



St. John's Lutheran Church † Commitment Sunday November 8th Facebook Live

Welcome to worship! We are glad you are here! Thank you for your shared ministry with us at St. John's.

This fall our stewardship theme is *#abundanceaware*. A verse from 2nd Corinthians says, ***“God is able to provide you with every blessing in abundance, so that by always having enough of everything, you may share abundantly in every good work.”*** In this time when we have many limitations on our lives it is critical to call to our attention the ways in which God is providing for us, and how God's provision is abundant. Let's give thanks for expressions of God's abundance. If you would like to share a story or experience or picture of the abundance of God, please send it to us via Facebook or email. Help us to see what you see of God's goodness!

Thank you so much for your prayers and financial gifts that keeps us attentive to the mission of St. John's which is love for each other and compassion for the world. We are all in this together for the sake of the Gospel of Jesus Christ! Peace be with you.

Announcements Please note-today's 8:15am worship with singing and sermon will be saved and shared. A second Facebook live service to lead those wanting Holy Communion online, will begin at 9:15am. We do not save and share the Communion liturgy.

Prelude

Confession and Forgiveness (*All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.*)

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, in whose image we are made, who claims us and calls us beloved. **Amen.**

Silence is kept for reflection.

Holy One, we confess that we are not awake for you. We are not faithful in using your gifts. We forget the least of our siblings. We do not see your beautiful image in one another. We are infected by sin that divides your beloved community. Open our hearts to your coming, open our eyes to see you in our neighbor, open our hands to serve your creation. Amen.

Beloved, we are God's children, and Jesus, our Beloved, † opens the door to us.

Through † Jesus you are forgiven, by Jesus you are welcome, in Jesus you are called to rejoice! Let us live in the promises prepared for us from the foundation of the world.

Amen.

ELW - # 864 Praise, My Soul, the God of Heaven v. 1 + 2

1 Praise, my soul, the God of heaven; joyfully your tribute bring. Ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven, evermore God's praises sing. Alleluia! Alleluia! Praises everlasting ring!

2 God be praised for grace and favor to our forebears in distress. God be praised, the same forever, slow to chide and swift to bless. Alleluia! Alleluia! Glorious is God's faithfulness!

The Greeting and Prayer:

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.**

Let us pray. Holy God, **you shower the world with goodness in abundance every day. By the work of your Holy Spirit lead us to acknowledge your goodness, give thanks for your benefits, and serve you with gladness, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

Word: Isaiah 55:10-11

¹⁰For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven,
and do not return there until they have watered the earth,
making it bring forth and sprout,
giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater,
¹¹so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth;
it shall not return to me empty,
but it shall accomplish that which I purpose,
and succeed in the thing for which I sent it.

Word of God. Word of Life. **Thanks be to God.**

Word: 2 Corinthians 9:6-15

⁶The point is this: the one who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and the one who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. ⁷Each of you must give as you have made up your mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. ⁸And God is able to provide you with every blessing in abundance, so that by always having enough of everything, you may share abundantly in every good work. ⁹As it is written, "He scatters abroad, he gives to the poor; his righteousness endures forever."

¹⁰He who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will supply and multiply your seed for sowing and increase the harvest of your righteousness. ¹¹You will be enriched in every way for your great generosity, which will produce thanksgiving to God through us; ¹²for the rendering of this ministry not only supplies the needs of the saints but also overflows with many thanksgivings to God. ¹³Through the testing of this

ministry you glorify God by your obedience to the confession of the gospel of Christ and by the generosity of your sharing with them and with all others, ¹⁴while they long for you and pray for you because of the surpassing grace of God that he has given you. ¹⁵Thanks be to God for his indescribable gift!

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Message: Abundance Aware Pastor Julie Brenden

ELW - # 689- Praise and Thanksgiving

- 1 Praise and thanksgiving, God, we would offer for all things living, you have made good: harvest of sown fields, fruits of the orchard, hay from the mown fields, blossom and wood.
- 2 God, bless the labor we bring to serve you, that with our neighbor we may be fed. Sowing or tilling, we would work with you, harvesting, milling for daily bread.
- 3 Father, providing food for your children, by Wisdom's guiding teach us to share one with another, so that, rejoicing with us, all others may know your care.
- 4 Then will your blessing reach ev'ry people, freely confessing your gracious hand. Where you are reigning, no one will hunger; your love sustaining showers the land.

Prayers of Intercession (*The prayers are prepared locally for each occasion. The following examples may be adapted or used as appropriate.*)

Longing for Christ's reign to come among us, we pray for the outpouring of God's power on the church, the world, and all in need.

A brief silence.

God of Abundance, rouse us to deep praise as we gather for worship. Enliven our worship through the work of your Holy Spirit. Open our hearts and minds to the super abundant blessings you provide each day. (*especially*). Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

God of Beauty, surprise and delight us with the wonder of the world you have made. Bless the work of landscapers, architects, and artists whose work invites us into harmonious living in our communities. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

God of Compassion, console those who feel lonely or abandoned. Share the hours of those who live and eat alone. Comfort those who have few friends or who struggle with their identity and place in this world. Give strength to those who need healing.

Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Holy Protector, be with all observing Veterans Day. Guard the lives of active duty and retired military personnel. Heal the wounds, both physical and mental, experienced by service members. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

God of all, you make us in your image and redeem us through Jesus your Son. We ask your blessings on those of our faith community at St. John's that we lift up in prayer today, Penny Jevne, John Joadwine, Connie Johnson, David & Karen Johnson, Matthew Johnson, Ernie & Donna Johnson, Gary Johnson, Greg & Jean Johnson, Brent Johnson, and Jeremy Johnson. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Almighty God, we pray in thanksgiving for the lives of all who have died. Remind us of the frailty and shortness of our own lives and inspire us to use them for the building up of your kingdom. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Receive our prayers in the name of Jesus Christ our Savior, until that day when you gather all creation around your throne where you will reign forever and ever.

Amen.

Abundance Aware Commitment

The Offering Prayer

God of all goodness, generations have turned to you, gathered around your table, and shared your abundant blessings. Number us among them that, as we gather these gifts from your abundance, and give thanks for your rich blessings, we may feast upon your very self and care for all that you have made, through Jesus Christ, our Sovereign and Servant. **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

Gathered as one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as our Savior taught us:

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever.
Amen

Blessing

May the God of all creation, in whose image we are made, who claims us and calls us beloved, who strengthens us for service, give you reason to rejoice and be glad!

The blessing of God, Sovereign, † Savior, and Spirit, be with you today and always.

Amen.

ELW - # 864 Praise, My Soul, the God of Heaven v. 3 + 4

- 3 Frail as summer's flow'r we flourish, blows the wind and it is gone; but, as mortals rise and perish, God endures unchanging on. Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise the great Eternal One!

- 4 Angels sing in adoration, in God's presence, face to face. Sun and moon and all creation, all who dwell in time and space. Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise with us the God of grace!

Sending

Beloved of God, go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

(A sign of peace is shared) (Comment your peace to one another.)

Postlude

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Coming up at St. John's:

Curbside Communion in the North Parking Lot **Today** - starting at 9:30am.

Sunday, November 15th 8:15am Facebook Live Worship
9:30am Sunday School on Zoom

Sunday, November 22nd - Thanksgiving Thankoffering Service 8:15am on Facebook