SUNDAYS AFTER PENTECOST

October 11, 2026
9:00 a.m. Livestream

GATHERING

PRELUDE

Improvisation on "If I Should Lose You" by Ralph Rainger E. WU

RINGING OF THE BELLS Order of St. John

WELCOME Pastor Paul Baglyos

CALL TO WORSHIP

Fanfare on RATISBON E. WU

As music begins, the congregation turns and faces the Processional Cross.

INVITATION TO WORSHIP

Rejoice in the Lord always;
Rejoice, for the Lord is near.
Let your gentleness be known to everyone;
Rejoice, for the Lord is near.
Do not worry; lift your prayers to God;
Rejoice, for the Lord is near.
Therefore we confess:
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.

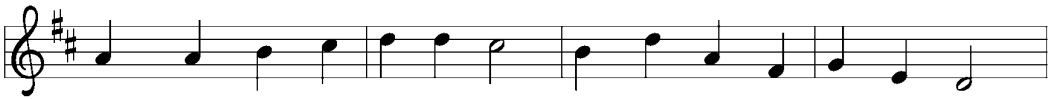
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.

GATHERING HYMN

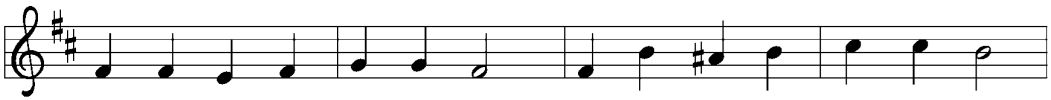
RATISBON

Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies

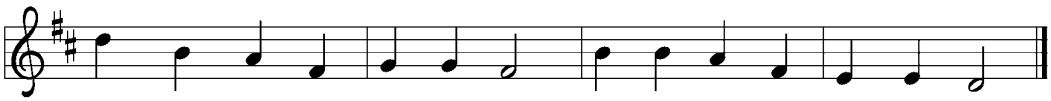
ELW HYMN 553



1 Christ, whose glo - ry fills the skies, Christ, the true and on - ly light,
2 Dark and cheer-less is the morn un - ac - com - pa - nied by thee;
3 Vis - it then this soul of mine, pierce the gloom of sin and grief;



Sun of righ - teous - ness, a - rise, tri - umph o'er the shades of night;
joy - less is the day's re - turn, till thy mer - cy's beams I see,
fill me, ra - dian - cy di - vine, scat - ter all my un - be - lief;



Day - spring from on high, be near; Day - star, in my heart ap - pear.
till they in - ward light im - part, glad my eyes, and warm my heart.
more and more thy - self dis - play, shin - ing to the per - fect day.

GREETING

The grace of Jesus Christ our Savior, the reconciling love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

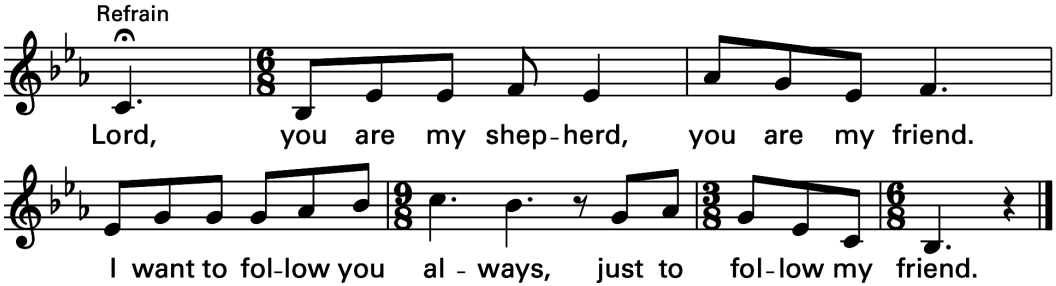
Let us pray. Lord of the feast,
you have prepared a table before all peoples and poured out your life with abundance. Call us again to your banquet. Strengthen us by what is honorable, just, and pure, and transform us into a people of righteousness and peace, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

WORD

PSALM 23

Because the Lord Is My Shepherd C. WALER

Refrain sung twice at beginning of song. 1st time by cantors, thereafter all.



