God's Abundance Abundant Community

TIME AFTER PENTECOST November 9, 2025 | 11:30 a.m.

GATHERING

(CANDLES/COMMUNION SET UP)

RINGING OF THE BELLS

Order of St. John

*WELCOME (JON - CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY...")

Pastor Jon Haug

LUMINARIA RITE OF WELCOME

This rite welcomes into the life of St. John's those inquiring about the Christian faith and life.

These inquirers now begin a period of study and prayerful discernment. The congregation is also invited into a period of prayer for these inquirers that begins with the Rite of Welcome. The Inquirers are blessed as they begin their public journeys in faith.

WELCOME OF LUMENS

A doorbell is heard, indicating the Lumens at the door. The ministers invite them to the front of the sanctuary where they will be welcomed by the congregation.

- **(HH 2)** Dear friends in Christ, we are gathered at this door today to meet these people who have been called by the Holy Spirit to inquire about the Christian faith and the way it is lived out among and through the people of St. John's in the church and in the world.
- * (JON) Together, let us welcome them into this community of faith in Christ Jesus. God's word is nourishment for our spirits; we cannot live without it -- like rain that comes down upon the earth, bringing forth fruit in our lives. Come and be with us as hearers of the Word of God. Let the Word of God guide your way and bring you everlasting life.

We rejoice to welcome you! Join us as together we seek to live God's love in the world!

^{*} You are invited to stand.

*CALL TO WORSHIP (PIANO/CROSS TO SPOTS)

All Are Welcome

As music begins, please turn and face the Cross.

PRESENTATION OF THE INQUIRERS (JON)

The minister addresses each pair of Companions and Inquirers:

Who presents this Inquirer?

Companion: I present [name] for the period of Inquiry. [repeated for each Inquirer]

(to Inquirers): Do you commit to a period of study, prayer and discernment in this faith community? If so, please respond all together, "I do."

Inquirers: I do.

Will you be faithful in learning the way of Christ? If so, please respond all together, "I will, and I ask God to help me."

Inquirers: I will, and I ask God to help me.

Will you bring your whole self to this process of discernment, relying on God to grant courage and curiosity as you learn about the Christian faith and life at St. John's? If so, please respond all together, "I will, and I ask God to help me."

Inquirers: I will, and I ask God to help me.

COMMITMENT OF COMPANIONS AND CONGREGATION (JON)

Companions, will you care for these Lumens in faith, encouraging and supporting them with your prayers and spiritual mentorship? If so, please respond all together, "With gladness, I will."

Companions [together]: With gladness, I will.

Will you help them by word and example to know God and to discover the way of following Jesus Christ? If so, please respond all together, "I will."

Companions [together]: I will.

Congregation stands

The presiding minister addresses the congregation:

(PAUL) All of you who are assembled here are called to welcome and support these Lumens, Companions, and their Leaders. Will you help them in their faith journey to hear the gospel of Christ and come into the household of faith? If so, please respond, "We will, and we ask God to help us."

We will, and we ask God to help us.

(PAUL) Merciful God, we give you thanks for these your servants, whom you have sought and summoned in many ways. You have called them today and they have answered you in our presence. We praise you, O God, and we bless you, in Jesus' name we pray.

Amen.

(JON) Grace and mercy are given to all who call upon God's name. We pray that God may lead you in this time of preparation and discernment.

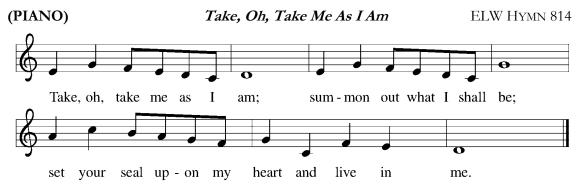
THE THREE GIFTS (HH 2)

You have said "yes" to this period of inquiry and discernment alongside the people of St. John's Lutheran Church. We give you now three gifts: the sign of the cross to fortify you on your journey; the Bible to guide you and to show you the way; and our blessing as a sign of our love for you.

THE SIGN OF THE CROSS (JON)

At this time, I invite the Leaders to trace the sign of the cross in front of the Lumens' whole body. Lumens, receive the mark of the cross, as a sign of the way you are to walk, and as a sign of Christ with you in strength and love. May the power of the Holy Spirit enable you to know and to follow our Lord, Jesus Christ.

