

# ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN

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*Celebrating 147 Years of God's blessings.*

## THE EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

*Proper 21A*

October 1, 2023

9 a.m. | 6 p.m.



## A NOTE TO GUESTS AND VISITORS

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**Please sign the blue “Fellowship Pad”** found in the pew so that we can have a record of your attendance this morning. Both visitors and members are asked to fill in their information. You can do this before or after the service.

**The liturgy is printed in its entirety in this folder.** Hymns can be found in our hymn book, *Lutheran Service Book* (LSB), located in the pew racks. Readings from Holy Scripture can be found in the pew Bible.



## A WORD CONCERNING HOLY COMMUNION

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**In Holy Communion, we joyfully receive Christ’s Body & Blood** for our forgiveness, life, and salvation. In participating, we publicly confess our unity in Christ’s Body, and a harmony of teaching and practice. Congregations of The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod have promised to practice close communion.

**Guests who desire to commune with us for the first time are asked to speak with the pastor before the service, to answer any questions you may have.**

**You may also wish to review** Luther’s “Christian Questions with Their Answers,” on pp. 329-330 in *Lutheran Service Book*, and refer to the “Before worship” and “Before communing” prayers inside the front cover of LSB.



**If you are not in fellowship with our Synod,** you are invited to come forward for a blessing. Simply indicate that by folding your arms over your heart while at the communion rail.

**For those who are sensitive to wine,** the center cups in the tray are filled with a drop of wine diluted with water.



## FROM THE LUTHERAN CONFESSIONS

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Our teachers’ position is this: the authority of the Keys, or the authority of the bishops—according to the Gospel—is a power or commandment of God, to preach the Gospel, to forgive and retain sins, and to administer Sacraments. Christ sends out His apostles with this command, “As the Father has sent Me, even so I am sending you ... Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of anyone, they are forgiven; if you withhold forgiveness from anyone, it is withheld” (John 20:21–23). And in Mark 16:15, Christ says, “Go ... proclaim the Gospel to the whole creation.”

*Augsburg Confession XXVIII 5–7  
From Concordia: The Lutheran Confessions*



## PARTICIPANTS

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Presiding Minister

Rev. Jacob Ehrhard, Senior Pastor  
pastor@stjohnschicago.org

Organist

Julie Smallfield (9 a.m.)

Pianist

Aaron Doehring (6 p.m.)

Choir

St. John’s Children’s Choir (9 a.m.)

*If you are not taking this worship folder with you, please return it to the table in the back following the service.*



# Divine Service, Setting 1

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## Hymn of Invocation

LSB 511 Herald, Sound the Note of Judgment

## Kids in the Divine Service

9 a.m. | Worship Exercise: Standing

Stand

*The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.*

**P** In the name of the Father and of the  $\text{✠}$  Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

**P** If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

**C** **But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

*Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.*

**P** Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

**C** **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.**

**P** Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the  $\text{✠}$  Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.



## Service of the Word

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### Introit

Psalm 147:1–5; antiphon: v. 6



The LORD lifts up the | humble;\*  
he casts the wicked | to the ground.

**Praise the LORD! For it is good to sing praises | to our God;\*  
for it is pleasant, and a song of praise is | fitting.**

The LORD builds up Je- | rusalem;\*  
he gathers the outcasts of | Israel.

**He heals the broken- | hearted\*  
and binds | up their wounds.**

He determines the number | of the stars;\*  
he gives to all of | them their names.

**Great is our Lord, and abun- | dant in power;\*  
his understanding is beyond | measure.**

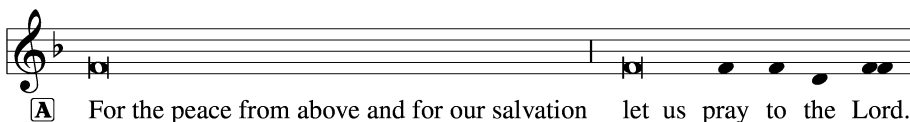
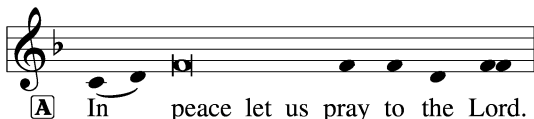
**Glory be to the Father and | to the Son\*  
and to the Holy | Spirit;**

**as it was in the be- | ginning,\*  
is now, and will be forever. | Amen.**

The LORD lifts up the | humble;\*  
he casts the wicked | to the ground.

