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St. John's Lutheran Church-Lakeville

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**ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH
TWENTYFIRST SUNDAY OF PENTECOST**

OCTOBER 13, 2024

8:30 AM & 10:30 AM

GENEROSITY SUNDAY

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KIM KYLLO, PASTOR
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PRELUDE: *"How Great Thou Art"* Mark Knickelbein

CALL TO WORSHIP: *"How Great Thou Art"*
Sung by Veritas

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P: In the name of the Father,
and of the † Son,
and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

P: God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

P: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.
Gracious God,

C: have mercy on us. We confess that we have turned from you and given ourselves into the power of sin. We are truly sorry and humbly repent. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things we have done and things we have failed to do. Turn us again to you, and uphold us by your Spirit, so that we may live and serve you in newness of life through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

P: God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith.

C: Amen.

GATHERING SONG: "Rise Up O Saints of God" ELW 669

- Stanza 1—All
- Stanza 2—High Voices
- Stanza 3—All
- Stanza 4—Low Voices
- Stanza 5—All



1 Rise up, O saints of God! From vain am - bi - tions turn;
2 Speak out, O saints of God! De - spair en - gulfs earth's frame;
3 Rise up, O saints of God! The king - dom's task em - brace;
4 Give heed, O saints of God! Cre - a - tion cries in pain;
5 Com - mit your hearts to seek the paths which Christ has trod;



Christ rose tri - um - phant that your hearts with no - bler zeal might burn.
as heirs of God's bap - tis - mal grace, the word of hope pro - claim.
re - dress sin's cru - el con - se - quence; give jus - tice larg - er place.
stretch forth your hand of heal - ing now, with love the weak sus - tain.
and, quick - ened by the Spir - it's pow'r, rise up, O saints of God!

Text: Norman O. Forness, b. 1936
Music: FESTAL SONG, William H. Walter, 1825-1893
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GREETING:

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: **And also with you.**

1 Glo - ry to you, God, for yours is the earth;
yours is the prom - ise, the bless - ing, the birth.
Ours the re - joic - ing for Word giv - en frame;
ours the thanks - giv - ing to your ho - ly name.
Ours be the tell - ing of deeds great - ly done;
yours be the glo - ry, O God, yours a - lone.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: The Lord be with you
C: **And also with you**

P: Let us pray together:

C: **Loving and righteous God, you are far more generous to us, and to all who work in your kingdom, than we could ever ask or imagine. Inspire us to be generous to others as you have been to us. We ask this through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

GRATITUDE AND GENEROSITY TEMPLE TALK

FIRST READING: Galatians 5:13-25

L: A Reading from Galatians

¹³For you were called to freedom, brothers and sisters only do not use your freedom as an opportunity for self-indulgence, but through love become slaves to one another. ¹⁴For the whole law is summed up in a single commandment, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." ¹⁵If, however, you bite and devour one another, take care that you are not consumed by one another.

¹⁶Live by the Spirit, I say, and do not gratify the desires of the flesh. ¹⁷For what the flesh desires is opposed to the Spirit, and what the Spirit desires is opposed to the flesh; for these are opposed to each other, to prevent you from doing what you want. ¹⁸But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not subject to the law. ¹⁹Now the works of the flesh are obvious: fornication, impurity, licentiousness, ²⁰idolatry, sorcery, enmities, strife, jealousy, anger, quarrels, dissensions, factions, ²¹envy, drunkenness, carousing, and things like these. I am warning you, as I warned you before: those who do such things will not inherit the kingdom of God.

²²By contrast, the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, ²³gentleness, and self-control. There is no law against such things. ²⁴And those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. ²⁵If we live by the Spirit, let us also be guided by the Spirit.

L: The Word of the Lord

C: **Thanks be to God**

CHILDREN'S SERMON..... Amanda Boe

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Al-le-lu - ia, al - le-lu - ia, al-le-lu - ia.

GOSPEL READING: John 15:1-8

L: A reading from the Gospel of John


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

¹I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinegrower. ²He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit. ³You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you. ⁴Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the

vine, neither can you unless you abide in me. ⁵I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing. ⁶Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. ⁷If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. ⁸My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples.

P: The Gospel of our Lord
 C: Praise to you, O Christ

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Al-le-lu - ia, al - le-lu - ia, al-le-lu - ia.

