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PROGRAM

Coffee Fellowship Time	Fellowship Hall (L.L.)	9:00 a.m.
Worship	Sanctuary	10:00 a.m.

CHURCH STAFF

POSITION	PERSON	CONTACT
Designated Pastor	J. Martin Westermeyer	Shaman4@zoomtown.com
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Church Office Hours

Monday	9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
Tuesday	Closed
Wednesday	9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
Thursday	Closed
Friday	9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
Calls will be answered off-site on days when the office is closed.	



September 22, 2024
10:00 a.m.
Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost



Prayer of Meditation before Worship

On our way to Worship this day, O God, we discussed many things, but not how to be last of all and servant of all; humble us in this time of Worship, making us like children who are able to accept your wonderful gift and delight in your presence; we ask it in the name of the Son of Man. Amen.

*All who are able are welcome to stand

Welcome

Prelude *Pastorale on “Forest Green”* (Richard Purvis)

Tower Bell

Introit

Holy God, we praise Your name;
Lord of all, we bow before You.
All on earth Your scepter claim;
all in heav'n above adore You.
Infinite, Your vast domain;
everlasting is Your reign.

***Call to Worship**

Into your presence we come together to offer ourselves for spiritual renewal.
We turn to Christ who makes us into his image.
As we forget our striving for affirmation, let us focus on the needs of others first.
We come to the One who embraced the little child.
May we feel the love of Jesus embrace us as we Worship God together!

***Hymn #87** *“Come, Christians, Join to Sing”* (Madrid)

***Prayer of Adoration and Confession**

Glory and honor are yours Almighty God, for allowing us to receive Your Son, Jesus of Nazareth, Son of Man and Son of God, as our Lord and Savior. May this beautiful and mysterious gift fill us with wonder, awe, and appreciation.

O Lord of Hosts, You judge righteously and have tried our hearts and minds; we confess our corruption before you. We have failed to keep your commandments, to obey your law, or to follow your Son. We have deliberately been selfish when you desire us to be selfless. We have been unloving even though you have been loving to us.

O God, we are sorry for our corruption, and we pledge to stop those sins, to turn over to you, and to do what you require of us. Accept our confession and forgive us for the sake of Jesus Christ, who gave us victory over sin and separation from you. Amen.

***Assurance of Grace**

Hear the Good News! God understands our sinful nature, our weaknesses, our failures, and the burden of these upon us. And God's understanding is full of mercy; and God, in Christ, has acted out of great love, that we might be freed from ignorance and the evil effects of sin. Dearly Beloved, believe the Good News!

In Jesus Christ we are forgiven, now and forever. Amen.

***Gloria Patri**

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son
and to the Holy Ghost
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen. Amen.**

(Greateorex)

Scripture Lesson: Psalm 54

Save me, O God, by your name,
and vindicate me by your might.
Hear my prayer, O God;
give ear to the words of my mouth.
For the insolent have risen against me;
the ruthless seek my life;
they do not set God before them. Selah
But surely, God is my helper;
the Lord is the upholder of my life.
He will repay my enemies for their evil.
In your faithfulness, put an end to them.
With a freewill offering I will sacrifice to you;
I will give thanks to your name, O Lord, for it is good.
For he has delivered me from every trouble,
and my eye has looked in triumph on my enemies.

Welcoming and Leading Us This Morning

Preaching Today: Rev. J. Martin Westermeyer

Liturgist: Laura Haas

Organist: Michael Sullivan

Choral Director: Dr. Dobin Park

Sound Technician: Robert Pettus

Greeters: Darlene Knepshield

Ushers: Steve Twehues, Ralph Schoulthies & Mike Hanson

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This Week

- Sunday, September 22:** 10:00 a.m. Worship Service
- Monday, September 23:** 7:00 p.m. AA & Al-Anon Meeting
- Tuesday, September 24:** 7:00 p.m. NA Meeting
- Thursday, September 26:** 3:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m. Yoga Class-Fellowship Hall
7:00 p.m.-8:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal
- Saturday, September 28:** 9:00 a.m. AA Meeting
9:00 a.m.-11:00 a.m. The Chosen
- Sunday, September 29:** 10:00 a.m. Worship Service

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GO IN PEACE, SERVE THE LORD THANKS BE TO GOD!

WELCOME!

Welcome to this house of prayer and Worship!
We pray that your experience of Worship will deepen your faith and prepare you for the week ahead. We believe God's Spirit is present in our listening to the Word and our response of discipleship. In our greeting of one another we sense the presence of Christ.

May you know His grace and peace today!

Please sign the guest register when it comes to your seat.



Flowers at the pulpit are in celebration of the marriage of Michael Liden and Laura Niemeyer on Saturday, September 21, 2024. Michael is the son of Karen Liden. Congratulations Michael and Laura!



Open flower dates are September 29th
To reserve your special date, please call the church office.

BIRTHDAYS FOR THE WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 22ND

September 28th: Sheila Witte

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

St John's Congregational Meeting
Sunday, October 27th - 11:15 a.m.
Sanctuary after Sunday worship

NOMINATIONS FOR 2025 LEADERSHIP TEAM

Nominations are open for the 2025 Leadership Team. If you or another member of St. John's would like to run for a position on the Leadership Team, please contact Past President, Laura Haas to express interest. Positions available are President, Vice President, Treasurer, and Secretary. Questions about each position can be asked of current members of the Leadership Team. Please contact Laura Haas with any additional questions.

