



*I came to bring  
fire to the earth...*

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Welcome to St. John Lutheran Church  
Tenth weekend after Pentecost  
Sunday August 14th, 2022



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## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **PRELUDE**

### **CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

Leader: Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God, whose steadfast love endures us forever.

**ALL: Amen.**

Leader: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

Leader: Most merciful God,

**ALL: we confess that we have not followed your path but have chosen our own way. Instead of putting others before ourselves, we long to take the best seats at the table. When met by those in need, we have too often passed by on the other side. Set us again on the path of life. Save us from ourselves and free us to love our neighbors. Amen.**

Leader: Hear the good news! God does not deal with us according to our sins but delights in granting pardon and mercy. In the name of Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. You are free to love as God loves.

**ALL: Amen.**

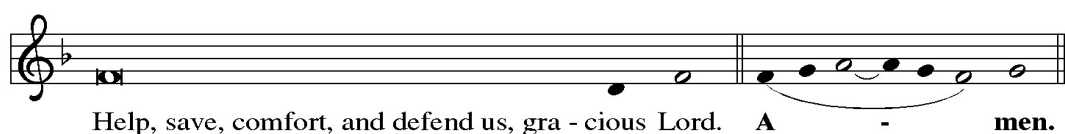
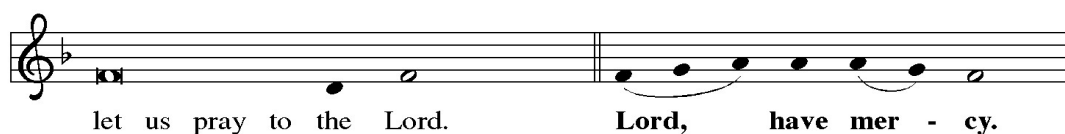
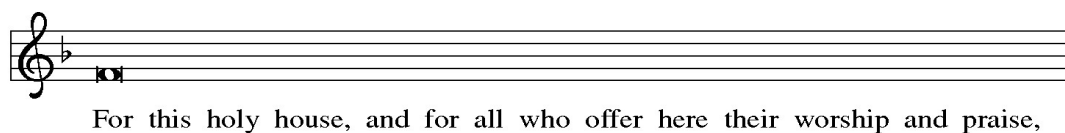
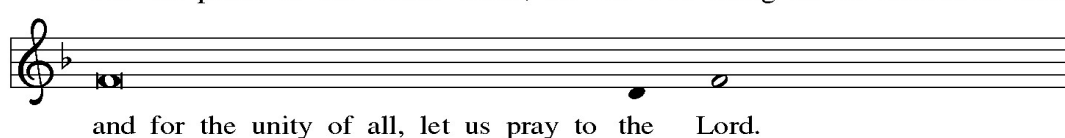
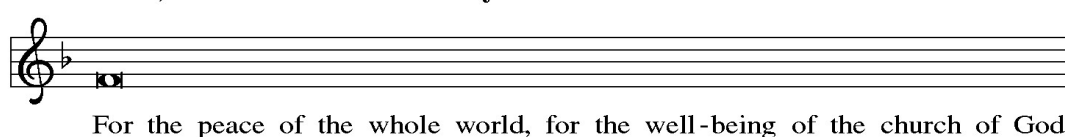
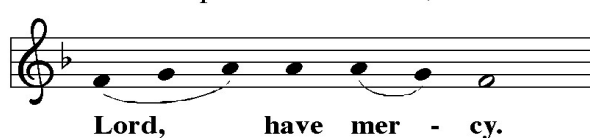
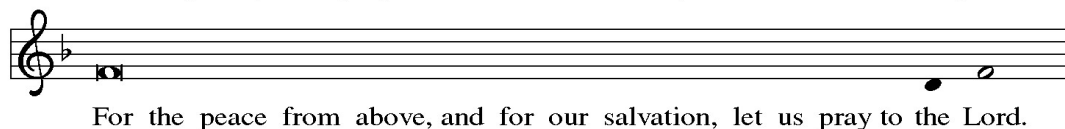
**GATHERING SONG** Faith of Our Fathers

Hymn 812

### **GREETING AND KYRIE**

Leader: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**ALL: And also with you.**



## This Is the Feast

*Refrain*

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,

al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb

who was slain, whose blood set us free to be peo - ple of God.

*Refrain*

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,

al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 2 Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and

strength, and hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are his.

*Refrain*

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,

al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 3 Sing with all the peo - ple of

God, and join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless - ing, hon - or,

glo - ry, and might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.

