

Welcomed

"POSSESSED?"

OCTOBER 13, 2024



ST. JOHN'S
Lutheran Church
Grounded • Growing • Branching

Welcome to St. John's Lutheran Church

Good morning and a blessed welcome to you! It is an honor to have you worshiping with us this morning and we pray that you find great comfort and peace in Jesus' Word of love, mercy, and forgiveness!

At St. John's we are pleased to offer two styles of worship services on Sunday morning. In our 8:30 a.m. traditional service, we offer familiar hymns and rich, traditional worship forms in a meaningful and inspirational setting. Our 11:00 a.m. contemporary service includes the same message as our 8:30 a.m. service, but in an informal style, enhanced with contemporary music. We encourage you to try both worship styles! Thank you for worshiping with us; we would love to have you join us again!

(If you need assistance or need a hearing aid device, please see one of the ushers.)

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TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

OCTOBER 13, 2024

Grounded in Christ, Growing in Faith, Branching to Others

PRE-SERVICE MUSIC AND A TIME FOR PRAYER

RINGING OF THE BELLS

WELCOME & GREETING

OPENING SONG

Speak, O Lord, Your Servant Listens

LSB 589

INVOCATION

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

L: Blessed is the man who fears the LORD,

C: who greatly delights in His commandments!

L: Blessed be the God who meets our sin with mercy and our humble confession with forgiveness and the pledge of eternal life.

Silence for meditation and reflection

L: Holy and merciful Lord,

C: Heavenly Father, we come to You, humble of heart and repenting of our sins. We confess that we have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed; by the evil we have done and by the good we have not done. Some of our sin we know and some we do not know. Forgive us all our sins for the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, and renew us by Your Holy Spirit, that we may be restored to Your service and live to the praise of Your holy name. Amen.

L: Almighty God, our heavenly Father, has had mercy upon us and given to us His only Son to suffer and die for our salvation. As a called and ordained servant of Christ and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and

of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen. Thanks be to God!

SALUTATION

PRAYER OF THE DAY

LISTENING TO GOD SPEAK TO US THROUGH HIS WORD

Old Testament

Amos 5:6-7, 10-15

⁶ Come back to the Lord and live! Otherwise, he will roar through Israel like a fire, devouring you completely. Your gods in Bethel won't be able to quench the flames. ⁷ You twist justice, making it a bitter pill for the oppressed. You treat the righteous like dirt. ¹⁰ How you hate honest judges! How you despise people who tell the truth! ¹¹ You trample the poor, stealing their grain through taxes and unfair rent. Therefore, though you build beautiful stone houses, you will never live in them. Though you plant lush vineyards, you will never drink wine from them. ¹² For I know the vast number of your sins and the depth of your rebellions. You oppress good people by taking bribes and deprive the poor of justice in the courts. ¹³ So those who are smart keep their mouths shut, for it is an evil time. ¹⁴ Do what is good and run from evil so that you may live! Then the Lord God of Heaven's Armies will be your helper, just as you have claimed. ¹⁵ Hate evil and love what is good; turn your courts into true halls of justice. Perhaps even yet the Lord God of Heaven's Armies will have mercy on the remnant of his people. (NLT)

L: This is the Word of our Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

New Testament

Hebrews 3:12-19

¹² Be careful then, dear brothers and sisters. Make sure that your own hearts are not evil and unbelieving, turning you away from the living God. ¹³ You must warn each other every day, while it is still "today," so that none of you will be deceived by sin and hardened against God. ¹⁴ For if we are faithful to the end, trusting God just as firmly as when we first believed,

we will share in all that belongs to Christ. ¹⁵ Remember what it says: "Today when you hear his voice, don't harden your hearts as Israel did when they rebelled." ¹⁶ And who was it who rebelled against God, even though they heard his voice? Wasn't it the people Moses led out of Egypt? ¹⁷ And who made God angry for forty years? Wasn't it the people who sinned, whose corpses lay in the wilderness? ¹⁸ And to whom was God speaking when he took an oath that they would never enter his rest? Wasn't it the people who disobeyed him? ¹⁹ So we see that because of their unbelief they were not able to enter his rest. (NLT)

L: This is the Word of our Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

COMMON ALLELUIA AND VERSE

Holy Gospel

Mark 10:17-22

L: The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the tenth chapter.

