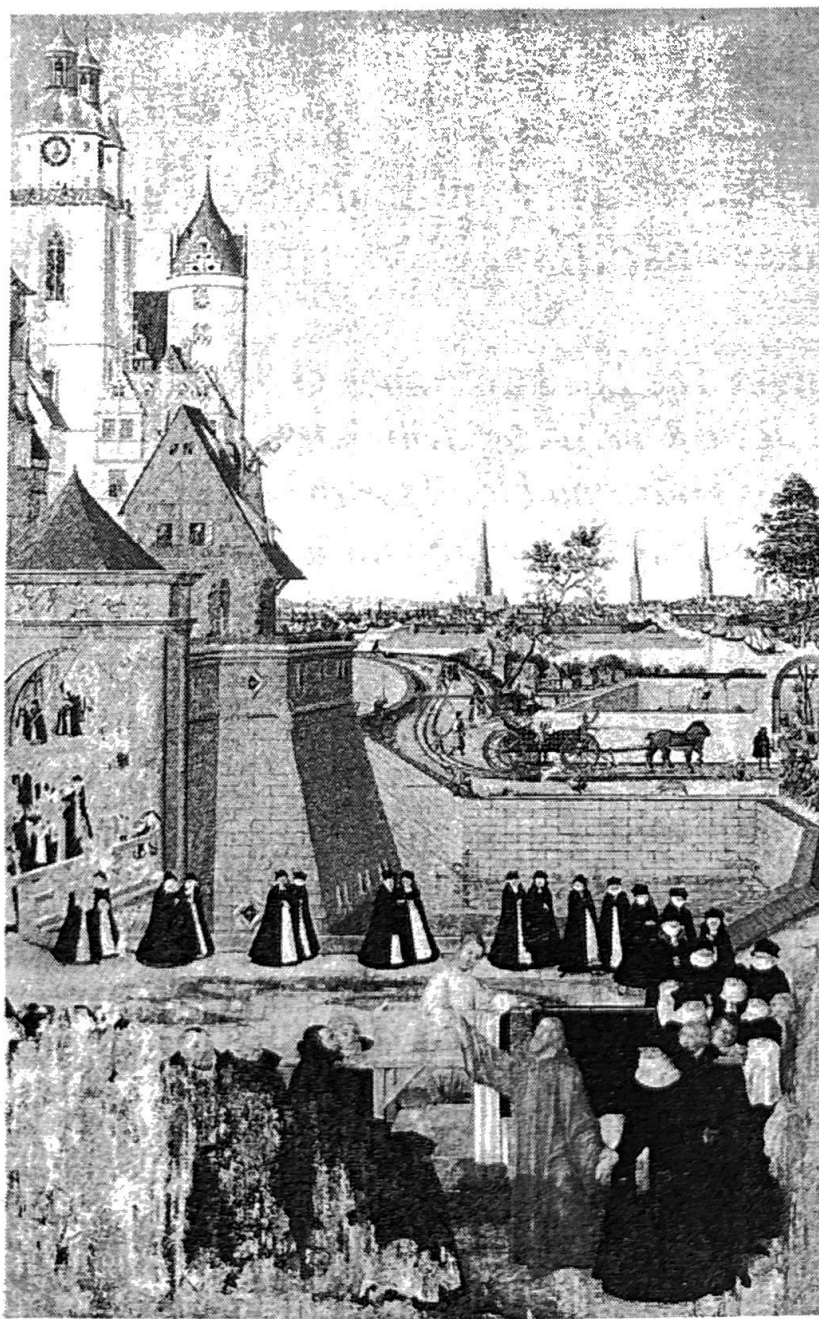


St. John Lutheran Church and Preschool

Sixteenth Sunday After the Trinity

Divine Service Setting Three
October 4&5, 2025



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Full Divine Service is held:

Sundays at 10 a.m.

Wednesdays at 7 p.m. in the St. John Chapel

Saturdays at 5 p.m.

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: Lucas Cranach the Younger, *Raising of the son of the widow of Nain*. Stadtkirche, Wittenberg. 1565.

