannot wait to see everyone and begin another
journey in faith!



Help Us Lead Our Littlest Learners!

We are looking for a special someone to help lead our 4K - 2nd Grade Sunday School class! This is a wonderful opportunity to spend time with our youngest learners and help them grow as they explore their faith!

**Class begins on Rally Sunday,
September 20th, 2026.**

If you would be interested in volunteering or would like to learn more, please contact the Church Office or Ann Urbaniak.

We would be so grateful for your help!



<i>This Week at St. John's</i>			
Sun, Aug 23	Mon, Aug 24	Tues, Aug 25	Wed, Aug 26
9:00am, Worship 10:15am, Fellowship		5:30pm Youth & Education Team Meeting	
Thurs, Aug 27	Fri, Aug 28	Sat, Aug 29	Sun, Aug 30
11:30am Book Study	<u>Office</u> <u>Closed</u>	6:00pm, AA Mtg	9:00am, Worship, Blessing of the Backpacks 10:15am, Fellowship

	<i>Sunday August 23</i>	<i>Sunday August 30</i>
<i>Welcome Center</i>	1 Needed	Nancy Valentine
<i>Communion Assistants</i>	Four Needed	Four Needed
<i>Communion Steward</i>	Lorna Koch	Shellie Virtues
<i>Greeters</i>	Nancy Valentine 1 Needed	2 Needed
<i>Technology Team</i>	Sara Beth Holman	Needed
<i>Scripture Readers</i>	Amy Spaude	Scott Spaude
<i>Scrip Volunteers</i>	Steve & Angie Larsen	Steve & Angie Larsen
<i>Offering Counters</i>	Barb Dorn Dave & Ginny Burkart	Kelly Stellmacher John Warren
<i>Ushers</i>	Jerry & Michelle Cooper Family	John Warren Lorna Koch Elora Currell

