

SUNDAYS AFTER PENTECOST

August 23, 2026
9:00 a.m. Livestream

GATHERING

PRELUDES

Prelude on "Bedford"
(from 36 Short Preludes and Postludes)

H. WILLAN

II. Allemande
(from Cello Suite No. 4 in Eb Major, BWV 1010)

J. S. BACH

RINGING OF THE BELLS

Order of St. John

WELCOME

Pastor Paul Baglyos

CALL TO WORSHIP

Christ is Made the Sure Foundation

D. WOOD

As music begins, the congregation turns and faces the Processional Cross. Choir will sing Call to Worship.

*Christ is made the sure foundation, Christ the Head and Corner stone;
Chosen of the Lord, and precious, binding all the Church in one;
Holy Zion's help forever, And her confidence alone.*

INVITATION TO WORSHIP

I appeal to you, siblings in Christ, on the basis of God's mercy, to present yourselves as living sacrifices, holy and acceptable to God, which is your reasonable act of worship.

**I will try not to be conformed to this age,
but be transformed by the renewing of my mind.**

May this help you discern what is the will of God—what is good and acceptable and true.

As I struggle to live out this truth, in faith I continue to say:

**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

KIRKEN DEN ER ET GAMMEL HUS

Built on a Rock

ELW HYMN 652



1 Built on a rock the church shall stand, e - ven when stee - ples are
2 Sure - ly, in tem - ples made with hands God the Most High is not
3 Christ builds a house of liv - ing stones: we are his own hab - i -
4 Yet in this house, an earth - ly frame, Je - sus the chil - dren is



fall - ing; crum - bled have spires in ev - 'ry land, bells still are
dwell - ing— high in the heav'ns his tem - ple stands, all earth - ly
ta - tion; he fills our hearts, his hum - ble thrones, grant - ing us
bless - ing; hith - er we come to praise his name, faith in our



chim - ing and call - ing— call - ing the young and old to rest, call - ing the
tem - ples ex - cel - ling. Yet God who dwells in heav'n a - bove deigns to a -
life and sal - va - tion. Where two or three will seek his face, he in their
Sav - ior con - fess - ing. Je - sus to us his Spir - it sent, mak - ing with



souls of those dis - tressed, long - ing for life ev - er - last - ing.
bide with us in love, mak - ing our bod - ies his tem - ple.
midst will show his grace, bless - ings up - on them be - stow - ing.
us his cov - e - nant, grant - ing his chil - dren the king - dom.

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. O God,
with all your faithful followers of every age, we praise you, the rock of our life.
Be our strong foundation and form us into the body of your Son, that we may
gladly minister to all the world, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
Amen.

WORD

PSALM 138

On the Day I Called

R. COONEY

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



Lord, on the day I called for help, you an-swered me, you an-swered me.

Verses I shall thank you, God of my heart, you have heard my troubled word.
While angels watch, your name I praise; I dance before your holy place. **Refrain**

For your love and your faithfulness, I thank your name, your promise surpasses your
fame. I called for your help all night and day long: you heard me, and made me strong.
Refrain

From on high, from the heavens the poor you see, you drive the proud to their knees.
Though I live in the midst of trouble and woe, you save me, and foil my foe. **Refrain**

Your strong hand shall come to my aid: you shall be all good to me.
Forever shall your love abide; do not cast your child aside. **Refrain**

LESSON

Romans 12:1-8

*In response to God's merciful activity, we are to worship by living holistic, God-pleasing lives.
Our values and viewpoints are not molded by the time in which we live but are transformed by the Spirit's
renewing work. God's grace empowers different forms of service among Christians, but all forms of ministry
function to build up the body of Christ.*

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

*We Sing to You, O God**Verse 1*

1 We sing to you, O God, the Rock who gave us
 2 O God, eter-nal God, we hide with-in your
 birth, let our re-joic-ing sing your name in
 wings, the ev-er-last-ing arms to whom our
 all the earth. To you, O God, let
 prais-es ring. Your word is true, your
 songs be raised, in joy-ful hymns, our feast of praise.
 way is just, you are the God in whom we trust.

Before the reading: The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the 16th Chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

GOSPEL READING

Matthew 16:13-20

At a climactic point in Jesus' ministry, God reveals to Peter that Jesus is "the Messiah, the Son of the living God," and Jesus responds with the promise of a church that will overcome the very gates of Hades.

