

ST JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH



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Sunday, September 3, 2023, at 9am



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WELCOME TO WORSHIP TODAY!

It is a joy to worship our Savior, Jesus, with you! In the pews there are blue cards for guests and members. Please fill one out and the ushers will collect them after the offering. And if you are looking for a church home, you've just found it!



To Our Visitors



What is Communion/the Lord's Supper?

As members of the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod, members of St. John's Lutheran Church hold to the biblical and historic understanding of holy communion; that in this sacrament the bread and wine, having been consecrated, are Christ's real, risen, and glorified body and blood, just as Jesus really said, 'Take, eat, this is my body', and 'take, drink... this is my blood' (Matthew 26:26 ff). Holy Communion is received for the forgiveness of sins, for unity with Christ, and for the unity within the 'body of Christ' – that is His Church. This is why it is reserved for those who hold a common confession of faith. Those who share with us in this Holy Supper must be members of a congregation of the LCMS, or of a congregation in full fellowship with the LCMS, thus bearing public witness that they agree with our teaching in general and with the following two teachings in particular:

1. When consecrated, again, the bread and wine of the Lord's Supper are the true Body and Blood of Jesus Christ, given to us for the remission of sins.
2. Those baptized and confirmed Christians who come to Holy Communion in repentance and faith, grateful for God's forgiveness, are also committed to offering their personal forgiveness to all others.

Guests communing with us for the first time should see the pastor or an elder before the service when possible, to confirm that we are in fellowship. If you are interested in becoming a communicant member or if you have any questions regarding our beliefs and practice, please see the pastor.



Thirteenth Sunday After Trinity

Processional Hymn: 533 Jesus has Come

Confession and Absolution - LSB p.151

Stand

Service of the Word

Introit - Psalm 74:1–2, 19b, 21b; antiphon: vv. 20a, 21a, 22a, 23a

- P** Have regard for the covenant, [O Lord];
C **Let not the downtrodden turn back in shame.**
P Arise, O God, defend your cause;
C **Do not forget the clamor of your foes.**
P O God, why do you cast us off forever?
C **Why does your anger smoke against Your sheep?**
P Remember your congregation,
C **Which you have purchased of old,**
P Which you have redeemed to be the tribe of your heritage!
C **Remember Mount Zion, where you have dwelt.**
P Do not forget the life of your poor forever.
C **Let the poor and needy praise your name.**
C **Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;**
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.
P Have regard for the covenant, [O Lord];
C **Let not the downtrodden turn back in shame.**

Kyrie - *LSB p.152*

This Is the Feast - *LSB p.155*

Salutation and Collect of the Day

- P** The Lord be with you. **C** **And also with you.**
P Let us pray.
Almighty and everlasting God, give us an increase of faith, hope, and charity;
and that we may obtain what You have promised, make us love what You
have commanded; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and
reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
C **Amen.**

Sit

Old Testament Reading - 2 Chronicles 28:8–15

⁸The men of Israel took captive 200,000 of their relatives, women, sons, and daughters. They also took much spoil from them and brought the spoil to Samaria. ⁹But a prophet of the LORD was there, whose name was Oded, and he went out to meet the army that came to Samaria and said to them, “Behold, because the LORD, the God of your fathers, was angry with Judah, he gave them into your hand, but you have killed them in a rage that has reached up to heaven. ¹⁰And now you intend to subjugate the people of Judah and Jerusalem, male and female, as your slaves. Have you not sins of your own against the LORD your God? ¹¹Now hear me, and send back the captives from your relatives whom you have taken, for the fierce wrath of the LORD is upon you.”