C: Glory to You, O Lord. (*sung*)

¹⁷ As Jesus was starting out on his way to Jerusalem, a man came running up to him, knelt down, and asked, "Good Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?" ¹⁸ "Why do you call me good?" Jesus asked. "Only God is truly good." ¹⁹ But to answer your question, you know the commandments: "You must not murder. You must not commit adultery. You must not steal. You must not testify falsely. You must not cheat anyone. Honor your father and mother." ²⁰ "Teacher," the man replied, "I've obeyed all these commandments since I was young." ²¹ Looking at the man, Jesus felt genuine love for him. "There is still one thing you haven't done," he told him. "Go and sell all your possessions and give the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven. Then come, follow me." ²² At this the man's face fell, and he went away sad, for he had many possessions.

L: This is the Gospel of our Lord

C: Praise to You, O Christ. (*sung*)

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Pastor Adam

SERMON HYMN

Take My Life and Let It Be

LSB 783

SERMON

"Possessed?"

Mark 10:17-22

Pastor Adam Ray

APOSTLES' CREED

OFFERING

*Tithes and gifts may be placed in the collection plate or given at
www.stjohnsdecatur.com/giving.*

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

The Leader will conclude every prayer with: "Lord in your mercy..."

People respond with: "Hear our prayer."

LORD'S PRAYER

BAPTISM BIRTHDAYS

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BLESSING

SENDING HYMN

Guide Me, O Thou Great Redeemer

LSB 918

POSTLUDE

TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

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OPENING SONGS

House of the Lord

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OFFERING

Amazing Grace

SCRIPTURE READING

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SENDING SONG

Who You Say I Am

SUNDAY SERVANTS

Preacher	Pastor Aaron Bird
Worship Leader	Pastor Adam Ray
Reader	Steve Funk
Lay Minister	8:30 – Drew Miller 11:00 – Mark Langston
Organist	Sharon Cripe
Ushers	8:30 – Gary Schwartzle/Rick Laskowski 11:00 – Dan Zimmerman
Computer	8:30 – Mike Patzwitz 11:00 – Ava Saurmann
Live Stream	11:00 – Pat Robinson
Camera	11:00 – Lindsay Tipsword
Sound	8:30 – Brandon Patzwitz 11:00 – Brandon Patzwitz
Vocals.....	Melissa Saurmann, Pam Saurmann, Ted Hesse
Acoustic Guitar	Mike Dahn
Piano.....	Ted Hesse

OUR MISSION We are restored to God through the death and resurrection of Jesus. As a family of Christians, we are dedicated to the love and forgiveness of Christ as we reach out, preach and teach the truth of God's Word to each other, our community and the world.

IN NEED OF PRAYER: If you would like to be added to the prayer list or the prayer chain, please contact the church office. Please call the prayer chain with an update of your prayer request.

IN THE MILITARY: Laura Byers, Bryon Chaney, Kimberly Chaney, Kristel Chaney, Travis Chaney, Dan Cheney, Tristin Comer, Randy Edwards, Caleb Goodson, Austin Highcock, Braden Highcock, Destiny Little, Noah Lung, Nathan Lung, Andrew Nailer, Jared Pinney, Caitlin Goodson, Tyler Salefski, Jacob Thornell

CONGREGATION NEWS

Special Door Offering: We will have a Special Door Offering today for Camp Linn Haven and Mountainside Lutheran Church, Linville, North Carolina. The camp experienced heavy damage from Hurricane Helene. Our youth took a mission trip there a few years back.

Special Voter's Meeting will be Sunday, October 20th at 1:30 p.m. in the fellowship hall.

October is Pastor Appreciation Month! Join us in appreciating our pastors by mailing cards and well wishes to Pastor Adam and Pastor Aaron.

