

# St. John's Lutheran Church



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## ***Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost***

**Welcome to all**, especially visitors and guests.

**Visitors...**we warmly welcome you in the name of Christ, and we pray that your worship with us will be spiritually refreshing and renewing. In order that we might be able to properly thank you for your presence, please take the time to leave your name and address in the black covered "Welcome to Worship" folder passed in your seating row, and introduce yourself to Pastor Roys. **We are glad that you are here!**

**Nursery available** - We encourage children to be in worship, and understand that children will not always be quiet☺. If, however, you as a parent need to step out of the sanctuary to the nursery for a period of time, St John's nursery is located on the lower level of the education wing. It is not currently staffed, but is rather a space where one may still hear worship while your little one takes a break. Please ask an usher for assistance.

**Kids' packets** are located in the Narthex (entry) cabinet.

**Christian Education classes** meet every Sunday through May from 10:45 – 11:45 a.m. for all children 4 years of age – sixth grade. All classes meet on the lower level of the Education Wing.



**T-coil Hearing Loop** is available inside our sanctuary. This allows people who wear hearing aids to directly receive the sound from the sound system in their own hearing aids without having to use a separate device. For more information, see the inside back cover of the hymnal.

**Hearing assists** and **larger print bulletins** are also available in the entry. **An usher** can assist you with any questions or in finding what you need!

**Seeking a Spiritual Home?** Make a note on the "Welcome to Worship" folder or call Pastor Roys at 641-236-4946. She will be glad to address your questions or concerns.

**Family Restroom** is located next to the elevator. Handicap accessible restroom is located on the lower level off Fellowship Hall. An usher can guide you to its location.

**Holy Communion** will be celebrated. All who embrace the real presence of Christ are invited to share it, regardless of age (if the young person communes in their home church) or denomination. Those who do not commune are invited to come forward for a blessing. The center glasses contain white grape juice. Please tell your communing child to extend open hands in order to receive the elements.

**Accessibility note:** If you wish to receive Holy Communion where you are seated, simply hand the yellow card in the pew to the usher. Our side aisles are not wide enough to accommodate a walker.

† Denotes to please stand as you are able.

## PRELUDE

## WELCOME

## GATHERING

*The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.*

† **OPENING HYMN**     *Arise, Your Light Has Come!*

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## † **CALL TO WORSHIP**

Sometimes bad things can work for good.

**Hold onto hope, for God is good.**

Sometimes disappointment leads to greater joy.

**Hold onto hope, for God is good.**

Praise God who turns our mourning into dancing.

**Rejoice and be glad!**

## **GREETING**

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

**And also with you.**

Brothers and sisters, let us acknowledge our sins and so prepare ourselves to celebrate the sacred mysteries.

## LITANY OF PRAISE FOR GOD'S MERCY/KYRIE

*Cantor, All repeat*



Lord, have mer-cy, have mer-cy on us.  
Ky - ri - e, e - le - i - son.

*Cantor, All repeat*



Christ, have mer-cy, have mer-cy on us.  
Chri - ste, e - le - i - son.

*Cantor, All repeat*



Lord, have mer-cy, have mer-cy on us.  
Ky - ri - e, e - le - i - son.

May almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us our sins, and bring us to everlasting life. **Amen.**

**GLORIA**

Refrain

Glo-ri-a! Glo-ri-a! Glo-ry to God in the high-est!  
 Glo-ri-a! Glo-ri-a! And peace to his peo-ple on earth!

Verse by cantor

1. Lord God, heavenly King,  
 almighty God and Father,  
 we worship you,  
 we give you thanks,  
 we praise you for your glory. (refrain)

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**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Let us pray.

God of presence,

**you remained fully with Joseph when he sat long years in a prison for a crime he did not commit. Help us to see that you are always with us, so that we might live faithfully in your world. We pray these things in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen**

*Please be seated.* (As we turn to God's Word)

**WORD**

*God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.*

**GOD'S WORD FOR US** Matthew 5:11-12

<sup>11</sup>"Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account <sup>12</sup>Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

Word of God, word of life.

