

*Our mission is to glorify God as we seek to make disciples of all nations  
by bringing the gospel of Jesus Christ to all people within and outside  
of the one holy Christian Church.*

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**ST. JOHNS EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
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**The Sixteenth Sunday After Pentecost**

September 17, 2023  
Divine Service Setting 3, LSB pg. 184

**The Sermon: "Illogical, Irrational Forgiveness"**

**The Text:** *Matthew 18:21-35*

**The Opening Hymn:** *"How Sweet the Name of Jesus Sounds"*  
LSB 524

**The Sermon Hymn:** *"Forgive Our Sins"* (Insert)

**The Communion Hymns** (10:30 a.m.):  
*"Your Table I Approach"* LSB 628  
*"What Is This Bread"* LSB 629

**The Closing Hymn:** *"Renew Me, O Eternal Light"* LSB 704

Holy Communion will be celebrated at the 10:30 a.m. service today. Guests, it is our desire for you to commune with us. In the Lord's Supper, in with and under the bread and the wine, we receive Christ's body and blood for the forgiveness of sins and the strengthening of faith. You should also know that when you commune with a group of Christians, you are saying you agree with the teachings of that church body. If you are a member of a different church body, please use this time for prayer and reflection upon God's Word. We then invite you to speak with one of the pastors about how you, too, can share in this wonderful gift. If you believe what Christ says about His supper and share the beliefs we have at St. Johns, an LCMS congregation, you are welcome to join us for communion.

**This Week at St. Johns**

Monday	Staff Meeting	8:45 AM
Monday	Stamping Group	5:30 PM
Tuesday	Bible Study - <i>Limping with God</i>	8:30 AM
Tuesday	TOPS	9:00 AM
Tuesday	Worship Committee	10:30 AM
Wednesday	Bible Study - <i>Noah</i>	10:30 AM
Wednesday	Communion Service	NOON
Wednesday	Confirmation	3:30 PM
Wednesday	Bell Choir	5:00 PM
Thursday	Scouts	6:00 PM

**Next Sunday**

Worship (Comm.)	8:00 AM
Sunday School	9:15 AM
Bible Class - <i>Luther's Small Catechism</i>	9:30 AM
Worship	10:30 AM

**TODAY'S SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON** is *"A Sign and a Promise - Abram."*

**BIBLE STUDY OPPORTUNITIES:** Sundays, 9:30 a.m. Pastor Neubauer leads a study on the Luther's Small Catechism in the social hall. Pastor Berg will lead the youth group (grades 9-12) in the youth room. Tuesdays, 8:30 a.m. Pastor Neubauer continues "Limping with God-Jacob and the Old Testament Guide to Messy Discipleship" in the library. Wednesdays, 10:30 a.m. join Pastor Berg in the library for "Noah-The Man, The Ark, The Flood." Thursdays, 6:30 p.m. starting September 28 Pastor Neubauer will teach an eight week adult instruction course on the Lutheran faith. This class is geared toward people who are interested in joining St. Johns but it's open to everyone.

**LISTEN** to the Lutheran Hour Sundays on KPRM 870 AM at 9:30 a.m., or KTIG 102.7 and 95.9 FM at 5:00 p.m. You can also listen on Sirius XM Family Talk Channel 133 on Sunday at 9:00 a.m. or any time on [lhm.org/sentradio](http://lhm.org/sentradio). Today's sermon is "The Problem of Praise" (Psalm 103) with Lutheran Hour speaker, Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler.

**ON MAIN STREET LIVING NORTH:** Rev. William Aufdenkamp, Christ Lutheran, Elbow Lake and Zion Lutheran, Hoffman, presents the message: "Who Do You Think You Are?" based on Romans 14:8. *This Is the Life*: "Look to the Mountain" – A hopeless situation becomes more hopeless when a down and out man kidnaps a young girl for ransom money. Main Street Living is broadcast Sundays at 9:00 a.m. on KVRP Fargo-Moorhead or watch online at [www.mainstreetliving.com](http://www.mainstreetliving.com), "North(Fargo)."

**ARE YOU A VOLUNTEER** for funeral luncheon services or Sunday morning coffee? If you are currently on one or both lists, please let the church office or Connie Fondow know if your phone number has changed since last year. Also, let us know if your ability or desire to serve on either committee has changed by calling the office (218-732-9783) or Connie (218-330-1684). If you have no changes, no call is necessary.

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!** Our coffee time prior to Bible class is an opportunity for fellowship with our fellow St. Johns members. We need additional volunteers to bring treats and/or assist with the set up and serving. Please let us know how many times a year you can assist by calling the church office (218-732-9783) or Connie Fondow (218-330-1684) to sign up.

**SUNDAY SCHOOL:** Att. - 29. Offering \$13.00.

**LAST SUNDAY:** Att.: 8:00 - 138. 10:30 - 58. Total - 196. Offering: Unified: - \$6,695.00. Unified Electronic - \$370.83. Plate - \$929.00. Healthy Balance - \$100.00. Front Entry - \$366.00. Total - \$8,460.83.

**NOON SERVICE:** Att. - 25.