

ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

August 24 | 9:30 am

Hymn of the Day: Glorious Things of You Are Spoken ELW 647

Offertory Hymn: Morning Has Broken ELW 556

Sending Hymn: Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing ELW 886

FIRST READING

Isaiah 58:9b-14

A reading from Isaiah

If you remove the yoke from among you,
the pointing of the finger, the speaking of evil,
¹⁰ if you offer your food to the hungry
and satisfy the needs of the afflicted,
then your light shall rise in the darkness
and your gloom be like the noonday.

¹¹ The LORD will guide you continually
and satisfy your needs in parched places
and make your bones strong,
and you shall be like a watered garden,
like a spring of water
whose waters never fail.

¹² Your ancient ruins shall be rebuilt;
you shall raise up the foundations of many generations;
you shall be called the repairer of the breach,
the restorer of streets to live in.

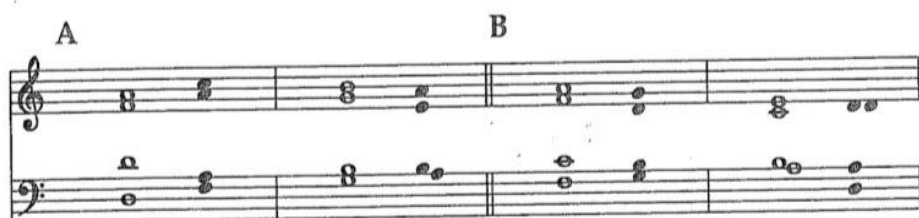
¹³ If you refrain from trampling the Sabbath,
from pursuing your own interests on my holy day;
if you call the Sabbath a delight
and the holy day of the LORD honorable;
if you honor it, not going your own ways,
serving your own interests or pursuing your own affairs;

¹⁴ then you shall take delight in the LORD,
and I will make you ride upon the heights of the earth;
I will feed you with the heritage of your ancestor Jacob,
for the mouth of the LORD has spoken.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 103



- 1 Bless the LORD, O my soul, *
and all that is within me, bless his holy Name.
- 2 Bless the LORD, O my soul, *
and forget not all his benefits. [ANT.]
- 3 He forgives all your sins *
and heals all your infirmities;
- 4 He redeems your life from the grave *
and crowns you with mercy and loving-kindness; [ANT.]
- 5 He satisfies you with good things, *
and your youth is renewed like an eagle's.
- 6 The LORD executes righteousness *
and judgment for all who are oppressed. [ANT.]
- A 7 He made his ways known to Moses *
and his works to the children of Israel.
- A 8 The LORD is full of compassion and mercy, *
slow to anger and of great kindness.
- B 9 He will not always accuse us, *
nor will he keep his anger for ever. [ANT.]
- 10 He has not dealt with us according to our sins, *
nor rewarded us according to our wickedness.
- 11 For as the heavens are high above the earth, *
so is his mercy great upon those who fear him. [ANT.]

Glory be to the Father * and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the be-ginning * is now and ever shall be, world without end. A-men.

The holy gospel according to Luke.

Glory to you, O Lord.

Now [Jesus] was teaching in one of the synagogues on the Sabbath. ¹¹ And just then there appeared a woman with a spirit that had crippled her for eighteen years. She was bent over and was quite unable to stand up straight. ¹² When Jesus saw her, he called her over and said, "Woman, you are set free from your ailment." ¹³ When he laid his hands on her, immediately she stood up straight and began praising God. ¹⁴ But the leader of the synagogue, indignant because Jesus had cured on the Sabbath, kept saying to the crowd, "There are six days on which work ought to be done; come on those days and be cured and not on the Sabbath day." ¹⁵ But the Lord answered him and said, "You hypocrites! Does not each of you on the Sabbath untie his ox or his donkey from the manger and lead it to water? ¹⁶ And ought not this woman, a daughter of Abraham whom Satan bound for eighteen long years, be set free from this bondage on the Sabbath day?" ¹⁷ When he said this, all his opponents were put to shame, and the entire crowd was rejoicing at all the wonderful things being done by him.

