

THE FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY
September 25, 2022 ✝ 9:00 AM



ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

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St. John's Lutheran Church is a parish of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod (lcms.org), where God's people gather to receive the gifts of Jesus Christ in Word and Sacrament. Welcome in the name of the Lord!

We are blessed to have a vibrant and growing parochial school, St. John's Lutheran School (Preschool & K-8), serving the families of the church and the Mattoon community with a Christ-centered education. For more information, visit stjls-mattoon.com, or contact the school office at 217-234-4911.

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GUESTS, we pray you are comforted by the Gospel and feel welcome among us. We invite you to introduce yourselves.

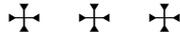
OUR TEACHING ON THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION:

Attending communion at our altar indicates agreement with the doctrine and teachings of Scripture that our Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod confesses. Therefore, only confirmed members of the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod should come forward without first speaking to the pastor and being instructed. Thank you.

CHILDREN OF ALL AGES ARE WELCOME in the Divine Service. Restrooms and a cry room/nursery are located in the narthex.

THE ORDER OF SERVICE with all page numbers for the hymnal, *Lutheran Service Book*, is found in this bulletin, as well as each week's Propers*. The end of the bulletin contains St. John's weekly news and announcements. The large-print bulletins also contain the hymns and liturgy for the convenience of those who may need it.

**The Propers are the Psalm verses (Introit and Gradual) and Readings that are appointed for (or "proper to") the particular Sunday in the Church Year.*



Prelude

Announcements

SEPTEMBER HYMN OF THE MONTH

Opening Hymn: *If God Himself Be For Me*..... 724

sts. 1-2, 6-8, 10

Please stand for the final stanza.



1 If God Him - self be for me, I may a host de - fy;
2 I build on this foun - da - tion, That Je - sus and His blood
6 Who clings with res - o - lu - tion To Him whom Sa - tan hates
7 From me this is not hid - den, Yet I am not a - fraid;



For when I pray, be - fore me My foes, con - found - ed, fly.
A - lone are my sal - va - tion, My true, e - ter - nal good.
Must look for per - se - cu - tion; For him the bur - den waits
I leave my cares, as bid - den, To whom my vows were paid.



If Christ, my head and mas - ter, Be - friend me from a - bove,
With - out Him all that pleas - es Is val - ue - less on earth;
Of mock - 'ry, shame, and loss - es Heaped on his blame - less head;
Though life from me be tak - en And ev - 'ry - thing I own,



What foe or what dis - as - ter Can drive me from His love?
The gifts I have from Je - sus A - lone have price - less worth.
A thou - sand plagues and cross - es Will be his dai - ly bread.
I trust in You un - shak - en And cleave to You a - lone.

8 No danger, thirst, or hunger,
No pain or poverty,
No earthly tyrant's anger
Shall ever vanquish me.
Though earth should break asunder,
My fortress You shall be;
No fire or sword or thunder
Shall sever You from me.

10 My heart with joy is springing;
I am no longer sad.
My soul is filled with singing;
Your sunshine makes me glad.
The sun that cheers my spirit
Is Jesus Christ, my King;
The heav'n I shall inherit
Makes me rejoice and sing.

Confession and Absolution.....page 184

Introit (spoken responsively) *from Psalm 86*

Incline your ear, O Lord, and answer me,
save your servant, who trusts in you—you are my God.

**Be gracious to me, O Lord,
for to you do I cry all the day.**

Gladden the soul of your servant,
for to you, O Lord, do I lift up my soul.

**Give ear, O Lord, to my prayer;
listen to my plea for grace.**

But you, O Lord, are a God merciful and gracious;
turn to me and be gracious to me;

**give your strength to your servant,
and save the son of your maidservant.**

**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.**

Incline your ear, O Lord, and answer me,
save your servant, who trusts in you—you are my God.

**Be gracious to me, O Lord,
for to you do I cry all the day.**

Kyrie and Gloria in Excelsis.....pages 186–189

Salutation and Collect of the Day.....page 189

P The Lord be with you.

C *And with thy spirit.*

P Let us pray.

