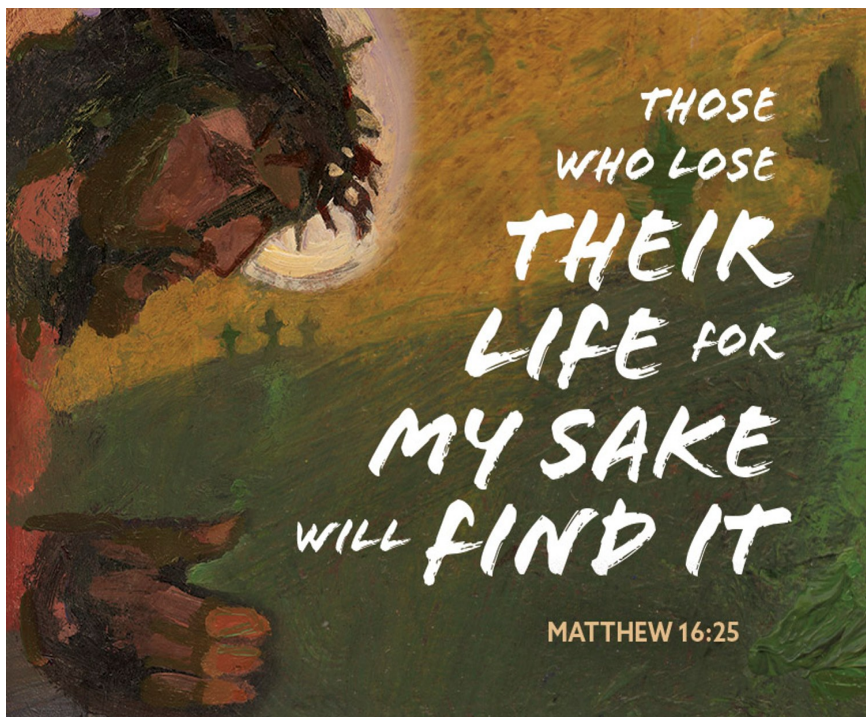




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FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Service of the Word

Leader: People of St. John, what is our purpose?

All: To live for the Lord who made us, to love as Jesus taught us, and to serve where the Spirit leads us.

PRELUDE

+ GATHERING SONG *Lord of All Hopefulness*
Please use your Green LBW Hymnal for hymn # #469.

#469

+ GREETING

P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. (2 Corinthians 13:13)

C And also with you.

P You are the treasured people of the Lord,

C a people holy to the Lord our God.

P Keep the words of the Lord in your heart; teach them to your children,

P Talk about them when you are at home and when you are away, when you lie down and when you rise.

P One does not live by bread alone,

C but by every word that comes from the mouth of the Lord.

+ SCRIPTURE SONG



☐ Sal-va-tion be-longs to our God and to Christ the Lamb for-ev-er and ev-er.



① Great and won-der-ful are your deeds, O God of the u-ni-verse;



just and true are your ways, O Rul-er of all the na-tions.



Who can fail to hon-or you, Lord, and sing the glo-ry of your name?



☩ Sal-va-tion be-longs to our God and to Christ the Lamb for-ev-er and ev - er.



II For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One. All



na - tions will draw near and wor - ship be - fore you,



for your just and ho - ly works have been re - vealed.



☩ Sal-va-tion be-longs to our God and to Christ the Lamb for-ev-er and ev - er.

+ PRAYER OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

C Let us pray 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 SERMON

Children will be dismissed to Children's Church following the Children's Sermon

FIRST READING Jeremiah 15:15-21

¹⁵ O LORD, you know;
remember me and visit me,
and bring down retribution for me on my persecutors.

In your forbearance do not take me away;
know that on your account I suffer insult.

¹⁶ Your words were found, and I ate them,
and your words became to me a joy

and the delight of my heart,
 for I am called by your name,
 O LORD, God of hosts.
¹⁷ I did not sit in the company of merry-makers,
 nor did I rejoice;
 under the weight of your hand I sat alone,
 for you had filled me with indignation.
¹⁸ Why is my pain unceasing,
 my wound incurable,
 refusing to be healed?
 Truly, you are to me like a deceitful brook,
 like waters that fail.
¹⁹ Therefore thus says the LORD:
 If you turn back, I will take you back,
 and you shall stand before me.
 If you utter what is precious and not what is worthless,
 you shall serve as my mouth.
 It is they who will turn to you,
 not you who will turn to them.
²⁰ And I will make you to this people
 a fortified wall of bronze;
 they will fight against you,
 but they shall not prevail over you,
 for I am with you
 to save you and deliver you,
 says the LORD.
²¹ I will deliver you out of the hand of the wicked
 and redeem you from the grasp of the ruthless.