Companions to Lumens: Receive the sign of the cross as a sign of Christ's presence.



PRESENTATION OF THE BIBLE (PAUL)

Next, companions, please present a Bible to these Lumens. Hear God's Word with us. It is a lamp to our feet and light to path; may your study of these scriptures illumine the way for you as you learn and tell its stories and discover its mysteries. Rejoice in its good news.

(PIANO) Take, Oh, Take Me As I Am See previous

*BLESSING OF LUMENS (PAUL)

The congregation stands. The Luminaria Companions, Leaders and Pastors lay hands on each Lumen's shoulders or head. The congregation puts their hands out in a gesture of blessing.

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray. Merciful and most high God, creator and life-giver of all that is, you have called all people from darkness into light, from error into truth, from death into life. We ask you: grant grace to Alice, Editha, Mark, Mark, Mark, Carl, Leah, Bonnie, Gina, Lillian, Mark, Beth, Lonnel, Richard, Rachel, Ross, Bianca, Susan, and Hannah, and bless them. Raise them by your Spirit. Revive them by your word. Form them by your hand.

Bless these saints as they seek you in study, prayer and worship together with us. As they listen for God's call and consider membership in the church, help us to be signs to them of your unfailing grace. And may they be witnesses to us of how to seek you amid the cares of this life. We pray this in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Amen.

The presiding minister invites the Lumens and Companions to seats in the congregation.

*GATHERING SONG (PIANO)





*Prayer of the Day (JON)

Let us pray. O God, our eternal redeemer,

by the presence of your Spirit you renew and direct our hearts. Keep always in our mind the end of all things and the day of judgment. Inspire us for a holy life here, and bring us to the joy of the resurrection, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

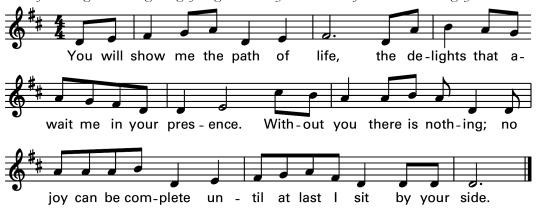
("PLEASE BE SEATED") WORD

PSALM 16 (PIANO/CANTOR)

The Path of Life

S. SOPER

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



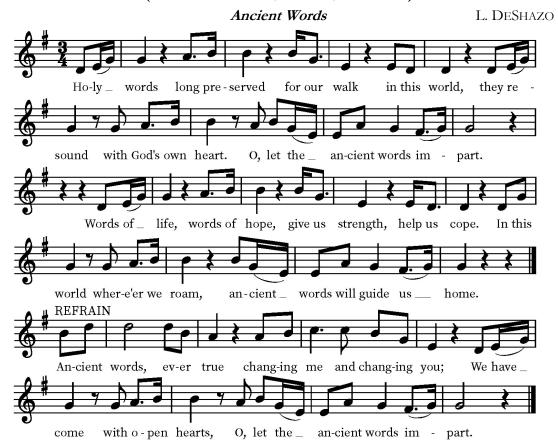
Verses O God, you are my refuge, do not turn me away;

I say "You are my God." Without you there can be no good. Refrain

I bless the Lord who guides me even in my sleep; my face is turned to God. With the Lord at my side I shall stand firm. *Refrain*

My heart exults, my spirit sings, even my body trusts in you; for you will not abandon my soul to death, nor let me sink into the grave. *Refrain*

*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (PAUL - PLS. RISE/PIANO/CANTOR)



(GARY) *Before the reading:* The Holy Gospel according to Luke. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

*GOSPEL READING (GARY)

Luke 20:27-38

Some Sadducees, who do not believe in the resurrection of the dead, try to trap Jesus. They formulate the convoluted case of a serial widow who marries a succession of seven brothers. Jesus responds by teaching about God to whom all are alive and in whom all relationships are fulfilled.