October 4&5, 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.*

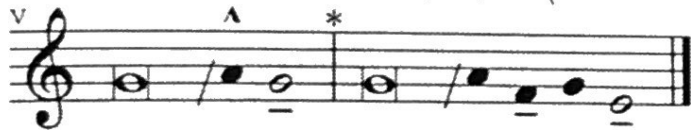
Bell tones and Prelude *(We reflect in silent prayer during the time of the prelude)*

Hymn: *Why Should Cross and Trial Grieve Me* **756(1-4)**
(As the music begins, please rise to sing)

Confession and Absolution

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Introit: *Psalm 86:3, 5, 1 (Mode V)*



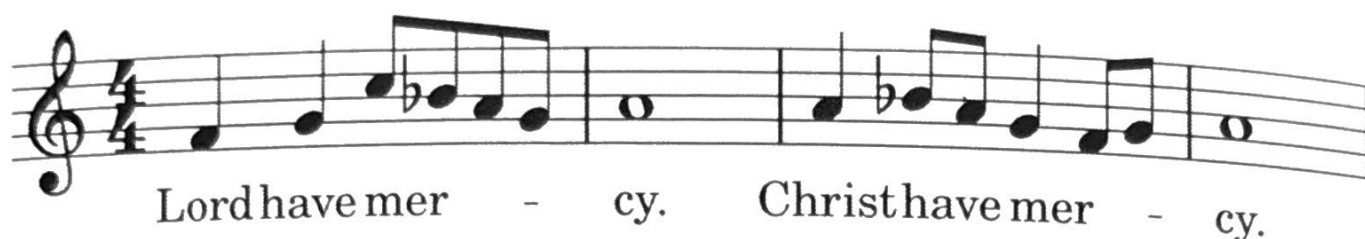
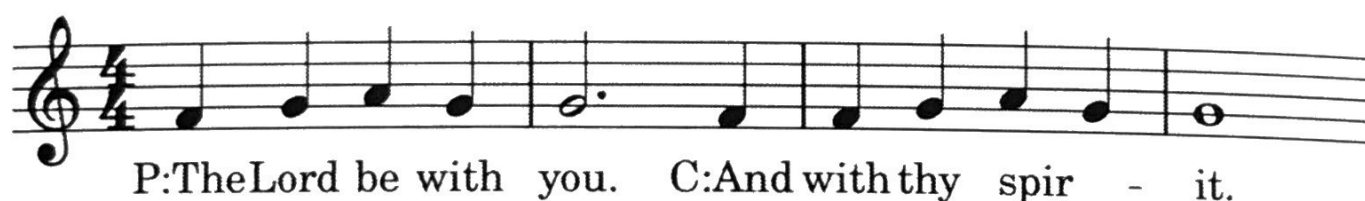
Antiphon: Bow down Thine ear, O / LORD, hear me:
for / I am poor and needy.

A: Be merciful unto / me, O Lord:
for I / cry unto Thee daily.

For Thou, Lord, art good, and ready / to forgive;
and plenteous in mercy unto all / them that call upon
Thee.

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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for / I am poor and needy.

Kyrie - Lord Have Mercy**Hymn Of Praise: Gloria in Excelsis****p. 187****Salutation and Collect of the Day***(Please be seated for the readings)***First Reading: 1 Kings 17:17-24**

In those days: The son of the woman who owned the house became sick. And his sickness was so serious that there was no breath left in him. So she said to Elijah, "What have I to do with you, O man of God? Have you come to me to bring my sin to remembrance, and to kill my son?" And he said to her, "Give me your son." So he took him out of her arms and carried him to the upper room where he was staying, and laid him on his own bed. Then he cried out to the LORD and said, "O LORD my God, have You also brought tragedy on the widow with whom I lodge, by killing her son?" And he stretched himself out on the child three times, and cried out to the LORD and said, "O LORD my God, I pray, let this child's soul come back to him." Then the LORD heard the

voice of Elijah; and the soul of the child came back to him, and he revived. And Elijah took the child and brought him down from the upper room into the house, and gave him to his mother. And Elijah said, “See, your son lives!” Then the woman said to Elijah, “Now by this I know that you are a man of God, and that the word of the LORD in your mouth is the truth.”

A: This is the Word of the Lord

C: Thanks be to God.

Epistle *Ephesians 3:13–21*

Brethren: I ask that you do not lose heart at my tribulations for you, which is your glory. For this reason I bow my knees to the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, from whom the whole family in heaven and earth is named, that He would grant you, according to the riches of His glory, to be strengthened with might through His Spirit in the inner man, that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith; that you, being rooted and grounded in love, may be able to comprehend with all the saints what is the width and length and depth and height—to know the love of Christ which passes knowledge; that you may be filled with all the fullness of God. Now to Him who is able to do exceedingly abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that works in us, to Him be glory in the church by Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever. Amen.