## Kyrie

*Mark 10:47*





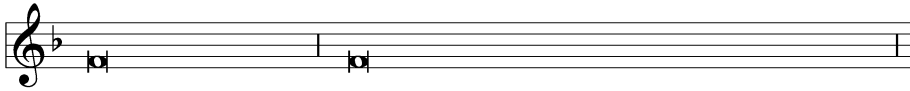
**A** For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.



**C** Lord, have mer - cy.



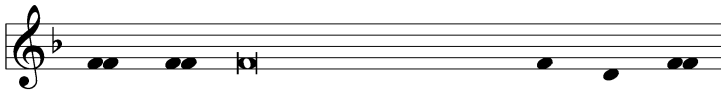
**A** For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise



let us pray to the Lord.



**C** Lord, have mer - cy.



**A** Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord.



**C** A - men.

# Gloria in Excelsis

Luke 2:14; John 1:29



**A** Glory to God in the highest, and peace to His peo - ple on earth.



**B** Lord God, heav-en-ly king, al-might-y God and Fa - ther:



We wor-ship You, we give You thanks, we praise You for Your glo-ry.



Lord Je-sus Christ, on-ly Son of the Fa-ther, Lord God, Lamb of God:



You take a - way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.



You are seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa-ther; re-ceive our prayer.



For You a - lone are the Ho - ly One, You a-lone are the Lord,



You a-lone are the Most High, Je-sus Christ, with the Ho-ly Spir-it,



in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

## Salutation and Collect of the Day



**P** The Lord be with you.



**C** And al - so with you.

**P** Let us pray.

Almighty God, You exalted Your Son to the place of all honor and authority. Enlighten our minds by Your Holy Spirit that, confessing Jesus as Lord, we may be led into all truth; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** **Amen.**

*Sit*

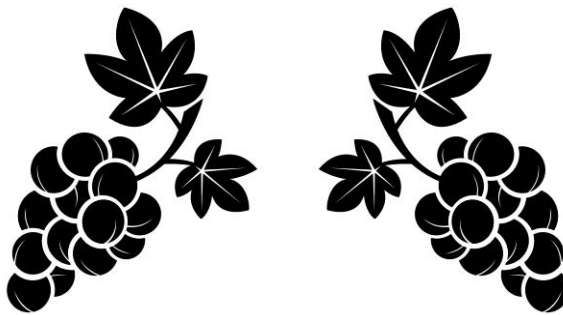
## Old Testament Reading

*Ezekiel 18:1-4, 25-32*

*The Old Testament Reading concludes:*

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

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

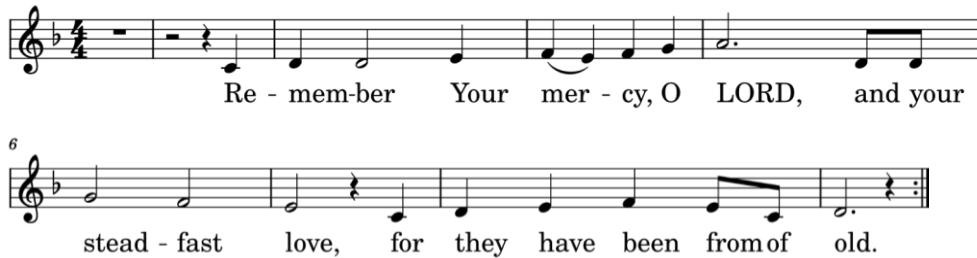


## Psalm

Psalm 25:1–10; antiphon: v. 6

The Psalm will be sung by the choir. The antiphon will be sung once by the choir and the congregation is invited to join each time it is repeated. All will sing the Gloria Patri

Antiphon:



Re - mem - ber Your mer - cy, O LORD, and your  
stead - fast love, for they have been from of old.

Antiphon (all)



<sup>1</sup>To you, | O LORD,\*

I lift | up my soul.

<sup>2</sup>O my God, in you I trust; let me not be | put to shame;\*

let not my enemies exult | over me.

<sup>3</sup>Indeed, none who wait for you shall be | put to shame;\*

they shall be ashamed who are wantonly | treacherous.

<sup>4</sup>Make me to know your ways, | O LORD;\*

teach me | your paths.

Antiphon (all)

<sup>5</sup>Lead me in your truth and teach me, for you are the God of my sal- | vation;\*

for you I wait all the | day long.

<sup>6</sup>Remember your mercy, O LORD, and your | steadfast love;\*

for they have been | from of old.