Verses Because the Lord is my shepherd, I have everything I need. He lets me rest in the meadow and leads me to the quiet streams. He restores my soul and he leads me in the paths that are right: ***Refrain***

And when the road leads to darkness, I shall wake there unafraid. Even when death is close I have courage, for your help is there. You are close beside me with comfort, you are guiding my way: ***Refrain***

In love you make me a banquet for my enemies to see. You make me welcome, pouring down honor from your mighty hand, and this joy fills me with gladness; it is too much to bear: ***Refrain***

Your goodness always is with me and your mercy I know. Your loving kindness strengthens me always as I go through life. I shall dwell in your presence forever, giving praise to your name: ***Refrain***

LESSON Isaiah 25:1-9

After a hymn of praise acknowledging God as a shelter for the poor, the prophet portrays a wonderful victory banquet at which death—which in ancient Canaan was depicted as a monster swallowing up everyone—will be swallowed up forever. The prophet urges celebration of this victory of salvation.

Word of God, word of life.
Thanks be to God.

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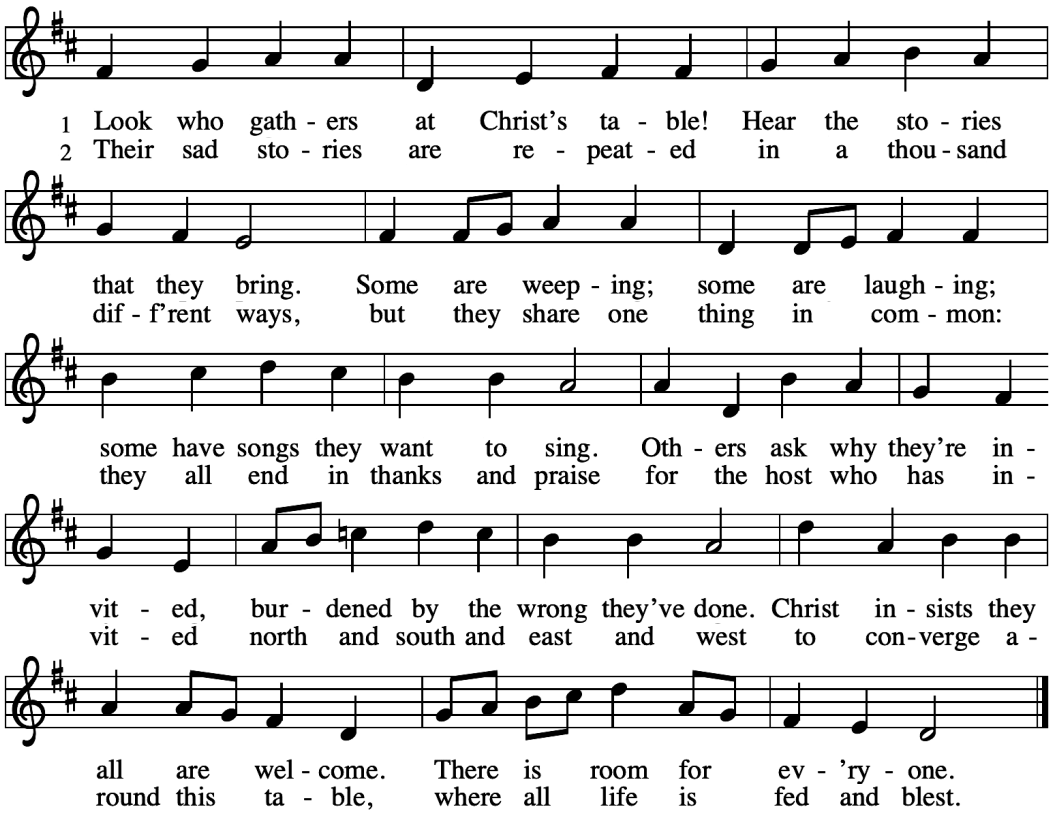
GOSPEL ACCLAMATION COPELAND

Look Who Gathers at Christ's Table ACS HYMN 977

Verse 1



Before the reading: The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the 22nd Chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

GOSPEL READING Matthew 22:1-14

Jesus tells a parable indicating that the blessings of God's kingdom are available to all, but the invitation is not to be taken lightly.

