

God's Abundance Our Response

TIME AFTER PENTECOST
September 28, 2025
9:00 a.m. Livestream

GATHERING

PRELUDE

Méditation

M. DURUFLÉ

RINGING OF THE BELLS

Order of St. John

WELCOME

Pastor Jon Haug

CALL TO WORSHIP

Abundant Grace

R. ENRIGHT

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

INVITATION TO WORSHIP

O God, so much of your world has become laden with fear and anxiety,
and it's easy to think that we are not enough.

Your calling for us is to see beyond what currently is,
and for us to reconnect with Your inherent abundance.

Your truth leads us to understand: "the one who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly,
and the one who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully.

Each of you must give as you have made up your mind, not regretfully or under compulsion,
for God loves a cheerful giver."*

**Quote from 2 Corinthians 9:6-8 (NRSV); a guiding text for these weeks.*

Bestow in us the determination to be faithful stewards of resources, hospitality, grace, and justice,

together in worship, as we listen, pray, sing, and play our instruments, we thank you for the abundant, joyous, and eternal connection we have with You!

And so we give over our hearts and faith to you, trusting in your abundance as we 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

Praise and Thanksgiving

BUNESSAN
ELW HYMN 689



1 Praise and thanks-giv - ing, God, we would of - fer for all things
2 God, bless the la - bor we bring to serve you, that with our
3 Fa - ther, pro - vid - ing food for your chil - dren, by Wis - dom's
4 Then will your bless - ing reach ev - 'ry peo - ple, free - ly con -



liv - ing, you have made good: har - vest of sown fields, fruits of the
neigh - bor we may be fed. Sow - ing or till - ing, we would work
guid - ing teach us to share one with an - oth - er, so that, re -
fess - ing your gra - cious hand. Where you are reign - ing, no one will



or - chard, hay from the mown fields, blos - som and wood.
with you, har - vest - ing, mill - ing for dai - ly bread.
joic - ing with us, all oth - ers may know your care.
hun - ger; your love sus - tain - ing show - ers the land.

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, rich in mercy,
**you look with compassion on this troubled world. Feed us with your grace,
and grant us the treasure that comes only from you, through Jesus Christ,
our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

WORD

LESSON

2 Corinthians 9:6-8

Christian fellowship involves sharing with those in need. Here Paul is gathering a collection for the church in Jerusalem from all the Gentile churches he helped found. We can be extravagant in our giving because God is extravagant in providing for our lives.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL PROLOGUE

Holy one, soften our hearts and slow our racing minds to truly hear your living Word.

Before the reading: The Holy Gospel according to Luke.

Glory to you, O Lord.

GOSPEL READING

Luke 16:19-31

Jesus tells a parable in which the poor one is “lifted up” and the rich one is “sent away empty.” Jesus makes it clear that this ethic of merciful reversal is not new but is as old as Moses and the prophets.

After the reading: The Gospel of our Lord.

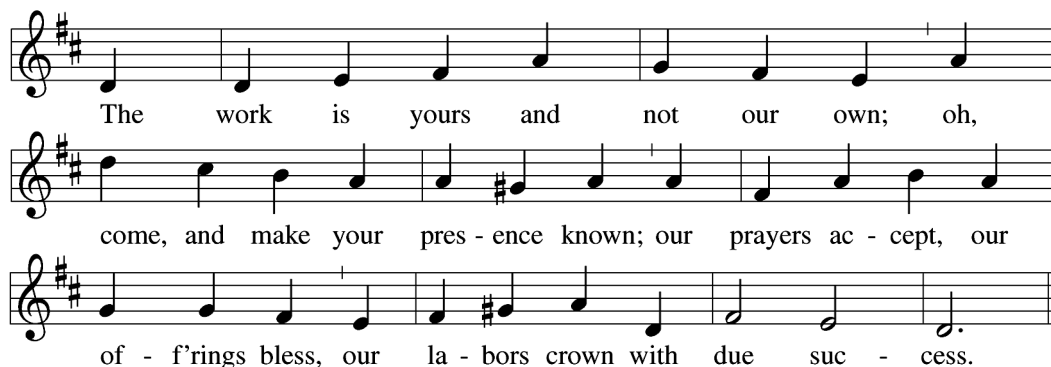
Praise to you, O Christ.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

LOB SEI DEM ALLMÄCHTIGEN GOTT

Great God, a Blessing from Your Throne

LBW HYMN 185



The work is yours and not our own; oh,
come, and make your pres - ence known; our prayers ac - cept, our
of - f'ings bless, our la - bors crown with due suc - cess.

