

"YOU WILL BE REPAID



AT THE RESURRECTION OF THE

Righteous."

LUKE 14:14, nrsv

Welcome to St. John Lutheran Church
12th Saturday after Pentecost* August 30, 2025



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GATHERING

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SONG

How Majestic is Your Name

O Lord, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth.
O Lord, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth.
O Lord, we praise your name. O Lord, we magnify your name
Prince of peace, Mighty God, O Lord, God Almighty.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P: Because we're joined to Christ in baptism, let us take a moment to be honest with God, with ourselves, and each other...

Let's pause for a moment of quiet reflection.

**C: God of mercy,
you've set us free to love, but too often we choose self-interest
instead of our neighbor. You offer joy and peace through your Spirit,
but we chase after other things. You surrounded us with kindness,
patience, and generosity, but sometimes we get tired and give up
doing what's right. Please forgive us. Don't give up on us.
Heal what's broken, set us free, and lead us into real, lasting life.
Amen.**

P: Here's the good news: You belong to Christ. Through faith, you are a child of God. Because of the cross and through the power of the Holy Spirit, you are completely forgiven. You are wrapped in grace and made new.

C: Amen.

FIRST READING

Proverbs 25:6-7a

⁶ Do not put yourself forward in the king's presence
or stand in the place of the great,
^{7a} for it is better to be told, "Come up here,"
than to be put lower in the presence of a noble.

SECOND 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.

GOSPEL READING

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.

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."

SERMON

Pastor Shawn O'Brien

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

P: Hear Us, O God:

C: Your mercy is great.

SHARING THE PEACE

P: The peace of Christ be with you always.

C: And also with you.

*(Please offer those around you a sign of peace as you are comfortable.
This can be a handshake, a fist bump or simply a smile....)*



OFFERING SONG

I Believe in Jesus

I believe in Jesus, I believe He is the Son of God.
I believe He died and rose again, I believe He paid for us all.

I believe He's here now standing in our midst.
Here with the power to heal now and the grace to forgive.

I believe in You Lord, I believe You are the Son of God.
I believe You died and rose again, I believe You paid for us all.

Chorus

**I believe you're here now standing in our midst.
Here with the power to heal now and the grace to forgive.**

I believe in You Lord, I believe You are the Son of God.
I believe You died and rose again, I believe You paid for us all.

Chorus (2 times)

OFFERING PRAYER

**All: 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.**

COMMUNION LITANY

Leader: Jesus calls us to gather for this holy meal—

All: not as strangers, but as beloved children of God.

This is the feast of grace, where heaven and earth meet.

Leader: In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:

Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.

Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.

Do this for the remembrance of me.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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,
forever and ever.
Amen

THE DISTRIBUTION



PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P: God of Fullness,
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. **C: Amen**

Welcome!

St. John practices "open communion". All who are baptized and instructed are welcome to share the Lord's Supper with us today. Starting with the right side of the church, followed by the left when they are finished, the Pastor will distribute the bread and the communion assistant will serve the wine. We will also have pre-sealed elements available for those who would prefer the more hygienic option (or those who wish to receive grape juice instead of wine). Indicate to the Pastor that you would like pre-sealed elements and skip the wine server. Those who wish to receive a blessing should indicate their wishes to the Pastor by crossing their arms

BLESSING

P: The love of God abound in you;
the grace of our Savior Jesus Christ fill your hearts;
and the life of the Spirit bless you and give you peace.

C: Amen

CLOSING SONG

Hear Our Praises

May our home be filled with dancing May our streets be filled with joy.
May injustice bow to Jesus as the people turn to pray.

Chorus

**From the mountain to the valley Hear our praises, rise to You.
From the heavens ... to the nations Hear our singing ... fill the air.**

May our light shine in the darkness as we walk before the Cross.
May Your glory fill the whole earth as the water o'er the seas.

Chorus

Hallelu-jah ... Hallelu-jah ... Hallelu-jah ... Hallelu-jah (repeat)

Chorus

SENDING

Leader: Go in peace. Serve the Lord!

All: Thanks be to God!



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***We welcome you to St. John Lutheran Church.
We are... "creating and nurturing life changing relationships
based on the love of God in Jesus Christ,
so that we may grow in faith, serve God,
and serve our neighbor."***

Worship: Saturday 5:00 PM
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Seven Faith Practices

I will strive to...

1. **PRAY** daily
2. **WORSHIP** weekly
3. **READ** and study the Bible
4. **SERVE** at and beyond St. John
5. **INVITE** others into a loving relationship with Jesus
6. **GIVE** of my time, talents, and resources
7. **ENCOURAGE** spiritual growth in others