After the reading: The Gospel of our Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

ACCLAMATION REPRISE

Look Who Gathers at Christ's Table *See previous, verse 2*

FIRST GLANCE Elizabeth Kaetzel

SERMON Pastor Paul Baglyos

SERMON RESPONSE

Let the words of my mouth
and the meditation of our hearts be acceptable to you, O Lord,
our rock and our redeemer. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE Assisting Minister Allen Siverson

After each petition: Hear us, O God,
your mercy is great.

PEACE

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

MEAL

OFFERTORY

As we come together living out our faith in unity we trust in our God's loving care to provide for all we need. Let us respond generously to God's abiding love with our tithes and offerings. You are invited to visit our giving page link at https://www.stjohnslc.org/giving and leave an online offering.

OFFERTORY MUSIC

2. Andante Religioso
(from Pièces Religieuses) T. DUBOIS

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Let us pray. God of creation,
you send rain and the earth springs forth abundantly. All blessings are from you; make us generous with what we have. Use our gifts, our abilities, and our hearts in service to you and in love to our neighbors, today and always. Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

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 God thanks and praise.

Preface

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; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. 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:

Sanctus

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

Thanksgiving at the Table

Great are you, O God, and greatly to be praised. All your works in heaven and on earth proclaim your glory.

You reveal your steadfast love throughout all generations. In covenant with our ancestors in Eden and in exile, in the Promised Land and throughout all lands, you demonstrate your abounding grace.

Long ago you spoke to us by your prophets, but now in these last days you have spoken to us by your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, your Word made flesh for our salvation.

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.

We give you thanks, O God, for the gift of your Son Jesus, whose coming again in glory we await.

Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

Send your Holy Spirit upon us and upon this meal, that we may be fed by your presence with us, among us, and within us.

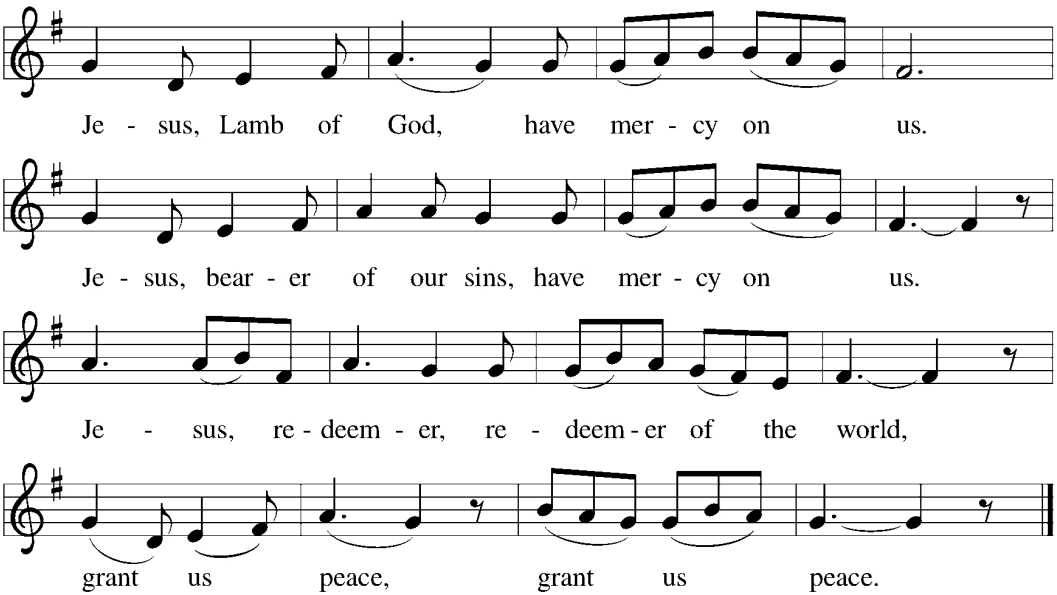
Amen. Come, Holy Spirit.

