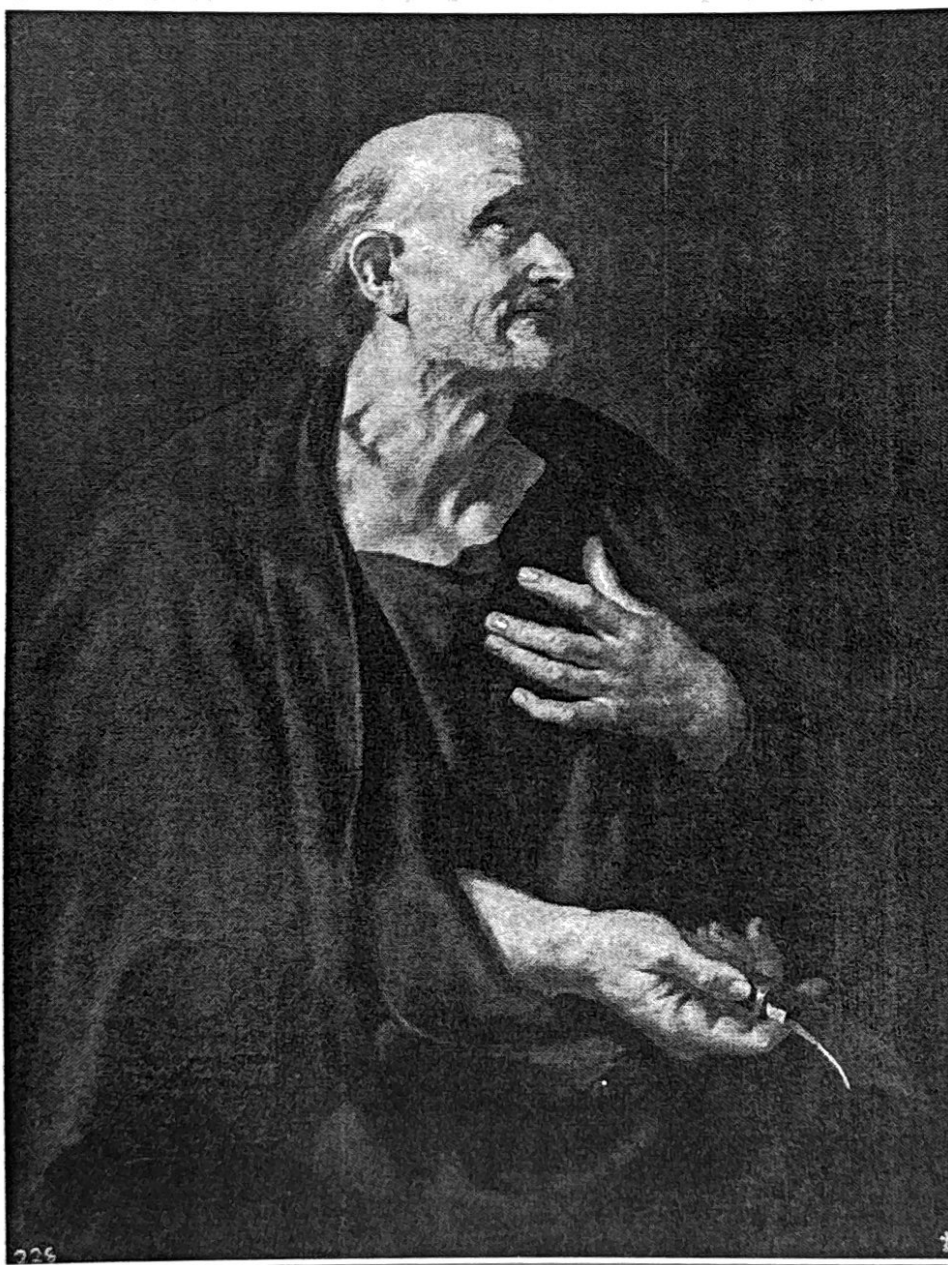


# St. John Lutheran Church and Preschool

*Tenth Sunday After the Trinity*  
*Observing St. Bartholomew*

**Divine Service Setting Three**  
*with alternate movements*  
**August 23&24, 2025**



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**Holy Communion** *The Lord welcomes to his table all who repent of sin and trust in Jesus Christ as Savior. In this meal the Lord is present by a mystery in his body and blood for the forgiveness of sins. As the Lord's Supper is a confession of the faith which is confessed at this altar and lest any eat and drink unworthily, those who are not yet instructed as members or who hold a confession differing from that of this congregation and the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod, and yet desire to receive the Lord's Supper, are asked to first speak to the pastor. Those who are not communing but wishing to receive a blessing are also invited to come forward. Simply bow your head to indicate that a blessing is desired.*

**As we prepare for worship together please remember to set your phone to silent mode. Thank You!**

**Mission Statement: Growing a Christian Community rooted in Faith, Fellowship, and Service**

Cover: Reubens, Peter Paul, *Batholomew the Apostle*, Museo del Prado, ~1611.