PSALM: 26:1-8

P ¹ Give judgment for me, O LORD, for I have lived with integrity;
 I have trusted in the LORD and have not faltered.
 C ² **Test me, O LORD, and try me;
 examine my heart and my mind.**
 P ³ For your steadfast love is before my eyes;
 I have walked faithfully with you.
 C ⁴ **I have not sat with the worthless,
 nor do I consort with the deceitful.**
 P ⁵ I have hated the company of evildoers;
 I will not sit down with the wicked.
 C ⁶ **I will wash my hands in innocence, O LORD,
 that I may go in procession round your altar,**
 P ⁷ singing aloud a song of thanksgiving
 and recounting all your wonderful deeds.
 C ⁸ **LORD, I love the house in which you dwell
 and the place where your glory abides.**

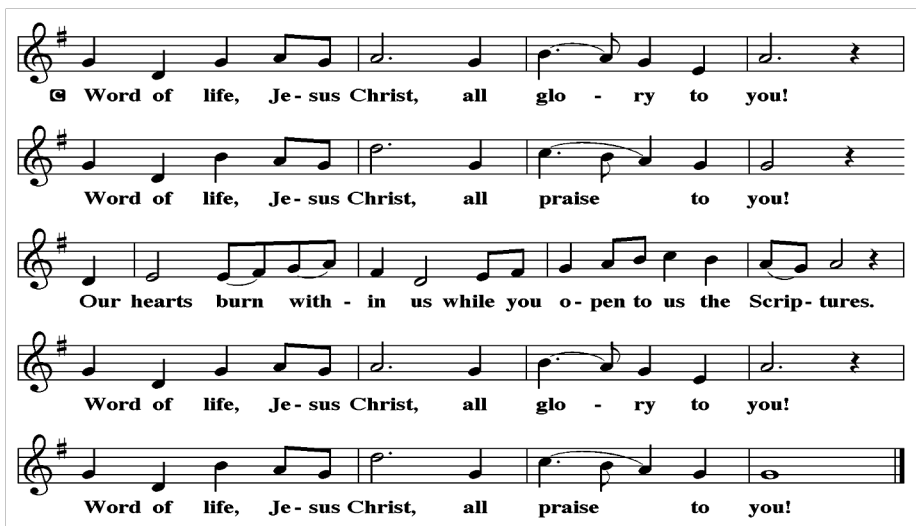
SECOND READING: Romans 12:9-21

⁹ Let love be genuine; hate what is evil; hold fast to what is good; ¹⁰ love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honor. ¹¹ Do not lag in zeal; be ardent in spirit; serve the Lord. ¹² Rejoice in hope; be patient in affliction; persevere in prayer. ¹³ Contribute to the needs of the saints; pursue hospitality to strangers.

¹⁴ Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. ¹⁵ Rejoice with those who rejoice; weep with those who weep. ¹⁶ Live in harmony with one another; do not be arrogant, but associate with the lowly; do not claim to be wiser than you are. ¹⁷ Do not repay anyone evil for evil, but take thought for what is noble in the sight of all. ¹⁸ If it is possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. ¹⁹ Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave room for the wrath of God, for it is written, "Vengeance is mine; I will repay, says the Lord." ²⁰

Instead, "if your enemies are hungry, feed them; if they are thirsty, give them something to drink, for by doing this you will heap burning coals on their heads." ²¹ Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

+ GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Word of life, Je- sus Christ, all glo - ry to you!

Word of life, Je- sus Christ, all praise to you!

Our hearts burn with - in us while you o- pen to us the Scrip- tures.

Word of life, Je- sus Christ, all glo - ry to you!

Word of life, Je- sus Christ, all praise to you!

+ THE GOSPEL: Matthew 16:21-28

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew the 16th chapter.

C Glory to you, O Lord.

²¹ From that time on, [after Peter confessed that Jesus was the Messiah.] Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and undergo great suffering at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes and

be killed and on the third day be raised. ²² And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, “God forbid it, Lord! This must never happen to you.” ²³

But he turned and said to Peter, “Get behind me, Satan! You are a hindrance to me, for you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things.”