**Thanks be to God.**

**†ACCLAMATION**

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

**GOD'S WORD FOR US** Genesis 39:1-23

God's Word for us according to Genesis

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>1</sup>Now Joseph was taken down to Egypt, and Potiphar, an officer of Pharaoh, the captain of the guard, an Egyptian, bought him from the Ishmaelites who had brought him down there. <sup>2</sup>The LORD was with Joseph, and he became a successful man; he was in the house of his Egyptian master. <sup>3</sup>His master saw that the LORD was with him, and that the LORD caused all that he did to prosper in his hands. <sup>4</sup>So Joseph found favor in his sight and attended him; he made him overseer of his house and put him in charge of all that he had. <sup>5</sup>From the time that he made him overseer in his house and over all that he had, the LORD blessed the Egyptian's house for Joseph's sake; the blessing of the LORD was on all that he had, in house and field. <sup>6</sup>So he left all that he had in Joseph's charge; and, with him there, he had no concern for anything but the food that he ate.

Now Joseph was handsome and good-looking. <sup>7</sup>And after a time his master's wife cast her eyes on Joseph and said, "Lie with me." <sup>8</sup>But he refused and said to his master's wife, "Look, with me here, my master has no concern about anything in the house, and he has put everything that he has in my hand. <sup>9</sup>He is not greater in this house than I am, nor has he kept back anything from me except yourself, because you are his wife. How then could I do this great wickedness, and sin against God?" <sup>10</sup>And although she spoke to Joseph day after day, he would not consent to lie beside her or to be with her. <sup>11</sup>One day, however, when he went into the house to do his work, and while no one else was in the house, <sup>12</sup>she caught hold of his garment, saying, "Lie with me!" But he left his garment in her hand, and fled and ran outside. <sup>13</sup>When she saw that he had left his garment in her hand and had fled outside, <sup>14</sup>she called out to the members of her household and said to them, "See, my husband has brought among us a Hebrew to insult us! He came in to me to lie with me, and I cried out with a loud voice; <sup>15</sup>and when he heard me raise my voice and cry out, he left his garment beside me, and fled outside." <sup>16</sup>Then she kept his garment by her until his master came home, <sup>17</sup>and she told him the same story, saying, "The Hebrew servant, whom you have brought among us, came in to me to insult me; <sup>18</sup>but as soon as I raised my voice and cried out, he left his garment beside me, and fled outside."

<sup>19</sup>When his master heard the words that his wife spoke to him, saying, "This is the way your servant treated me," he became enraged. <sup>20</sup>And Joseph's master took him and put him into the prison, the place where the king's prisoners were confined; he remained there in prison. <sup>21</sup>But the LORD was with Joseph and showed him steadfast love; he gave him favor in the sight of the chief jailer. <sup>22</sup>The chief jailer committed to Joseph's care all the prisoners who were in the prison, and whatever

was done there, he was the one who did it. <sup>23</sup>The chief jailer paid no heed to anything that was in Joseph's care, because the LORD was with him; and whatever he did, the LORD made it prosper.

Word of God, word of life.

**Thanks be to God.**

*Please be seated.*

**MESSAGE**

Joseph in Prison

**HYMN OF THE DAY**

*Canticle of the Turning*

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**COMMISSION FAITH FRIENDS**

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

We pray for the church, the world, and all those in need.

*A brief silence.*

*Each petition ends with: Trustworthy God,  
hear our prayer.*

*... In Jesus' name.*

**Amen.**

*Please fill out the Welcome to Worship sheet in the black folder and place in offering plate.*

**MEAL**

*God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.*

**OFFERING**

Choir Anthem

*As a guest or visitor, we acknowledge your presence as the only offering expected today.*

**†OFFERTORY HYMN** *Praise to You, O God of Mercy*

1 Praise to you, O God of mer - cy: thanks be to you for -

ev - er! Rais - ing high the weak and low - ly:

3rd time to Coda ☩ | 1 | 2

thanks be to you for - ev - er!

