

God's Abundance Our Response

TIME AFTER PENTECOST
September 28, 2025 | 11:30 a.m.

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, please turn and face 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,

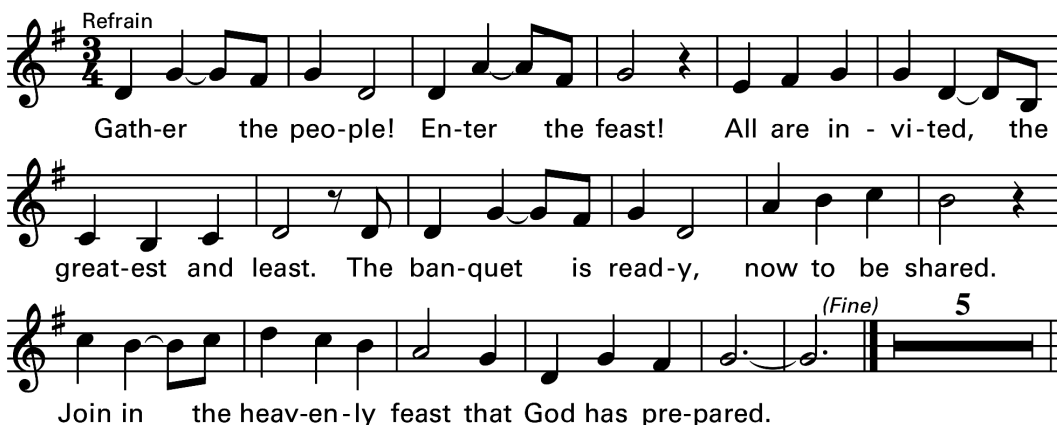
together in worship, as we listen, pray, sing, and play our instruments, we thank you for the abundant, joyous, and eternal connection we have with You!

** You are invited to stand.*

Gather the People

D. SCHUTTE

Refrain



Gath-er the peo-ple! En-ter the feast! All are in - vi-ted, the
great-est and least. The ban-quet is read-y, now to be shared.
(Fine) 5
Join in the heav-en-ly feast that God has pre-pared.

*Verses



1. A-round this ta - ble we dine as kin, be - lov - ed
2. A-round this ta - ble we tell great tales, the won - drous
3. A-round this ta - ble God's boun - ty falls on all who
1. fam - 'ly of God. We share the Bod - y of Christ, the
2. sto - ries of grace. We hold the mem - 'ry of Christ, the
3. hun - ger and thirst. We drink the full - ness of Christ, the
2 to Refrain
1. Lord. Here we be-come what we eat.
2. Lord. So we be-come what we eat.
3. Lord. So we be-come what we eat.

*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

OFFERTORY MUSIC

Meditation on Beach Spring

BEACH SPRING
K. L. BUCKWALTER

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.

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.**



*BLESSING FOR CHRISTIAN EDUCATION LEADERS

SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM
ELIZA MARIE TWIGG

PRESENTATION

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.

Karina & George, called by the Holy Spirit, trusting in the grace and love of God, do you desire to have Eliza baptized into Christ?

We do.

As you bring Eliza 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 Eliza grow in the Christian faith and life?

We do.

Sponsors (Mae & Jordan) do you promise to nurture Eliza 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?

We do.

People of God, do you promise to support *Eliza* and pray for her in her new life in Christ?

We do.

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.**

Presider All

The Lord be with you. _ And al - so with you. _

Presider All

Let us give thanks _ to _ the Lord our God. _ It is right to give our thanks and praise.

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.

BAPTISM

S. JOHNSON

Presider

Eliza, I bap - tise _ you _ in _ the name of the Fa - _ ther

and of the Son, and the Ho - ly - Spi - rit. _

All

You be-long to Christ, on the wings of mer - cy. Our

God of Love and Prince of E - ter - _ nal Life.

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 Eliza 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.

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

WELCOME

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



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

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 our thanks and praise.

*WORDS OF INSTITUTION

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

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

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

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

Behold the Lamb

M. WILLETT

Verses



1. Those who were in the dark are thank - ful for the
2. Peace - ful now, those whose hearts are blessed with un - der -
3. Gen - tle one, Child of God, join with us at this
4. Lord of all, give us light. De - liv - er us from



1. sun - light; we who live, we who die are grate - ful for his
2. stand - ing of the wheat, of the wine u - nit - ed with his
3. ta - ble. Bless our lives; nour - ish all who hun - ger for this
4. e - vil. Make us one; be our shield. Make still the winds that

Music continues on next page...

Refrain

1. gift, thank-ful for his love. Be-hold, be-hold the Lamb of
 2. word and the love we share.
 3. feast; shel-ter them with peace.
 4. blow; cra-dle us with love.

God. All who eat, all who drink shall live; and all,
 all who dwell in God shall come to know his glo-ry.

*SACRAMENTAL BLESSING

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

Amen.

SENDING

*BENEDICTION

*SENDING FORTH SONG

In the Day of the Lord

M. D. RIDGE

Refrain

In the day of the Lord, the sun will shine like the
 dawn of e - ter - nal day. All cre - a - tion will rise to
 dance and sing the glo - ry of the Lord!

Music continues on next page...

Verses

1. And on that day will jus - tice tri - umph, on that
 2. Then shall the na - tions throng to - geth - er to the
 3. And they shall beat their swords to plow - shares; there will

1. day will all be free: free from want, free from
 2. moun - tain of the Lord: they shall walk in the
 3. be an end to war: one in peace, one in

to Refrain

1. fear, _____ free to live!
 2. light _____ of the Lord!
 3. love, _____ one in God!

***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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 scan the QR Code or visit www.stjohnslc.org**



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SERVING IN WORSHIP

Preacher/Presider	Pastor Jon Haug
Assisting Minister/First Glance	Gary Ely-Grisham
Lector	Libby Bullock
Organ	Dr. Ryan Enright
Piano	Steven Johnson
Guitar	Scot Sorensen
St. John's Handbell Choir	
Cantors in Rotation	Joel Barkel, Linda Bush, Dr. Ryan Enright, Heather Mercer, Kathryn Mercer
Altar Guild	Jo Hoffmeier & Carolyn Munson
Eucharistic Servers	Jo Hoffmeier & Carolyn Munson
Greeters	Elizabeth Huber, Anne Smith
Usher	Mike & Sandy Kramer
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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Director of Communications and Community Engagement	Catherine Slabaugh
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Organist	Dr. Ryan Enright
Audio Technician	John Bologni
Video Technicians	Tim Reese, Esperanza Foft
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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

- 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!