<sup>7</sup>Remember not the sins of my youth or my trans- | gressions;\*

according to your steadfast love remember me, for the sake of your goodness, | O LORD!

<sup>8</sup>Good and upright | is the LORD;\*

therefore he instructs sinners | in the way.

<sup>9</sup>He leads the humble in | what is right,\*

and teaches the humble | his way.

<sup>10</sup>All the paths of the LORD are steadfast love and | faithfulness,\*

for those who keep his covenant and his testi- | monies.



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.

*Antiphon (all)*

## Epistle

*Philippians 2:1–4, 14–18*

*The Epistle concludes:*

- A** This is the Word of the Lord.
- G** **Thanks be to God.**

*Stand*

## Alleluia and Verse

*John 6:68*

**G** Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the  
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

The image shows two staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp). The first staff begins with a treble clef, a key signature of one sharp (F#), and a 3/4 time signature. The melody consists of quarter and eighth notes. Below the first staff is the text "Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the". The second staff continues the melody with quarter and eighth notes, ending with a double bar line. Below the second staff is the text "words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia."

## Holy Gospel

*Matthew 21:23–27*

- P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the twenty-first chapter.

**G** Glo - ry to You, O Lord.

The image shows a single staff of musical notation in G major (one sharp). The melody consists of quarter and eighth notes, ending with a double bar line. Below the staff is the text "Glo - ry to You, O Lord."

*The Holy Gospel concludes:*

- P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**G** Praise to You, O Christ.

The image shows a single staff of musical notation in G major (one sharp). The melody consists of quarter and eighth notes, ending with a double bar line. Below the staff is the text "Praise to You, O Christ."

*Sit*

## Hymn of the Day

*LSB 655 Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word*

## Sermon

*Stand*

## Apostles' Creed

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

And 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 sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.  
From thence 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  $\dagger$  everlasting. Amen.

## Prayer of the Church

**P** In peace, let us pray to the Lord:

**G** Lord, have mercy.

*Each petition concludes:*

**P** ...let us pray to the Lord:

**G** Lord, have mercy.

*The Prayer of the Church concludes:*

**P** Merciful Lord, in You there is no shadow due to change. Enkindle Your divine light in us, that we may stand united as Christ's own body, holding fast to the word of life and shining brightly in the midst of this world's darkness; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**G** Amen.

*Sit*

## Offering

Your contributions may be given in the offering plate as you enter the sanctuary or by mail to the church office. You can also make a one-time or recurring gift through our online giving page by navigating to [www.stjohnschicago.org/give](http://www.stjohnschicago.org/give), or by scanning the code to the right with your phone.



Stand

## Offertory

*Psalm 116:12–13, 17–19*



What shall I ren-der to the Lord for all His ben-e-fits to  
me? I will of - fer the sac-ri-fice of thanks-giv - ing and will  
call on the name of the Lord. I will take the cup of sal-  
va - tion and will call on the name of the Lord. I will pay my  
vows to the Lord now in the pres-ence of all His peo-ple, in the  
courts of the Lord's house, in the midst of you, O Je - ru - sa-lem.



# Service of the Sacrament

## Preface

*2 Timothy 4:22; [Colossians 3:1]; [Psalm 136]*

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And al - so with you.

**P** Lift up your hearts.

**C** We lift them to the Lord.

**P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**C** It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

**P** It is truly good, right, and salutary . . . evermore praising You and saying:

## Sanctus

*Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 21:9*

**C** Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might:

Heav-en and earth are full of Your glo - ry. Ho - san-na. Ho -

san-na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is He who  
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high - est.

## Prayer of Thanksgiving

- P** Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross.

Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

- G** Amen.

## Lord's Prayer

*Matthew 6:9–13*

- P** Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

- G** **Our Father who art in heaven,**  
**hallowed be Thy name,**  
**Thy kingdom come,**  
**Thy will be done on earth**  
**as it is in heaven;**  
**give us this day our daily bread;**  
**and forgive us our trespasses**  
**as we forgive those**  
**who trespass against us;**  
**and lead us not into temptation,**  
**but deliver us from evil.**  
**For Thine is the kingdom**  
**and the power and the glory**  
**forever and ever. Amen.**

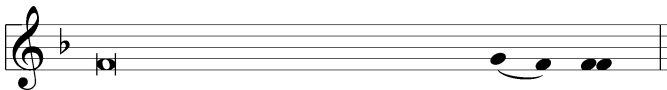
## The Words of Our Lord

**P** Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My  $\text{†}$  body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My  $\text{†}$  blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

## Pax Domini

*John 20:19*



**P** The peace of the Lord be with you al - ways.



**C** A - men.

## Agnus Dei

*John 1:29*



**C** Lamb of God, You take a - way the sin of the world; have



mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a - way the sin of the



world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a - way the



sin of the world; grant us peace.