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ

Worship Leaders Today

Celebrant & Preacher	The Rev Martha McCreight
Musicians	Nathan K. Lively-Greyling, Nanette & Tom Jordan, Alex McGuiness
Worship Assistant	Pat Fisher
Reader	Jen Leffers
Communion Assistants	Jen Leffers
Acolyte	Max Leffers
Usher	Sam Leffers
Altar Committee	Pam Bartlett, Cathy Mahler
Counters	J. Geils, Janet Halpin
Little Free Pantry	Cathy & Mike Mahler
Coffee Hour	Karen Weinseiss

Little Free Pantry

To volunteer and maintain the Little Free Pantry – clean, organize, and restock – for the period of one week, go to the Social Ministry tab on St. John's website or contact Janet Segerdell - janet.segerdell@gmail.com. The LFP can always use cash contributions which are used to purchase food at the Food Bank for pennies on the dollar.

Summer Pick-Up Choir

If you enjoy singing, feel free to join the summer choir at 9:00 am each Sunday. We meet in the church around the piano. There's no weekly commitment and it's fun and easy - a great family opportunity.

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Wednesday, August 27

Vespers - 6:00 pm Chapel

Sunday, August 31

9:30 am Worship - Sanctuary : Blessing of Backpacks

10:30 am Fellowship Hour Welcome Room – Shower Pastor Martha & Family

Looking Ahead . . .

September 7 9:30 am Worship

10:30 am God's Work Our Hands Service Project - Welcome Room

September 14 Return to 8:30 and 10:30 am Worship

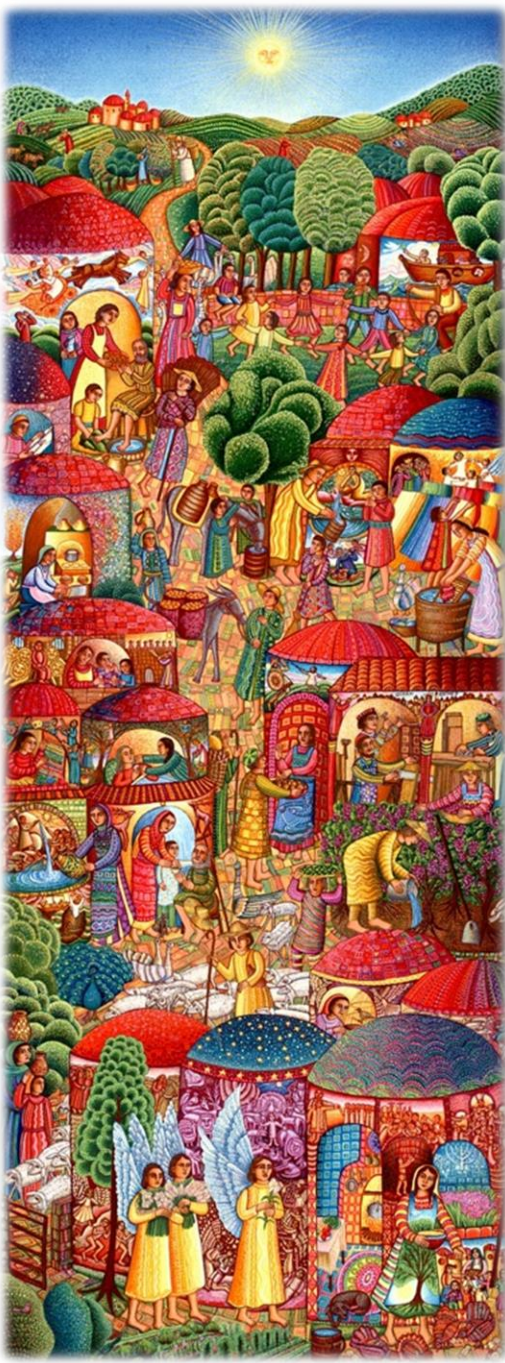


WE DID IT... Thank you to everyone at St. John's who donated school supplies. Together with all of our donations, we crossed the finish line with the help of **St. Michael's in New Canaan.**

Your help is still needed to assemble the school kits. Please join us on Sunday, September 7 in the Welcome Room following 9:30 am worship.



