

Welcome

**"VENDING MACHINE JESUS"**

**AUGUST 4, 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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### **The Lord's Supper**

Though we are eager for all to participate fully in the Lord's Supper, we do not want to compromise any portion of God's Word among us. Because Scripture states that the Lord's Supper can be taken to one's spiritual harm if not properly understood, we ask all visitors to refer to the following statement of belief regarding the Lord's Supper before communing:

*I am truly sorry for the sin in my life. I am struggling to die to my sin and to live in faith in Jesus. I am looking to Jesus to empower me to stop my sinning and to live a new life in Him. I believe when I receive the bread, I am receiving the true body of Christ, and when I receive the wine, I am receiving the true blood of Jesus. I believe that when I receive His true body and blood my sins are forgiven, I am given power over sin, death and the devil, and the gift of eternal life. My faith is completely in the words of Jesus.*

The Lord's Supper offers the two-fold gift of forgiveness and peace with God on the one hand, and unity and oneness among those who commune together on the other hand (Matt. 26:28; 1 Cor. 10:16–17). Those who receive the body and the blood of the Lord do so in terms of their relationship with God as well as with their fellow-communicants. Therefore, all baptized believers who understand and agree with the above Lutheran teaching of the Lord's Supper are welcome to attend. As always, we encourage you to speak with Pastor Ray or Pastor Aaron with any questions or concerns. Thank you.

Disabled – The pastor and lay minister will gladly commune anyone unable to come to the communion rail. Let the pastor or an usher know before the service begins.

# ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

August 4, 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

*Alleluia! Sing to Jesus (Vv. 1-4)*

*LSB 821*

### INVOCATION

### CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

L: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us.

**C: But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

*Silence for reflection on God's Word and self-examination.*

L: Let us then confess our sins to God our Father:

**C: Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.**

L: Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. 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.**

**KYRIE** (*responses sung*)

**THIS IS THE FEAST** (*sung*)

**SALUTATION**

**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

**LISTENING TO GOD SPEAK TO US THROUGH HIS WORD**

*Old Testament*

*Exodus 16:2-15*

<sup>2</sup> And the whole congregation of the people of Israel grumbled against Moses and Aaron in the wilderness, <sup>3</sup> and the people of Israel said to them, "Would that we had died by the hand of the Lord in the land of Egypt, when we sat by the meat pots and ate bread to the full, for you have brought us out into this wilderness to kill this whole assembly with hunger." <sup>4</sup> Then the Lord said to Moses, "Behold, I am about to rain bread from heaven for you, and the people shall go out and gather a day's portion every day, that I may test them, whether they will walk in my law or not." <sup>5</sup> On the sixth day, when they prepare what they bring in, it will be twice as much as they gather daily." <sup>6</sup> So Moses and Aaron said to all the people of Israel, "At evening you shall know that it was the Lord who brought you out of the land of Egypt, <sup>7</sup> and in the morning you shall see the glory of the Lord, because he has heard your grumbling against the Lord. For what are we, that you grumble against us?" <sup>8</sup> And Moses said, "When the Lord gives you in the evening meat to eat and in the morning bread to the full, because the Lord has heard your grumbling that you grumble against him—what are we? Your grumbling is not against us but against the Lord." <sup>9</sup> Then Moses said to Aaron, "Say to the whole congregation of the people of Israel, 'Come near before the Lord, for he has heard your grumbling.'" <sup>10</sup> And as soon as Aaron spoke to the whole congregation of the people of Israel, they looked toward the

wilderness, and behold, the glory of the Lord appeared in the cloud. <sup>11</sup> And the Lord said to Moses, <sup>12</sup> "I have heard the grumbling of the people of Israel. Say to them, 'At twilight you shall eat meat, and in the morning you shall be filled with bread. Then you shall know that I am the Lord your God.'" <sup>13</sup> In the evening quail came up and covered the camp, and in the morning dew lay around the camp. <sup>14</sup> And when the dew had gone up, there was on the face of the wilderness a fine, flake-like thing, fine as frost on the ground. <sup>15</sup> When the people of Israel saw it, they said to one another, "What is it?" For they did not know what it was. And Moses said to them, "It is the bread that the Lord has given you to eat. (ESV)

