

SERVICE OF THE WORD
8:30 and 10:45 a.m.

THE LORD PREPARES OUR HEARTS

The Prelude, "Jesus Loves Me" arr. J. Wayne Kerr
"A Festive Rondo" David Lasky

THE LORD GATHERS US TOGETHER FOR WORSHIP

The Gathering Song, "Gracious Spirit, Heed Our Pleading" No. 401
The Confession and Forgiveness Page 211
The Greeting and Kyrie Page 213
The Gloria Page 213

Refrain: Congregation
Verse 1: Pastor
Verses 2 and 3: Congregation

The Prayer of the Day – In Unison

God of love, giver of life, you know our frailties and failings. Give us your grace to overcome them, keep us from those things that harm us, and guide us in the way of salvation, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
Amen.

The Anthem, "The Love of God" arr. Lehman

THE LORD SPEAKS TO US

The First Reading: Ezekiel 18:1-4, 25-32
The Psalm: Psalm 25:1-9 No. 25, vs. 1-9
The Second Reading: Philippians 2:1-13
The Gospel Acclamation Page 216
The Gospel: Matthew 21:23-32
The Pulpit Hymn, "Our Father, We Have Wandered" No. 606, vs. 1
The Children's Message, "Living for Others"
The Pulpit Hymn, "Our Father, We Have Wandered" No. 606, vs. 2,3
The Sermon: "FAITH ACTIVE IN LOVE"

THE LORD CALLS FORTH OUR RESPONSE

(8:30) The Hymn of the Day, "I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light" No. 815
(8:30) The Apostles' Creed Page 217
(10:45) The Hymn of the Day, "I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light" No. 815, vs. 1
The Offering, "Heavenly Love Medley" arr. Linn
The Cantic of Thanksgiving Page 219
(10:45) The Holy Baptism Page 227
(10:45) The Hymn of the Day, "I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light" No. 815, v 2,3
The Concerns of the Church
The Prayers, Lord's Prayer, and Blessing
The Sending Song, "The Lord Now Sends Us Forth" No. 538
The Dismissal
The Postlude, "Jesus, Name Above All Names" Nadia Hearn

A CORDIAL WELCOME TO YOU from the entire family of believers in Christ of St. John's Church! May God the Father and the crucified and risen Lord Jesus Christ give you grace and peace by the power of the Holy Spirit. If you are a visitor, you are invited to sign the Welcome Pad and come and worship with us again! If you brought your **CELL PHONE** to church today, please be sure to turn it off as you prepare for worship. **A NURSERY** is available this morning down the southeast hallway in Matthew. If your **CHILD** needs a **BRIEF BREAK** from worship there is a **CRY ROOM** available, with sound, tables, chairs, and visibility into the sanctuary to your right as you exit the sanctuary.

BAPTIZED AT THE 10:45 SERVICE TODAY is Chase Michael Cloutier. Chase's parents are Michael and Justina Cloutier. Chase's baptismal sponsors are Eric and Alissa Gehrke and Jim and Nicole Poolman. Congratulations, Chase, son of God!

ST. JOHN'S HYMN OF THE MONTH FOR SEPTEMBER is the Tanzanian hymn, "Gracious Spirit, Hear our Pleading". This hymn from Tanzania is a call to the Holy Spirit to come to us each day, to lead us, to fashion us, and to help us follow. It is a prayer to keep us strong in our faith, unswerving to the influence of the world and to turn our doubt into certain faith. In Tanzania, this hymn would be sung in four parts with drum accompaniment, and of course, by memory!

HEARING ASSISTANCE devices are available at the sound desk. Please talk to one of St. John's sound team technicians in the sound booth.

LARGE PRINT HYMNALS for today's worship services are available on the small table by the entrance to the sanctuary.