After the reading: The Gospel of our Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

ACCLAMATION REPRISE

*We Sing to You, O God**See previous, verse 2*

FIRST GLANCE

Jeremy Kaetzel

SERMON

Pastor Jon Haug

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 Leah Lind

After each petition: Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

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

CWM RHONDDA
Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah J. HUGHES | M. EITHUN

OFFERTORY MUSIC

CWM RHONDDA
God of Grace and God of Glory ELW HYMN 705

Congregation will stand and sing verse when cued.

The image shows three staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp). The lyrics are written below the notes. The first staff contains the lyrics: 'Save us from weak res - ig - na - tion to the e - vils'. The second staff contains: 'we de - plore; let the gift of your sal - va - tion'. The third staff contains: 'be our glo - ry ev - er - more. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,'.

Save us from weak res - ig - na - tion to the e - vils
we de - plore; let the gift of your sal - va - tion
be our glo - ry ev - er - more. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,

Music continues on next page...



serv - ing you whom we a - dore, serv - ing you whom we a - dore.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Let us pray. Loving God,

we offer at your table the gifts of our hearts. Help us take heart in you and share freely of your love, so that all creation can taste your abundance. We ask this in the name of Jesus, through the Spirit abiding with us now and forever. 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 HYMNAL SETTING I

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have
mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a -
way the sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

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

The Church's One Foundation

AURELIA

ELW HYMN 654



1 The church's one foun - da - tion is Je - sus Christ, her Lord;
2 E - lect from ev - 'ry na - tion, yet one o'er all the earth,
3 Though with a scorn - ful won - der this world sees her op - pressed,
4 Through toil and trib - u - la - tion and tu - mult of her war,
5 Yet she on earth has u - nion with God, the Three in One,



she is his new cre - a - tion by wa - ter and the word.
her char - ter of sal - va - tion one Lord, one faith, one birth:
by schisms. . rent a - sund - er, by her - e - sies dis - tressed,
she waits the con - sum - ma - tion of peace for - ev - er - more;
and mys - tic sweet com - mu - nion with those whose rest is won.



From heav'n he came and sought her to be his ho - ly bride;
one ho - ly name she bless - es, par - takes one ho - ly food,
yet saints their watch are keep - ing; their cry goes up: "How long?"
till with the vi - sion glo - rious her long - ing eyes are blest,
Oh, bless - ed heav'n - ly cho - rus! Lord, save us by your grace,



with his own blood he bought her, and for her life he died.
and to one hope she press - es with ev - 'ry grace en - dued.
and soon the night of weep - ing shall be the morn of song.
and the great church vic - to - rious shall be the church at rest.
that we, like saints be - fore us, may see you face to face.

Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me

ELW HYMN 623



1 Rock of A - ges, cleft for me, let me hide my - self in thee;
2 Not the la - bors of my hands can ful - fill thy law's de - mands;
3 Noth - ing in my hand I bring; sim - ply to thy cross I cling.
4 While I draw this fleet - ing breath, when mine eye - lids close in death,



let the wa - ter and the blood, from thy riv - en side which flowed,
could my zeal no res - pite know, could my tears for - ev - er flow,
Na - ked, come to thee for dress; help - less, look to thee for grace;
when I soar to worlds un - known, see thee on thy judg - ment throne,



be of sin the dou - ble cure; cleanse me from its guilt and pow'r.
all for sin could not a - tone; thou must save, and thou a - lone.
foul, I to the foun - tain fly; wash me, Sav - ior, or I die.
Rock of A - ges, cleft for me, let me hide my - self in thee.

POST-COMMUNION MEDITATION

IV. Sarabande
(from Cello Suite No. 4 in Eb Major, BWV 1010)

J. S. BACH

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Let us pray. Compassionate God,
through the gifts of bread and wine, our hearts are filled with the abundance of
your love. Strengthen us that we, through this holy meal, may share your love
freely, as you have shared with us. We ask this in the name of Jesus, through the
Spirit nourishing us now and forever. Amen.