L: This is the Word of our Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

## **NEW TESTAMENT**

*Ephesians 4:1-16*

<sup>1</sup> I therefore, a prisoner for the Lord, urge you to walk in a manner worthy of the calling to which you have been called, <sup>2</sup> with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, <sup>3</sup> eager to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. <sup>4</sup> There is one body and one Spirit—just as you were called to the one hope that belongs to your call— <sup>5</sup> one Lord, one faith, one baptism, <sup>6</sup> one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all. <sup>7</sup> But grace was given to each one of us according to the measure of Christ's gift. <sup>8</sup> Therefore it says, "When he ascended on high he led a host of captives, and he gave gifts to men." <sup>9</sup> (In saying, "He ascended," what does it mean but that he had also descended into the lower regions, the earth? <sup>10</sup> He who descended is the one who also ascended far above all the heavens, that he might fill all things.) <sup>11</sup> And he gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the shepherds and teachers, <sup>12</sup> to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, <sup>13</sup> until we all attain to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to mature manhood, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ, <sup>14</sup> so that we may no longer be children, tossed to and fro by the waves and carried about by every wind of doctrine, by human cunning, by craftiness in deceitful

schemes. <sup>15</sup> Rather, speaking the truth in love, we are to grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ, <sup>16</sup> from whom the whole body, joined and held together by every joint with which it is equipped, when each part is working properly, makes the body grow so that it builds itself up in love. (ESV)

L: This is the Word of our Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

## **COMMON ALLELUIA AND VERSE**

### **HOLY GOSPEL**

*John 6:22-35*

L: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the sixth chapter.

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

On the next day the crowd that remained on the other side of the sea saw that there had been only one boat there, and that Jesus had not entered the boat with his disciples, but that his disciples had gone away alone. <sup>23</sup> Other boats from Tiberias came near the place where they had eaten the bread after the Lord had given thanks. <sup>24</sup> So when the crowd saw that Jesus was not there, nor his disciples, they themselves got into the boats and went to Capernaum, seeking Jesus. <sup>25</sup> When they found him on the other side of the sea, they said to him, "Rabbi, when did you come here?" <sup>26</sup> Jesus answered them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, you are seeking me, not because you saw signs, but because you ate your fill of the loaves. <sup>27</sup> Do not work for the food that perishes, but for the food that endures to eternal life, which the Son of Man will give to you. For on him God the Father has set his seal." <sup>28</sup> Then they said to him, "What must we do, to be doing the works of God?" <sup>29</sup> Jesus answered them, "This is the work of God, that you believe in him whom he has sent." <sup>30</sup> So they said to him, "Then what sign do you do, that we may see and believe you? What work do you perform? <sup>31</sup> Our fathers ate the manna in the wilderness; as it is written, 'He gave them bread from heaven to eat.'" <sup>32</sup> Jesus then said to them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, it was not Moses who gave you the bread from heaven, but my Father gives you the true bread from

heaven. <sup>33</sup> For the bread of God is he who comes down from heaven and gives life to the world." <sup>34</sup> They said to him, "Sir, give us this bread always."  
<sup>35</sup> Jesus said to them, "I am the bread of life; whoever comes to me shall not hunger, and whoever believes in me shall never thirst. (ESV)

L: This is the Gospel of our Lord

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

## **SERMON**

*"Vending Machine Jesus"*

*John 6:22-35*

*Pastor Aaron Bird*

## **NICENE CREED**

## **OFFERING**

*Tithes and gifts may be placed in the collection plate or given at  
[www.stjohnsdecatour.com/giving](http://www.stjohnsdecatour.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**

**PREFACE** *(responses sung)*

## **PROPER PREFACE**

**SANCTUS** *(sung)*

## **WORDS OF OUR LORD**

## **PAX DOMINI**

**AGNUS DEI** *(sung)*

## **DISTRIBUTION**

## **DISTRIBUTION HYMNS**

<i>At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing</i>	LSB 633
<i>O Living Bread from Heaven</i>	LSB 642
<i>Soul, Adorn Yourself with Gladness v. 1,3,4,8</i>	LSB 636

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**BLESSING**

**SENDING HYMN**

<i>Guide Me, O Thou Great Redeemer</i>	LSB 918
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**POSTLUDE**

**Last Week's Giving**

Weekly Needed.....	\$12,403.85
General Fund.....	\$5,911.00
Online Giving.....	\$
Total Giving.....	\$5,911.00

