



PRELUDE

“Prelude, Fugue, and Chaconne” by Dietrich Buxtehude, organ

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP

We come to celebrate God’s blessings to us. and we proclaim:

All are welcome in this place.

Today we hear the story of dinner guests trying to get the best seat at the table.

Jesus invites us to welcome those that cannot reciprocate.

All are welcome in this place.

Not only do we invite those who cannot repay us, but we are the invited ones who cannot repay God’s generosity towards us.

All are welcome in this place.

We come to see God in community both far and near, and we hold fast to the promise:

All are welcome in this place.

Let us worship our God of grace and hope together.

Amen!

HYMN

“Welcome Table”

- 1 I'm a-goin'-a eat at the welcome table,
I'm a-goin'-a eat at the welcome table,
some of these days.
I'm a-goin'-a eat at the welcome table,
I'm goin'-a eat at the welcome table,
some of these days.
- 2 I'm a-goin'-a feast on milk and honey,
I'm a-goin'-a feast on milk and honey,
some of these days.

- I'm a-goin'-a feast on milk and honey,
I'm goin'-a feast on milk and honey,
some of these days.
- 3 I'm a-goin'-a wade 'cross Jordan's river,
I'm a-goin'-a wade 'cross Jordan's river,
some of these days.
I'm a-goin'-a wade 'cross Jordan's river,
I'm goin'-a wade 'cross Jordan's river,
some of these days.

GREETING

KYRIE

Refrain



Ky-ri - e e - lei - son, on our world and on our way.



Ky-ri - e e - lei - son, ev-'ry day.



1 For peace in the world, for the health of the church, for the
2 That we may live out your im - passioned re - sponse to the
3 For peace in our hearts, . . . for peace in our homes, . . . for
4 For your Spir - it to guide; that you cen - ter our lives in the



u - ni - ty of all; for
hun - gry and the poor; that
friends and fam - i - ly; for
wa - ter and the word; that you



this ho - ly house, for all who wor-ship and praise,
we may live out . . . truth and jus - tice and grace,
life and for love, . . . for our work and our play,
nour-ish our souls . . . with your bod - y and blood,



Refrain
let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

O God,
you resist those who are proud and give grace to those who are humble.
Give us the humility of your Son,
that we may embody the generosity of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
Amen.

SCRIPTURE

Proverbs 25:6-7a
Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



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, al - le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia.



Al-le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

GOSPEL

The holy gospel according to St. Luke, the 14th chapter.
Glory to you, O Lord.

Luke 14:1, 7-14

The gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

“Those Who Humble Themselves”, Pastor Karen Natterstad

SERMON SONG

“All Are Welcome”

- 1 Let us build a house where love can dwell
and all can safely live,
a place where saints and children tell
how hearts learn to forgive.
Built of hopes and dreams and visions,
rock of faith and vault of grace;
here the love of Christ shall end divisions:

Refrain

All are welcome, all are welcome,
all are welcome in this place.

- 2 Let us build a house where prophets speak,
and words are strong and true,
where all God's children dare to seek
to dream God's reign anew.
Here the cross shall stand as witness
and as symbol of God's grace;
here as one we claim the faith of Jesus: *Refrain*

- 3 Let us build a house where love is found
in water, wine and wheat:
a banquet hall on holy ground

where peace and justice meet.
Here the love of God, through Jesus,
is revealed in time and space;
as we share in Christ the feast that frees us:
Refrain

- 4 Let us build a house where hands will reach
beyond the wood and stone
to heal and strengthen, serve and teach,
and live the Word they've known.
Here the outcast and the stranger
bear the image of God's face;
let us bring an end to fear and danger: *Refrain*

- 5 Let us build a house where all are named,
their songs and visions heard
and loved and treasured, taught and claimed
as words within the Word.
Built of tears and cries and laughter,
prayers of faith and songs of grace,
let this house proclaim from floor to rafter:
Refrain

APOSTLES' CREED

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

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead.**

**On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

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

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

SHARING OF THE PEACE

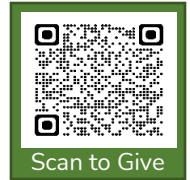
OFFERING

“For the Beauty of the Earth” arr. by Billy Madison, flute

Offering is an act of worship – giving back to God in response to the blessings, grace, and love received.

Offering may be given by:

- *Going to our website makedisciples.com and clicking on “Ways to Give”*
- *Scanning this QR code.*
- *Texting to Give to 844-605-2105*
- *Mailing to St. John’s Lutheran, 20275 Davidson Road, Brookfield, WI 53045*



OFFERTORY

“Good Soil”

Lord, let my heart be good soil,
open to the seed of your word.
Lord, let my heart be good soil,
where love can grow and peace is understood.
When my heart is hard,
break the stone away.
When my heart is cold,
warm it with the day.
When my heart is lost,
lead me on your way.
Lord, let my heart, Lord, let my heart,
Lord, let my heart be good soil.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Trusting in God’s mercy, let us confess our sin
in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Merciful and loving God,
we are your stiff-necked people.
We trample on the needy.
We grumble about your grace to others.
We turn away from the poor.
Have mercy on us and forgive our sins.
Rejoice over us as ones who were lost
and have been found.
Amen.