²⁴ Then Jesus told his disciples, “If any wish to come after me, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. ²⁵ For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it. ²⁶ For what will it profit them if they gain the whole world but forfeit their life? Or what will they give in return for their life?

²⁷ “For the Son of Man is to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will repay everyone for what has been done. ²⁸ Truly I tell you, there are some standing here who will not taste death before they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom.”

P The Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ

SERMON

Pastor Jordan

SILENCE FOR REFLECTION

HYMN OF THE DAY

Jesus, Still Lead On

#341



1 Je - sus, still lead on, till our rest be won; and, al - though the
2 If the way be drear, if the foe be near, let no faith - less
3 When we seek re - lief from a long - felt grief, when temp - ta - tions
4 Je - sus, still lead on, till our rest be won; heav'n - ly lead - er,



way be cheer - less, we will fol - low, calm and fear - less;
fears o'er - take us, let not faith and hope for - sake us;
come al - lur - ing make us pa - tient and en - dur - ing;
still di - rect us, still sup - port, con - sole, pro - tect us,



guide us by your hand to our Fa - ther's land.
safe - ly past the foe to our home we go.
show us that bright shore where we weep no more.
till we safe - ly stand in our Fa - ther's land.

+ APOSTLES' CREED

P God has made us his people through our Baptism into Christ. Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith.

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

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.

**He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the virgin Mary.**

**He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.**

He descended into hell.*

On the third day he rose again.

**He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

He will come again 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**

+ THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

P With bold trust in God's unfailing provision, we pray for the church, those in need, and all of God's creation.

A brief silence.

P For the church in every land, that its mission and ministry is anchored in the love of Christ. When threats or challenges arise, teach us to take up our cross and follow you in faith. Merciful God,

C receive our prayer.

P For the well-being of your creation, that all that lives and grows on the earth may thrive. Bring relief to areas ravaged by droughts, floods, fires, storms, and other disasters (*especially*). Merciful God,

C receive our prayer.

P For the nations and all in authority, that they seek to live in peace with one another. Bless the work of international and diplomatic organizations and all who work to bring peace to a world scarred by violence. Merciful God,

C receive our prayer.

P For all those in need, that they be satisfied. Ensure all your children have safe access to food, water, shelter, and medical care. Bring healing to all who bear wounds in body, mind, and spirit (*especially*). Merciful God,

C receive our prayer.

P For the congregation gathered here to serve you, that they remain strong in faith and united in purpose. Guide our committees, study groups, and other meetings toward honesty and humility, always seeking genuine love. Merciful God,

C receive our prayer.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

P For the faithful departed, that their witness continues to strengthen and guide the church. Renew our hope in your promises in this life and the life to come. Merciful God,

C receive our prayer.

P Receive our prayers and answer, O God, as you have promised. All this we ask in the name of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

C Amen.

SERVICE FOR HEALING

Our Lord Jesus healed many as a sign of the reign of God come near and sent the disciples to continue this work of healing - with prayer, laying on of hands, and anointing. In the name of Christ, the great healer and reconciler of the world, we now entrust to God all who are in need of healing.

Sisters and brothers, I invite you to come and receive a sign of healing and wholeness.

(Individuals are invited to come forward to receive a blessing of healing. Anyone who cannot come forward but would like a healing blessing can raise his or her hand and pastor will come to you.) (Following the laying on of hands)

Let us pray

Living God, through the laying on of hands and anointing grant comfort in suffering to all who are afflicted, give them patience; when dejected, give them hope; and when alone, assure them of the support of your holy people. We ask this through Christ our Lord. **Amen**

+ PEACE

P Sisters and brothers, rejoice. Mend your ways, encourage one another, agree with one another, live in peace. *(2 Corinthians 13:11)*

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C And also with you.

The minister and congregation may greet one another with a gesture of peace, using these or similar words:

Peace be with you.

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

OFFERING

+ OFFERTORY



Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re-new a right spir -
it with-in me. Cast me not a-way from your pres-ence, and take
not your Ho - ly Spir - it from me. Re-store to me the
joy of your sal-va - tion, and up-hold me with your free Spir - it.

+ OFFERTORY PRAYER

P Let us pray.

