



PRELUDE

hymn sing

WELCOME

SONG

Refrain

Let us go now to the banquet,
to the feast of the universe.
The table's set and a place is waiting;
come, ev'ryone, with your gifts to share.

- 1 I will rise in the early morning;
the community's waiting for me.
With a spring in my step I'm walking
with my friends and my family. Refrain

“Let Us Go Now to the Banquet”

- 2 God invites all the poor and hungry
to the banquet of justice and good
where the harvest will not be hoarded
so that no one will lack for food. Refrain
- 3 May we build such a place among us
where all people are equal in love.
God has called us to work together
and to share ev'rything we have. Refrain

CALL TO WORSHIP (Psalm 26:6-8)

I will wash my hands in innocence, O LORD,
that I may go in procession round your altar,
⁷ singing aloud a song of thanksgiving
and recounting all your wonderful deeds.
⁸ LORD, I love the house in which you dwell
and the place where your glory abides.
Come, let us worship our Lord.

GREETING

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.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray together:

O God, we thank you for your Son, who chose the path of suffering for the sake of the world. Humble us
by his example, point us to the path of obedience, and give us strength to follow your commands,
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SCRIPTURE

Romans 12:9-21

ALLELUIA VERSE

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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.

SCRIPTURE:

The holy gospel according to St. Matthew, the 16th chapters.

Glory to you, O Lord.

Matthew 16:21-28

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

“Have the Courage” Linda Muth

SERMON SONG

- 1 You have come down to the lakeshore
seeking neither the wise nor the wealthy,
but only asking for me to follow.

Refrain

Sweet Lord, you have looked into my eyes;
kindly smiling, you've called out my name.
On the sand I have abandoned my small boat;
now with you, I will seek other seas.

“You Have Come Down to the Lakeshore”

- 2 You know full well what I have, Lord:
neither treasure nor weapons for conquest,
just these my fish nets and will for working.
Refrain
- 3 You need my hands, my exhaustion,
working love for the rest of the weary--
a love that's willing to go on loving. *Refrain*
- 4 You who have fished other waters;
you, the longing of souls that are yearning:
O loving Friend, you have come to call me.
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

Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

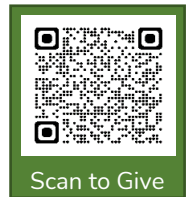
SHARING OF THE PEACE

OFFERING "How Can I Keep from Singing" arr. by Mary Lynn Lightfoot, trio

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.
- Mailing to St. John's Lutheran, 20275 Davidson Road, Brookfield, WI 53045



OFFERTORY

Give thanks with a grateful heart,
give thanks to the Holy One,
give thanks because he's given Jesus Christ, his Son.
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And now let the weak say, "I am strong,"
let the poor say, "I am rich,"
because of what the Lord has done for us.
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because of what the Lord has done for us.
Give thanks!

"Give Thanks"

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Let us confess our sin to God.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Compassionate God,
we confess to you all our sins.
Our burden is heavy, and we cannot free ourselves.
In your mercy, call us back to you.
Restore us to dwell in your peace.
In Christ's name we pray,
Amen.

Jesus says, "Come to me,
all you who are weary
and are carrying heavy burdens,
and I will give you rest."
In the name of God,
Father, ✠ Son, and Holy Spirit,
your sins are forgiven.
Rest in God's love. **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.

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)

THANKING BECKY FOR HER MINISTRY AT ST. JOHN'S

SENDING SONG

- 1 This little light of mine, I'm goin'-a let it shine;
this little light of mine, I'm goin'-a let it shine;
this little light of mine, I'm goin'-a let it shine,
let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.
- 2 Ev'rywhere I go, I'm goin'-a let it shine;
ev'rywhere I go, I'm goin'-a let it shine;
ev'rywhere I go, I'm goin'-a let it shine,
let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

“This Little Light of Mine”

- 3 Jesus gave it to me, I'm goin'-a let it shine;
Jesus gave it to me, I'm goin'-a let it shine;
Jesus gave it to me, I'm goin'-a let it shine,
let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

DISMISSAL

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

POSTLUDE

Today's Worship Team:

Presiding Pastor:	Pr. Paul Bulgerin
Sermon:	Linda Muth
Assisting Minister:	Brent Logan
Welcome:	Kathy Davis, President
Organist/Music Director:	Becky Whelpley
Guitar/Vocals:	Kenn Anderson
Trio	Sandy Landgren, Patrice Krimpelbein, Karen Aamot
Lector:	Chris Klink
Ushers:	Ralph Berglund, Dave Yourell
Communion Set Up:	Sandy Paukner
Communion Server:	Jill Dahlgren, Barry Dahlgren, Mary Wagner
Greeters:	Linda Brazin, Carrie Peters, Jude Peters, Huxley Peters
AV:	Phil Peters, Gregg Everts
Coffee Host:	Linnea Logan

Announcements

Worshiping

Altar Flowers

Today's altar flowers are provided by Tim and Mary Tollander in celebration of the birth of their grandson, Staten Michael.

Please use the signups on the website to provide altar flowers to honor a loved one or to celebrate an event. Cost of the arrangements is \$50.

On the Calendar

Sep 11-13 9th Grade Retreat at Lutherdale
 Sep 13 Rally Day
 regular worship times resume
 Sep 20 Youth Gathering Info Meeting (9:45a)

Serving and Connecting

Job Opportunity

Do you know a talented church musician? St. John's is seeking a part-time Music Director to be the overall leader of our various music programs, primary organist and choir director. Help us spread the word!

A complete position description is available at the St. John's website <https://makedisciples.com/resources/job-opportunities/>. Applicants should submit their resumes to info@stjohnsbrookfield.org by September 15, 2026.

Sunday School Volunteer

Have a love to share with the children of St. John's? Consider sharing your time and gifts with our students on Sunday Mornings as part of our Large Group Sunday School team or as a Preschool Small Group Leader. Please reach out to Joanna at jsalinas@stjohnsbrookfield.org to discuss possibilities!



To see all the current announcements, subscribe to our weekly Happenings email via our website.

Growing

Handbells Invitation

The St. John's Handbell Choir has openings beginning this fall, and we would love to welcome you! Whether you are interested in ringing year-round or seasonally, there is a place for YOU.

Come be part of something special and experience the fun, fellowship, and music of handbells!

Contact Heidi Bischmann at hbischmann@gmail.com or

Registration is Open!

Registration is open for fall programming at St. John's.

Who needs to register? Every child involved in programming at St. John's.

What programming needs registration? Sunday School, confirmation, Kids of the Kingdom, Middle School Group, and High School Youth Group,

That seems like a lot of registration forms! Good news! Only one registration form is needed per family.

How do we register? Simply scan this QR code, go to our website (makedisciples.com) or use this link: <https://forms.cloud.microsoft/r/XrGMdtZ2Q8>



Sunday School Begins September 13

Join us September 13, 2026 for Rally Day and the first day of Sunday School! Meet as families in the Sanctuary at 9:45.

Regular Sunday School will begin the following week. At St. John's, Sunday School is for ages 2 – 5th grade. 6th graders and up should meet in the Paul Room for Youth Leadership Team on Sunday mornings.