FIRST GLANCE

Gary Ely-Grisham

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.**



Hear our prayer, hear our prayer, Lord, make us whole:
peace to all peo - ple, hope for each soul.
God of grace, in this place, hear now our prayer.

BLESSING FOR CHRISTIAN EDUCATION LEADERS

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

Meditation on Beach Spring

BEACH SPRING
K. L. BUCKWALTER

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Let us pray. Lord of the harvest,
**we return to you a portion of what you have given to us. Turn us to set our hope
not on the uncertainty of riches, but on you, who richly provides for us. Multiply
what we have gathered to bless all who are suffering and in need, through Jesus
Christ our Lord. 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 our 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

ELW HYMN 189A

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might,
heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes in the
name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

You are indeed holy, almighty and merciful God. You are most holy, and great is the majesty of your glory.

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.

For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes. ELW HYMN 189B



Christ has died. Christ is ris - en. Christ will come a - gain.
To you, O God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory in your holy church,
now and forever. ELW HYMN 189C



LORD'S PRAYER

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.**

SELF-DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION

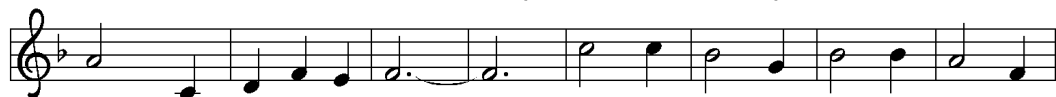
All are welcome here at God's table. We believe Christ is truly present in the bread and wine through the faith of those who gather. Jesus invites you to this meal that imparts God's free gift of grace.

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."

AGNUS DEI

ELW HYMN 195



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

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sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

MUSIC FOR COMMUNION

WER NUN DEN LIEVEN GOTT

If You But Trust in God to Guide You

LBW HYMN 453



- 1 If you but trust in God to guide you and place your
- 2 What gain is there in fu - tile weep - ing, in help - less
- 3 In pa - tient trust a - wait his lei - sure in cheer - ful
- 4 Sing, pray, and keep his ways un - swerv - ing, of - fer your



con - fi - dence in him, you'll find him al - ways there be -
an - ger and dis - tress? If you are in his care and
hope, with heart con - tent to take what - e'er your Fa - ther's
ser - vice faith - ful - ly, and trust his word; though un - de -



side you, to give you hope and strength with - in. For those who
keep - ing, in sor - row will he love you less? For he who
plea - sure and all - dis - cern - ing love have sent; doubt not your
serv - ing, you'll find his prom - ise true to be. God nev - er



trust God's change - less love build on the rock that will not move.
took for you a cross will bring you safe through ev - 'ry loss.
in - most wants are known to him who chose you for his own.
will for - sake in need the soul that trusts in him in - deed.

When All Your Mercies, O My God

LBW HYMN 264



- 1 When all your mer - cies, O my God, my wak - ing soul sur - veys,
 2 Ten thou - sand thou - sand pre - cious gifts my dai - ly thanks em - ploy;
 3 Through ev - 'ry pass - ing phase of life your good - ness I'll pur - sue,
 4 Through all e - ter - ni - ty, to you a joy - ful song I'll raise;



trans - port - ed with the view, I'm lost in won - der, love, and praise.
 nor is the least a cheer - ful heart that tastes those gifts with joy.
 and af - ter death, in dis - tant worlds, the glo - rious theme re - new.
 but, oh, e - ter - ni - ty's too short to ut - ter all your praise!

SACRAMENTAL BLESSING

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

Amen.

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Let us pray. O God,
**through this meal you have strengthened us and appointed us to be your
 servants. Send us to do good and to share our possessions with all in need.
 We ask this in Jesus' name. Amen.**

SENDING

BENEDICTION

SENDING FORTH HYMN

SICILIAN MARINERS

Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing

ELW HYMN 545



- 1 Lord, dis - miss us with your bless - ing, fill our hearts with joy and peace;
 2 Thanks we give and ad - o - ra - tion for your gos - pel's joy - ful sound.
 3 Sav - ior, when your love shall call us from our strug - gling pil - grim way,

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let us each, your love pos - sess-ing, tri - umph in re - deem-ing grace.
May the fruits of your sal - va - tion in our hearts and lives a - bound.
let no fear of death ap - pall us, glad your sum - mons to o - bey.