LORD'S PRAYER

Through your Spirit, we pray together as our Lord taught us:

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.

AGNUS DEI — ELW HYMN 199



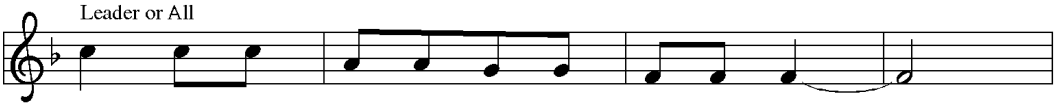
SELF-DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION

All are welcome here at God's table. We believe Christ is truly present in the bread and wine through the faith of those who gather. Jesus invites you to this meal that imparts God's free gift of grace.

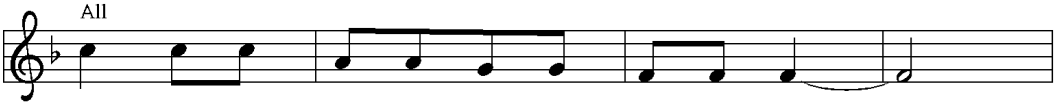
You are invited to partake of the meal with the bread and juice/wine you prepared saying:
"The body of Christ given for me/us." *And* ***"The blood of Christ shed for me/us."***

MUSIC FOR COMMUNION — A VA DE

Come, Let Us Eat — ELW HYMN 971



1 Come, let us eat, for now the feast is spread,
2 Come, let us drink, for now the wine is poured,
3 In Je - sus' pres - ence now we meet and rest,
4 Rise, then, to spread a - broad God's might - y word,



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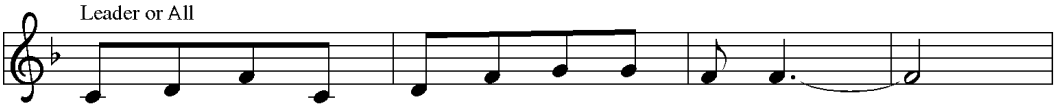

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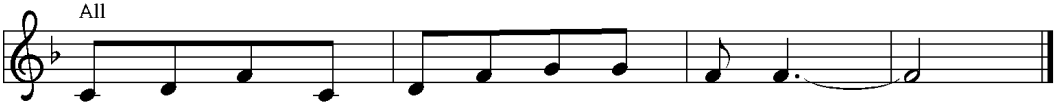
Je - sus' blood poured let us drink to - geth - er,
In the pres - ence of our Lord we gath - er,
Je - sus ris - en will bring in the king - dom,



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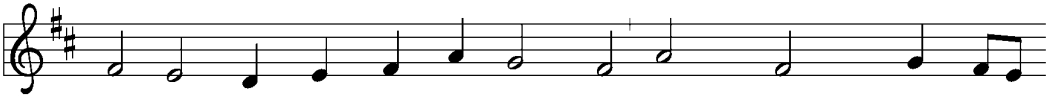
MUSIC FOR COMMUNION — SCHMÜCKE DICH

Soul, Adorn Yourself with Gladness — ELW HYMN 488



1 Soul, a - dorn your - self with glad - ness, leave the gloom - y
2 Has - ten as a bride to meet him, ea - ger - ly and
3 Now in faith I hum - bly pon - der o - ver this sur -
4 Je - sus, source of last - ing plea - sure, tru - est friend, and

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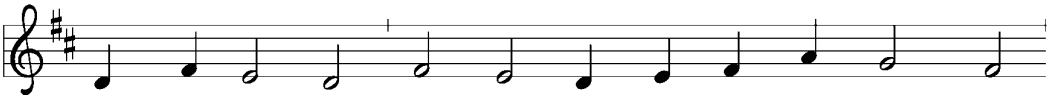
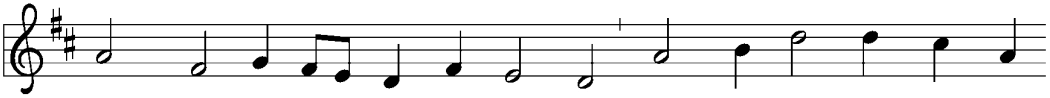
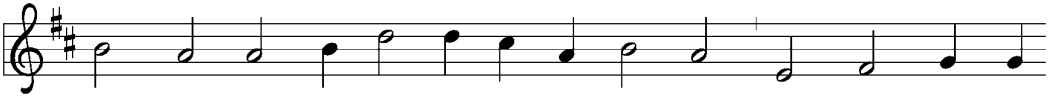