**August 23&24, 2025**     *As we gather for this service let us take time to lay aside our thoughts of other things as we prayerfully prepare for the worship of our Lord. Inside the front covers of your hymnal are Prayers For Worship. Additionally inside the back cover of your hymnal are the Nicene and Apostles' Creeds as well as the Lord's Prayer.*

**Bell tones and Prelude** *(We reflect in silent prayer during the time of the prelude)*

**Hymn:**     *Christ, Our Human Likeness Sharing*     **847**  
*(As the music begins, please rise to sing)*

**Confession and Absolution**     **p. 184**

**Introit:** *Psalm 139:1–2am, 17 [DR] (Mode V)*



Antiphon: O LORD, Thou hast searched me, / and known me.

Thou / knowest my downsitting.

A: To me Thy friends, O God, are made exceedingly honorable:

their principality is / exceedingly strengthened.

**C: Glory be to the Father and / to the Son\***

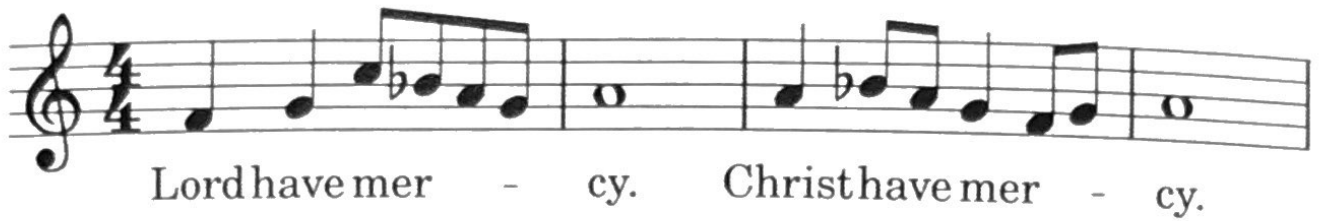
**and / to the Holy Spirit;**

**as it was in the be-/ginning,\***

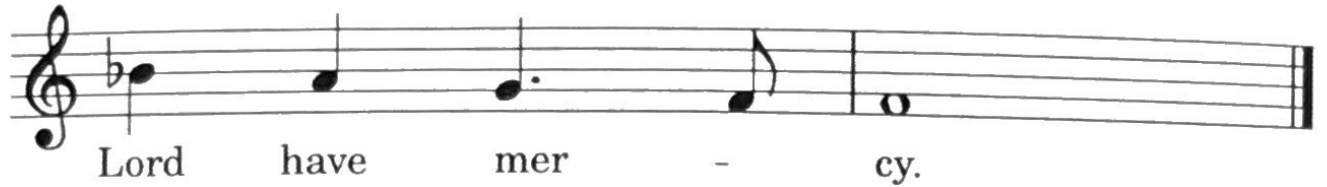
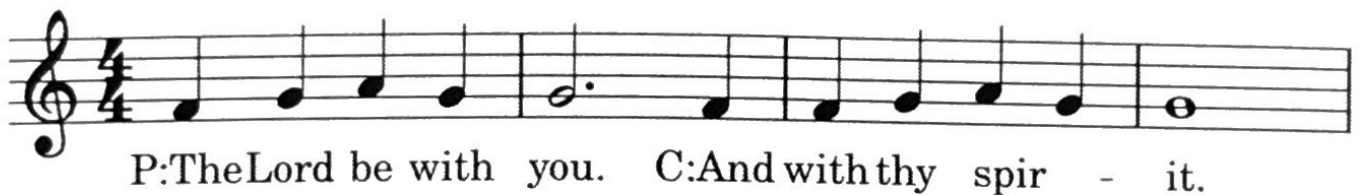
**is now, and will / be forever. Amen.**