(GARY) After the reading: The Gospel of our Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

*ACCLAMATION REPRISE (PIANO)

Ancient Words

See previous, refrain only

FIRST GLANCE (HH 2 - KIM)

Kim Hendricks

Pastor Paul Baglyos

SERMON RESPONSE (PAUL)

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 (GARY)

Assisting Minister Gary Cadwising

After each petition: Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM AUSTIN MAE OGLESBY

PRESENTATION (JON)

God, who is rich in mercy and love, gives us a new birth into a living hope through the sacrament of baptism. By water and the Word, God delivers us from sin and death and raises us to new life in Jesus Christ. We are united with all the baptized in the one body of Christ, anointed with the gift of the Holy Spirit, and joined in God's mission for the life of the world.

Britlyn & Matthew, called by the Holy Spirit, trusting in the grace and love of God, do you desire to have Austin baptized into Christ? If so, please answer, "we do."

We do.

As you bring *Austin* to receive the gift of baptism, you are entrusted with responsibilities: to live with *her* among God's faithful people,

bring her to the word of God and the holy supper,

teach her the Lord's Prayer, the Creed, and the Ten Commandments,

place in her hands the holy scriptures,

and nurture her in faith and prayer,

so that she may learn to trust God,

proclaim Christ through word and deed, care for others and the world God made, and work for justice and peace.

Do you promise to help *Austin* grow in the Christian faith and life? If so, please answer, "we do."

We do.

Sponsors (Kelly & Nick), do you promise to nurture Austin in the Christian faith as you are empowered by God's Spirit, and to help her live in the covenant of baptism and in communion with the church? If so, please answer, "we do."

We do.

(PAUL) People of God, do you promise to support *Austin* and pray for *her* in *her* new life in Christ?

We do.

Profession of Faith (PAUL)

I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church.

Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God? I renounce them.

Do you renounce the powers of this world that rebel against God? I renounce them.

Do you renounce the ways of sin that draw you from God? I renounce them.

Do you believe in God the Father?

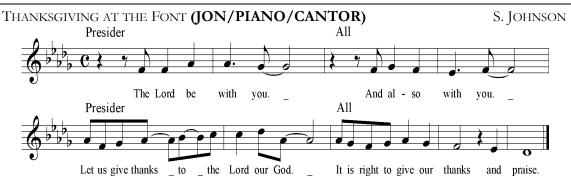
I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

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.

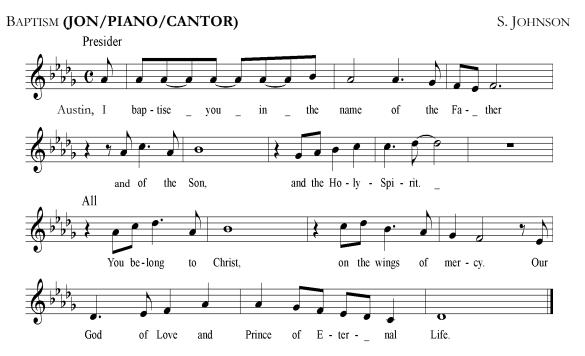
Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit? I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.



We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters and by your Word you created the world, calling forth life in which you took delight. Through the waters of the flood you delivered Noah and his family, and through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery into freedom. At the river your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit. By the baptism of Jesus' death and resurrection you set us free from the power of sin and death and raise us up to live in you.

Pour out your Holy Spirit, the power of your living Word, that those who are washed in the waters of baptism may be given new life. To you be given honor and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

Amen.



Let us pray. We give you thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy Spirit you give your children new birth, cleanse them from sin, and raise them to eternal life. Sustain *Austin* with the gift of your Holy Spirit: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence, both now and forever.

Amen.

Austin, child of God, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit, and marked with the cross of Christ forever.

WELCOME (PAUL/PIANO/CANTOR)

Let your light so shine before others that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.



(JON) Let us welcome the newly baptized.

We welcome you into the body of Christ and into the mission we share: join us in giving thanks and praise to God and bearing God's creative and redeeming word to all the world!

*Peace (JON)

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you. ("PLEASE SHARE A SIGN OF PEACE ...)

MEAL

*Great Thanksgiving (JON)

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.

*Words of Institution (JON)

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 (GARY)

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us:

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION (JON)

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.

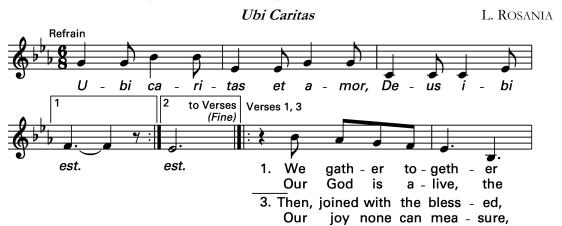
If you do not wish to commune, you may come forward for a blessing.

