

**St. John's Lutheran Church –  
September 29, 2024**



# Welcome to St. John's

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Thanks for being here today! We feel blessed that you're here and truly pray you find the warmth of our Christian family, the powerful truth of God's Word and the peaceful assurance of His promises. If we can assist you in any way, please ask. To start, everything for our worship is projected on the screens up front and printed here in the service folder. God bless your time with us today. We hope you can worship with us again!

## If You're New to St. John's:

**You and your kids are welcome.** We really love and enjoy having kids in worship and encourage the worshipping family! In fact, our worship often includes a children's message with little ones in mind. And if your children are acting up, please know it's never a bother to our worship service. However, if you do need a quiet place to calm a child, a nursery room is available with screens immediately to the left as you exit the sanctuary. There are also changing stations in each bathroom.

**Restrooms** are located in the entrance as you came into the building

**Make yourself at home.** You don't have to rush off after service today. Light refreshments are usually provided in our social hall after worship. If you feel comfortable, please stay and follow up with one of our pastors; we'd be honored if you took a moment to introduce yourself!

**Don't feel obligated.** Our members give financial offerings to the Lord as an expression of thanks and praise for his amazing love. Please know that you are our guests and we're simply happy you've come to hear about Jesus and His Word today. You're not expected to give an offering; it's your choice.

**Cell Phones.** To remove as many distractions as possible from worshipping God today, we kindly ask you to silence your phone before the service.

**Fill out a Connection Card.** We'd love to know you were here and help you take the next step. There are Connection Cards inserted in the worship folders, or they can be completed online. Text "Connect" to 651-401-1400, scan the QR code, or visit [www.StJohnsLutheran.com/connection-card](http://www.StJohnsLutheran.com/connection-card) to complete the card online.



## Welcome to St. John's

### A Verse of Comfort and Worship

**“Don't Be Afraid. Those who are with us  
are more than those who are with them.”**

- 2 Kings 6:16

### We Worship with God's Blessing

In the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.  
**Amen.**

Praise the LORD from the heavens.

**Praise him in the heights above.**

Praise him all his angels.

**Praise him all his heavenly hosts.**

Let them praise the name of the LORD,

**For he commanded them and they were created.**

He set them in place forever and ever;

**He gave a decree that will never pass away.**

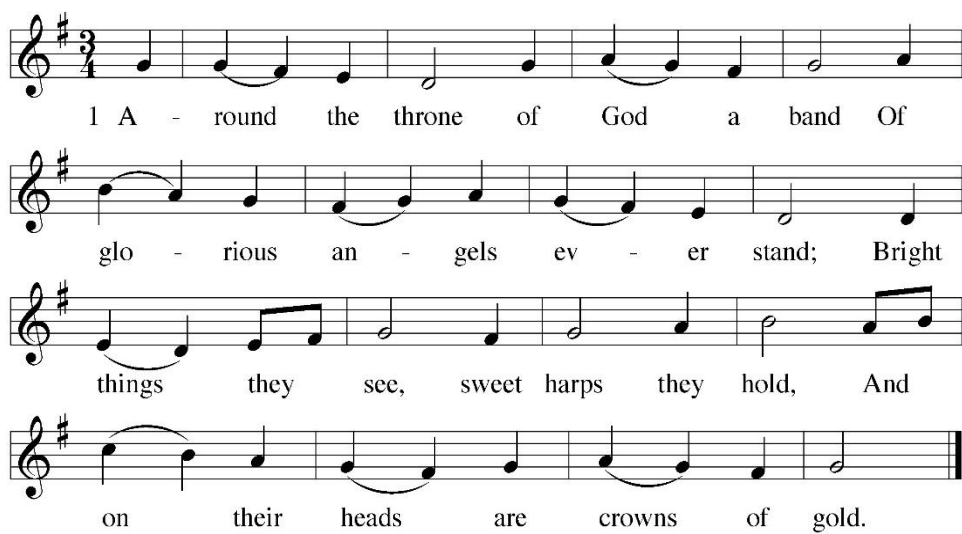
- Psalm 148 1,2,5,6

### God's Word about Angels

#### Revelation 5:11-12

<sup>11</sup>Then I looked and heard the voice of many angels, numbering thousands upon thousands, and ten thousand times ten thousand. They encircled the throne and the living creatures and the elders. <sup>12</sup>In a loud voice they were saying:

“Worthy is the Lamb, who was slain,  
to receive power and wealth and wisdom and strength  
and honor and glory and praise!”



1 A - round the throne of God a band Of  
glo - rious an - gels ev - er stand; Bright  
things they see, sweet harps they hold, And  
on their heads are crowns of gold.