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**Kyrie - Lord Have Mercy**

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**Hymn Of Praise: Gloria in Excelsis****p. 187****Salutation and Collect of the Day****First Reading: Proverbs 3:1-8**

My son, do not forget my law, but let your heart keep my commands; for length of days and long life and peace they will add to you. Let not mercy and truth forsake you; bind them around your neck, write them on the tablet of your heart, and so find favor and high esteem in the sight of God and man. Trust in the LORD with all your heart, and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways acknowledge Him, and He shall direct your paths. Do not be wise in your own eyes; fear the LORD and depart from evil. It will be health to your flesh, and strength to your bones.

**A:** This is the Word of the Lord

**C:** Thanks be to God.

## Epistle 2 Corinthians 4:7–10

Brethren: We have this treasure in earthen vessels, that the excellence of the power may be of God and not of us. We are hard-pressed on every side, yet not crushed; we are perplexed, but not in despair; persecuted, but not forsaken; struck down, but not destroyed—always carrying about in the body the dying of the Lord Jesus, that the life of Jesus also may be manifested in our body.

P: This is the Word of the Lord

C: **Thanks be to God.**

## Gradual: Psalm 139:18a, 17 [DR] (Mode V)

If I / should count them,

they are more / in number than the sand.

To me Thy friends, O God, are made exceedingly hon-  
/orable:

their principality is / exceedingly strengthened.

## Alleluia





**Holy Gospel:** *Luke 22:24–30*

P: The Lord be with You.

**C: And with your Spirit.** (*Spoken*)

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 22<sup>nd</sup> chapter.

**C: Glory be to Thee, O Lord.**

At that time: There was a dispute among the disciples, as to which of them should be considered the greatest. And He said to them, “The kings of the Gentiles exercise lordship over them, and those who exercise authority over them are called ‘benefactors.’ But not so among you; on the contrary, he who is greatest among you, let him be as the younger, and he who governs as he who serves. For who is greater, he who sits at the table, or he who serves? Is it not he who sits at the table? Yet I am among you as the One who serves. But you are those who have continued with Me in My trials. And I bestow upon you a kingdom, just as My Father bestowed one upon Me, that you may eat and drink at My table in My kingdom, and sit on thrones judging the twelve tribes of Israel.”

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C: Praise be to Thee, O Christ.**

**Nicene Creed**

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**Hymn of the Day:** *By All Your Saints in Warfare* **518(1, 23)**