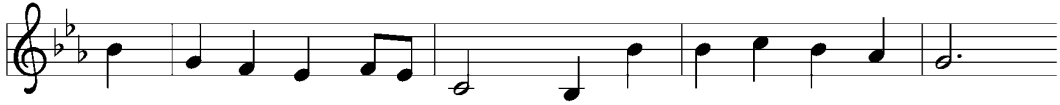
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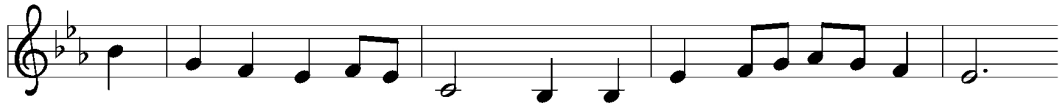
SENDING FORTH HYMN

We All Are One in Mission

KUORTANE
ELW HYMN 576



1 We all are one in mis - sion; we all are one in call,
2 We all are called for ser - vice, to wit-ness in God's name.
3 Now let us be u - nit - ed, and let our song be heard.



our var - ied gifts u - nit - ed by Christ, the Lord of all.
Our min - is - tries are dif - f'rent; our pur - pose is the same:
Now let us be a ves - sel for God's re - deem-ing Word.



A sin - gle great com - mis - sion com - pels us from a - bove
to touch the lives of oth - ers with God's sur - pris-ing grace,
We all are one in mis - sion; we all are one in call,



to plan and work to - geth - er that all may know Christ's love.
so ev - 'ry folk and na - tion may feel God's warm em - brace.
our var - ied gifts u - nit - ed by Christ, the Lord of all.

DISMISSAL

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

POSTLUDE

Prelude in E minor, BWV 555

J. S. BACH

SERVING IN WORSHIP

Presider	Pastor Paul Baglyos
Preacher	Pastor Jon Haug
Assisting Minister	Leah Lind
First Glance	Jeremy Kaetzel
Lector	Linda Eytcheson
Organ	Elie Wu
Piano	Steven Johnson
Cello	William Masters
St. John's Handbell Choir	
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
Accompaniers	Micah Metts-Houston, Will Peters, Scot Sorensen
Altar Guild	Karen Olson
Eucharistic Servers	Barbara Grunwaldt, Pam Roberts
Greeter	Linda Eytcheson, Anne Smith
Ushers	Frank & Gail Graff-Blaha, Tom Harris, Mary Robinson
Audio Technician	John Bogni
Video Technicians	Tim Reese, Melody Struckmann
Nursery Attendants	Helen Disho, Lauren Kelley



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ST. JOHN'S MINISTRY ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Congregation Matters Meeting
Sunday, August 30th | 10:15 a.m. | Oehler Hall

Join the Council leadership of St. John's for this quarterly Congregation Matters meeting! Discussion will include the upcoming Pastoral transitions. See you there!

- Special LLL Book Club with the Justice Making Ministry
Thursday, September 17th | 11 a.m. in the St. John's Library | 6:30 p.m. via Zoom

Please join the LLL Book Club and Justice Making Ministry in September to read and discuss *Cobalt Red* by Siddharth Kara. *Cobalt Red* challenges us to examine the ethical cost of modern technology and ask ourselves what this means to us as Christians.

- Faith in Action: Living out Your Faith with Hope and Courage
Saturday, October 3rd | 8:30 a.m. - 3 p.m. | The Gathering Place

This one-day workshop will center primarily around how we as people of faith and as congregations can better organize and take action in response to issues of immigration. We'll welcome guest speaker the Rev. Ingrid Rasmussen from Minneapolis who has been on the front-line of ICE occupation in the city. In the afternoon, we'll host 4 different workshops led by nonprofit leaders currently involved in migration justice issues. Purchase your tickets on the St. John's website today!

- Truth Matters: How a Bible Mistranslation Shifted a Culture
Saturday, October 10th | 8:30 a.m. - 4 p.m. | 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. St. John's Lutheran Church, Carmichael Presbyterian, and the Sacramento Area Rainbow Faith Alliance will co-host this day at Carmichael Presbyterian!

TODAY AT ST. JOHN'S

- Practicing Prayer Class | 10:15 a.m. | Oehler Hall

The Practicing Prayer session will gather for one extra session this morning - led by Pastor Jon Haug! Pastor Jon will explore experiential and participatory prayer, including contemplative prayer, mantra prayer, and writing prayer.