*Sit*

## Distribution

Guests are asked to please read our “Word Concerning Holy Communion” at the front of this folder.

Catechumens and those preparing to receive the Lord’s Supper may meditate on the texts of the Small Catechism found on p. 321–330 in Lutheran Service Book.

The Lord’s Supper is distributed at the altar rail. Each table is dismissed with the following blessing:

**P** The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting. Depart  $\cdot\ddot{\iota}\cdot$  in peace.

**G** Amen.

## Distribution Hymns

LSB 538 Praise Be to Christ

LSB 622 Lord Jesus Christ, You Have Prepared

Stand

## Thank the Lord

[Psalm 105:1–3, 42–43]; [1 Chronicles 16:8–10]



**G** Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell ev-'ry-one what He has done.



Let all who seek the Lord re - jice and proud-ly bear His name.



He re-calls His prom-is - es and leads His peo-ple forth in joy



with shouts of thanks-giv-ing. Al-le-lu - ia, al-le-lu - ia.

## Post-Communion Collect

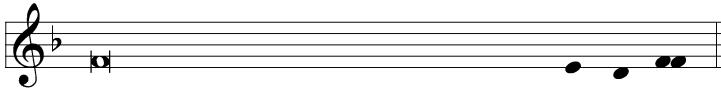
**A** Let us pray.

We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**G** Amen.

## Benediction

Numbers 6:24–26



**P** The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord make His face shine on you  
and be gracious to you.  
The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.



**C** A - men.

## Hymn to Depart

9 a.m. | LSB 857 Lord, Help Us Walk Your Servant Way

## Evening Hymn

6 p.m. | LSB 891 O Light Whose Splendor

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# DAILY PRAYERS

*Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost | Proper 21A*

*The order of Daily Prayer for Individuals and Families can be found in Lutheran Service Book, p. 294–298. Choose the order specific to the time of day for your devotions.*

## Psalmody

	Su	M	Tu	W	Th	F	Sa
Morning	67	51	54	65	143	86	122
Evening	46; 93	85; 47	28; 99	125; 91	81; 116	6; 19	141; 90

## Daily Readings

1 Oct.	Deut. 2:16–37 Matt. 6:16–34	5 Oct.	Deut. 5:1–21 Matt. 8:18–34
2 Oct.	Deut. 3:1–29 Matt. 7:1–12	6 Oct.	Deut. 5:22–6:9 Matt. 9:1–17
3 Oct.	Deut. 4:1–20 Matt. 7:13–29	7 Oct.	Deut. 6:10–25 Matt. 9:18–38
4 Oct.	Deut. 4:21–40 Matt. 8:1–17		

## Hymn of the Week

*655 Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word*

## Catechism

*Learn by Heart the Third Commandment*

*Ages 0–7: Primary text only*

*Ages 7–12: Primary text with explanation*

*Ages 12+: Primary text and explanation. Read Large Catechism 1 78–102*

## Preparing for Next Week

*Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost – Proper 22A*

Setting:	Divine Service, Setting 1
Psalm	80:7–19
Old Testament Reading:	Isaiah 5:1–7
Epistle:	Philippians 3:4b–14
Holy Gospel:	Matthew 21:33–46
Hymn of the Day:	<i>544 O Love, How Deep</i>
Additional hymns:	<i>425 When I Survey the Wondrous Cross</i> <i>637 Draw Near and Take the Body of the Lord</i> <i>680 Thine the Amen, Thine the Praise</i> <i>918 Guide Me, O Thou Great Redeemer</i>
Evening Hymn:	<i>878 Abide with Me</i>



# PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

*Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost*

## Sick, suffering, hospitalized, those in need

**David Lyons** – recovering from surgery  
Anita Roderick – pelvis fracture, in rehab  
Marie – pain relief  
Doreen Green (**Mackie**) Serious medical problems

## Chronic illness

Ginny – breast cancer  
Steve Fricke – liver cancer, chemotherapy  
Kathy - shingles  
Carol **Runge** and **John Wellen** – Parkinsons

## Expectant Mothers

Amy – October  
Emily Baird – October  
**Brigit Callaghan Stacey** - November  
**Jennifer Weith Gulla** – December  
Erica Cooper - December  
Emma Heinz – January  
**Sarah Balsters** – January  
Miranda Haynes - January

## Praise and Thanksgiving

Karl Kuester – home from the hospital

## General Intercessions

- Pray that Mercy can gain weight and reach the 2lb. mark, that her lungs become stronger and her oxygen rises.
- Pray that Wyatt's sight is not affected by his broken orbital bone.