*Refrain*

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,  
 al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 4 For the Lamb who was  
 slain has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.  
*Final refrain*  
 This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God.  
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Leader: The Lord be with you. **C: And also with you.**

### PRAYER OF THE DAY

Leader: O God, judge eternal, you love justice and hate oppression, and you call us to share your zeal for truth. Give us courage to take our stand with all victims of bloodshed and greed, and, following your servants and prophets, to look to the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**ALL: Amen**

### FIRST READING

### Jeremiah 23:23-29

Am I a God near by, says the Lord, and not a God far off? Who can hide in secret places so that I cannot see them? says the Lord. Do I not fill heaven and earth? says the Lord. I have heard what the prophets have said who prophesy lies in my name, saying, "I have dreamed, I have dreamed!" How long? Will the hearts of the prophets ever turn back—those who prophesy lies, and who prophesy the deceit of their own heart? They plan to make my people forget my name by their dreams that they tell one another, just as their ancestors forgot my name for Baal. Let the prophet who has a dream tell the dream, but let the one who has my word speak my word faithfully. What has straw in common with wheat? says the Lord. Is not my word like fire, says the Lord, and like a hammer that breaks a rock in pieces?

*The Word of the Lord....* **C: Thanks be to God.**

## SECOND READING

## Hebrews 11:29--12:2

By faith the people passed through the Red Sea as if it were dry land, but when the Egyptians attempted to do so they were drowned. By faith the walls of Jericho fell after they had been encircled for seven days. By faith Rahab the prostitute did not perish with those who were disobedient, because she had received the spies in peace.

And what more should I say? For time would fail me to tell of Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, of David and Samuel and the prophets—who through faith conquered kingdoms, administered justice, obtained promises, shut the mouths of lions, quenched raging fire, escaped the edge of the sword, won strength out of weakness, became mighty in war, put foreign armies to flight. Women received their dead by resurrection. Others were tortured, refusing to accept release, in order to obtain a better resurrection. Others suffered mocking and flogging, and even chains and imprisonment. They were stoned to death, they were sawn in two, they were killed by the sword; they went about in skins of sheep and goats, destitute, persecuted, tormented—of whom the world was not worthy. They wandered in deserts and mountains, and in caves and holes in the ground.

Yet all these, though they were commended for their faith, did not receive what was promised, since God had provided something better so that they would not, apart from us, be made perfect.

Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, who for the sake of the joy that was set before him endured the cross, disregarding its shame, and has taken his seat at the right hand of the throne of God.

*The Word of the Lord.... C: Thanks be to God.*

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the

words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

Leader: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke

**ALL: Glory to you, O Lord.**

## **GOSPEL**

**Luke 12:49-56**

[Jesus said:] "I came to bring fire to the earth, and how I wish it were already kindled! I have a baptism with which to be baptized, and what stress I am under until it is completed! Do you think that I have come to bring peace to the earth? No, I tell you, but rather division! From now on five in one household will be divided, three against two and two against three; they will be divided:

father against son  
and son against father,  
mother against daughter  
and daughter against mother,  
mother-in-law against her daughter-in-law  
and daughter-in-law against mother-in-law."

He also said to the crowds, "When you see a cloud rising in the west, you immediately say, 'It is going to rain'; and so it happens. And when you see the south wind blowing, you say, 'There will be scorching heat'; and it happens. You hypocrites! You know how to interpret the appearance of earth and sky, but why do you not know how to interpret the present time?"

*The Gospel of the Lord... C: Praise to you, O Christ.*

## **SERMON**

Pastor O'Brien

**HYMN** Abide With Me

Hymn 629

## **APOSTLES' CREED**

**ALL: 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 INTERCESSION**

Leader: Merciful God,

**ALL: receive our prayer**

## **OFFERING PRAYER**

Leader: God of abundance:

**All: you have set before us a plentiful harvest. As we feast on your goodness, strengthen us to the labor in your field, and equip us to bear fruit for the good of all, in the name of Jesus.**

**Amen.**

## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you. And al - so 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.

Leader: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ. By the leading of a star he was shown forth to all nations; in the waters of the Jordan you proclaimed him your beloved Son; and in the miracle of water turned to wine he revealed your glory. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,

heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na. Ho -

san-na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless-ed is he who

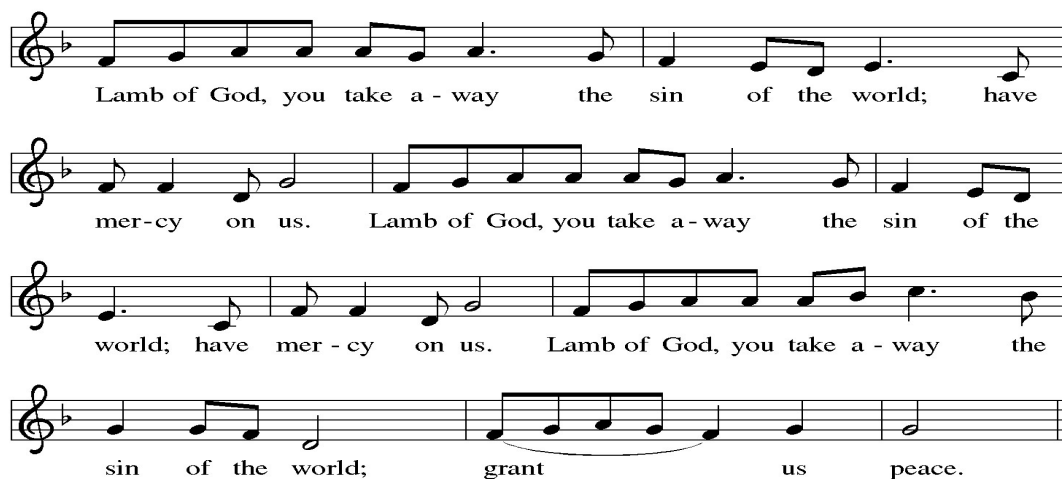
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san - na in the high - est.



## THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

### THE LORD'S PRAYER

**ALL:** 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

### ***Welcome!***

St. John practices "open communion". All who are baptized and instructed are welcome to share the Lord's Supper with us today. We are using pre-sealed communion elements. Starting with the right side of the church, followed by the left when they are finished, you may come forward and receive communion from the table. You may consume the elements when you return to your pew or wait until you get outside if that is a more comfortable place for you to eat and drink. Young children are welcome to come forward to receive a blessing.

### PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Leader: Life-giving God, through this meal you have bandaged our wounds and fed us with your mercy. Now send us forth to live for others, both friend and stranger, that all may come to know your love. This we pray in the name of Jesus.

**ALL: Amen.**

## **BLESSING**

Leader: The God of peace, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you, comfort you, and show you the path of life this day and always.

**ALL: Amen.**

**SENDING SONG** Lead On, O King Eternal

Hymn 805

## **DISMISSAL**

Leader: Go in peace. Love your neighbor.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

## **POSTLUDE**

# **Weekly Announcements**



### ***This Week at St. John***

**Mon:** No Bible Study

**Tues:** Blankets 9 AM

**Wed:** McDonald's 7 AM

**Thurs:** Council Meeting 7 PM

**Sat:** Worship 5 PM

**Sun:** Worship 9 AM

### ***Serving This Week***

**Lector** Diana Pfaff

**Usher** Diana Pfaff

**Acolyte** Lily Sondergeld

### ***In Our Prayers***

Audry S.-medical concerns

Marilyn Sandrock- medical concerns

Carolyn Lasseter- medical concerns

Gary Carstensen- medical concerns

Brenda Powell- medical concerns

Dan Jeffers-medical concerns

Michele Maix- medical concerns

Cabe Krotcher- medical concerns

Joan Truman- medical concerns

Family and friends of Carol Tank

## **ALTAR FLOWERS**



*Altar Flowers*

The altar flowers are given to the Glory of God, and in memory of Tana Lenz and given by Keith Lenz, The Higginbotham's and the Krumnow's.

## **CHANCEL FLOWERS**

The chancel flowers are given to the Glory of God, and in memory of Bernie Pohlada and given by Shirley Mravec.

### **LUTHER HOME GOLF OUTING**

The Luther Home of Mercy Golf Outing is Friday, August 26 at Maumee Bay. Foursomes are invited to join Luther Home for continental breakfast, golf and a delicious lunch overlooking the Lake; all in support of their programs and services for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities. Not a golfer? They are also looking for help with: Cart Sponsors (\$50 each): Your name will be featured on a cart and in the Outing Program. Hole Sponsors: (\$100 each) Your name will be featured on a sign at one of the 18 holes and in the Outing Program. More information and registration can be found at their website, [lutherhome.org](http://lutherhome.org) or by contacting Megan O'Brien: [mobrien@lutherhome.org](mailto:mobrien@lutherhome.org) 419-972-4436.

### **OUR BLESSING BOX**

Mini Pantry has been used quite a bit recently. To help restock we need **Spaghetti, Spaghetti Sauce, Canned Fruit, Peanut Butter, Jelly, Toothpaste, Toothbrushes, and Toilet Tissue**. When you are shopping this week, consider purchasing a few extra items and bringing them to the church.

### **USHERS AND LECTORS**

We have now resumed our worship assistant rotation. Please watch the newsletter or Monday email to see when you are scheduled to serve. If you are willing to be added to the list, please let Pastor O'Brien know or contact the church office.

