

SUNDAYS AFTER PENTECOST

August 30, 2026
9:00 a.m. Livestream

GATHERING

PRELUDE

Improvisation on "The Summons"

E. WU

RINGING OF THE BELLS

Order of St. John

WELCOME

Pastor Jon Haug

CALL TO WORSHIP

Fanfare on CRUCIFER

E. WU

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

INVITATION TO WORSHIP

Let love be genuine;
hold fast to what is good.

Be ardent in spirit,
to overcome evil with good.

Love one another with mutual affection,
and live in harmony with all.

Together we confess:

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

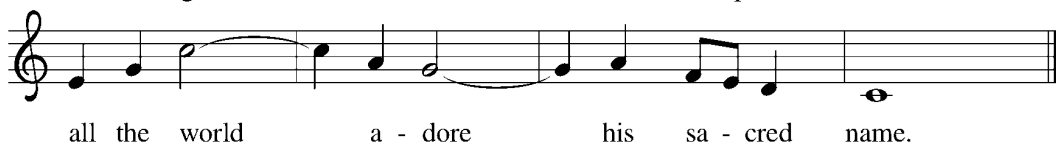
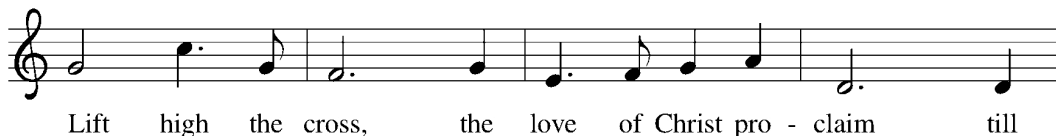
**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of 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

Lift High the Cross

CRUCIFER
ELW HYMN 660



Refrain



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, we thank you for your Son,
who chose the path of suffering for the sake of the world. Humble us by his
example, point us to the path of obedience, and give us strength to follow your
commands, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

WORD

PSALM 63

My Soul Thirsts

D. SCHUTTE

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



Verses I have walked in your temple, and seen your mighty deeds.
Your love, O Lord, means more to me, than all my days of life. **Refrain**

I can count on your mercy to feed my hungry heart,
for when I lift my hands in need, a banquet you provide. **Refrain**

I will make my dwelling in the shelter of your wings.
Your hand, O Lord, will keep me safe through darkest night and day. **Refrain**

LESSON

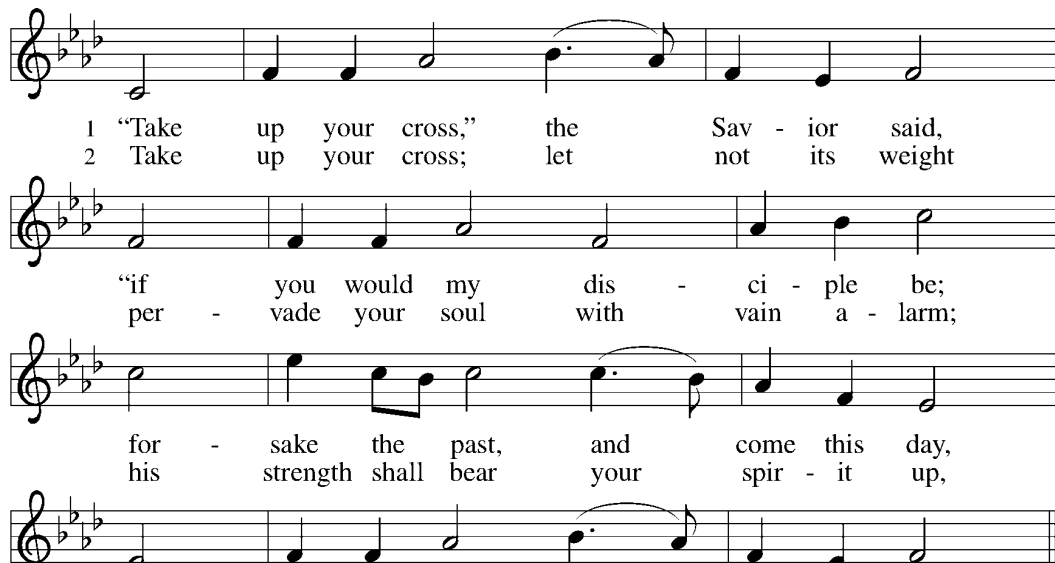
Romans 12:9-21

Paul presents benchmarks for faithful relationships with Christians and non-Christians. Love is the unflagging standard of our behavior. When we encounter evil, we do not resort to its tactics but seek to overcome it with good. While Christians cannot control the actions and attitudes of others, we seek to live at peace with all people.

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

Take Up Your Cross, the Savior Said

ELW HYMN 667

Verse 1

1 "Take up your cross," the Sav - ior said,
2 Take up your cross; let not its weight
"if you would my dis - ci - ple be;
per - vade your soul with vain a - larm;
for - sake the past, and come this day,
his strength shall bear your spir - it up,
and sus - hum - bly fol - low af - ter me."
tain your heart, and nerve your arm.