P God, our Creator,

C you open wide your hand and satisfy the desire of every creature. With these gifts we bless you for your tender nurture and care. Help us to delight in your will and walk in your ways, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

+ THE LORD'S PRAYER

(Matthew 6:9-13)

C 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

+ BLESSING

P Almighty God, Father, ✚ Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

C Amen

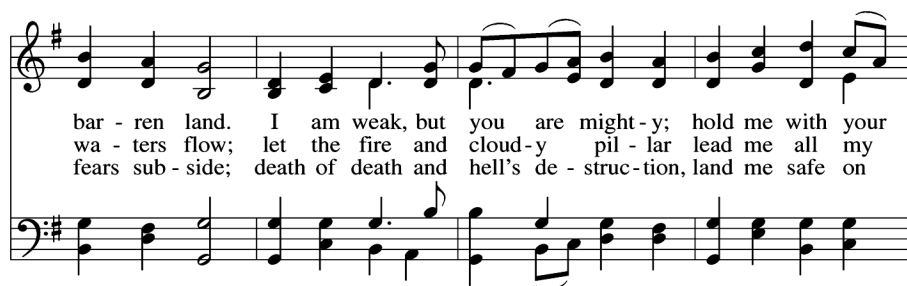
+ SENDING SONG

Guild Me Ever Great Redeemer

#343



1 Guide me ev - er, great Re - deem - er, pil - grim through this
 2 O - pen now the crys - tal foun - tain where the heal - ing
 3 When I tread the verge of Jor - dan, bid my anx - ious



bar - ren land. I am weak, but you are might - y; hold me with your
 wa - ters flow; let the fire and cloud - y pil - lar lead me all my
 fears sub - side; death of death and hell's de - struc - tion, land me safe on



pow'r - ful hand. Bread of heav - en, bread of heav - en,
 jour - ney through. Strong de - liv - 'rer, strong de - liv - 'rer,
 Ca - naan's side. Songs and prais - es, songs and prais - es,



feed me now and ev - er - more, feed me now and ev - er - more.
 shield me with your might - y arm, shield me with your might - y arm.
 I will raise for - ev - er - more, I will raise for - ev - er - more.

+ Dismissal

P	Go in peace.
Children	Serve the Lord.
C	Thanks be to God.

Postlude

+Stand as you are able

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Rick Williams

WELCOME TO ST. JOHN LUTHERAN CHURCH. We are pleased you are here. If you are visiting with us this morning, please sign our guest book in the entrance area. We hope you will join us again very soon.

LET US PRAY FOR: Dale Ramey, Emily Smith, Peggy Butler, Roberta Sommer, Patricia Cavendish, Jim Skipworth, Galen Gleim, Grace Mootz, Marcella Mootz, Kay Staker, Kimberly Tolliver, Bill Murphy, Linda Martin, Melaine Hawk, Nicholas Young, Rod Schneider, Brenda Moore, Ken Staker, Greg Piguet, Mary McQuay, Chris Parish, Tom Bussler, Kendra Hughes, Jeff Dettwiller, Luke White, Jack Clevenger, Bob Rase, Glenn Rase, Jim Webb, Leah Willis, Dennis Klaiber, Cheryl Crank, Judy Buknis, Shanna Garrett, Belford Sexson, Linda Sexson, Derrick Gleim, Dorrita Gleim, Mackenzie Gleim, Owen Wilburn, Wendi Waugh, Carol Easter, David Otworth, Congregation of the Mountain Church in Asmushausen, Germany, the members of our armed forces, and those we hold privately in our hearts.

TODAY we will be offering prayers for healing and laying on the hands during worship. Those who would like to participate will come forward like we do for communion and receive a personal prayer and laying on of hands for healing from Pastor Brent. A service of prayer for healing and wholeness is not a new activity for the church. Healing service are an ancient and accepted practice. Numerous prayers for healing are as old as the Bible itself. The book of James, for one, states that “If anyone is sick, call the elders and pray for that person with oil in the name of the Lord.” James 5:14 As Christians, we believe Jesus is the physician of our souls. We look to his healing strength that reaches to every level of our being. All are invited to come forward for a prayer of healing. This healing service will be added to our regular worship on every 5th Sunday. The next healing service will be on Sunday, November 29.

BLANKET PROJECT GROUP meets Tuesday mornings at 10:00 a.m.