#### **SATURDAY- 5:00pm AUGUST**

##### **Ushers**

20 OPEN  
27 OPEN

##### **Lectors**

20 Beverly Harder  
27 Aidan O'Brien

##### **Acolytes**

20 Kennedy Donnelly  
27 Emma Morgan

#### **SUNDAY- 9:00am AUGUST**

##### **Ushers**

21 Jill Kao  
28 OPEN

##### **Lectors**

21 Deanna Neuman  
28 Tim Titgemeyer

##### **Acolytes**

21 Aiden Johnson  
28 Lucas Titgemeyer

## **FACEBOOK GROUP**

On Facebook, "Pages" are run by organizations/updated by administrators to share information with those who like or follow the page. Facebook "Groups" are a community-based feature that gathers people with the same interests to discuss topics and share their opinions. St. John has BOTH!  
If you haven't yet joined our Facebook GROUP, please find us on Facebook and join!

## **SEEKING ENCOURAGERS**

Could you be an Encourager?

When the pandemic started, we divided up the membership list and sought volunteers to contact fellow members. We wanted to be sure to keep connections with our church family when the world seemed to be falling apart. We didn't formalize the project, however, and for a host of reasons it sort of fell apart after the first round of phone calls.

We are looking to restart this ministry with a little more structure to keep it going. We are seeking people to be ENCOURAGERS, which is our 7th Faith Practice (1 Thessalonians 5:11). ENCOURAGERS would be people willing to make half a dozen contacts throughout the month. (Maybe more, maybe less depending on what you are comfortable with.) You would work on your schedule in your time. These contacts can be telephone calls, checking in with a neighbor, sending a card, or visiting a friend in church. The Stephen Ministers have volunteered to do some brief training about how the program will work and offer support for those who might be worried about what to say. These will be informative meetings and open to suggestions; we would love to hear your ideas about being an Encourager as this ministry develops.

We could certainly use your help and talents in starting our "rebirth". Our first meeting will be held September 1, 2022 at 7:00 p.m. Light refreshments will be served. Please come and be a part of our Encourager group.

We will meet in the social hall.

We look forward to seeing you there, but please take a minute and call one of our Stephen Ministers, Audrey Milbrodt ([419-367-0513](tel:419-367-0513)), Traci Brown ([419-304-1214](tel:419-304-1214)) Marcia Morgan ([419-967-5157](tel:419-967-5157)) or Jan Sheahan ([419-836-9254](tel:419-836-9254)) and sign up for your attendance.





### **FALL WORSHIP HOURS**

Fall worship hours begin on Sunday September 11th.

#### **Saturday**

Contemporary Service 5 PM

#### **Sunday**

Sunday School 8:30 AM

Traditional Service 9:45 AM

### **PHONE SYSTEM UPDATE**

We have been working through some technical upgrades the last couple months and this includes a new phone system. The good news is, we are nearing the end of our upgrade. We appreciate your patience if any errors occur while we complete the process!

#### **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

# Backpack Ministry

With school starting up soon we would like to provide backpacks and supplies for those who have need. It's important that students have the tools they need for a successful school year. To help make this happen we are seeking donations of backpacks and school supplies to fill them. Each school district and grade is different, but we have compiled a list of common items to fill backpacks the best we can. A donation list is posted below. If you don't want to shop for school supplies, please consider a contribution to the Good Samaritan Fund labeled "Backpack Ministry". We will use donated money to purchase the items we need. If you have any questions or would like to help assemble the backpacks, speak to Pastor O'Brien or any member of the Christian Community Life Committee;

Carol Vargo, Alice Witt, Donna Matthews, Susie Matthews.

## **Backpack Ministry Donation List:**

Backpacks (for elementary school students)

Glue sticks

Colored pencils

Fiskar Scissors

24 pack Crayola crayons

10 pack Crayola markers

School box

Dry Erase Markers

Highlighters

Sturdy pocket folders (3 ring)

Hand Sanitizer

Pencil pouch (three ring)

Spiral notebooks

Notebook paper

Gallon size zipper bags

Quart size zipper bags

Boxes of tissues

Headphones with a straight 3.5mm jack





**10<sup>th</sup> Annual Benevolence Golf Outing 09/24/2022**

***Proceeds to benefit St. John Good Samaritan Fund***  
(Good Samaritan Fund assists with emergency requests from individuals and families of the community.)

**All Golfers Welcome and Needed!**

**Foursome Team Scramble  
Saturday September 24<sup>th</sup>, 2022**

Chippewa Golf Course  
23550 St. Rt. 579, Curtice, Ohio, 43412  
8am—Registration  
9am- Shot Gun Start

A white golf ball sits on a lush green grassy field. The background is a clear blue sky with wispy white clouds.

**\$65 per player**  
**18 holes with cart**  
**Includes meal**  
**PRIZES, PRIZES, PRIZES**

**For Information: Tom Cashen 419-205-1942 or Church Office 419-836-5514**



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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  
Sunday Worship 9:00 AM  
Monday Morning Bible Study 10:00 AM