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

Glory to you, O Lord.

GOSPEL READING

Matthew 16:21-28

After Peter confesses that Jesus is "the Messiah, the Son of the living God" (16:16), Jesus reveals the ultimate purpose of his ministry. These words prove hard to accept, even for a disciple whom Jesus has called a "rock."

After the reading: The Gospel of our Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

ACCLAMATION REPRISÉ

*Take Up Your Cross, the Savior Said**See previous, verse 2*

FIRST GLANCE

Kitty Oppliger

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: 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](https://www.stjohnslc.org/giving) and leave an online offering.*

OFFERTORY MUSIC

MONKLAND | C. V. STANFORD
R E. VOORHAAR

Let Us With A Gladsome Mind

*Let us, with a gladsome mind, praise the Lord, for he is kind:
for his mercies shall endure, ever faithful, ever sure.
Let us blaze his Name abroad, for of gods he is the God:
for his mercies shall endure, ever faithful, ever sure.*

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.

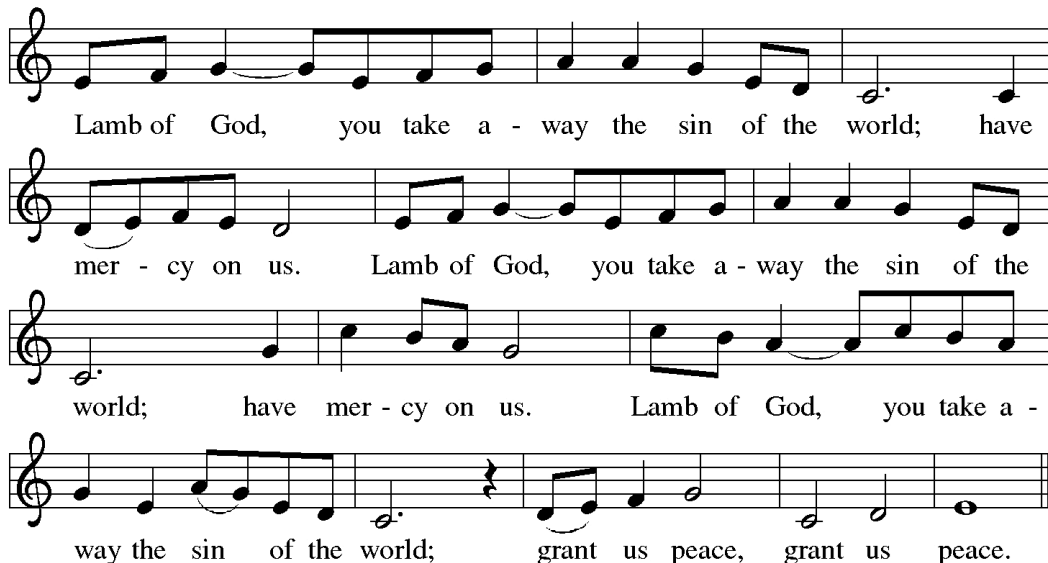
LORD'S PRAYER

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."

*Will You Come and Follow Me*KELVINGROVE
ELW HYMN 798

1 "Will you come and fol - low me if I but call
 2 "Will you leave your - self be - hind if I but call
 3 "Will you let the blind - ed see if I but call
 4 "Will you love the you you hide if I but call
 5 Lord, your sum - mons ech - oes true when you but call



your name? Will you go where you don't
 your name? Will you care for cruel and
 your name? Will you set the pris - 'ners
 your name? Will you quell the fear in -
 my name. Let me turn and fol - low



know and nev - er be the same?
 kind and nev - er be the same?
 free and nev - er be the same?
 side and nev - er be the same?
 you and nev - er be the same.



Will you let my love be shown, will you let my
 Will you risk the hos - tile stare, should your life at -
 Will you kiss the lep - er clean, and do such as
 Will you use the faith you've found to re - shape the
 In your com - pa - ny I'll go where your love and



name be known, will you let my life be
 tract or scare? Will you let me an - swer
 this un - seen, and ad - mit to what I
 world a - round, through my sight and touch and
 foot - steps show. Thus I'll move and live and

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grown in you and you in me?"
pray'r in you and you in me?"
mean in you and you in me?"
sound in you and you in me?"
grow in you and you in me.

MUSIC FOR COMMUNION

HANKEY

I Love to Tell the Story

ELW HYMN 661



1 I love to tell the sto - ry of un - seen things a - bove,
2 I love to tell the sto - ry: how pleas - ant to re - peat
3 I love to tell the sto - ry, for those who know it best



of Je - sus and his glo - ry, of Je - sus and his love.
what seems, each time I tell it, more won - der - ful - ly sweet!
seem hun - ger - ing and thirst-ing to hear it like the rest.