¹²Certain chiefs also of the men of Ephraim, Azariah the son of Johanan, Berechiah the son of Meshillemoth, Jehizkiah the son of Shallum, and Amasa the son of Hadlai, stood up against those who were coming from the war ¹³and said to them, “You shall not bring the captives in here, for you propose to bring upon us guilt against the LORD in addition to our present sins and guilt. For our guilt is already great, and there is fierce wrath against Israel.” ¹⁴So the armed men left the captives and the spoil before the princes and all the assembly. ¹⁵And the men who have been mentioned by name rose and took the captives, and with the spoil they clothed all who were naked among them. They clothed them, gave them sandals, provided them with food and drink, and anointed them, and carrying all the feeble among them on donkeys, they brought them to their kinsfolk at Jericho, the city of palm trees. Then they returned to Samaria.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Gradual - Psalm 77:14–15

- P** You are the God who works wonders;
C **You have made known your might among the peoples.**
P You with your arm redeemed your people,
C **The children of Jacob and Joseph.**

Epistle Reading - Galatians 3:15–22

¹⁵To give a human example, brothers: even with a man-made covenant, no one annuls it or adds to it once it has been ratified.

¹⁶Now the promises were made to Abraham and to his offspring. It does not say, “And to offsprings,” referring to many, but referring to one, “And to your offspring,” who is Christ. ¹⁷This is what I mean: the law, which came 430 years afterward, does not annul a covenant previously ratified by God, so as to make the promise void. ¹⁸For if the inheritance comes by the law, it no longer comes by promise; but God gave it to Abraham by a promise.

¹⁹Why then the law? It was added because of transgressions, until the offspring should come to whom the promise had been made, and it was put in place through angels by an intermediary. ²⁰Now an intermediary implies more than one, but God is one.

²¹Is the law then contrary to the promises of God? Certainly not! For if a law had been given that could give life, then righteousness would indeed be by the law. ²²But the Scripture imprisoned everything under sin, so that the promise by faith in Jesus Christ might be given to those who believe.

- P** This is the Word of the Lord.
C **Thanks be to God.**

Alleluia and Verse - *LSB p. 156*

Holy Gospel - Luke 10:23-37

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the tenth chapter.

C **Glory to You, O Lord.**

²³Turning to the disciples [Jesus] said privately, “Blessed are the eyes that see what you see! ²⁴For I tell you that many prophets and kings desired to see what you see, and did not see it, and to hear what you hear, and did not hear it.”

²⁵And behold, a lawyer stood up to put him to the test, saying, “Teacher, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?” ²⁶He said to him, “What is written in the Law? How do you read it?” ²⁷And he answered, “You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind, and your neighbor as yourself.” ²⁸And he said to him, “You have answered correctly; do this, and you will live.”

²⁹But he, desiring to justify himself, said to Jesus, “And who is my neighbor?” ³⁰Jesus replied, “A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and he fell among robbers, who stripped him and beat him and departed, leaving him half dead. ³¹Now by chance a priest was going down that road, and when he saw him he passed by on the other side. ³²So likewise a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. ³³But a Samaritan, as he journeyed, came to where he was, and when he saw him, he had compassion. ³⁴He went to him and bound up his wounds, pouring on oil and wine. Then he set him on his own animal and brought him to an inn and took care of him. ³⁵And the next day he took out two denarii and gave them to the innkeeper, saying, ‘Take care of him, and whatever more you spend, I will repay you when I come back.’ ³⁶Which of these three, do you think, proved to be a neighbor to the man who fell among the robbers?” ³⁷He said, “The one who showed him mercy.” And Jesus said to him, “You go, and do likewise.”

After the lesson is read from the nave:

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

G Praise to You, O Christ.

Sit

Hymn of the Day: 537 Beautiful Savior

Sermon: “Who are you? Who is God? Now, Who’s Good?”

Stand

Nicene Creed - LSB p.158

Prayer of the Church

Sit

Offering

Stand

Offertory - LSB p.159

Service of the Sacrament

Preface - LSB p.160

Sanctus

Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Words and Declaration of Our Lord

Lord’s Prayer

Pax Domini

Agnus Dei

Sit

Distribution 637 Draw Near and Take the Body of the Lord,
641 You Satisfy the Hungry Heart &
547 The Lamb)

Stand

Nunc Dimittis - *LSB p.165*

Post-Communion Collect

Benediction

Recessional Hymn: 564 Christ Sits at God's Right Hand

Prayer Chain Request?