**Sermon**

**Offertory** *Create in Me A Clean Heart* p. 192

*(As the music begins, please rise to sing)*

**Prayer of the Church**

**Preface** p. 194

**Sanctus** - *Holy, Holy, Holy* p. 195

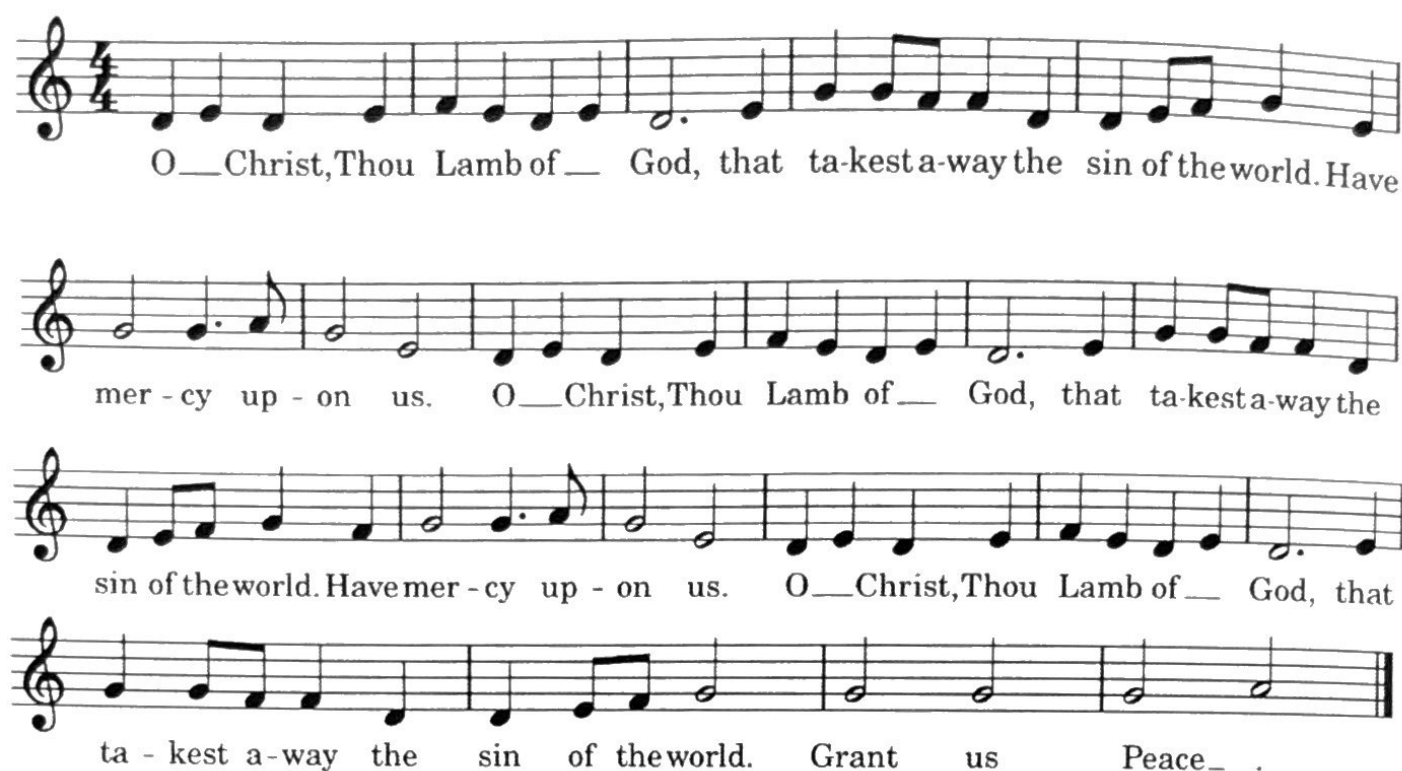
**Prayer of Thanksgiving** <sup>1</sup>

**The Words of Our Lord** p. 197

**Lord's Prayer** p. 196

**Pax Domini** – *The Peace of the Lord* p. 197

## Agnus Dei - Lamb of God



O—Christ, Thou Lamb of— God, that ta-kest a-way the sin of the world. Have  
mer - cy up - on us. O—Christ, Thou Lamb of— God, that ta-kest a-way the  
sin of the world. Have mer - cy up - on us. O—Christ, Thou Lamb of— God, that  
ta - kest a-way the sin of the world. Grant us Peace\_ .

## Distribution

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**Communion Prayers** *Prayers are provided for before and after communing inside the front cover of the hymnal under “Prayers for Worship”. Please make use of these prayers or your own prayers during the time before, during and after communion*

**Post Communion Collect** **p. 201**

**Salutation and Benedicamus** **P. 201**

**Benediction** **p. 202**

**Closing Hymn:** *All Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name*  
**549 (1-5)**

*(We reflect in silent prayer following the closing hymn)*

## **Postlude**

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**Online Giving:** We recently set up a secure giving option through the Joyful Response program, already in use for our direct deposit for offerings. “You may set up a one-time donation or recurring offering to St. John through this link.” Credit/Debit card payments and bank ACH are accepted through this program. Credit card fees are deducted from the amount unless otherwise selected.