Strong is your faith - ful-ness, strong is your love, re -

mem - b'ring your cov - e - nant of life with us. *to stanza 3*

*Coda*

ev - er! Thanks be to you for - ev - er!

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## PRAYER OF DEDICATION OF GIFTS AND SELF

God of life,

**You have showered us with blessings too numerous to count, O God. Help us to see our lives through the lens of abundance and not scarcity, rejoicing in what we have rather than pining after that which we do not. Receive these gifts as a sign of our gratitude for all that you have done and continue to do for us. Amen.**

*Sunday Worship Healing Rite insert*

## GREAT THANKSGIVING *Saturday only*

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.**

## THANKS AT THE TABLE/WORDS OF INSTITUTION

### THE LORD'S PRAYER

*Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray:*

**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.

**INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

Your table is ready, O Lord, and your invitation is open to all. Show us your favor, that we might bless others in a similar way, not as they deserve but as they are your beloved children.

*Please be seated.*

*Holy Communion is the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ, instituted by Christ for us to eat and drink.*

*Baptized Christians trusting this gracious presence of the Lord in Holy Communion are welcome to commune.*

*Anyone who does not commune is welcome to come forward with arms crossed to receive a blessing. For those who do not drink wine, white grape juice is provided.*

**DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION**      *Lamb of God*

Musical notation for the first instance of 'Lamb of God'. It features two staves in 4/4 time with a key signature of one sharp (F#). The first staff is labeled 'Cantor' and the second 'Assembly'. The lyrics are: 'Lamb of God, you take a-way the sins of the world: have mer - cy on us.' The melody is simple and melodic, with a dotted quarter note on 'Lamb' and a quarter note on 'of'.

Musical notation for the second instance of 'Lamb of God'. It features two staves in 4/4 time with a key signature of one sharp (F#). The first staff is labeled 'Cantor' and the second 'Assembly'. The lyrics are: 'Lamb of God, you take a-way the sins of the world: have mer - cy on us.' The melody is identical to the first instance.





**POSTLUDE**

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***PASTOR***  
Kathryn Roys

***SERVING IN WORSHIP***

	<b><u>Saturday</u></b>	<b><u>Sunday</u></b>
<b>Assisting Minister</b>	Marilyn Deppe	Lisa Henderson
<b>Organist/Music</b>	Juli Bey	Al Ricks
<b>Choir Director</b>		Roger Henderson
<b>Choir Accompanist</b>		Robbie Shore
<b>Acolyte</b>		Sarah Ashing
<b>Greeters</b>	Sandy Falck Sarah Ashing	Jordan Esbrook Nicole Brua-Behrens
<b>Reader</b>	Muriel Johannessen	Elizabeth Ashing
<b>Communion Assistants</b>	Harlan Honsbruch	
<b>Anointers</b>		Kathryn Bly, Dale Selix
<b>Fellowship</b>		Brian & Nancy Heineman Sue McDonough
<b>Sound Tech</b>	Bob Roys	Bob Ashing
<b>Video Tech</b>	Gordon Bosse	Gordon Bosse



***This weekend we commission St. John's new Faith Friends***

- Claire Behrens – Natalie Pavey
- Kennedy Harms – Sara Hegg-Dunne
- Kayne Pavey – Eric Harms
- Sarah Ashing – Rose Osland
- Will Dahlby Albright – Brian Olson
- Olivia Olson – Staci Harms

### Today in Worship

**Kids—we need your artwork!** In the next 2 weeks we need illustrations for September 29/30: **Rescue at Sea:** God parts the waters during the exodus from slavery in Egypt to freedom, in order for the Israelites to escape Pharaoh. Exodus 14:5-7, 10-14, 21-29.