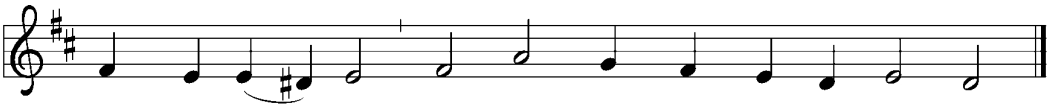
haunts of sad - ness, come in - to the day - light's splen - dor,
glad - ly greet him. There he stands al - read - y knock - ing;
pass - ing won - der that the bread of life is bound - less
dear - est trea - sure, peace be - yond all un - der - stand - ing,



there with joy your prais - es ren - der. Bless the one whose grace un -
quick - ly, now, your gate un - lock - ing, o - pen wide the fast - closed
though the souls it feeds are count - less; with the choic - est wine of
joy in - to all life ex - pand - ing: hum - bly now, I bow be -



bound - ed this a - maz - ing ban - quet found - ed; Christ, though heav'n - ly,
por - tal, say - ing to the Lord im - mor - tal: "Come, and leave your
heav - en Christ's own blood to us is giv - en. Oh, most glo - rious
fore you, love in - car - nate, I a - dore you; wor - thi - ly let



high, and ho - ly, deigns to dwell with you most low - ly.
loved one nev - er; dwell with - in my heart for - ev - er."
con - so - la - tion, pledge and seal of my sal - va - tion.
me re - ceive you, and, so fa - vored, nev - er leave you.

POST-COMMUNION MEDITATION

IV. Sarabande
(from Cello Suite No. 1 in G Major, BWV 1007) J. S. BACH

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Let us pray. Sustaining God,

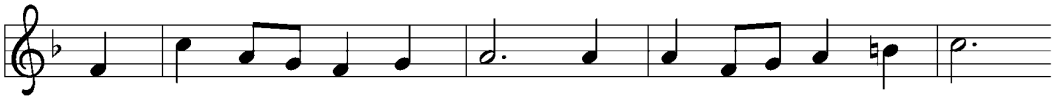
with this bread and cup, you nourish us with mercy and abundant life. By your Spirit, send us from this table to serve a needy world. Make us living signs of your liberation, healing, and love, following the way of Jesus, in whose name we pray. Amen.

SENDING

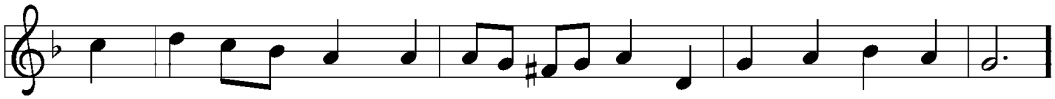
BENEDICTION

SENDING FORTH HYMN — MARION

Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart! — ELW HYMN 873

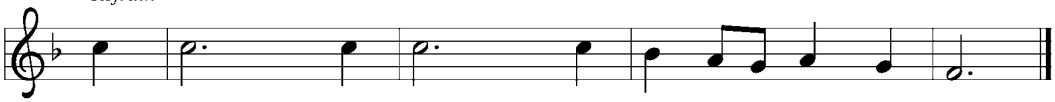


1 Re - joice, ye pure in heart! Re - joice, give thanks, and sing;
2 With voice as full and strong as o - cean's surg - ing praise,
3 With all the an - gel choirs, with all the saints on earth
4 Still lift your stan - dard high, still march in firm ar - ray,



your fes - tal ban - ner wave on high, the cross of Christ your king.
send forth the stur - dy hymns of old, the psalms of an - cient days.
pour out the strains of joy and bliss, true rap - ture, no - blest mirth.
as pil - grims through the dark - ness wend till dawns the gol - den day.