O Lord, we implore You, let Your continual pity cleanse and defend Your Church; and because she cannot continue in safety without Your aid, preserve her evermore by Your help and goodness; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C *Amen.*

Old Testament Reading

1 Kings 17:8–16

⁸Then the word of the Lord came to [Elijah], ⁹“Arise, go to Zarephath, which belongs to Sidon, and dwell there. Behold, I have commanded a widow there to feed you.” ¹⁰So he arose and went to Zarephath. And when he came to the gate of the city, behold, a widow was there gathering sticks. And he called to her and said, “Bring me a little water in a vessel, that I may drink.” ¹¹And as she was going to bring it, he called to her and said, “Bring me a morsel of bread in your hand.” ¹²And she said, “As the Lord your God lives, I have nothing baked, only a handful of flour in a jar and a little oil in a jug. And now I am gathering a couple of sticks that I may go in and prepare it for myself and my son, that we may eat it and die.” ¹³And Elijah said to her, “Do not fear; go and do as you have said. But first make me a little cake of it and bring it to me, and afterward make something for yourself and your son. ¹⁴For thus says the Lord the God of Israel, ‘The jar of flour shall not be spent, and the jug of oil shall not be empty, until the day that the Lord sends rain upon the earth.’” ¹⁵And she went and did as Elijah said. And she and he and her household ate for many days. ¹⁶The jar of flour was not spent, neither did the jug of oil become empty, according to the word of the Lord that he spoke by Elijah.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Psalm (spoken responsively)

Psalm 146

Praise the Lord!

Praise the Lord, O my soul!

I will praise the Lord as long as I live;

I will sing praises to my God while I have my being.

Put not your trust in princes,

in a son of man, in whom there is no salvation.

When his breath departs he returns to the earth;

on that very day his plans perish.

Blessèd is he whose help is the God of Jacob,

whose hope is in the Lord his God,

who made heaven and earth,

the sea, and all that is in them,

who keeps faith forever;

who executes justice for the oppressed,

who gives food to the hungry.

The Lord sets the prisoners free;

the Lord opens the eyes of the blind.

The Lord lifts up those who are bowed down;

the Lord loves the righteous.

**The Lord watches over the sojourners;
he upholds the widow and the fatherless,
but the way of the wicked he brings to ruin.**

The Lord will reign forever,
your God, O Zion, to all generations. Praise the Lord!

Epistle

Galatians 5:25—6:10

²⁵If we live by the Spirit, let us also walk by the Spirit. ²⁶Let us not become conceited, provoking one another, envying one another.

¹Brothers, if anyone is caught in any transgression, you who are spiritual should restore him in a spirit of gentleness. Keep watch on yourself, lest you too be tempted. ²Bear one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ. ³For if anyone thinks he is something, when he is nothing, he deceives himself. ⁴But let each one test his own work, and then his reason to boast will be in himself alone and not in his neighbor. ⁵For each will have to bear his own load.

⁶One who is taught the word must share all good things with the one who teaches. ⁷Do not be deceived: God is not mocked, for whatever one sows, that will he also reap. ⁸For the one who sows to his own flesh will from the flesh reap corruption, but the one who sows to the Spirit will from the Spirit reap eternal life. ⁹And let us not grow weary of doing good, for in due season we will reap, if we do not give up. ¹⁰So then, as we have opportunity, let us do good to everyone, and especially to those who are of the household of faith.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Stand

Alleluia

LSB 190



C Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia.

Holy Gospel

Matthew 6:24–34

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the sixth chapter.

C *Glory be to Thee, O Lord.*

²⁴[Jesus said:] “No one can serve two masters, for either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and money.

²⁵“Therefore I tell you, do not be anxious about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, nor about your body, what you will put on. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing? ²⁶Look at the birds of the air: they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns,

and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? ²⁷And which of you by being anxious can add a single hour to his span of life? ²⁸And why are you anxious about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow: they neither toil nor spin, ²⁹yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these. ³⁰But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which today is alive and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you, O you of little faith? ³¹Therefore do not be anxious, saying, ‘What shall we eat?’ or ‘What shall we drink?’ or ‘What shall we wear?’ ³²For the Gentiles seek after all these things, and your heavenly Father knows that you need them all. ³³But seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be added to you.

³⁴“Therefore do not be anxious about tomorrow, for tomorrow will be anxious for itself. Sufficient for the day is its own trouble.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C *Praise be to Thee, O Christ.*

Apostles’ Creed page 192

Catechism: *The Third and Fourth Petitions* page 324

Sit

Hymn of the Day: *What God Ordains Is Always Good*760

About the Hymn of the Day: Was Gott tut, das ist wohlgetan

This hymn was written by Samuel Rodigast (1649–1708) for his friend Severus Gastorius as the latter lay ill. Gastorius, as he recovered, composed the tune, *Was Gott tut, das ist wohlgetan*, which has consistently been paired with the hymn text ever since. The chorale has been a staple in the Lutheran Church for over three centuries, with composers such as Pachelbel, Bach, Liszt and Reger using it as the basis for various organ and choral works.