## Schools, Colleges, Universities, & Seminaries of our Synod

### **St. John's Lutheran School**

Stirred to Love Partner – Immanuel, Batavia  
Walther Academy  
Concordia University Chicago  
Concordia Seminary, St. Louis  
Concordia Seminary, Fort Wayne

## Teachers at St. John's School

Mrs. Anne Mette, Teacher Aide

## Synod, District, and Circuit

Matthew Harrison – Synod President  
Allan Buss – District President  
Phil Robarge – Circuit Visitor  
Rev. Delwyn and Lenita Campbell – Missionaries

## Civic Servants

Joe Biden – U.S. President  
Jay Pritzker – Illinois Governor  
Brandon Johnson – Chicago Mayor  
James Gardiner – Ward 45<sup>th</sup> Alderman  
Tammy Duckworth – Illinois Senator  
Dick Durbin – Illinois Senator  
Mike Quigley – U.S. Representative  
Judges and magistrates  
Police, firefighters, first responders  
Military – **Andrew Klein**



# ANNOUNCEMENTS

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## Calendar

Sunday	October 1	9:00am	Divine Worship
		10:15am	Fellowship & Family Bible Hour
		4:30pm	Confirmation Class
		6:00pm	Divine Worship
Monday	October 2	7:00pm	LCC Rehearsal
Tuesday	October 3	3:30pm	Fellowship Room Rental – Girl Scouts
Wednesday	October 4	3:30pm	Handbell Practice
Thursday	October 5	8:45am	Children’s Chapel
		3:30pm	Fellowship Room Rental
		6:30pm	Men’s Basketball
Friday	October 6		No School – Gym Floor Refinishing
Saturday	October 7		
Sunday	October 8	9:00am	Divine Worship
		10:15am	Fellowship & Family Bible Hour
		4:30pm	Confirmation Class
		6:00pm	Divine Worship

## News

**Thought of the Week.** You teach little by what you say, but you teach most by what you are.

**School News.** Our 8<sup>th</sup> grade class will be hosting a Trivia Night on Saturday, November 11<sup>th</sup>. Start getting your table of 8 together and be sure to check the bulletin weekly for the link to sign up. If you have any questions, please contact Michelle Runge at [mrunge@stjohnschicago.org](mailto:mrunge@stjohnschicago.org).

**Portals Of Prayer Available.** A great way to start each day, readings feature a Bible passage, meditation, and prayer in an easy-to-read format. *Portals of Prayer* is great for personal devotion. The new issue can be picked up in the Narthex. Pocket-sized and large print copies are available.

**We Can Use Your Input.** Pastor Ehrhard is looking for feedback from you as he plans the upcoming year of grace at St. John’s beginning in Advent. Please use the following link or QR code to find a questionnaire about the settings of the Divine Service in Lutheran Service Book. <https://forms.gle/xmWhfyhg5>



**Please Be Aware.** that the offices will be closed Monday, October 9<sup>th</sup> for the Columbus Day holiday.

**Gym Floor Refinishing.** starting Friday, October 6<sup>th</sup>. You will not be able to access that area until Friday, October 13<sup>th</sup>.

**All Saints..** St. John's will be remembering those who died in 2023 on Sunday, November 5<sup>th</sup> at all services. If you have someone dear to you who was not a member of St. John's and would like their name to be remembered in prayer on that day, please call the office at 773-736-1112 or email Denise at [dzanders@stjohnschicago.org](mailto:dzanders@stjohnschicago.org).

**PTL News..** Our annual A-Thon is taking place on Thursday, October 26<sup>th</sup>. This year we will be doing a Move-A-Thon! Would you or your company like to be a sponsor for the Move-A-Thon? Each sponsor will have their information put on the back of the T-Shirts that our children can wear every Friday. Please contact PTL at [ptl@stjohnschicago.org](mailto:ptl@stjohnschicago.org) for more information. Sponsorship information must be turned in by October 10<sup>th</sup>.



### **Our Weekly Attendance in the Lord's House**

Sunday, September 24, 2023

9:00 a.m.	61
6:00 p.m.	24