Create some art, get it to the office the Tuesday before the Sunday text. One will be selected for the bulletin cover, and others will be in the announcement slides before worship.

**The new dishwasher** has been installed. There is an instruction card in the kitchen to help you navigate the new machine – NO pre-rinsing required!

**Adult Forum** Dumping your Grief, Need, Confusion or Doubt. How do we do this? What tools do we have? Muriel will lead 3 stand-alone sessions through October 7th.

**Thank you** to those that stepped up to teach! Could you be on the list of substitute teachers or substitute Faith Friends? One way to express your gratitude is to help out when they have a conflict. Please let Pastor, Luann Weigel or Jordan Esbrook know you could help occasionally.

**General fund** offerings received the weekend of September 15-16 totaled \$4,822.25.

### Looking Ahead

**Monday Bible Study** Why are the Monday morning Bible study participants reading a book written by the husband of a prostitute? Can God really choose to speak to us through this man's words? Join us at 11am in the Forum room.

**Daily Readings** Deepen your encounter with God's Word. These daily readings continue God's ongoing story of love & rescue for you, expanding from today's reading.

September 23    Genesis 39:1-23

Monday, Genesis 50:15-21, *Joseph Forgives His Brothers*

Tuesday, Genesis 50:22-26, *Joseph's Death*

Wednesday, Exodus 1:1-22, *Oppression of the Israelites*

Thursday, Exodus 3:1-12, *Moses at the Burning Bush*

Friday, Exodus 12:29-32, *The Tenth Plague: Death of the Firstborn*

Saturday, Exodus 13:17-22, *The Pillars of Cloud, Fire*

### Reaching Out

**SEG**, a local non-profit organization that provides emergency zero-interest loans, will hold a yard sale on September 29, 2018 at 1204 Summer Street. All proceeds from the sale will go toward providing loans within our community to those who might not otherwise have access to low-interest loans. If you have items to donate for the sale or have any questions about SEG's emergency loan program, contact Jenn Latham at [grinnellmicrofinance@gmail.com](mailto:grinnellmicrofinance@gmail.com).

Social Entrepreneurs of Grinnell is a 501 (c) (3) funded by United Way and private donations.

**MICA items needed** – Macaroni & cheese, tuna helper, hamburger helper.

**A new opportunity! Kids Quilt for Lutheran World Relief** - Do you already know how to sew or would you like to learn how to use a sewing machine? Would you like to help make quilts to send to children in need? Here's your chance. Come to the church on the following three non-school Mondays: Oct. 1, Feb. 4 and April 1 from 10 am to noon. Open to those 5<sup>th</sup> grade and above, both boys and girls.

Learn to use the sewing machine to sew colorful quilt squares together with adult helpers. You can attend all three or just one or two sessions. Sign up in church office as class size is limited.

### The Week of September 23<sup>rd</sup> at St. John's

Sunday 9/23/18	8:30 am	Choir rehearsal	Music room
	9:30 am	Healing Service	Sanctuary
	10:30 am	Coffee Fellowship	Fellowship Hall
	10:45 am	Faith Formation	Lower Level
	11:00 am	Adult Forum	Forum room
	11:00 am	Faith Friend mtg	Fellowship Hall
Monday 9/24/18	11:00 am	Bible Study	Forum room
Tuesday 9/25/18	Pastor @ Fall Leadership Conference		
	6:45 am 1:00 pm	Men's BreakfastQuilters	West Side Room 9
Wed 9/26/18	3:30 pm	T.G.I.W.	GUMC
	6:30 pm	Confirmation/FF	
Saturday 9/29/18	5:30 pm	Worship Service	Sanctuary
Sunday 9/30/18	9:30 am	Worship Service	Sanctuary
	10:30 am	Coffee Fellowship	Fellowship Hall
	10:45 am	Faith Formation	Lower Level
	11:00 am	Adult Forum	Forum room

See you in worship and places along the way!