ORDER OF SERVICE



PRELUDE

We stand.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the residing minister begins.

In the name of the Father,
and of the ✠ Son,
and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Baptized into Christ, let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Merciful God,
you free us to love others,
but we neglect our neighbors and follow our own way.
You lead us by the Spirit of joy and peace,
but we turn away from the abundant life you offer.
You fill us with patience, kindness,
and generosity,
but we grow weary in doing what is right.
In your mercy, forgive us.
Heal us, break our bonds,
and lead us on the path of life.
Amen.

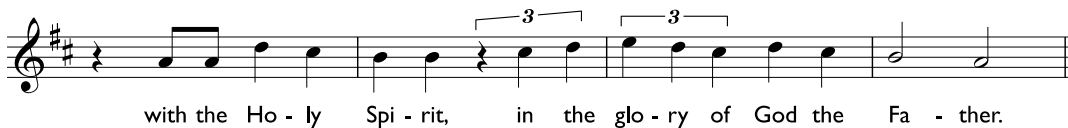
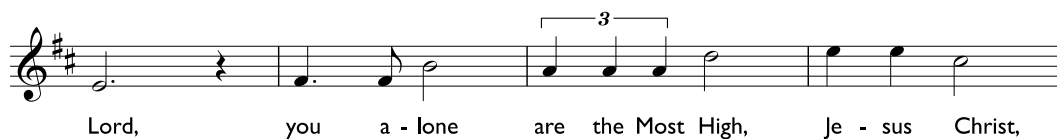
You belong to Christ Jesus
and you are God's children through faith.
In the cross of ✠ Christ,
and through the power of the Holy Spirit,
your sins are forgiven.
Clothed with Christ, you are a new creation.
Amen.

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.

GLORIA





PRAYER OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Pastor leads the Prayer of the Day; after the people respond:

Amen.

We sit.

ANTHEM

WORD

READING

A reading from _____.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM *Sung by the congregation. The Psalm can be found in the insert.*

We stand.

GOSPEL

The holy gospel according to _____.

Glory to you, O Lord.

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

We sit.

CHILDREN'S SERMON

SERMON

We stand.

HYMN OF THE DAY

CREED

Apostles'

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.

We kneel or sit for the prayers.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

After each intercession,
Hear us, O God.
Your mercy is great.

We stand.

PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.
And also with you.

We sit.

GREETINGS

MEAL

OFFERTORY SENTENCE

Walk in love, as Christ loved us and
gave himself for us,
an offering and sacrifice to God.

OFFERING

We sit.

OFFERTORY HYMN

We stand.

HYMN AT THE PRESENTATION

**We give thee but thine own, whate'er the gift may be;
All that we have is thine alone, a trust, O Lord, from thee. Amen.**

In the night in which he was betrayed,
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,
and gave it for all to drink, saying:
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.

**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.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

Therefore let us keep the feast.

The assembly may be seated.

COMMUNION

We sit.

MUSIC DURING THE DISTRIBUTION

We stand.

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Let us pray.

Gracious God, in this meal you have drawn us to your heart and nourished us at your table with food and drink, the body and blood of Christ. Now send us forth to be your people in the world, and to proclaim your truth this day and evermore, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
Amen.

SENDING

BLESSING

Almighty God, Father, ✙ Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.
Amen.

HYMN

DISMISSAL

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

***PLEASE RETURN THE ORDER OF SERVICE TO THE NARTHEX.
YOU MAY TAKE THE INSERT HOME.***

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Mass on the Grass

Our 9:30 am worship during the summer is held in the air conditioned nave, except for the last Sunday of each month when we worship outdoors for *Mass on the Grass*. Remember to bring your lawn chairs for *Mass on the Grass*.

June 29

July 27

August 31 At the end of worship, we will “bless the backpacks.” Students of all ages should bring their school backpacks to worship and receive a blessing for the school year.

