

THE HOLY COMMUNION
8:30 and 10:45 a.m.

THE LORD PREPARES OUR HEARTS

The Prelude, "Variations on Picardy" arr. Michael Helman

THE LORD GATHERS US TOGETHER FOR WORSHIP

The Gathering Song, "God Is Here!" No. 526

The Confession and Forgiveness

P: Blessed be the Holy Trinity, one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever.

C: Amen.

P: Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

P: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.
Gracious God,

C: have mercy on us. We confess that we have turned from you and given ourselves into the power of sin. We are truly sorry and humbly repent. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things we have done and things we have failed to do. Turn us again to you, and uphold us by your Spirit, so that we may live and serve you in newness of life through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

P: 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.

The Greeting and Kyrie Page 165

The Prayer of the Day (In Unison)

Sovereign God, raise your throne in our hearts. Created by you, let us live in your image; created for you, let us act for your glory; redeemed by you, let us give you what is yours, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

The Anthem, "Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service" The Sacred Harp

THE LORD SPEAKS TO US

The First Reading: Isaiah 45:1-7
The Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10
The Gospel Acclamation Page 171
The Gospel: Matthew 22:15-22
The Sermon: **"TELLING THE TRUTH—SLANT!"**

THE LORD CALLS FORTH OUR RESPONSE

The Hymn of the Day, "God of Grace and God of Glory" No. 705
The Nicene Creed Page 104
The Offering, "Take My Life and Let It Be" Malan
The Canticle, "We Give Thee but Thine Own" No. 686
The Concerns of the Church
The Prayers Page 105
The Exchange of Peace Page 106

THE LORD COMES TO US IN BREAD AND CUP

The Words of Institution and Lord's Prayer
The Communion

The Hymns during Distribution:
"This Is My Father's World" No. 824
"Beautiful Savior" No. 838
"How Great Thou Art" No. 856
"We Praise You, O God" No. 870

The Table Blessing and Closing Prayer
The Sending Blessing
The Sending Song, "When Morning Gilds the Skies" No. 853
The Dismissal
The Postlude, "Lord, Dismiss Us With Thy Blessing" Sicilian Mariners

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 10/19	8:30/10:45 a.m. 5:00 p.m.	Worship/Communion/Volunteer Sign-ups <i>The Reach</i>
MON 10/20	3:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	Piano Lessons Boy Scouts/Executive Board Meeting
TUES 10/21	8:30 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 6:15 p.m.	St. John's Quilters Staff Meeting String Factory
WED 10/22	8:00 a.m. 5:00 p.m. 5:00/6:00/7:00 p.m. 6:00 p.m.	Music Staff Meeting Pizza, Subs, and More <i>Affirm</i> <i>Sonshine, GRACE Singers/Affirmation of Baptism Rehearsal/Women's Group Praise Singers, Chancel Choir, Ablaze</i>
THUR 10/23	7:00 p.m. 7:30 p.m.	Cantata Rehearsal <i>Inspire</i>
SAT 10/25	7:00 p.m. 10:00 a.m. 7:30 p.m.	Brass Rehearsal Grand Slam, Grades 6-8
SUN 10/26	8:30/10:45 a.m. 9:40 am 1:00 p.m. 1:30 p.m. 5:00 p.m. 6:00 p.m.	Worship/Volunteer Sign-ups/Blood Pressure Screening Education Hour 3-year-olds through Adult Affirmation Pictures Affirmation of Baptism Pictures <i>The Reach</i> <i>Reflect</i>

YOU DO NOT NEED TO BE A MEMBER of St. John's Church to receive the sacrament this morning. If you believe that Jesus died for the sins of the world, and your sins as well, and that he is present here in the bread and the cup to bring the forgiveness of sins and salvation, please come and share the meal with us. The alternate of grape juice is available for those who come forward with one of the bookmarks, available in the welcome pad folder, in hand.

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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.

WE WELCOME THE REV. DAVID QUARBERG to the leadership of our worship this morning while Pastor Helland and Debbie are on vacation to visit Matthew and Allana in San Francisco. Pastor Helland will be back in the office Wednesday morning. Pastoral care in Pastor Helland's absence may be obtained through St. John's Administrator, Judy Nyssen, at the church, 952-469-4916, or at home, 952-461-3171, or cell 763-360-3007.

BULLETIN SPONSORSHIP: The **Dave Horn family**, in honor of Ben's birthday.

FLOWERS TODAY: **Dan and Elisa Brown**, in honor of Emma and Jakob's birthdays. **Neil and Nancy Wolf**, in honor of Katlyn's birthday.

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.

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

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

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.

COMMITTEES OF THE CONGREGATION COUNCIL are reminded that your packet of minutes from last Monday's meetings is available for you in your mailbox in the main office this morning. Please stop and pick up your packet and review this month's work at your leisure!

SIMPLY GIVING Would you find it more convenient to have your offerings taken directly from your checking or savings account, as you do with many of your other obligations, at no cost to you or the congregation? Thrivent Financial for Lutherans sponsors a program called ***Simply Giving***, which offers this service for St. John's members who wish to have their offerings transferred electronically to the St. John's account. For those members who will occasionally not be able to attend a worship service (they are traveling or are out of town on vacation), this program is particularly helpful in keeping up with their intended offering.

Representatives from Thrivent Financial for Lutherans will be available to address your questions pertaining to the ***Simply Giving*** program, in between worship services, **today, October 19 and October 26**. You can also contact the church office for a ***Simply Giving*** enrollment form and for more details.

