

St. John Lutheran Church and Preschool

**Ninth Sunday After the Trinity
Observing St. Mary, Mother of our Lord**

**Divine Service Setting Three
with alternate movements
August 16&17, 2025**



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**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: [Giovanni Battista Salvi da Sassoferrato](#), *The Virgin in Prayer*, National Gallery, 1640-1650.

August 16&17, 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: *Jesus, Thy Boundless Love to Me* **683**
(As the music begins, please rise to sing)

Confession and Absolution **p. 184**

Introit: *Psalm 45:1a, 45:10a, 11a, 4b [DR] (Mode V)*

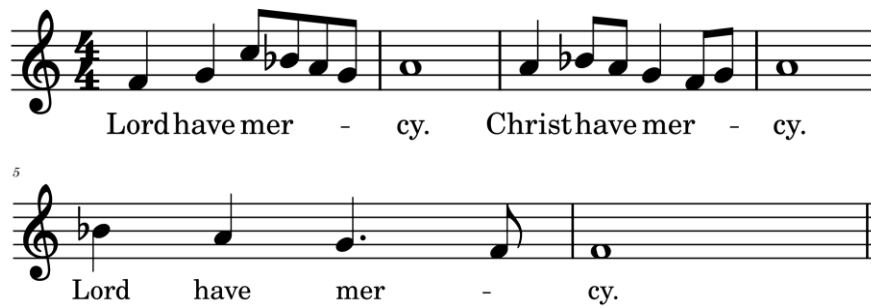


Antiphon: My heart is inditing a / good matter:
 I speak of the things which I / have made touching the King.

A: Hearken, O daughter, and consider, and in-/cline thine ear:
 so shall the King greatly / desire thy beauty.
Because of truth and meekness / and justice:
 and Thy right hand shall / conduct Thee wonderfully.

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**Hymn Of Praise: Gloria in Excelsis****p. 187****Salutation and Collect of the Day****First Reading: Isaiah 61:7-11**

Instead of your shame there shall be a double portion; instead of dishonor they shall rejoice in their lot; therefore in their land they shall possess a double portion; they shall have everlasting joy. For I the Lord love justice; I hate robbery and wrong; I will faithfully give them their recompense, and I will make an everlasting covenant with them. Their offspring shall be known among the nations, and their descendants in the midst of the peoples; all who see them shall acknowledge them, that they are an offspring the Lord has blessed. I will greatly rejoice in the Lord; my soul shall exult in my God, for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation; he has covered me with the robe of righteousness, as a bridegroom decks himself like a priest with a beautiful headdress, and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels. For as the earth brings forth its sprouts, and as a

garden causes what is sown in it to sprout up, so the Lord God will cause righteousness and praise to sprout up before all the nations.

A: This is the Word of the Lord

C: Thanks be to God.

Epistle *Hebrews 4:1–10*

Brethren: Since a promise remains of entering His rest, let us fear lest any of you seem to have come short of it. For indeed the gospel was preached to us as well as to them; but the word which they heard did not profit them, not being mixed with faith in those who heard it. For we who have believed do enter that rest, as He has said: “So I swore in My wrath, ‘They shall not enter My rest,’ ” although the works were finished from the foundation of the world. For He has spoken in a certain place of the seventh day in this way: “And God rested on the seventh day from all His works”; and again in this place: “They shall not enter My rest.” Since therefore it remains that some must enter it, and those to whom it was first preached did not enter because of disobedience, again He designates a certain day, saying in David, “Today,” after such a long time, as it has been said: “Today, if you will hear His voice, do not harden your hearts.” For if Joshua had given them rest, then He would not afterward have spoken of another day. There remains therefore a rest for the people of God. For he who has entered His rest has himself also ceased from his works as God did from His.

P: This is the Word of the Lord

C: Thanks be to God.

Gradual: *Psalm 45:10a, 11a, 4b [DR] (Mode V)*

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 so shall the King greatly / desire thy beauty.
 Because of truth and meekness / and justice:
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Alleluia**Holy Gospel:** *Luke 10:38–42*

P: The Lord be with You.

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

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 10th chapter.