The Friendship Circle meeting will be on Tues., Oct. 15th. We will be crafting for a cause. We will be making heating pads for the patients at the Cancer Care Center. We also will assemble tea bag favors for the women who attend the LWML salad supper. Join us in the fellowship hall at 1:00.

LWML Decatur Salad Supper will be on Tuesday, October 22nd at 6:00 p.m. All Women are invited for an evening of food and fellowship. Attendees are asked to bring a salad, dessert or bread to share and a package of plastic spoons to donate to Good Samaritan Inn. Our guest speaker will be Patti Krueger. You can find more information about Patti on the back table next to the sign up sheet.

Rite of Confirmation will take place on Sun., Oct. 27th during the 8:30 service. There will be a reception with refreshments in the lounge/foyer after the service. Please come and congratulate our Confirmands. Our Confirmation Students this year are: Jonathan Bart, Hayden Calhoun, Allison Cushing, Anna Kierbs, Micah Langston, Jackson Miller, Jackson Tatum, and Carli Wilkerson.

Fall Festival was a great success! The best part of pulling this Festival together was the tremendous support from other teams joining Outreach, including Discipleship, Hospitality, Youth Group, LWML, Friendship Circle,

Communications and Lay Ministry. St. John's is blessed with so many talented and faithful servants! The weather was perfect. It was well attended with a lot of different age groups present.

The Altar Guild committee is looking for volunteers to help set up for communion. If you are interested, please contact LuAnne Westbrook 217-433-2677 or Jill Davis 217-433-4529.

Ride to Church needed: We have a member needing a ride to the 8:30 a.m. service. They live off of Mound and Woodford St. Please contact the church office if you are available to do this.

St. John's Confirmation Class of 1948 celebrated it's 76th anniversary with lunch at the Olive Garden. Members in attendance were Mary Corman, Arnie Gross, Barb Danner, and Mary Ann Martin. Those unable to attend were Betty Kessler, Arleen Mayberry, and Dorothy Rade.

LSA ReSale Shop: A BIG thank you to all the volunteers who helped with our fall/winter restock at the LSA ReSale Shop. Please stop by the ReSale Shop and see the "new" fall/winter merchandise. There is a great selection of Halloween and Christmas items too. The shop, located at 421 E. Cerro Gordo is open Mon.–Sat., 9am –3pm with extended hours on Thurs. 9am–6pm. Follow us on the LSA ReSale Shop Facebook page.

STEWARDSHIP SEEDS: *Isaiah 55:2 – "Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread, and your labor for that which does not satisfy?"*

What Isaiah says here is reminiscent of what Jesus says about putting our earthly wealth in places where "moth and rust destroy" (Matt. 6:19). Where we put the money God has given us to manage says a lot about the way in which we actually view life. What do your spending priorities say about what you think is truly important in life?

Last Week's Giving

Weekly Needed.....	\$12,403.85
General Fund.....	\$9,913.50
Online Giving.....	\$3,483.86
Total Giving.....	\$13,397.36

Last Week's Attendance

8:30 a.m.	122
11:00 a.m.	67
Total	189

THIS WEEK AT ST. JOHN'S

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 13

8:30 A.M. Traditional Service
9:45 A.M. Voter's Meeting (FH)
11:00 A.M. Contemporary Service
4-6:00 P.M. Fall Festival

MONDAY, OCTOBER 14

7:00 P.M. Boy Scouts (FH)

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 15

1:00 P.M. Staff Meeting
1:00 P.M. Friendship Circle (FH)
6:30 P.M. Parish Planning Meeting (FH)

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 16

10:00 A.M. Adult Bible Study (FH)
6:00 P.M. Choir Practice
6:30 P.M. Youth Group Hangout (Hesse House)

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 17

5:30 P.M. TOPS (Rock)
7:00 P.M. Worship Practice

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 18

No church activities scheduled.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 19

No church activities scheduled.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 20

8:30 A.M. Traditional Service
9:45 A.M. Education Hour (FH)
11:00 A.M. Contemporary Service
12:30 P.M. Confirmation Class (FH)
1:30 P.M. Special Voter's Meeting (FH)