Oh, re - fresh us; oh, re - fresh us, trav - 'ling through this wil - der - ness.
Ev - er faith - ful, ev - er faith - ful to your truth may we be found.
May we ev - er, may we ev - er reign with you in end - less day.

DISMISSAL

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

POSTLUDE

***Fugue sur la thème du Carillon des
Heures de la Cathédrale de Soissons (1962)***

M. DURUFLÉ

*This gorgeous fugue was originally a contribution to a volume of organ works
dedicated to Louis Vierne, one of Duruflé's mentors.*

*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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SERVING IN WORSHIP

Preacher/Presider	Pastor Jon Haug
Assisting Minister/First Glance	Gary Ely-Grisham
Lector	Barbara Battenberg
Organ	Dr. Ryan Enright
Piano	Steven Johnson
St. John's Handbell Choir	
Cantors in Rotation	Joel Barkel, Linda Bush, Dr. Ryan Enright, Heather Mercer, Kathryn Mercer
Altar Guild	Ingrid Garland
Eucharistic Servers	Terry Battenberg, Lynne Gilbertson
Greeters	Sally Day, Mary Miller
Ushers	David Byrd, Tom Harris, Steve & Gabi Schoff
Audio Technician	John Bologni
Visual Technicians	Tim Reese, Esperanza Foft
Nursery Attendants	Amy Afoa, Helen Disho

ST. JOHN'S STAFF

Director of Youth and Family	Rev. Jon Haug, Associate Pastor
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Audio Technician	John Bologni
Video Technicians	Tim Reese, Esperanza Foft
Nursery Attendants	Amy Afoa, Helen Disho

ST. JOHN'S MINISTRY ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Blessing of the Animals**
Saturday, October 4th | 10 a.m. | St. John's Lutheran Church
Saint Francis of Assisi is associated with care of animals and the environment, and it has become a practice for churches to hold ceremonies blessing animals on his feast day! Bring your pet, a photo of your pet, or a stuffed pet for a blessing.
- **La Frontera: Arbitrary Lines & Red Walls**
Sunday, October 5th | 12:30 p.m. | The Gathering Place
St. John's welcomes Pastor Manuel Retamoza to share his personal story, discuss immigration rights, and how the word of God inspires us to act in times of injustice. Come learn over lunch and be in community as we reflect and discuss actions that embody God's love, presence and challenge in our lives - RSVP on realm!
- **The Right to Exist Private Test Film Screening**
Tuesday, October 7th | 7 p.m. | The Gathering Place
Director Nick Anderson presents "The Right to Exist," a documentary exploring Sacramento's homelessness crisis through personal stories and analysis. The film follows Camp Resolution, the self-governed, woman-run encampment whose fight for survival drew national attention. This screening is hosted by the St. John's Justice Making Ministry. Attendance is by invitation only, but you may request an invitation by submitting an RSVP online.
- **Oktoberfest Save-the-Date**
Saturday, October 25th | 3-7 p.m. | St. John's Lutheran Church
St. John's is hosting the 2nd annual Oktoberfest! We're welcoming food vendors, breweries, wineries, a caricature artist, live music, and extravagant decor and ambiance for a family-friendly festival.

TODAY AT ST. JOHN'S

- **God's Abundance, Our Response Adult Education Class** | 10:15 a.m. | Oehler Hall
The community of St. John's is no stranger to responding to God's Abundance in our lives - we sing boldly, serve graciously, and gather frequently. Over four weeks, we'll share more about our collective response! This morning's gathering will center around worship and music ministries.
- **Volunteer Training: Children & Youth Volunteers** | 12:30 p.m. | Oehler Hall
This training is for volunteers who currently serve or are interested in getting involved in Sunday School, Confirmation, the High School Youth Group, youth summer trips, Vacation Bible School, or the Nursery. A wonderful entry point for someone looking to begin volunteering or for a long-time volunteer. Lunch will be provided, come join!