SERMON "Growing Fruit!" Pastor Kim Kylo

HYMN OF THE DAY: "God of the Fertile Fields" ACS 1063



1 God of the fer - tile fields, sha - per of
 2 We would be stew - ards true, hold - ing in
 3 As grows the hid - den seed to fruit that
 4 God of the coun - try - side, dear to the



earth that yields our dai - ly bread: forth from your
 trust from you all that you give; help us in
 serves our need, so your reign grows. Let all our
 Christ who died to make us one: we pledge our



boun - teous hand come gifts your love has planned,
 love to share, teach us like you to care
 toil be used, no gift of yours a - bused,
 lives a - new in faith - ful love to you.



that all in ev - 'ry land be clothed and fed.
 for peo - ple ev - 'ry - where, that all may live.
 no hum - ble task re - fused your love be - stows.
 Guide all we say and do. Your will be done.

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 Music: ITALIAN HYMN, Felice de Giardini, 1716–1796
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GENEROSITY SUNDAY LITANY

- P: We are preparing to re-commit our faith, our lives, and our gifts to God for the year ahead.
- C: **God, bless our growth in the joy of sharing and giving.**
- P: It is an intentional choice to follow our Lord and give ourselves to God in significant, meaningful, faithful ways.
- C: **God, to be your beloved children and disciples is a gift from your love that we cannot take for granted.**
- P: Every time we give of ourselves, it is an act of worship, a moment of praise toward God, a moving of our hearts in the best direction.
- C: **God, may our truth be that our hearts need to give and share so we can come close to your heart in the giving and sharing of your only Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior, for the sake of the world.**
- P: What we are doing today is asking God to consecrate our gifts and every bit of love and faith we generously share.
- C: **God, make holy what we give as fallible, sinful, imperfect people. Yet, use us and our gifts, through your holy blessing and consecration, for your purposes and for the healing of your world. We come humbly and joyfully now and place our gifts and commitments at your altar. Amen. And, Amen!**

PROCESSIONAL OFFERING OF PLEDGES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERING MUSIC: *“Great Is Thy Faithfulness”* ELW 733
 Sung by Veritas

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PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

PETITION RESPONSE:

P: Merciful God

C: Receive Our Prayer

LORD'S PRAYER.....ELW p. 145

Sung by Veritas

Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those
who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
forever and ever. Amen.

BENEDICTION

CLOSING HYMN: "For the Fruit of All Creation".....ELW 679



1 For the fruit of all cre - a - tion, thanks be to God.
2 In the just re - ward of la - bor, God's will is done.
3 For the har - vests of the Spir - it, thanks be to God.



For these gifts to ev - 'ry na - tion, thanks be to God.
In the help we give our neigh - bor, God's will is done.
For the good we all in - her - it, thanks be to God.



For the plow - ing, sow - ing, reap - ing, si - lent growth while we are sleep - ing,
 In our world - wide task of car - ing for the hun - gry and de - spair - ing,
 For the won - ders that as - tound us, for the truths that still con - found us,



fu - ture needs in earth's safe - keep - ing, thanks be to God.
 in the har - vests we are shar - ing, God's will is done.
 most of all, that love has found us, thanks be to God.

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Music: AR HYDY NOS, Welsh traditional

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DISMISSAL

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always

C: **And also with you**

P: We now encourage you to share the Peace of God with others as you leave.

POSTLUDE: *"Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow"*Johann Pachelbel

Announcements:

1. Altar flowers today. The first arrangement is given by Bob Rustvold in memory of his mother, father and son and in honor of the return of Veritas. The second arrangement is given by Judy Nyssen in memory of her husband, Leon.
2. **Veritas Concert TONIGHT at 6:00pm.**
Veritas will hold a concert at St. John's this evening. We encourage you to not only make plans to join us yourself, but to also consider inviting family and friends to join you for this special music experience.
3. **Thursday Morning Small Groups:**
Paper Crafters Small Group - 1st Thursdays, 9 am - 2 pm
Quilters Small Group - 2nd & 3rd Thursdays, 9 am - 2 pm
Stitchers Small Group - 4th Thursdays, 9-11 am
4. **Mary Breakfast Bunch Small Group**
Facilitator: Jackie Knauff
Meets: 1st Tuesday of every month at 8:30 am; **Meets next November 6**
Where: Cracker Barrel, Lakeville
5. **Hannah Bible Study Small Group**
Facilitator: Ruth Weber
Meets on the first Wednesday of each month at 9:30am from September through June. Contact Ruth for details.
Where: St. John's
Topic: A study of other religions and other faiths, with fellowship and treats. The study group is open to women of all ages and backgrounds.
6. **Coffee & Conversation at Highview Hills**
Pastor Kim hosts a monthly "Coffee & Conversation" at Highview Hills. St. John's members, friends and residents of HVH are welcome! Once/month, 2:00-3:00 pm on the 4th Thursday of the month, **meets next October 24.**
7. **Dementia Caregivers Support Group**
If you are a family member or caregiver to someone experiencing Alzheimer's disease, join us for this small group, where you'll find an open environment for sharing feelings, thoughts, and experiences to better cope with and manage the shared problems of dementia.
Facilitators: Pastor Kim Kylo & Lola Amendt (of Highview Hills)
Meets: Once/month, 10:00-11:00am on the 2nd Thursday of the month we **meet next on November 14.**
Where: Highview Hills
8. During September and October Pink Envelope designated gifts will support **Armful of Love** If you would like to make a financial gift - above & beyond your general offering to support Armful of Love, please contribute your gift in a pink envelope in the offering plate or by giving online. If you choose to give online, select "Pink Envelope" under "Give To," and write "Armful of Love" in the memo line. Your generosity is making a

difference!

9. **More Than Just Lunch:** In November we will be touring the Basilica of St. Mary in Minneapolis. It was the first Basilica in the United States built in 1914. There are many examples of Beaux Art on display along with a special exhibit of Icons for the month of November. We will learn the difference between a Basilica and a Cathedral. The date is the **12th of November**. We will **meet at church at 9:30**. We will be having lunch at the Lowry.

10. Looking ahead to the next book club book on **November 13, 1:00pm** where we will be reading "**Small Great Things**" by Jodi Picoult. The story concentrates on an African-American labor/delivery (L&D) nurse, Ruth Jefferson, in charge of newborns at a fictional Connecticut hospital. Ruth is ordered not to touch or go near the baby of a white supremacist couple. After the baby dies in her care, Ruth is charged with murder, and taken to court.



Book Group
Sign-up

11. **Men's Monday Breakfast Small Group**
Facilitator: Peter Gudel (contact: pigudel@gmail.com)
Meets: 3rd Monday of every month at 8:30 am; **Meets next October 21**
Where: Perkins in Lakeville
Would you like to spend time chatting with old friends or get to know other men from St. John's? Gather with us at Perkins for fellowship and food.
12. **Everyday Bible Conversations (EBC's).** Every week, we look for God in our Everyday Lives with a video and devotions based on the week's Gospel, wherever we happen to be.

These weekly messages include a 3–5-minute video (available on St. John's YouTube channel, and through the website and app), as well as a one-page devotional that summarizes the reading, asks a few questions, and encourages an action step for the week to come. If you would like to access EBC, but need help, please ask Candy in the church office. And let's go find God!!

13. **The annual Scouts BSA Wreath fundraiser is here!** St John's charters two Scouts BSA Troops: Troop 9111 has 55 boys and Troop 7111 has 16 girls. The fundraiser has wreaths, door charmers and Gerten's Plant Cards. The Gerten's website closes on October 21 at 10pm and some items could sell out so don't delay! Steps to make a purchase: go to www.gertensfundraising.com, enter the Store ID code **372** and click the red button to continue, then type **TROOP 111** in the Seller's Name field (this will indicate that the sale is for a member of the congregation.) Items will be able to be picked up Sunday, November 24 in the Narthex and orders will be labeled. The scouts thank you for your support!
14. **Seeking Donations.** The quilters are asking for donations of sheets (new or used) that can be used for backing. Any size would work. Please bring them to the church office. There is a donation bin available near the coat racks to collect them.

15. **Worship helpers needed**

We are so thankful to have many volunteers to serve in worship and in other areas at St. John's. Some of the more pressing needs are for readers, worship coordinators, clickers and running the sound and livestream during worship.

If you have additional questions about any of these roles, please contact Candy in the church office or stop by the welcome station to see where you can sign up to help.



Readers:



Worship Coordinators



Clickers:



16. 2025 Offering Intent (Pledge) Cards have been mailed to the whole congregation in late September. Please prayerfully consider how you might participate in our 2024 theme "Growing in Generosity" and tangibly grow your own generosity this year.