- CW93 198 vs. 1

### Psalm 34:4-7

- <sup>4</sup>I sought the LORD, and he answered me;  
he delivered me from all my fears.  
<sup>5</sup>Those who look to him are radiant;  
their faces are never covered with shame.  
<sup>6</sup>This poor man called, and the LORD heard him;  
he saved him out of all his troubles.  
<sup>7</sup>The angel of the LORD encamps around those who fear him,  
and he delivers them.

**All (♩) Some wait around him, ready still  
To sing his praise and do his will,  
And some, when he commands them, go  
To guard his servants here below.**

- CW93 198 vs. 2

## Psalm 91:9-12

<sup>9</sup>If you say, "The LORD is my refuge,"  
and you make the Most High your dwelling,  
<sup>10</sup>no harm will overtake you,  
no disaster will come near your tent.  
<sup>11</sup>For he will command his angels concerning you  
to guard you in all your ways;  
<sup>12</sup>they will lift you up in their hands,  
so that you will not strike your foot against a stone.

**All (♩) Lord, give your angels ev'ry day  
Command to guide us on our way,  
And bid them ev'ry evening keep  
Their watch around us while we sleep.**

- CW93 198 vs. 3

## Matthew 18:10

<sup>10</sup>"See that you do not despise one of these little ones. For I tell you that their angels in heaven always see the face of my Father in heaven.

**All (♩) Then shall no wicked thing draw near  
To do us harm or cause us fear,  
And we shall live, when life is past,  
With angels round your throne at last.**

- CW93 198 vs. 4

## Prayer of the Day

Everlasting God, you have ordained and constituted in a wonderful order the ministries of angels and mortals. Mercifully grant that as your holy angels always serve and worship you in heaven, so by your direction they may help and defend us here on earth; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

*Be seated*

## Children's Message

### God's Word for our Hearts

2 Kings 6:8-17

<sup>8</sup>Now the king of Aram was at war with Israel. After conferring with his officers, he said, "I will set up my camp in such and such a place."

<sup>9</sup>The man of God sent word to the king of Israel: "Beware of passing that place, because the Arameans are going down there." <sup>10</sup>So the king of Israel checked on the place indicated by the man of God. Time and again Elisha warned the king, so that he was on his guard in such places.

<sup>11</sup>This enraged the king of Aram. He summoned his officers and demanded of them, "Tell me! Which of us is on the side of the king of Israel?"

<sup>12</sup>"None of us, my lord the king," said one of his officers, "but Elisha, the prophet who is in Israel, tells the king of Israel the very words you speak in your bedroom."

<sup>13</sup>"Go, find out where he is," the king ordered, "so I can send men and capture him." The report came back: "He is in Dothan." <sup>14</sup>Then he sent horses and chariots and a strong force there. They went by night and surrounded the city.

<sup>15</sup>When the servant of the man of God got up and went out early the next morning, an army with horses and chariots had surrounded the city. "Oh no, my lord! What shall we do?" the servant asked.

<sup>16</sup>"Don't be afraid," the prophet answered. "Those who are with us are more than those who are with them."

<sup>17</sup>And Elisha prayed, "Open his eyes, LORD, so that he may see." Then the LORD opened the servant's eyes, and he looked and saw the hills full of horses and chariots of fire all around Elisha.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

# On Eagle's Wings

CW 821 sts. 1, Ref, 2-3, Final Refrain

*Verse*



1 You who dwell in the shel-ter of the Lord, who a -



bide in his shad-ow for life, say to the Lord: "My



ref - uge, my rock in whom I trust!"

*Refrain*



And he will raise you up on ea - gle's wings,



bear you on the breath of dawn, make you to shine like the



sun, and hold you in the palm of his hand.

*Verse*



2 The snare of the fowl-er will nev-er cap-ture you, and



fam - ine will bring you no fear; un - der his wings your



ref - uge, his faith - ful - ness your shield.



*Verse*

3 For to his an-gels he's giv-en a com-mand to

guard you in all of your ways; up - on their hands they will

*Final Refrain*

bear you up, lest you dash your foot a-gainst a stone.

*Final Refrain*

And he will raise you up on ea - gle's wings, bear you on the

breath of dawn, make you to shine like the sun, and

hold you in the palm of his hand. And hold you,

hold you in the palm of his hand.

## The Gospel Reading

Luke 10:17-20

<sup>17</sup>The seventy-two returned with joy and said, “Lord, even the demons submit to us in your name.”