With this hymn we confess that all God does is good, even though we must endure trials and sorrows in this life. As St. Paul writes in Romans, “And we know that all things work together for good to those who love God, to those who are the called according to His purpose.” Thus, though sin and death wreak havoc in our lives, for us who are God’s children, He ultimately works all things together for our good, even using those hardships to bring about a greater good. For, *no poison can be in the cup that my physician sends me* (st. 3) and *though sorrow, need, or death be mind, I shall not be forsaken* (st. 6).¹

¹ W. Gustave Pollack, *The Handbook to the Lutheran Hymnal*, rev. (CPH, St. Louis: 1958)

Sermon

Stand

Offertory: *Create in Me* pages 192–193

Sit

Offering

Please take this time to fill out the red record of fellowship at the end of the pew.

Voluntary: *Consider How the Birds Above* (see LSB 736 for text)

Text: Stephen Starke (b. 1955)

Music: Daniel Zager (b. 1951)

Stand

Prayer of the Church

Lord's Prayer

P Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

C **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.**

Collect

P Blessed Lord, You have caused all Holy Scriptures to be written for our learning. Grant that we may so hear them, read, mark, learn, and take them to heart that, by the patience and comfort of Your holy Word, we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

Benedicamus

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P Bless we the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Benediction

P The Lord bless you and keep you.
 The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you.
 The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and ✠ give you peace.



G A-men, a-men, a - men.

Closing Hymn: *What Is the World to Me* 730

Postlude



9/25/2022

Trinity 15

10/02/2022

Trinity 16

Celebrant	Rev. Andrew Herzberg	Rev. Andrew Herzberg
Cantor/Organist	<i>Cantor away</i>	Peter Eckardt
Head Elder	Kerwyn Stoll	Trent Duckett
Asst. Elder	Erik Stortzum	Bill Havlik
Altar Guild	Tracie Rankin & Kacie Richey	Stacy Pierce & Barbara Degler
Acolytes	Ike Houck & Morgan Cole	Carlee Hoenes & Izzy??
Special Music	Curtis Wudtke, guitar & voice	Adult Choir

Thanks to Scott Harris for working the Substitute Organist Software, while Cantor Eckardt is away.

Altar Flowers are given by Dave & Gail Moore in celebration of their 18th Anniversary!

Those in Need of Comfort, Health, & Recovery

Douglas Blume	Charles Stodden	Carolyn Muessman
Dennis Johnson	Bianca Stodden	John Lavin
Pat Smith	Lora Grubbs	Connie Elder
Marge Anderson	Jim Duey	John Metzger
Bob Zschau	Larry Griffith	Lorene Reinhart
Herman Janssen	Susan Sochowski	Alvin Schagemann
Jeff Ferree	Maggie Kirts	Art & Charlotte Zuhone
Shirley Kolbus	Joe Wilson	Harvey Janssen
Shoni Anderson	Art Welton	Connie Bridges

Gathered in Worship Last Week

Total: 230

Sunday School Attendance

Adults: 45 **Children:** 48

Giving Numbers

Budgeted: \$

Received: \$

Missions Collected:

\$4,410 of \$10,200

Church Announcements

The Church Governing Board will be meeting Monday (Tomorrow), September 26th at 7:00 pm!

WEEKDAY BIBLE STUDY: Join Pastor on Tuesday mornings at 10:30 for Bible Study in the Fellowship Hall.

Beginning October 9, 2022, we will begin locking the doors from the parking lot on the north side of the building as well as the east and west doors to the main hallway and the bell tower at 9:15 a.m. on Sunday mornings. The doors on the south side of the sanctuary and the u-drive doors will remain unlocked for the entirety of the service. The doors will be unlocked at the end of the service. This is to help funnel traffic past the elders to help keep everyone safe, particularly our young kids. Please feel free to speak with any elder or with Pastor Herzberg if you have questions regarding this safety measure.

Ladies Aid will be finishing up their "kitchen cleanup" on Wednesday, September 28th at 9:00am! All are welcomed to come help!