P: This is the Word of the Lord

C: Thanks be to God.

Gradual: Psalm 102:16, 15 (Mode V)

When the LORD shall build / up Zion,
He shall / appear in His glory.

The heathen shall fear the name / of the LORD,
and all the kings / of the earth Thy glory.

(Please rise for the Alleluia)

Alleluia**Holy Gospel: Luke 7:11–16**

P: The Lord be with You.

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

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 7th chapter.

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

At that time: Jesus went into a city called Nain; and many of His disciples went with Him, and a large crowd. And when He came near the gate of the city, behold, a dead man was being carried out, the only son of his mother; and she was a widow. And a large crowd from the city was with her. When the Lord saw her, He had compassion on her and said to her, "Do not weep." Then He came and touched the open coffin, and those who carried him stood still. And He said, "Young man, I say to you, arise." So he who was dead sat up and began to speak. And He presented him to his mother. Then fear came upon all, and they glorified God, saying, "A great

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prophet has risen up among us”; and, “God has visited His people.”

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

Nicene Creed **p. 191**
(Please be seated for the hymn)

Hymn of the Day: *Lord of Our Life* **659**

Sermon

Offertory Music *How Marvelous Are the Works of the Lord – D. Angerman (Sunday)*

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*

Ho - ly Ho - ly, Ho-ly Lord God of Sab-a - oth.

Heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na Ho - san - na in

God the high - est. Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord Ho -

- san - na Ho - san - na in God the high - est.

Prayer of Thanksgiving 1

The Words of Our Lord

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Lord's Prayer

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Pax Domini – *The Peace of the Lord*

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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_.

(Please be seated after the Agnus Dei)

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*

(Please rise for the Post Communion Collect)

Post Communion Collect

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Salutation and Benedicamus

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Benediction

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

Closing Hymn: *Guide Me, O Thou Great Redeemer* 918

(We reflect in silent prayer following the closing hymn)

Postlude *Fugue in c minor – J.S. Bach*

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Pancake Breakfast: We will be having the Pancake Breakfast on October 25th from 8-10 am in our Fellowship Hall for a \$5 donation! Call the office for tickets, or they can also be purchased at the door! There will be pancakes, eggs, sausage, and coffee. Apple Fritters will also be available to purchase!

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

Attendance

Saturday.....14
Sunday.....55

Assisting with our service: Assistant: Paul Patnoad (Sat) Carl Vensel (Sun), Lead Deacon: Chris Dougan (Sat) Beth MacDonald (Sun), Reader: Pauletta DeLucia (Sat) Joanne Outlaw (Sun), Altar Guild: Cathy Poulin (Sat) Joanne Outlaw (Sun)

Fall Fellowship: Pictionary & Lunch, Date: Tuesday, October 28, Time: 11:45 AM, Location: Church Lounge:
Celebrate the season with laughter, creativity, and connection! Bring your own lunch and join us for a spirited game of Pictionary. Let's enjoy the warmth of community as the leaves turn and the days grow crisp. *"A cheerful heart is good medicine."* — Proverbs 17:22 All ages welcome. Come ready to draw, guess, and giggle!

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.

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.



Repair Request: If you notice any broken or damaged, please fill out a St. John Property Board Repair Form outside the church office, and place in the Property Board mailbox. Thank you!

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!

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!

Jesus Calls forth Life from Death

A large funeral procession carrying the only son of a widow is confronted by another large procession, Jesus and His followers. Death and Life meet face to face at the gate of the city (Luke 7:11–17). Filled with compassion, Jesus comes into direct contact with our mortality in order to overcome it. He touches the coffin and speaks His creative words of life, “Young man, I say to you, arise.” Jesus does what is neither expected nor requested. For through Christ, God the Father “is able to do far more abundantly than all we ask or think” (Eph. 3:14–21). Jesus bore our death in His body that we may share in His resurrection. Even as Elijah stretched himself out three times over the Zarephath woman’s son (2 Kings 17:17–24), God stretched Himself out over us in the threefold application of His name in the baptismal water, breathing new and everlasting life into us. “To Him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever and ever. Amen.”

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