Even when we are faithless, God remains faithful.
Jesus Christ came into the world to save sinners.
You who were lost have been found.
In the name of ✝ Jesus, your sins are forgiven!
Amen.

HOLY COMMUNION

Words of Institution

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.

Lamb of God



Distribution

Please self-serve your communion.

Whatever you have to represent the bread and wine is acceptable.

COMMUNION BLESSING AND PRAYER

ANNOUNCEMENTS (See last page)

BENEDICTION

SENDING SONG

- 1 Lord, dismiss us with your blessing,
fill our hearts with joy and peace;
let us each, your love possessing,
triumph in redeeming grace.
Oh, refresh us; oh, refresh us,
trav'ling through this wilderness.
- 2 Thanks we give and adoration
for your gospel's joyful sound.
May the fruits of your salvation

“Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing”

in our hearts and lives abound.
Ever faithful, ever faithful
to your truth may we be found.

- 3 Savior, when your love shall call us
from our struggling pilgrim way,
let no fear of death appall us,
glad your summons to obey.
May we ever, may we ever
reign with you in endless day.

DISMISSAL.

Go in peace. Following Jesus, making disciples, serving the world.
Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

“Menuet from Suite Gothique” by L. Boellmann, organ

WORSHIP TEAM

Pastor: Pr. Karen Natterstad

Organist/Music Director: Becky Whelpley

Flute: Anna Sitterly

Lector: Kathy Davis

AV: Pam Klink, Penny Holt

Announcements

Altar Flowers

Today's altar flowers are provided by Patrice Krimpelbein in memory of Gary Krimpelbein.

Please use the signups on the website to provide altar flowers to honor a loved one or to celebrate an event.

On the Calendar

- Sep 2 quilting ministry (6:00p)
- Sep 3 retired men's breakfast (8:30a)
choir rehearsal begins (6:30p)
- Sept 7 worship (8:30a)
Ministry Fair (9:30a)
Sunday School (9:45a)
worship (10:45a)
- Sep 9 handbell rehearsal begins (6:30p)
- Sep 10 Morning Circle (9:30a)
- Sep 13 Women of ELCA event
- Sep 14 women's outing (2:00p)
- Sep 21 Travel to Tanzania info meeting (9:45a)
- Sep 27 Outreach for Hope bike/run/walk

September Outreach Focus is El Salvador

During the month of September, we will focus our outreach offering on health-related items for El Salvador. The items will be used in the community clinic attached to the church and for the Days for Girls Washable Menstruation kits. Your donations will bless many.

Needed items:

- Boxes of 1" (all the same size) adhesive bandages
- Boxes of L or XL adhesive bandages (2" x 4")
- Boxes of individually wrapped alcohol wipes
- Packages/Boxes of gauze sponges (4" x 4")
- Boxes of disposable exam gloves (size S, M)
- Boxes of masks (children & adult, surgical or KN95)
- Children's chewable vitamins (not gummies)
- Adult Multi-Vitamins (not gummies)
- Girls/Women's cotton underpants (Girl sizes M, L; Women sizes S, M, L) (not white)
- 12" or 13" cotton washcloths (darker colors)
- New, cotton flannel (dark, bright patterns, pre-washed)
- New 100% cotton fabrics (bright patterns)
- PUL fabric (white, solid color, or patterned)

Please do NOT donate open packages or medications. Thank you.

Rally Day is September 7

We kick off our program year on September 7.

- Rally together in worship at 8:30 and 10:45.
- Rally together to celebrate a new program year in Sunday School at 9:45 with a large group gathering in the sanctuary.
- Rally together at the Ministry Fair, between services from 9:30-10:45, to find ways to connect to and serve your community – both inside and outside of St John's.



Register Youth for Fall Programming

Register for 2025-26



Only one registration form is needed per family. Registration covers Sunday School, Kids of the Kingdom, Confirmation, youth group, and everything else that includes the youth.

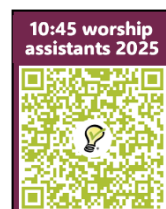
Women's Outing

ALL ladies and friends from St John's are invited to a casual social gathering on Sunday, September 14, 2-5 pm. New location this year ... Nixon Park Beer Garden in Hartland! Beverages and limited food are available for purchase or just show up for the socializing! Please bring a chair. Contact Sonja Beyerlein with questions at 262.510.7547.

Sign Up to Serve in September



Usher. Lector. AV. Communion Assistant. Use these QR codes to sign up to serve as a worship assistant in September.



Travel to Tanzania in 2026

We are traveling to visit our partners in Tanzania. You are invited to join the delegation! Pray about it and attend the information meeting on September 21, at 9:45, between services.