<sup>18</sup>He replied, “I saw Satan fall like lightning from heaven. <sup>19</sup>I have given you authority to trample on snakes and scorpions and to overcome all the power of the enemy; nothing will harm you. <sup>20</sup>However, do not rejoice that the spirits submit to you, but rejoice that your names are written in heaven.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise be to you, O Christ!**

## Lord God, to You We Give All Praise

CW 500



1 Lord God, to you we give all praise, with grate - ful  
2 They shine with light and heav'n - ly grace and con - stant -  
3 They nev - er rest nor sleep as we; their whole de -  
4 The an - cient drag - on is their foe; his en - vy



hearts our voic - es raise that an - gel hosts you did cre -  
ly be - hold your face. They heed your voice, they know it  
light is but to be with you, Lord Je - sus, and to  
and his wrath they know. It al - ways is his aim and



ate a - round your glo - rious throne to wait.  
well; in god - ly wis - dom they ex - cel.  
keep your lit - tle flock, your lambs and sheep.  
pride your Chris - tian peo - ple to di - vide.

7 But watchful is the angel band  
that follows Christ on ev'ry hand  
to guard his people where they go  
and break the counsel of the foe.

8 O Lord, awaken songs of praise  
for angel hosts that guard our days;  
teach us to serve you and adore  
as angels do forevermore.

## Today's Message from our Loving God – Revelation 12:7–12

<sup>7</sup>Then war broke out in heaven. Michael and his angels fought against the dragon, and the dragon and his angels fought back. <sup>8</sup>But he was not strong enough, and they lost their place in heaven. <sup>9</sup>The great dragon was hurled down—that ancient serpent called the devil, or Satan, who leads the whole world astray. He was hurled to the earth, and his angels with him.

<sup>10</sup>Then I heard a loud voice in heaven say:

“Now have come the salvation and the power  
and the kingdom of our God,  
and the authority of his Messiah.

For the accuser of our brothers and sisters,  
who accuses them before our God day and night,  
has been hurled down.

<sup>11</sup>They triumphed over him  
by the blood of the Lamb  
and by the word of their testimony;  
they did not love their lives so much  
as to shrink from death.

<sup>12</sup>Therefore rejoice, you heavens  
and you who dwell in them!  
But woe to the earth and the sea,  
because the devil has gone down to you!  
He is filled with fury,  
because he knows that his time is short.”

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

*(a place for message notes can be found on the next page)*

**Message Notes: Things for me to remember this week...**

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## **We Confess Our Faith: Apostles' Creed**

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty. From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

*Be seated*

## Our Offering of Thanks & Love

*“Whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him” - Colossians 3:17*

*Our offerings are both an expression of thankfulness for what our Savior has done for us, and a way of supporting the spread of the gospel through the Church’s work. Guests need not feel obligated to contribute.*

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### Ways to Give Electronically

Choose one of 3 Simple, Safe Options for Offering Thanks



- Text “give” to 651-401-1400
  - Go to [www.StJohnsLutheran.com/give](http://www.StJohnsLutheran.com/give)
  - Scan the QR code
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*Stand*

## Prayer and The Lord’s Prayer

**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. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.**

## Blessing

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look on you with favor and ✝ give you peace.

**Amen.**

*Be seated*

# Closing Hymn: I Walk in Danger All the Way

CW 836 sts. 1-3



1 I walk in dan - ger all the way; the thought shall nev - er  
2 I pass through tri - als all the way, with sin and ills con -  
3 Grim death pur - sues me all the way, no - where I rest se -



leave me that Sa - tan, who has marked his prey, is  
tend - ing; in pa - tience I must bear each day the  
cure - ly; he comes by night, he comes by day, he



plot - ting to de - ceive me. This foe with hid - den snares  
cross of God's own send - ing. Oft in ad - ver - si - ty  
takes his prey most sure - ly. A fail - ing breath, and I



may seize me un - a - wares if e'er I fail to  
I know not where to flee, when storms of woe my  
in death's strong grasp may lie to face e - ter - ni -



watch and pray; I walk in dan - ger all the way.  
soul dis - may; I pass through tri - als all the way.  
ty to - day; grim death pur - sues me all the way.

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# Take the Next Step

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If this is your first time with us, we're so glad that you took a big step and came to worship. What's your next step?

## Come back next week

Connecting with God at worship is a great way to spend time during your weekend.

## Try "God & Me"

God & Me is the place to learn more about God's word in your life, for both long time-members and beginners who want to learn more about God's love, the Bible, and St. John's. A new session of classes will be starting soon. Connect with Pastor and/or check the box on your Connection Card if you'd like to know more.

## Join a Grow Group

Grow Groups are small groups that get together in person or online to learn about God's Word. It's a safe, comfortable atmosphere to discuss the way God's love intersects our daily lives. If you are interested in joining or starting a Grow Group or Bible Study, mark the box on your Connection Card and we will reach out to you.

## Service Opportunities

There are multiple areas to volunteer each Sunday to make worship happen well for those in person and online: Guest Services & Hospitality Team, Tech Team, & Worship Prep Team. Are you interested in serving? Mark the box on your Connection Card today!

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