Indicate this by crossing your arms over your chest.

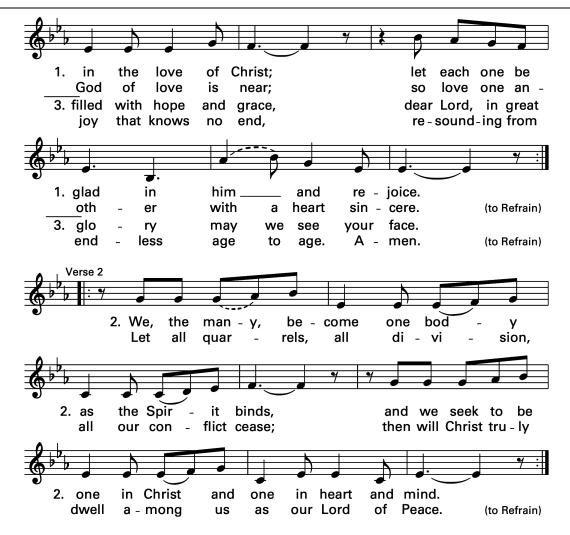
AGNUS DEI (JON)

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; grant us peace.

MUSIC FOR COMMUNION (PIANO/CANTOR)



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*SACRAMENTAL BLESSING (JON - PLEASE RISE...)

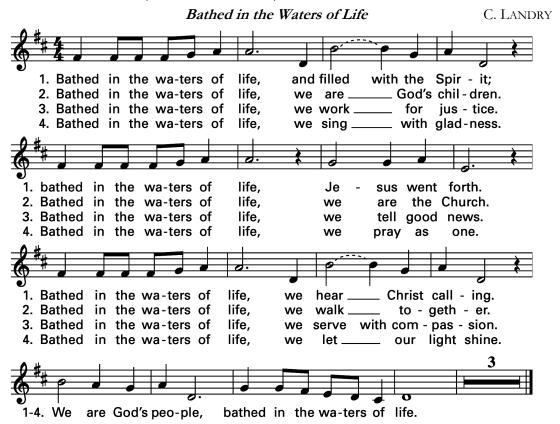
May the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in God's grace.

Amen.

SENDING

*BENEDICTION (JON)

*Sending Forth Song (PIANO/CANTOR)



*DISMISSAL (PAUL)

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

 Young Adult Friendsgiving Thursday, November 13th 6 p.m.

The Young Adults in their 20s and 30s are gathering for the 2nd annual Friendsgiving Dinner! Bring your favorite Thanksgiving dish and enjoy time in community with fellow St. John's young adults. Littles are always welcome - please RSVP to Jeremy at jeremykaetzel@gmail.com for the address.

 November LLL Book Club Thursday, November 20th 11 a.m. St. John's Library

The LLL Book Club will gather to discuss *When the Tamarind Tree Blooms* by Elaine Russell. "At eighteen, Geneviève Dubois—half-Lao, half-French—leaves the orphanage that confined her for fourteen years to search for her parents' past and her missing twin brother. In 1931 French colonial Laos, she finds herself caught between two worlds, rejected by both French and Lao societies, and even love proves perilous. Where does she belong?" Come join the discussion!

 Volunteer with the Community Thanksgiving Meal Wednesday, November 26th St. John's Lutheran Church

Volunteer and food donation sign-ups are LIVE for the 28th annual Community Thanksgiving Meal! 50+ volunteers and hundreds of donated food items are needed to help bring this meal serving 500+ people to life. This is a wonderful family-friendly volunteer opportunity - be sure to check out the St. John's website to sign up soon.

TODAY AT ST. JOHN'S

• Worship Leaders Training: Altar Guild, Eucharistic Server, Lector | 12:30 p.m. | Oehler Hall This afternoon's training is for volunteers who currently serve or are interested in getting involved in altar guild, as a eucharistic server, or lector. Steven Johnson, Director of Worship and Music, will speak to the spirit of serving in worship and Eliseo Paniagua, Assistant Director of Worship and Music, will walk-through specific service areas in worship. Longtime volunteers in each area will also share personal insight and tips & tricks for serving!