LECTIONARY BIBLE STUDY at the church. on Thursday, September 10 at 10:00 a.m. We’ll discuss the upcoming Sunday’s scripture passages, making observations and asking question.

JOIN PASTOR TIM for Coffee Hour on September 12 at 10:30 a.m. at Adam’s Flying Pig. This coffee hour will be a weekly occurrence.

SUNDAY SCHOOL for all ages at church on Sunday, September 13 at 9:00 a.m.

This Week at St. John

Today—*Fourteenth Sunday of Pentecost*

10:00 a.m. **Worship**—Healing Service

Tuesday

10:00a.m. Blanket Project

Next Sunday—*Fifteenth Sunday of Pentecost*

10:00 a.m. **Worship**—*Holy Communion*

Attendance

2026 Average	65
2025 Average	62

Serving Next Sunday, September 6

Organist

Leigh Ann Henry

Worship Assistant

Vivian Riffel

Lay Reader

James Hayman

Prayer Leader

James Hayman

Greeter

James & Kym Hayman

Acolytes

Altar Committee Sherry Mullins, Kendra Hughes, Vicki Nye-Titus

Council President

Rick Williams

CELEBRATING THIS WEEK

BIRTHDAYS: Don Gleim, Jr., Everett Hatfield, Drew DeGonzague, Virginia Nickel, Ralph Scott, George Moore, Carolyn Piguet

BAPTISMS: Brenda Moore, John Williams

ANNIVERSARIES: Jerry & Debbie Clevenger

IF WE MISSED ANYONE please let Vicki Bradley know so we can add you to the list.

Coming Events

Sunday, August 30 during worship Healing Service

Tuesday, September 1 at 10:00 a.m. Blanket Project

Wednesday, September 2 at 7:00 p.m. Choir Practice

Tuesday, September 8 at 10:00 a.m. Blanket Project

Wednesday, September 9 at 7:00 p.m. Choir Practice

Thursday, September 10 at 6:00 p.m.
Welcome & Witness Committee Meeting

Saturday, September 12 at 10:30 a.m. Coffee Hour with Pastor Tim
at Adam's Flying Pig

Tuesday, September 15 at 10:00 a.m. Blanket Project

Wednesday, September 16 at 7:00 p.m. Choir Practice

Sunday, September 20 at 11:00 a.m. Church Council Meeting

Tuesday, September 22 at 10:00 a.m. Blanket Project

Wednesday, September 23 at 7:00 p.m. Choir Practice

Saturday, September 26 at 4:30 p.m. Yard Games at St. John

Tuesday, September 29 at 10:00 a.m. Blanket Project

Wednesday, September 30 at 7:00 p.m. Choir Practice

Wednesday, October 7 at 7:00 p.m. Choir Practice

Thursday, October 8 at 6:00 p.m. Welcome & Witness Committee Meeting

Wednesday, October 14 at 7:00 p.m. Choir Practice

Saturday, October 17 Fall Festival at 3:00 p.m.

Sunday, October 18 at 11:00 a.m. Church Council Meeting

Wednesday, October 14 21 at 7:00 p.m. Choir Practice

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Wednesday, November 4 at 7:00 p.m. Choir Practice

Wednesday, November 11 at 7:00 p.m. Choir Practice

Thursday, November 12 at 6:00 p.m.
Welcome & Witness Committee Meeting

Friday, November 13 at 6:00 p.m. Game Night

Sunday, November 15 at 11:00 a.m. Church Council Meeting

Wednesday, November 18 at 7:00 p.m. Choir Practice

Sunday, November 29 Healing Service

Wednesday, November 7 at 7:00 p.m. Choir Practice

Wednesday, November December 9 at 7:00 p.m. Choir Practice

Thursday, December 10 at 6:00 p.m.

Welcome & Witness Committee Meeting

Wednesday, December 16 at 7:00 p.m. Choir Practice

Sunday, December 20 at 11:00 a.m. Annual Christmas Dinner
Followed by caroling

Thursday, September 13

Lectionary Bible Study at 10:00 a.m.

Saturday, September 12

Coffee Hour at 10:30 a.m.

with Pastor Tim

at Adam's Flying Pig, Wheelersburg

Sunday, September 13

Sunday School at 9:00 a.m.

Saturday, September 26

Yard Games at 4:30 p.m.

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Saturday, November 13

Game Night at 6:00 p.m.