Scripture Lesson: James 3:13-4:3, 7-8a

Who is wise and knowledgeable among you? Show by your good life that your works are done with gentleness born of wisdom. But if you have bitter envy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not be arrogant and lie about the truth. This is not wisdom that comes down from above but is earthly, unspiritual, devilish. For where there is envy and selfish ambition, there will also be disorder and wickedness of every kind. But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, willing to yield, full of mercy and good fruits, without a trace of partiality or hypocrisy. And the fruit of righteousness is sown in peace by those who make peace.

Those conflicts and disputes among you, where do they come from? Do they not come from your cravings that are at war within you? You want something and do not have it, so you commit murder. And you covet something and cannot obtain it, so you engage in disputes and conflicts. You do not have because you do not ask. You ask and do not receive because you ask wrongly, in order to spend what you get on your pleasures.

Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you. Cleanse your hands, you sinners, and purify your hearts, you double-minded.

Anthem

"God and God Alone"

(McHugh/McDonald)

God and God alone created all these things we call our own,
From the mighty to the small, the Glory in them all is God's and God's alone

God and God alone reveals the truth of all we call unknown.
And all the best and worst of man won't change the Master's plan. It's God's and God's alone

God and God alone is fit to take the universe's throne
Let everything that lives reserve it's truest praise for God and God alone

God and God alone will be the joy of our eternal home
He will be our one desire, Our hearts will never tire of God and God alone
God and God alone is fit to take the universe's throne
Let everything that lives reserve it's truest praise for God and God alone

Scripture Lesson: Mark 9:30-37

They went on from there and passed through Galilee. He did not want anyone to know it, for he was teaching his disciples, saying to them, "The Son of Man is to be betrayed into human hands, and they will kill him, and three days after being killed, he will rise again." But they did not understand what he was saying and were afraid to ask him.

Then they came to Capernaum, and when he was in the house he asked them, "What were you arguing about on the way?" But they were silent, for on the way they had argued with one another who was the greatest. He sat down, called the twelve, and said to them, "Whoever wants to be first must be last of all and servant of all." Then he took a little child and put it among them, and taking it in his arms he said to them, "Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me."

Sermon “Getting the Questioning Right” Rev. J. Martin Westermeyer

***Affirmation of Faith: Trust In God**
We trust in God, whom Jesus called Abba Father.
In sovereign love God created the world good
and makes everyone equally in God’s image,
male and female, of every race and people, to live as one community.
Loving us still,
God makes us heirs with Christ of the covenant.
Like a mother who will not forsake her nursing child,
like a father who runs to welcome the prodigal home,
God is faithful still.
With believers in every time and place,
we rejoice that nothing in life or death can separate us from
the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.
Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. Amen.

***Hymn #505** “All the Way My Savior Leads Me” (All The Way)

Gathering Together in Prayer
Joys & Concerns – Silent Prayer – Pastoral Prayer
The Lord’s Prayer
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.

Response

Psalm 143:1

Hear Our Prayer, O Lord

The musical score is written for two staves, treble and bass clef, in the key of D major (two sharps) and 4/4 time. The melody is simple and hymn-like. The lyrics are: 'Hear our prayer, O Lord, hear our prayer, O Lord, in - cline thine ear to us, and grant us thy peace. A - men.' The score ends with a double bar line.

WORDS: Psalm 143:1
MUSIC: George Whelpton, 1897

HEAR OUR PRAYER
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Offertory Invitation
The wonderful works of God surround us. How will we show our gratitude? The generosity of God exceeds all our limits. How will our manner of life reflect the abundance of God’s mercy? Surely our offerings are one measure of our response.

Offertory “Celebrate the Joy” (Joseph M. Martin)

Celebrate the joy of the Lord with glad singing
Magnify the Lord on high
Celebrate the joy of the Lord with glad music.
Lift up your voice to the sky. Lift praises on high.
Let ev’ry alleluia be raised. Give to the Lord the honor and praise.
Shout to the world His glorious name,
for great are the works of the Lord, our God.
Gloria, Gloria, Deo. Alleluia
Praise God from Whom all blessings flow.
Praise Him all creatures here below.
Praise Him above ye heav’nly hosts.
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.
Let ev’ry alleluia you sing glorify God and honor the King.
This is the day for praises to ring,
for great are the works of the Lord, our God.

***Doxology** (Lasst Uns Erfreuen)

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise God, all creatures here below:
Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise God, the source of all our gifts!
Praise Jesus Christ, whose power up-lifts!
Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

***Prayer of Dedication**
O God, we offer these gifts to You, to be dedicated to Your use. We also offer ourselves, O God, with great expectations of receiving Your wisdom, peace, reason, mercy, and good fruits. We offer You our sincerity as those who work for You in this world. It is in Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

***Hymn #570** “As Saints of Old Their First-fruits Brought” (Forest Green)

***Benediction**

***Choral Response**

Postlude “St. Anthony Chorale” (arr. David Johnson)