Contact: Lucille Adamoyurka - (570) 956-1678

Prayers for Members

We encourage you this week to pray for:

John Belko, Robert Drummond, Frank Gilham, Robert Gould, Pauline Onder, Edward Trovitch, Tom, Sylvia, and Sherry Wargo, Patti Zschunke, Bob Onder, Pat Onder, Irene Beishline, Bill Ray, Lorraine and Jack Ross, Mason Moppin, Lucille Adamoyurka, and Bob Mandak.

May the Lord continue to unite and bless us in the faith.



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Our Stewardship at a Glance

Sunday Morning Worship: 25 Faithful Servants
Caring and Sharing: Faithful Servants
Altar Workers: Dave Trovitch and Nancy Trovitch
Communion Assistant: Chuck Zschunke
Counters: Lucille Adamoyurka and Lorraine Ray
Flowers:
Tithes and Offerings: \$1595.00
Parish House: \$50.00

This Week at St. John's

Wednesday - Confirmation/Membership Class at 6pm

Thursday - Donation Deadline for Italian Festival

Saturday - ITALIAN FESTIVAL

Sunday - Divine Service at 9am

- Dunk the pastor at the Festival from 3-5pm

Mission/Vision Statement

“We are faith-Growing Followers of Christ,
Reaching out in Response to God’s Love”

St. John's Lutheran Church has a 'Take it or Leave it' food trolley. Donations received may be a welcome relief to the visitor who is looking for a little help here and there. This is a most worthy exception to the discretionary fund. This month we are collecting 'back-to-school snack packs' to give out at the next luncheon.



Need anything from the Pastor?

Pastor Naumann's Cell Phone: +1 (917) 900 7502

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YOUTH GROUP BELLA ITALIA FESTIVAL

Getting close to crunch time for the St John's Youth Group fundraiser of the year. We're doing tricky trays as well as our famous wagon of Cheer. We are looking for anyone who can donate items or even create and donate a whole gift basket.

This fundraiser keeps us on track to send our youth to the 2025 New Orleans LCMS Youth Gathering. We hope to send our largest group yet! We have youth, young adult volunteers, and adult leaders coming! Please encourage our youth in this way.



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www.facebook.com/stjohnshazleton



Orphan Grain Train has distributed our first air-cargo shipment of requested food, water, wheelchairs and other items to Maui on Tuesday, August 22, 2023! Rev. Ralph Schmidt, OGT's Director of Donor Advising and Chris Singer; Lutheran Church Charities, is in Maui working with Emmanuel Lutheran Church in Kahului, Maui and helped distribute OGT's relief aid to those in need. The next shipment is being planned and the requested food & items is below.

We ask first for your prayers for the many families still looking for loved ones, for first responders and those searching through debris. We also ask that if you are able to give toward this need to help with the cost of purchasing \$40,000.00 worth of food and aid along with air-cargo costs to Maui, would very-much be appreciated.

Website link and page to give on-line: www.ogt.org/maui-wildfire-relief



Serve ▶ Church Work Careers



'SAS' Town Hall on Sept. 27

Set Apart to Serve

Learn more about the LCMS church work recruitment initiative



On Sept. 27 at 1 p.m., Set Apart to Serve will launch its newly developed resources for church work recruitment. Join us online for the Synodwide town hall.

[▶ Register now](#)



Learning about Church Vocations

Sunday - September 17, 2023
6:00 p.m. - 7:00p.m.

Immanuel Lutheran Church - Parish Hall
238 Reese - Scranton, PA

RSVP with Pastor Naumann
Includes Potluck Dinner!