I love to tell the sto - ry, be - cause I know it's true;
I love to tell the sto - ry, for some have nev - er heard
And when, in scenes of glo - ry, I sing the new, new song,



it sat - is - fies my long-ings as noth - ing else would do.
the mes - sage of sal - va - tion from God's own ho - ly word.
I'll sing the old, old sto - ry that I have loved so long.

Refrain



I love to tell the sto - ry; 'twill be my theme in glo - ry



to tell the old, old sto - ry of Je - sus and his love.

The Holy City

*Last night I lay a sleeping, there came a dream so fair,
 I stood in old Jerusalem, beside the temple there.
 I heard the children singing, and ever as they sang, me thought the voice of angels from heav'n in answer rang:
 "Jerusalem! Jerusalem! Lift up your gates and sing, Hosanna in the highest, Hosanna to your King!"*

*And then me thought my dream was chang'd, the streets no longer rang,
 bush'd were the glad hosannas the little children sang.
 The sun grew dark with myst'ry, the morn was cold and chill, as the shadow of a cross arose upon a lonely hill.
 "Jerusalem! Jerusalem! Hark! how the angels sing, Hosanna in the highest, Hosanna to your King!"*

*And once again the scene was changed, new earth there seemed to be,
 I saw the holy city beside the tideless sea;
 the light of God was on its street, the gates were open wide,
 and all who would might enter, and no one was denied.
 No need of moon or stars by night, nor sun to shine by day; it was the new Jerusalem that would not pass away!*

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.

SENDING

BENEDICTION

SENDING FORTH HYMN

Rise, O Church, like Christ Arisen

SURGE ECCLESIA

ELW HYMN 548

1 Rise, O church, like Christ a - ris - en,
 2 Rise, trans - formed, and choose to fol - low
 3 Rise, re - mem - ber well the fu - ture
 4 Ser - vice be our sure vo - ca - tion;

Music continues on next page...

from af - ter Christ, though wound - ed, grace;
 God has called us to re - ceive;
 cour - age be our dai - ly breath;

may we through such love en - vi - sion
 bro - ken, shared, our lives are hal - lowed
 pres - ent by God's lov - ing nur - ture,
 mer - cy be our des - ti - na - tion

whose we are, and whose, our praise.
 to re - lease and to con - sole.
 Spir - it - ed then let us live.
 from this day and un - to death.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia;
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia;
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia;
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

God, the won - der of our days.
 Christ, our pres - ent, past, and goal.
 Spir - it, grace by whom we live.
 Rise, O church, a liv - ing faith.

DISMISSAL

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

POSTLUDE

Prelude in G Major, BWV 557

J. S. BACH

SERVING IN WORSHIP

Presider	Pastor Jon Haug
Preacher	Pastor Paul Baglyos
Assisting Minister	Allen Siverson
First Glance	Kitty Oppliger
Lector	Dave Rickert
Organ	Elie Wu
Piano	Steven Johnson
Choirs of St. John's	
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	Mike Long, Karen Olson, Melanie Turner
Altar Guild	Karen Olson, Dave Rickert
Eucharistic Servers	Gwynnae Byrd, Steve Schoff
Greeter	Ellen Chrismer, 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

ST. JOHN'S STAFF

Director of Missional Strategy	Rev. Paul Baglyos, Bridge Pastor
Director of Youth and Family	Rev. Jon Haug, Associate Pastor
Director of Worship and Music	Steven Johnson
Director of Communications and Community Engagement	Catherine Slabaugh
Director of Administration	Katherine Thorp
Associate Director of Youth and Family Ministries	Jeremy Kaetzel
Associate Director of Volunteer Management	Joel Barkel
Associate Director of Worship and Music	Eliseo Paniagua
Property Staff	Matt Balara, Joe Allen, Nathan McQueen
Congregational Care Coordinator	Suzi Taylor; Parish Nurse
Organist	Elie Wu
Audio Technician	John Bologni
Video Technicians	Tim Reese, Melody Struckmann
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ST. JOHN'S MINISTRY ANNOUNCEMENTS

- 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.
- Going Away Party for Pastor Jon Haug
Friday, September 18th | 5 - 7 p.m. | Oehler Hall
All are invited to attend a celebration and sendoff for Pastor Jon Haug as he departs St. John's and embarks on his next adventure in Chaplaincy! Come enjoy an evening of small bites, mocktails, and desserts as we celebrate his 11+ years of ministry with the people of St. John's.
- River Clean-Up
Saturday, September 19th | 9 a.m. - 12 p.m. | River Bend Park, Rancho Cordova
The Justice Making Ministry of St. John's welcomes you to a River Clean-Up along the beautiful American River! As part of September's Care for Creation month, all are invited to spend time outdoors beautifying one of Sacramento's treasures. RSVP on the St. John's website!
- 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!

TODAY AT ST. JOHN'S

- Congregation Matters Meeting | 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!
- 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 Kaetzell!