**Last Week's Attendance**

8:30 a.m. ....	115
11:00 a.m. ....	57
Total .....	172



# **ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

***August 4, 2024 | 11:00 A.M.***

## **OPENING SONGS**

*There's Nothing That Our God Can't Do  
Goodness of God*

## **WELCOME & GREETING**

## **CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION PRAYER**

## **SHARING THE PEACE**

## **OFFERING**

## **SCRIPTURE READING**

*John 6:22-35*

## **SERMON**

*"Vending Machine Jesus"*

*John 6:22-35*

*Pastor Aaron Bird*

## **APOSTLES' CREED**

## **PRAYERS**

## **LORD'S PRAYER**

## **COMMUNION**

*Lord I Need You*

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

## **BLESSING**

## **SENDING SONG**

*This Is Our God*

## SUNDAY SERVANTS

Preacher .....	Pastor Aaron Bird
Worship Leader .....	Pastor Adam Ray
Reader .....	Jean Munson
Communion Helper .....	David Salogga/Jeff Salefski
Lay Minister .....	8:30 – Steve Craycroft 11:00 – Matt Cushing
Organist .....	Sharon Cripe
Ushers .....	8:30 – Dave Munson 11:00 – Tom Schollenbruch/Dan Murphey
Computer .....	8:30 – Mike Patzwitz 11:00 – Zach Hesse
Live Stream .....	8:30 – Matt Cushing
Camera .....	8:30 – Matt Cushing
Sound .....	8:30 – Doug Hicks 11:00 – Doug Hicks
Vocals.....	Becky Dosien, Kristin Hesse, Ted Hesse
Acoustic Guitar .....	Wendy Salefski
Drums .....	Julia Cushing
Piano.....	Angela Cushing

**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

**Mission Trip Recap is today!** Come and listen to all the exciting things the youth experienced during the Rapid City, South Dakota Mission Trip.

**The time is here** to begin our preparations for our youth's pilgrimage to New Orleans for the **2025 LCMS Youth Gathering!** If you have a child who will be in 8th-12th grade in this upcoming school year, they would be eligible to attend. For those interested in learning more about the Gathering, there will be an initial Information Meeting today at 12:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

**Backpack Blessing** is Sunday, August 11<sup>th</sup> (next Sunday) at both services. Have your student bring their backpack to church for a blessing for the new school year and a special reminder of God's Love.

**Our last #lifetogether for the summer!** Why stay home and cook? You could come and join us Wednesday, August 14<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 p.m., for a cookout, fun games, and fellowship.

**Ladies of St. John's!** We are assembling one or two auction baskets for Camp Cilca. The theme for the baskets will be "Homemade". Do you can? Do you knit or crochet or sew? Do you make decorative items? Do you bake? Other? If you would like to donate an item, please text Brenda Salogga at 217-429-9183 or email [dnbsal@comcast.net](mailto:dnbsal@comcast.net) by August 11th.

**Bus Trips:** Tickets are available for the Aug. 21<sup>st</sup> performance of "Nunsense". Make your reservations with Jerry Pelz (217-433-2961) or the church office. The cost is \$36.00 per ticket. We will be leaving the church at 12:45 p.m.

**4th Annual St. John's Golf Scramble Fun-Raiser** to be held September 22, at 1:30 at the Moweaqua Golf Course. The cost is \$400 per team. Includes golf, prizes, and dinner afterwards. Proceeds go back to the church through various needs and governed by Lay Ministry Board. Sign-up sheets will be available in a few weeks. Please mark your calendars.

**Thank you** to all who came out and participated in the LWML Trivia Night. A special thank you to all who helped make the evening a success. We made \$270.00.

## THIS WEEK AT ST. JOHN'S

### SUNDAY, AUGUST 4

8:30 A.M. .... Traditional Service  
9:45 A.M. .... Youth Mission Trip Recap (FH)  
11:00 A.M. .... Contemporary Service  
12:00 P.M. .... NYG 2025 Informational Meeting

### MONDAY, AUGUST 5

6:30 P.M. .... Properties Meeting  
7:00 P.M. .... Boy Scouts (FH)

### TUESDAY, AUGUST 6

10-11:00 A.M. .... DMH Grief Counseling (Lounge)  
1:00 P.M. .... Staff Meeting (Conference Room)  
5:30 P.M. .... Fellowship Hall Reserved  
5:30 P.M. .... Outreach Meeting (Rock Room)  
6:00 P.M. .... Discipleship Meeting (Lounge)

### WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 7

10:00 A.M. .... Adult Bible Study (FH)

### THURSDAY, AUGUST 8

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

### FRIDAY, AUGUST 9

No church activities scheduled.

### SATURDAY, AUGUST 10

No church activities scheduled.

### SUNDAY, AUGUST 11

8:30 A.M. .... Traditional Service  
9:45 A.M. .... Education Hour (FH)  
11:00 A.M. .... Contemporary Service