1. *The Prayer of Thanksgiving III – adapted from Apostolic Tradition, Worship Supplement, CPH 1969.*

**Offerings for God** The offering box is in the narthex for our giving.

**Church Attendance**

Wednesday.....	7
Saturday.....	17
Sunday.....	52

**Assisting with our service:** Assistant: Paul Patnood (Sat) Carl Vensel (Sun), Lead Deacon: Gary Poulin (Sat) Chris Dougan (Sun), Reader: Cathy Poulin (Sat) Nathan Moran (Sun), Altar Guild: Cathy Poulin (Sat) Cathy Poulin (Sun)

**Did you know? – Saying Amen!**

Amen means, “Yes,” “So be it,” or “It is true!” I once heard a pastor say that the word “Amen” belongs to the people of God alone! It is true. In fact, as you look at the hymnal anywhere in our Service settings where “Amen” is indicated to be said it is always placed in the mouth of the people and never the Pastor. Amen is a common response to statements made by the Pastor in the Divine Service. This is because he speaks for the Lord and the people are to respond receiving in faith all that God gives! So, let them ever say, “Amen!” “It is true!”

**Choir is Starting!:** Handbell and Chorister Choir season is starting soon! Join us on September 9<sup>th</sup> as both groups hold open rehearsals for anyone to join. Handbells meet in the Sanctuary at 6:30 p.m. on Tuesdays while the Chorister Choir meets in the choir room at 7:30 p.m. also on Tuesdays! Come sing with us!

## News At St. John Church

**Ladies Book Study:** If you are interested in attending a ladies' Christian book study, please text or call Wendy at - 860-975-8170. Dates and times TBD.

**New Paschal candle:** We have recently acquired a Paschal candle for our Saint John Chapel. This Paschal candle was used for many years at *St. John's Lutheran Church in Waterbury* which has recently closed. It now will have a new life. Come and see it in the Chapel!

**Update on the Bee St. Property:** The Bee St. Property has sold recently.

**Rally Day Picnic:** Join us on September 7<sup>th</sup>, after worship, for a Rally Day Picnic! If you'd like to sign up to bring something, see the signup sheet in the narthex!

**Tag Sale:** This year's tag sale made a profit of \$1,200 which was given to the general fund. Thank you to everyone who helped set it up, run it, and break down everything once it was over. All the remainders were picked up by Hartspings Big Brothers Big Sisters who have helped us for the past few years. A big thank you for everyone who donated "treasures" and helped to make it a big success!

**Cans and Bottles Update:** When donating cans and bottles for the fundraising committee, please check the bottle to see if it qualifies for a recycling return. Thank you!

**Tuesday Bible study in the lounge:** Join us for our Tuesday morning Bible study beginning at 10 AM for fellowship and a study of the Gospel of John. All welcome!

## *St. Bartholomew, Apostle*

Skinned alive! That, according to tradition, is how Bartholomew (called Nathanael in John) was martyred. Christ's preachers are not to be great lords, but servants who faithfully stay with Christ in His trials (Luke 22:24–30). They are “jars of clay”; the Savior they preach is the “surpassing power” (2 Cor. 4:7). Christ's servants are “afflicted in every way,” “always carrying in the body the death of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus may also be manifested” there (2 Cor. 4:8–10). On the foundation of their prophetic and apostolic confession, the Church is built, “joined together” by Christ, “the cornerstone” (Eph. 2:20–21). As an apostle (Luke 6:13–14), Bartholomew manifested “the Son of God” in his preaching and his death. Christ is the “Son of Man” — the King who opens heaven to us by His wounds (John 1:49–51). We bear sufferings not leaning “on [our] own understanding,” but trusting in the Lord (Prov. 3:5–7). Life will be manifested in our bodies, too, when the Lord brings “healing to [our] flesh and refreshment to [our] bones” in the resurrection (Prov. 3:8). For this reason, Bartholomew is often depicted holding his flayed skin. He will have need of it on the Last Day — at least for sizing.