

October 4, 2026
11:30 a.m.

SUNDAYS AFTER PENTECOST

GATHERING

PRELUDE

*IV. Netzach - Angel of Eternity
(from Angelsong)*

G. SHOCKER

RINGING OF THE BELLS

Order of St. John

WELCOME

Steven Johnson

*GATHERING SONG

Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty

UNSER HERRSCHER
ELW HYMN 533



1 O - pen now thy gates of beau - ty, Zi - on, let me en - ter there,
2 Gra - cious God, I come be - fore thee; come thou al - so un - to me;
3 Here thy praise is glad - ly chant-ed, here thy seed is du - ly sown;
4 Thou my faith in - crease and quick-en, let me keep thy gift di - vine;
5 Speak, O God, and I will hear thee, let thy will be done in - deed;



where my soul in joy - ful du - ty waits for God who an - swers prayer.
where we find thee and a - dore thee, there a heav'n on earth must be.
let my soul, where it is plant-ed, bring forth pre - cious sheaves a - lone,
how - so - e'er temp - ta - tions thick-en, may thy word still o'er me shine
may I un - dis - turbed draw near thee while thou dost thy peo - ple feed.



Oh, how bless-ed is this place, filled with so - lace, light, and grace!
To my heart, oh, en - ter thou, let it be thy tem - ple now!
so that all I hear may be fruit - ful un - to life in me.
as my guid-ing star through life, as my com-fort in all strife.
Here of life the foun - tain flows; here is balm for all our woes.

* You are invited to stand.

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. Beloved God, from you come all things that are good.

**Lead us by the inspiration of your Spirit to know those things that are right,
and by your merciful guidance, help us to do them, through Jesus Christ,
our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

WORD

PSALM 80

The Vineyard of the Lord

K. KEIL

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

Refrain

The vine-yard of the Lord is the house of Is - ra - el. The
vine-yard of the Lord is the house of Is - ra - el.

Verses A vine from Egypt you transplanted; you drove away the nations and planted it.
It put forth its foliage to the Sea, its shoots as far as the River. **Refrain**

Why have you broken down its walls, so that every passer-by plucks its fruit,
the boar from the forest lays its waste, and the beasts of the field feed upon it? **Refrain**

Once again, O Lord of hosts, look down from heaven, and see; take care of this vine,
and protect what your right hand has planted, the son of man whom you yourself made
strong. **Refrain**

Then we will no more withdraw from you; give us new life, and we will call upon your
name. O Lord, God of hosts, restore us; if your face shine upon us, then we shall be
saved. **Refrain**

The prophet sings a sad, parable-like love song about the relationship between God and Israel. In this song Israel is compared to a promising vineyard. Despite God's loving care, the vineyard that is Israel has brought forth "rotten grapes" of injustice and distress, when fine grapes of justice and righteousness were expected.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Break Now the Bread of Life

BREAD OF LIFE
ELW HYMN 515

Verse 1

1 Bless your own word of truth, dear Lord, to me, as when you
2 You are the bread of life, dear Lord, to me, your ho - ly

blessed the bread by Gal - i - lee. Then shall all bond-age cease,
word the truth that res - cues me. Give me to eat and live

all fet - ters fall; and I shall find my peace, my All - in - All!
with you a - bove; teach me to love your truth, for you are love.

Before the reading: The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the 21st Chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

*GOSPEL READING

Matthew 21:33-46

Jesus tells a parable to the religious leaders who are plotting his death, revealing that their plans will, ironically, bring about the fulfillment of scripture.

After the reading: The Gospel of our Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

*ACCLAMATION REPRISE

Break Now the Bread of Life

See previous, verse 2

FIRST GLANCE

Jeremy Kaetzel

SERMON

Pastor Ingrid C. A. Rasmussen

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 Ross Thompson

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

*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.

*THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

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.

*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.**

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.

We share the meal by intinction; as you approach the center you will be handed a wafer that you may dip into the wine or juice. Grape juice is in the smaller compartment, and gluten free wafers are available upon request.

If you do not wish to commune, you may come forward for a blessing.

Indicate this by crossing your arms over your chest.

AGNUS DEI

MASS OF THE GOODNESS OF THE LORD

Lamb of God

T. KENDZIA

1, 2

Lamb of God, you take a-way the sins of the world, have mer - cy, have

mer - cy on us. world, grant us, grant us peace.