THIEVES ARE CURRENTLY WORKING CHURCH PARKING LOTS in our area! They are willing to break windows to enter vehicles where they believe there may be valuables. Please do not leave valuables (purses, briefcases, etc.) in plain view in your vehicle and lock your vehicle doors before entering the church.

FROM THE YOUTH DIRECTOR: Good morning everyone, hope this is a great Sunday for all. I would like to call all youth grades 6-12 and parents to please join us for a new opportunity to raise a great deal of money for our mission fund and our trip to Juarez Mexico this summer! The Impact Fundraising Company in Lakeville would like to partner up with us in selling a one-of-a-kind coupon card, and they average \$10,000 per event! We will go door to door on Sat. Nov. 1 and Sat. Nov. 22 for 5 hours each day. The more kids and parents we have the more we can sell, so please sign-up outside in the narthex to take part in this great opportunity. Also, this upcoming Saturday the 25th is our C.I.A. (grades 6-8) trip to Grand Slam! We will carpool from the church at 7:30 p.m. and be back at 11:00 p.m. The cost will be only \$10 per/person. Lastly, because I am out of town we will not have The Reach tonight. Hope all is well and God bless everyone. – Peter Youth Director

NURSERY ATTENDANT NEEDED St. John's is currently looking for personnel to staff the nursery Sunday mornings from 8:15-12:00 p.m. If you are interested in this position and are at least 18-years of age please call the church office at 952-469-4916. Pay is offered at \$10 per hour.

CHRIST IN OUR HOME DEVOTIONALS 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 HYMN OF THE MONTH FOR OCTOBER is the Tanzanian hymn, "Listen, God Is Calling". The hymn sounds the 2008-2009 program theme for St. John's, "Listen, God Is Calling!" The hymn is a traditional Tanzanian hymn and uses the "call and response" form of singing used in Tanzania. The Word of God invites us, offers forgiveness and joy, then we are given the command to share the good news to all!

PARTICIPANTS IN OUR WORSHIP TODAY

Deacons: Ashley Koch, Mike Paul
Organist: Shirley Peterson
Worship Preparation Hostess: Kathy Mogen, Lynn Coldren, Niki Stender, Sandy Spitzner
Cantor: Barb Ross
Vocal Soloist: Steve Sandberg
Sound Technician: Dan Nelson
Nursery Attendant: Carrie Flesch
Communion Preparation: Fruechte/Kretzschmar/Smith families
Pew Preparation: Mardi Brettschneider
Bulletin Assembly: Helen Drangstveit

8:30

Greeters: Horn family
Usher Teams: Paul Hammer
Acolytes: Alexandra Elliott
Readers: Karen Paul
Communion Servers: Kris Nelson
Mark Peterson
Jan Paulsen
Nursery Helpers: David Monnens

10:45

Sturlaugson family
Foster & Paul families
Colin Fritze
Erin Lindquist
Tess Gustafson
Roger Moller
Ron Swagger
Megan Sperl

THERE IS NO EDUCATION TODAY DURING THE EDUCATION MINNESOTA BREAK! All regular programming begins again tomorrow.

VOLUNTEER SIGN-UP FOR 2009 is available in the narthex this morning! If you are willing to volunteer in the calendar year 2009 for any of the jobs available on the sign-up tables, it would be our pleasure to have you sign up! Please sign up again if you volunteered in 2008 and are planning to continue your service. Thanks to all who volunteer in the ministry of St. John's Church!

WORSHIP ATTENDANCE LAST SUNDAY: 8:30 - 263 ; 10:45 - 354.

NEW MEMBER SUNDAY WILL BE CELEBRATED AT St. John's Church Sunday, November 23. If you would like membership in the congregation, please indicated your desire on the Welcome Pad, call the church office, 952-469-4916, or e-mail Pastor Helland at pastor@sjlcl.org and let him know. We would love to have you on board!

TO PREPARE FOR WORSHIP NEXT SUNDAY, OCTOBER 26, you are invited to read next Sunday's readings in advance. The readings will be as follows: First Reading – Jeremiah 31:31-34; Second Reading – Romans 3:19-28; Gospel – John 8:31-36.

PARTICIPANTS FOR WORSHIP NEXT SUNDAY, OCTOBER 26

Deacons: Ashley Koch, Mike Paul
Worship Preparation Hostess: Jo Knutson
Sound Technician: Blair Aakre
Nursery Attendant: Jenna Holm
Pew Preparation: Joan Radloff
Bulletin Assembly: Kathy Wheeler

8:30

Greeters: Swagger family
Usher Teams: Mel Lehmann
Crucifer: Kaitlyn Kamleiter
Acolytes: Morgan Koski
Choirs: *GRACE Singers*
Praise Singers
Readers: Jim Buckley
Nursery Helpers: David Monnens

10:45

Sperl family
Iversen & Nielsen families
Trevor Hubener
Tyler Kntson
Chancel Choir
Mary Ann White
Haley Walker

A WORKSHOP FOR MAKING SCANDINAVIAN BAKED GOODS for the Scandinavian dinner will be held 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!

LUTEFISK AND MEATBALLS, THE TRADITION CONTINUES! St. John's Scandinavian dinner will be Saturday, November 8. Tickets went 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. If you are able to donate any items for the dinner please sign up on the bulletin board in the narthex. Committee members: Dave and Alice Anton, Marv and Linda Moe, Roger and Judy Tews. A portion of the funds from the Scandinavian Dinner will be matched by Thrivent Financial.