FROM THE YOUTH DIRECTOR: Hi everyone, I hope you all had a blessed week and are enjoying worship today. Just a few reminders; Pizza Subs & More has become a popular program and we are extremely excited about the turnout, but we are falling slightly behind in the 3\$ dollar per/person donations which is making it hard for the program to sustain itself. We get an average of 1\$ per/person, so were are hoping to improve the programs sustainability by

making sure to give kids that are being dropped off money for food, and introduce the idea of paying for the whole year or multiple months in just a few donations to make it easier to keep up. That being said, thank you so much for taking part in our Wednesday night programming, it has been a blast for me so far! Lastly, please join us for our Hands with Purpose Mission Week presentation during A.C.E.! God bless everyone and thanks for reading, see you soon! – Peter, Youth Director

THE ST. JOHN'S SOUND TEAM is looking for a person who would be available approximately one Sunday per month to operate our sound board during worship services. There may also be an occasional wedding, funeral or other special event. Past experience is useful but not necessary. We will provide training and orientation as needed. If interested, please contact Dan Nelson at 952-435-5314 or krisndan@charter.net.

WOMEN, PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDARS St John's will be hosting a women's' retreat Friday, **January 30 (evening) and Saturday, January 31**. There is an exciting line up planned centering around "Time for God, Time for Reflection, Time for Women". We look forward to this time as a congregation of women to spend time in the word and with each other. Please check the board in the narthex or contact Sigrid Iversen at 952-469-3385 for more details.

St. John's Notebook

Mission Statement

"We are here to share the Good News of Jesus Christ and to reach out in his love to all people."

ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK AT ST. JOHN'S CHURCH

SUN 9/28	8:30/10:45 a.m.	Worship/Blood Pressure Screening/ Outreach Sunday
	9:40 am	"Hands with Purpose" Presentation Education Hour 3-year-olds through Adult Centennial Singers <i>The Reach</i>
	3:00 p.m. 5:00 p.m.	
MON 9/29	12:45 p.m.	Blood Pressure Screening, Fairfield Apt.
	3:00 p.m.	Piano Lessons
	7:00 p.m.	Boy Scouts
TUES 9/30	10:00 a.m.	Staff Meeting
	6:15 p.m.	String Factory
	7:00 p.m.	Adult Education Committee Meeting
WED 10/1	8:00 a.m.	Music Staff Meeting
	9:30 a.m.	Hannah Circle
	5:00 p.m.	Pizza, Subs, and More
	5:00/6:00/7:00 p.m.	<i>Affirm</i>
	6:00 p.m.	<i>Sonshine, GRACE Singers</i>
	7:00 p.m.	<i>Praise Singers, Chancel Choir, Ablaze</i>
THUR 10/2	9:30 a.m.	Rachel Circle
	7:30 p.m.	Inspire
FRI 10/3	6:00 p.m.	Donavan/Carlson Wedding Rehearsal
SAT 10/4	4:00 p.m.	Donavan/Carlson Wedding
SUN 10/5	8:30/10:45 a.m.	Worship/Communion/Kindergarten Bible Sunday
	(10:45)	
	9:40 am	Education Hour 3-year-olds through Adult
	12:00 p.m.	Fall Festival
	5:00 p.m.	<i>The Reach</i>
	6:00 p.m.	<i>Reflect</i>

CHRIST IN OUR HOME for October, November, and December in large and small print, are available at the Information Center in the southwest corner of the narthex. Other devotionals are also available. You are invited to pick up a copy today.

St. John's Lutheran Church

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IF YOU KNOW OF ANYONE WHO IS ILL, hospitalized, or in need of pastoral care, please call the church office at 952-469-4916. St. John's Prayer Chain may be activated by calling Diane Hammer (952-469-2570/952-239-0806) or Mavis Haaland (952-447-1610). Prayer requests may be included in our public prayers on Sunday morning by calling the church office during the week or by submitting the request to Pastor Helland in writing prior to the service.