Refrain



Re - joice! Re - joice! Re - joice, give thanks, and sing!

DISMISSAL

Go in peace, serve the Lord,
and live God's love in the world.

POSTLUDE

Improvisation on ELW 553 - "Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies" E. WU

Serving In Worship

Presider/Preacher	Pastor Paul Baglyos
Assisting Minister	Allen Siverson
Lector	Barbara Battenberg
First Glance	Elizabeth Kaetzel
Organ/Piano	Elie Wu
Cello	William Masters
Cantors in Rotation	Alice Anderson, Joel Barkel, Linda Bush, Alex Mallari, Eric Malme, Taylor Metts-Houston, Heather Mercer, Kitty Oppliger, Eliseo Paniagua, Rob Sawyer, Jessica Vargas
Accompanier	Karen Olson
Altar Guild	Jennifer Ehrhardt, Anne Smith
Eucharistic Servers	Lester Chew, Barbara Grunwaldt, Catherine Woodbridge
Greeters	Mark Carlson, Anne Smith
Ushers	Linda Baldwin, Gwynnae Byrd
Audio Technician	John Bologni
Video Technicians	Tim Reese, Melody Struckmann
Nursery Attendants	Helen Disho, Lora Rodriguez

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St. John's Ministry Announcements

- Rock-Washing Ritual for Healing & Prayer
  Sunday, October 18th | 10:15 a.m. | Oehler Hall

  At the St. John's Pride booth, we invited visitors to express their feelings about "church" and "God". Perhaps it's been a hurt, a prayer, or a statement of an expression of faith. They wrote on river rocks that we kept on display throughout the festival and brought back with us afterwards. All are invited to participate in this rock-washing ritual, where we'll participate in "washing" or "offering up" the expression from the rocks as a way to recognize how God is able to wash away our hurts and will always hear our prayers!

- Worship Leader Trainings
  Sundays, October 18th & 25th | 12:30 p.m. | Oehler Hall

  On Sunday, October 18 and Sunday, October 25, all worship volunteers are invited to attend this Worship Leaders Training! This training is for volunteers who currently serve—or are interested in getting involved—in worship: altar guild, eucharistic servers, lectors, ushers, and greeters. Lunch will be provided! RSVP online. October 18th – Ushers and Greeters;
  October 25th – Altar Guild, Eucharistic Servers, and Lectors

- 3rd Annual Community Oktoberfest
  Saturday, October 24th | 4-7 p.m. | St. John's Lutheran Church Parking Lot

  A family-friendly festival with live music and remarkable Sacramento vendors - admission is free, food and drinks (non-alcoholic included) will be available for purchase. If you'd like to volunteer for the event, you can sign-up online!

- Reformation Sunday Potluck Brunch
  Sunday, October 25th | 10:15 a.m. | The Gathering Place

  Come celebrate Reformation Sunday with a beloved St. John's brunch! We'll have delicious breakfast food and enjoy festive time in community. If you'd like to bring food to share OR help bring the brunch to life, you can sign-up online.

- Johnny Cash America's Songs and Stories Benefit Concert
  Friday, November 13th | 6 p.m. | The Gathering Place

  Enjoy an evening of Johnny Cash music and stories while supporting direct service ministries for the unhoused here at St. John's! Local musicians Jim Keddy, John Bologni, Rob Sawyer, Eric Malme, and Sasha Avanov will play beloved Johnny Cash hits and share stories from Cash's long and colorful life, and explore his deep spirituality. Tickets are available at a $15 recommended donation ahead of time online or at the door, with complimentary baked goods and non-alcoholic beverages offered.

Today at St. John's

- Sunday School | 10:15 a.m. | Oehler Hall

  Sunday School season is here! Youth ages 3 - 18 are invited to gather in various classrooms throughout campus for age-specific Sunday School. Not sure what classroom your child(ren) belongs in? Connect with Jeremy Kaetzel!