CANDY DONATIONS! Trunk-or-Treat is just around the corner and we need YOU to help us sugar-up the kids of Mattoon! We need candy donations to be able to hand out at the event. Donations can be brought to the church and placed in the donation box outside the church office.

Free Table: Ladies Aid is looking to rehome a nice dining room table! If you are interested, please reach out to Christi Diepholz.

St. John's Eaglethon: We are asking our St. John's community to make a pledge to bless our school! Your donation will help us pay for classroom supplies/needs or future building! Please see the insert that is in your bulletin on how you can make a pledge today! Donations due by September 30th.

St. John's Lutheran School - Did you know that?

Did you know that 89% of students at St. John's Lutheran School are white? 4.5% are two or more races, while 2.5% are African American.

STORAGE: Do you have room in a storage building or pole barn to store some items for this school year? If so, please reach out to the church office and let us know!

HELP NEEDED: We have a need for transportation to and from church on Sundays for a few members who cannot drive. If you are able or interested in helping rides, please contact the church office.

ST. JOHN'S LADIES AID BAZAAR will be Saturday, November 5th from 8:00 AM–Noon in the Fellowship Hall. We are accepting donations of Fall and Christmas items, also jewelry and small "like new" gift items. We will have pecans available and a bake sale will be held that day. Raffle tickets (sold in October) will be sold to auction off for a pieced Christmas tablecloth, and the round table it is displayed on. The tablecloth was made by a former member, Pat Hills. Cost is \$1.00 a ticket or 6 for \$5.00. Tickets will go on sale in October. We are encouraging members to bring their donations on Tuesday, November 1st and Wednesday, November 2nd from 10-2 to the U Drive and we will be there to unload them for you. Otherwise they may be brought to the stage the week before or to the fellowship hall on Sunday and Monday and put on the counter by the fireplace. The Ladies Aid fundraisers help support a current seminary student as we have done in the past for several years. Our society helps with many projects within the Church. If you have any questions, contact Christi Diepholz at (217)254-5437.

Adult Choir: Any interested singers, join us **Wednesdays 6:00–7:15 PM** (*note the time change*) for rehearsals in the sanctuary! We're preparing exciting, new music and will be singing in the Divine Service every other Sunday in October (10/2, 10/16, and 10/30)!

Youth Choir: We have an excellent group of kids this year but are always eager to have even more young voices join us! Youth Choir is open to children in Grades 3 through 8. Rehearsals are **Tuesdays, 3:30–4:15 PM**, in the sanctuary. We'll sing again on **Nov 6 (All Saints' Day)**. Contact Cantor Eckardt or the church office to sign your child up.

The fundraising committee for a new school building has starting meeting since being established at our regular voters meeting this summer. We are still formulating the final financial goal of the fundraising as we are working

with the building committee on a price tag. We are currently working on our case statement to assist in our fundraising efforts. We are also working on naming rights to certain areas of the new building. The goal is to have the case statement printed in the next two months with the personal asks starting towards the end of the year. Stay tuned as we look to set a date to kick off the public phase of our efforts. Please do not ever hesitate to reach out to Alex Hagen at 217-259-4692 if you ever have a concern or question on this committee's operations.

Christ Lutheran Church in Normal will be hosting a seminar on Saturday, October 15th from 10am–4pm. Rev. Lucas Woodford will be the speaker and the topic is “Responding to Critical Race Theory and the Social Justice Movement: A Lutheran Perspective.” To register, go to <https://www.christlutherannormal.org/posts/events-announcements/october-seminar> or scan this QR code:



Schedule for September 25– October 1

Sun	9:00 am Worship (<i>Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity</i>) 10:20–11:20 am Adult Bible Study/Sunday School 2:00 pm Storzum Gym 5:00 pm FIRE
Mon	8:00 am Laborers of Love 6:00 pm School Board Meeting 7:00 pm CGB Meeting
Tue	6:30 am Bible Study at Honey Bee Café 10:30am Bible Study in The Fellowship Hall 3:30–4:15 pm Youth Choir Rehearsal - cancelled
Wed	6:00–7:30 pm Confirmation Class 6:00–7:15 pm Adult Choir Rehearsal
Sun	9:00 am Worship w/Holy Communion (<i>Sixteenth Sunday after Trinity</i>) 10:20–11:20 am Adult Bible Study/ Sunday School 2:00 pm Stortzum Gym