Looking Ahead in the Church Calendar

August 7	Choir trip to Bruton Parish, Williamsburg, VA
September 7	Rally Sunday 9:30 am Worship 10:30 am God's Work Our Hands Service Project 11:30 am Church Picnic
September 14	8:30 & 10:30 am Worship Resume
September 27	9:00 am Pumpkins Arrive - Come Help Unload the Truck

MISSION STATEMENT

All are welcome! We share Christ's love, grow in faith, and serve others.

INDIGENOUS LAND ACKNOWLEDGMENT

The Congregation of St. John's Lutheran Church Stamford CT is located on the original and ancestral homelands of the Munsee Lenape, Schaghticoke, Mohican, and Wappinger peoples. We give thanks for their presence here since time immemorial and wish to recognize and honor all our Indigenous siblings who have and continue to call this land their home.

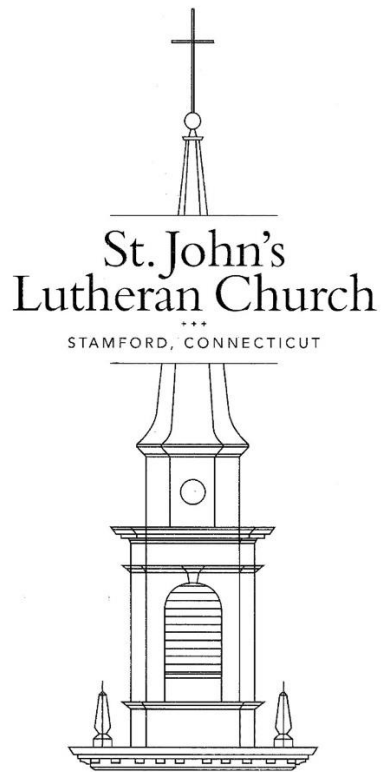
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ACOLYTE SIGN-UP

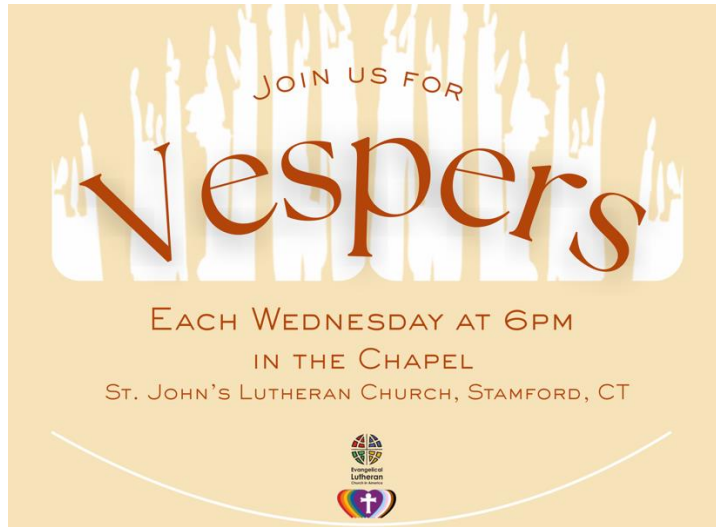


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USHERS, COFFEE HOUR, AND LFP SIGN-UP





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What is 'Vespers'?

Prayer service for the time of sunset and evening, also known as Evening Prayer. Inheriting the practice from Judaism, the Christian Church has observed certain times of the day with prayer since the apostolic period. By the 4th century, the practice of corporate prayer at designated times had become established. These daily prayer offices focus on times of the day rather than the day of the week. While the focus of Sunday is the Eucharist, a celebration of Christ's resurrection, daily prayers focus on the 24-hour cycle of light and darkness.

Evening prayer, like morning prayer, has a basic six-part structure: opening, psalmody, readings, gospel canticle, intercessory prayers, and concluding blessing. The visual focus of evening prayer is a lighted candle known as the Lucernarium candle, which is carried into the worship space. This practice originates from an ancient Jewish lamp-lighting tradition, which the early Christians adapted to represent Christ as the light of the world. This initial section of evening prayer is also known as the lunarium, from the Latin word lucerna, meaning "lamp."

We also sing the Psalms, the oldest form of song in worship since the Old Testament.

Join us in the Chapel every Wednesday at 6pm from June to August for this brief service.