PARTICIPANTS IN OUR WORSHIP TODAY

Deacons: David Casperson, Scot Kretzschmar
Director of Music: Deborah Helland
Organist: Shirley Peterson
Musical Ensemble: Courier Quartet
Worship Preparation Hostess: Marilyn Moller
Sound Technician: Dave Coldren
Nursery Attendant: Jenna Holm
Pew Preparation: Mardi Brettschneider
Bulletin Assembly: Marilou Zachary

8:30

10:45

Greeters:	Buckley family	Wigley family
Usher Teams:	Cory Paulsen	Jim Knutson
Acolytes:	Kaitlyn Kamleiter	Colin Fritze
Readers:	Sue Slater	Mary Ann White
Nursery Helpers:	Abbie Ness	Megan Sperl

FLOWERS TODAY: **Bob and Rosemary Johnson**, in honor of their 45th anniversary. **Roger and Judy Tews**, in honor of their 44th anniversary. **Frank and Sarah Grahek**, in honor of their 6th anniversary. **The Schmidt family** in honor of Erica Schmidt's 4th birthday.

BULLETIN SPONSORSHIP: **Eleanor Begland**, in memory of Allen. **Brian and Kim Schmidt**, in honor of their 18th anniversary.

WORSHIP OF OUR LORD JESUS AT ST. JOHN'S CHURCH is celebrated in the classic, historic, liturgical format that is practiced around the world and has sustained the faith of the Church for centuries. St. John's Church serves the greater Lakeville area through a membership of 1,568 baptized believers in Christ.

WORSHIP ATTENDANCE LAST SUNDAY: 8:30 - 343; 10:45 - 348.

PARTICIPANTS FOR WORSHIP NEXT SUNDAY, OCTOBER 5

Deacons: Ashley Koch, Mike Paul
Worship Preparation Hostess: Sue Lehmann, Kathy Mogan, Lynn Coldren, Sandy Spitzner
Sound Technician: Dan Nelson
Nursery Attendant: Jenna Holm
Communion Preparation: Fruechte/Hansen/Lundblad
Pew Preparation: Julie Damico
Bulletin Assembly: Kari Johnson

8:30

10:45

Greeters:	Barry Fick	Wright family
Usher Teams:	Tab Pasvogel	Ron Menough
Acolytes:	Zach Emond	Matthew Holzer
Choirs:	<i>Chancel Choir</i>	<i>GRACE Singers</i>
Readers:	Peter Schneeman	Erin Lindquist
Communion Servers:	Doreen Enggren	Barry Fick
	John & Jeanne Hartwig	Keith & Shari Howell
	Debbie Lang	Jim Knutson
	Jim Sulzbach	Fran Wood
Nursery Helpers:	David Monnens	Rose Cozad

REFLECT WILL AGAIN BE OFFERED SUNDAY EVENINGS through St. John's Church this fall. This recurring Sunday evening opportunity for fellowship and learning is a time for participants to "*reflect*" upon their past experience of Christian faith in conversation with the Lutheran perspective on the teaching of the Bible and practice of Christian faith. *Reflect* is required of persons desiring membership with St. John's Church who have not yet been baptized, not yet celebrated their confirmation, or who desire to transfer to St. John's Church from church membership other than Lutheran. *Reflect* is, however, open to any interested adult. Pastor Helland will be leading *Reflect* beginning Sunday evening, October 5, at 6:00 in "Mark". "Mark" is the name of the room at the far east end of the front hallway.

Sessions will be held for five Sunday evenings, one hour each session, **October 5-November 9**, with one Sunday off on October 19 for the MEA weekend. There is no cost. Interested persons are invited to call the church office, 952-469-4916, or to e-mail Pastor Helland at pastor@sjlcl.org and indicate plans to come to "Mark" on October 5.

The next opportunity for persons to be received into membership at St. John's Church will be offered Sunday, November 23.



CALLING ALL ADULTS! JOIN US IN THE SANCTUARY AT 9:40

St. John's Sunday morning programming of Worship and Education includes opportunity for adults to continue their faith development by engaging in adult reflection on the Bible and matters of faith.

TODAY, September 28 – “Hands with Purpose”

St. John's youth share their experience of answering God's call this past summer through “Mission Week, 2008”.