Final

Bread That Was Sown

G. NORBET



Bread that was sown in our hills and val - leys now har-vest - ed be-comes



one; ____ from all the world gath-er your peo - ple, O God, in - to the



feast of your love. ____ love, ____ of your _ love. ____



VERSES

With grate - ful hearts, we sing our joy _____ for
 Lea - ven and wheat: so let us be _____ for
 Plant - ed, your name be - comes our thirst _ for more
 Feast _____ of just - tice to which _ all are
 Har - vest of peace where love can be _____ the
 Sign of the near - ness of one whose life sus -



know - ing _ Spir - it with - in, a - mong us all; _____
 oth - ers, _ nur - tur - ing good with earn - est care, _____
 be - ing, _ hope to be bread for oth - ers' lives, _____
 wel - come to share _ the full - ness of our God; _____
 song that _ heals bro - ken - ness with lis - ten - ing; _____
 tains us, _ heart of our heart, cre - a - tor, friend, _____

Music continues on next page...



life and knowl - edge, re - vealed through your word:
bring - ing to birth new life where hope has gone stale,
vi - sion of what it means to give all that we are:
in Je - sus' ris - ing be - yond death we've found
touch - ing, per - ceiv - ing in bread of Je - sus' life,
call - ing us all to be spir - it a - live:



Je - sus, the Christ, Em - man - u - el. _____
faith - giv - ing mo - ments to share. _____
this is the seed you have sown. _____
new springs of hope in our lives. _____
gift to be - come our flesh as well. _____
you God, our fu - ture, last - ing life. _____

***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 SONG

Canticle of the Turning

R. COONEY



1. My soul cries out with a joy - ful shout that the
2. Though I am small, my God, my all, you
3. From the halls of pow'r to the for - tress tow'r, not a
4. Though the na - tions rage from age to age, we re -



God of my heart is great, and my spir - it sings of the
work great things in me, and your mer - cy will last from the
stone will be left on stone. Let the king be - ware for your
mem - ber who holds us fast: God's mer - cy must de -



won - drous things that you bring to the ones who wait.
depths of the past to the end of the age to be.
jus - tice tears ev - 'ry ty - rant from his throne.
liv - er us from the con - quer-or's crush - ing grasp.



You fixed your sight on your ser - vant's plight, and my
Your ver - y name puts the proud to shame, and to
The hun - gry poor shall weep no more, for the
This sav - ing word that our fore - bears heard is the

Music continues on next page...



weak - ness you did not spurn, so from east to west shall my
those who would for you yearn, you will show your might, put the
food they can nev - er earn; there are ta - bles spread, ev - 'ry
prom - ise which holds us bound, till the spear and rod can be



name be blest. Could the world be a - bout to turn?
strong to flight, for the world is a - bout to turn.
mouth be fed, for the world is a - bout to turn.
crushed by God, who is turn - ing the world a - round.



My heart shall sing of the day you bring. Let the



fires of your jus - tice burn. Wipe a - way all tears, for the



dawn draws near, and the world is a-bout to turn!

***DISMISSAL**

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

Please help us secure the parking in a timely manner and avoid any "lock-ups" by having your vehicles out of either the parking garage or church parking lot by 2:00 p.m. (Special events will have parking times listed)

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ST. JOHN'S MINISTRY ANNOUNCEMENTS

- October Young Adult Pumpkin Carving & Decorating
Thursday, October 8th | 6 p.m. | Oehler Hall
Young Adults in their 20s and 30s will gather in Oehler Hall at St. John's for fall festivities! Come watch a fun Halloween movie and carve or paint pumpkins. Bring a fun fall treat to share, kids always welcome!
- Truth Matters: How a Bible Mistranslation Shifted a Culture
Saturday, October 10th | Carmichael Presbyterian Church
LGBTQ+ advocate and author Kathy Baldock will lead a day of learning and discussion about how the term "homosexuality" was incorrectly included in a Bible translation, and how that single decision reshaped church teaching, family relationships and countless communities across multiple generations. RSVP online!
- October LLL Book Club
Thursday, October 15th | 11 a.m. | St. John's Library
Come gather with the LLL Book Club to discuss *This Changes Everything: A Surprisingly Funny Story About Race, Cancer, Faith, and Other Things We Don't Talk About* by Tyler Merritt.
- 3rd Annual Community Oktoberfest
Saturday, October 24th | 4-7 p.m. | St. John's Lutheran Church
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.

TODAY AT ST. JOHN'S

- Direct Services & Order of St. John's Trainings | 12:30 p.m. | Oehler Hall/Youth Room
This training is for volunteers who currently serve—or are interested in getting involved—in the Pilgrimage Meal, Tuesday Midtown HART Respite, Afternoon Snack Stop, or Community Thanksgiving Meal. Additionally, middle and high schoolers are welcome to attend this Order of St. John training! Lunch will be provided at both trainings.