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

At that time: Jesus entered a certain village; and a certain woman named Martha welcomed Him into her house. And she had a sister called Mary, who also sat at Jesus' feet and heard His word. But Martha was distracted with much serving, and she approached Him and said, "Lord, do You not care that my sister has left me to serve alone? Therefore tell her to help me." And Jesus answered and said to her, "Martha, Martha, you are worried and troubled about many things. But one thing is needed, and Mary has chosen that good part, which will not be taken away from her."

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: *Be Thou My Vision*

Insert

Sermon

Offertory *Create in Me A Clean Heart*

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(As the music begins, please rise to sing)

Prayer of the Church

Preface

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Sanctus - *Holy, Holy, Holy*

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Prayer of Thanksgiving ¹

The Words of Our Lord

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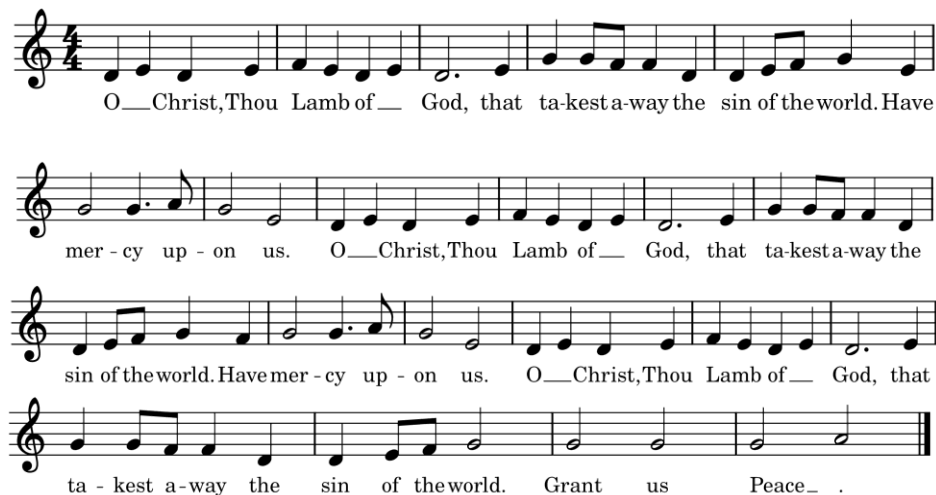
Lord's Prayer

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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
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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: *Now Thank We All Our God* **895**

(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

Saturday.....20

Sunday....54

Assisting with our service: Assistant: Bill Leon (Sat) Dan Cox (Sun), Lead Deacon: Wayne Sasso (Sat) Beth MacDonald (Sun), Reader: Lois McCutcheon (Sat) Dan Cox (Sun), Altar Guild: Lois McCutcheon (Sat) Joanne Outlaw (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!”

Lunch Bunch – August 19 at 11:45 AM in the Lounge

Join us for a fun and flavorful gathering! This month we’re serving up pizza and salad, so please RSVP to Laurie Smith at snowjay456@yahoo.com to let us know you’ll be attending. We’ll also be testing our wits with a lively trivia game—don’t miss out on the laughs and good company. We look forward to seeing you there!

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.

Alternate Divine Service Setting: We have enjoyed worshipping with Divine Service Setting 3 for some time. Matthew and Pastor will be gradually introducing a new setting with music based off Gregorian Chant melodies based in the language of the common service (Divine Service Setting 3)

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

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. Mary, Mother of Our Lord

The Lord clothes His people “with the garments of salvation” and covers them “with the robe of righteousness” (Is. 61:10). So the blessed Virgin Mary “rejoices in God [her] Savior” (Luke 1:47). The Lord was gracious to her. She “believed that there would be a fulfillment of what was spoken to her from the Lord” (Luke 1:45). That is why “all generations will call [her] blessed” (Luke 1:42, 48); likewise, “blessed ... are those who hear the word of God and keep it” (Luke 11:28). She has the unique honor of being the one from whom the Righteous One “sprouts” on earth “before all the nations” (Is. 61:11). But she sings as a recipient of His great mercy. “God sent forth his Son, born of woman, born under the law, to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as sons” (Gal. 4:4–7). Mary is rightly called “Mother of God” because of the nature of the Son she bore, but He alone is called “Savior,” “Redeemer” and “Advocate.” Jesus Christ is the “one thing ... necessary,” come to rescue and heal and save us (Luke 10:28–42). He is the seed of the woman at last come to crush the serpent’s head for us (Gen. 3:15).