NEXT SUNDAY, October 5 – “Financial Giving as Response to God's Grace”

Pastor Helland, Barry Fick of St. John's Stewardship Committee, and Mark Gelle of St. John's Finance Committee share a two-part presentation. Biblical understanding of financial giving will be discussed along with the manner in which St. John's Church is one opportunity to practice Biblical stewardship. One question that will be kept in mind will be, “How do gifts given through St. John's Church make a difference?”

THE AUGSBURG CENTENNIAL SINGERS, a 55-voice male chorus, will appear in concert at St. John's Lutheran Church **TODAY at 3:00 p.m.** The Centennial Singers consist of men from various walks of life drawn together by their love of singing. The group was formed in 1993 to commemorate the 100th anniversary of the first gospel quartet from Augsburg College to sing in Norway. The music for the concert includes spirituals, familiar hymns and gospel songs, selections from the classical repertoire and a barbershop tune or two. A free-will offering will be received. St. John's Lutheran sponsors the concert.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY will meet again starting this Wednesday **October 1**. We will follow the music schedule for the remainder of the year. Our book will be The Purpose Driven Life by Rick Warren. New members are welcome. Child care will be provided. Please call Sigrid Iversen at 952-469-3385 with questions.

LUTEFISK AND MEATBALLS, THE TRADITION CONTINUES! St. John's Scandinavian dinner will be Saturday, November 8. Tickets will go on sale October 1. Call Linda Moe at 952-469-3718 to reserve your ticket. Serving times are 4:00, 5:30, and 7:00 p.m. Cost is \$16 for adults, \$8 for children 10 and under.

Two workshops for making oat cakes and other Scandinavian baked goods for the Scandinavian dinner will be held on Tuesday, October 14 and Monday, October 27 at 6:00 p.m. Everything will be supplied. Please join us for an evening of baking and fellowship. See you there! Committee members: Dave and Alice Anton, Marv and Linda Moe, Roger and Judy Tews.

ST. JOHN'S INSPIRE THURSDAY EVENING ADULT BIBLE STUDY will consider “The Book of Faith” beginning this Thursday, October 2. Have you often wondered how the Bible could be more meaningful to you? Have you wished that the Bible would speak more directly to you in your daily life? Would you like to spend a few hours thinking with other believers about various approaches to the Bible as a Book of Faith?

Inspire is a Thursday evening program of adult learning and fellowship led by Pastor Helland. This fall *Inspire* will meet for seven Thursday evenings from **October 2 through November 20**, 7:30 – 8:30 p.m., with one Thursday off for the MEA weekend.

Inspire participants will meet in “Mark” for one hour each session. There is a \$10 registration fee per person for materials.

Please e-mail Pastor Helland at pastor@sjlcl.org or fill out the form below and submit to the church office to indicate your intention to participate in *Inspire* Thursday evenings, October 2- November 20. Participants are invited to pick up materials at the Information Center in the narthex on Sunday mornings or in the church office weekdays.

_____ Yes! I am coming to participate in “The Book of Faith”!

Name _____

FOOD SUNDAY WILL BE NEXT SUNDAY. Community Action Council is in need of food on an ongoing basis. Look for the food box in the narthex in which to place food donations. Or if you prefer the food shelf could use cash donations to purchase fresh food certificates. Make your checks out to Community Action Council and place in the offering plate. Thank you for helping us in this effort so that CAC can continue to help provide food for those in need.

TO PREPARE FOR WORSHIP NEXT SUNDAY, OCTOBER 5, you are invited to read next Sunday's readings in advance. The readings will be as follows: First Reading – Isaiah 5:1-7; Second Reading – Philippians 3:4b-14; Gospel – Matthew 21:33-46. Pastor Helland plans to be preaching on the First Reading.



ST. JOHN'S ANNUAL FALL FESTIVAL IS COMING next Sunday, October 5 from 12:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m.! Mark your calendars now and plan on joining in the excitement of the Annual St. John's Fall Festival! There will be entertainment and activities for the entire family. Lunch will be served immediately following the second service and then the afternoon will be filled with lots of games, pony rides, a jumper, prizes, fellowship and of course FUN!!!