Today we celebrate God's abundant generosity shared in our congregation by offering our "2025 Offering Intent" (Pledge) cards to God in gratitude for all that God has and continues to do for us. Join us! There are extra ones on the table in the Narthex if you still need one.

17. **Muhanga Student Scholarship Giving Opportunities**

As you may be aware, St. John's congregation provides a significant number of student scholarships for our companion congregation in Muhanga. With this assistance, many eager children are able to continue their education. These scholarships are vital to the adolescents of Muhanga in helping them reach their full educational potential. If you are interested in providing scholarship assistance, please contact any member of the Church Staff or Global Missions Committee, or simply place your donation in the offering plate in an envelope with both your check & the envelope clearly marked MUHANGA SCHOLARSHIP. A single scholarship for 2025 is \$400 and provides for a full year of education. However, any fractional amount is perfectly acceptable and very much appreciated. **Please let us know of your commitment by November 1. Funds need to be received in the church office by December 15.**

18. **Interested in St. Johns?**

Use this QR code to share contact information with us, ask specific questions about our church community, and to get connected!



19. **Save the Date: Ordination of Nathan Lyke**

We are pleased to announce that St. John's will be hosting the Ordination Service for Nathan Lyke, our next Associate Pastor, on Sunday, **November 3rd at 4:30 pm**. This will be a wonderful celebration of Nathan's call to Word and Sacrament ministry in the

ELCA, including the experiences and mentors who have influenced him in discerning this call. Join us!

20. **A Commitment to Speaking the Truth, from Bishop Patricia Lull (SPAS)**

Last week in Chicago, the ELCA Conference of Bishops endorsed the letter below. I invite you to join me in this endeavor to counter hateful, deceptive or violent speech within our national conversations. We do not control all voices but we do control what comes out of our own mouths.

Yours in Christ, Bishop Patricia Lull



Click this QR code to read the letter:

21. We are in need of helpers to manage the outside planter pots in the entrance to the church. If you would like to take this on, please contact the church office.

22. Save the date for the next Red Cross Blood Drive on Monday November 11th. You can sign up to give blood here.







Candy Donations Needed!

Trunk and Treat candy donations are needed.

Because we have had so many people attend in the past, we would appreciate candy donations to be sure every trunk or treater gets a treat!

Put your candy donations in the hungry scarecrow in the Narthex!

TRUNK OR TREAT

OCTOBER 27 3:00PM-5:00PM
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TRUNK OR TREATING
HAY BALE MAZE
HOT DOGS
FACE PAINTING
CARNIVAL GAMES
PUMPKIN PAINTING

SIGN UP TO HELP

Those Serving Today:

Organist Karen Olson
Lector Jim Buckley (8:30), Carolyn Metcalf (10:30)
Usher Team Leader Jeff Larson (8:30), Andy Schultz (10:30)
Junior Usher..... (8:30), Brenna Czycalla (10:30)
Acolyte (8:30), (10:30)
Crucifer (8:30), Olivia Walker (10:30)
Sound Tech..... Todd Kylo (8:30), Ryan Wright (10:30)
Clicker Team Christie Wright (8:30), Christie Wright (10:30)
Livestream Team Francine Capasso (8:30) & (10:30)
Worship Coordinator John Hartwig (8:30), Don Alberts (10:30)
Coffee Servers John & Jeanne Hartwig

Those Serving Next Week:

Organist Priscilla Thoreen
Lector Marce Spies-Johnson (8:30), Scott Vial (10:30)
Usher Team Leader Don Knauff (8:30), Wright/Olson families (10:30)
Junior Usher..... (8:30), (10:30)
Communion Set Up/Clean Up Jeanne Hartwig
Communion Servers Jeanne Hartwig, Tricia Murphy, Lowell Grimm (8:30)
Lynn Coldren, Dave Coldren, Jennifer Milbradt
Acolyte (8:30), (10:30)
Crucifer (8:30), (10:30)
Sound Tech..... Dan Nelson (8:30), Rich Garlock (10:30)
Clicker Team Nancy Martin (8:30), (10:30)
Livestream Team Francine Capasso (8:30), (10:30)
Worship Coordinator (8:30), (10:30)
Coffee Servers Steve & Laurie Simonsen

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