

## Upcoming Events & Announcements

**Sunday, September 10** – Sunday School Pancake Breakfast at 9:30 am.

**Sunday, September 17** – Potluck lunch following the service.

**Youth Group** – Grades 6 and up join our youth group Facebook page at St. John's Youth – Warman. Speak to Pastor for details.

**Confirmation** will start again this Saturday. 7 pm

**Adult Bible Study** will be starting up again this month. Watch for more information.

A reminder that we have an auto-debit option for giving offerings. Please speak to Pastor for more information.

**Sunday, September 24** – Coffee and snacks at the Pastor's house following the service.

## Opportunities to Serve

We are looking for someone more permanent to help with counting offering on a regular basis. Please speak to Meridee if you are interested. Training will be provided.

A signup sheet for church cleaning is posted on the bulletin board near the restrooms.

## Prayer Thoughts for the Week

We remember those needing Your hand of healing, especially the family of Edna Smith; Ed Peters, Breanne, Dustin Gasmu, Pastor Ron Mohr, Pastor Rob Grout, Doreen Heide, Judy Haichert, Vicky Vardi, Regina Marcoux, Larry Neufeld, Adin Dereniwski, Joan Spaerman, Linda Peterson, Bill Hayes, Irene Besser, Linda Doell, Jim Patrick, Charmaine Peters, Olinda Fehr, John Hebert, Terry Tamke, Hailey Christensen, Mike Stringer, Alex Gudmundson, Ann Klassen, Dale Besser, Albert Kramer, Nora Spaerman, Michelle Wenc, Karen Decorby, and Ruby Dyck. Give them Your strength and hope for every tomorrow.

# St. John's Lutheran Church



## Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

**Sunday, September 10, 2023**

**Sunday School 9:30 am**

**Worship Service 11:00 am**

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## Welcome to Our Visitors

Welcome to St. John's Lutheran Church!

We believe that it is our mission to *bring the Word* of God to those who do not know Jesus as their Saviour, to *build the faith* of those who do, and to *share the love* of God with our community and the world. If you have any concerns or suggestions, please speak with the Pastor or Elder on duty. You are welcome to join us as often as you would like in lifting our hearts and voices to the Lord in praise, prayer, and song.

God's blessings to you in Christ!



## Communion at St. John's

Everyone is invited to come forward for a blessing. As a confirmed member in good standing of a Lutheran Church -- Canada congregation you are welcome to receive the Body and Blood of Christ from this altar. If you are a visitor from another church body, we ask that you meet with our Pastor or one of our Elders before receiving the Sacrament here at St. John's.

Any special prayer requests can be directed to the Usher before service begins so Pastor can include them in the Prayer of the Church.

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### First Reading

### Ezekiel 33:7-9

"So you, son of man, I have made a watchman for the house of Israel. Whenever you hear a word from my mouth, you shall give them warning from me. If I say to the wicked, O wicked one, you shall surely die, and you do not speak to warn the wicked to turn from his way, that wicked person shall die in his iniquity, but his blood I will require at your hand. But if you warn the wicked to turn from his way, and he does not turn from his way, that person shall die in his iniquity, but you will have delivered your soul."

### Epistle

### Romans 13:1-10

Let every person be subject to the governing authorities. For there is no authority except from God, and those that exist have been instituted by God. Therefore whoever resists the authorities resists what God has appointed, and those who resist will incur judgment. For rulers are not a terror to good conduct, but to bad. Would you have no fear of the one who is in authority? Then do what is good, and you will receive his approval, for he is God's servant for your good. But if you do wrong, be afraid, for he does not bear the sword in vain. For he is the servant of God, an avenger who carries out God's wrath on the wrongdoer. Therefore one must be in subjection, not only to avoid God's wrath but also for the sake of conscience. For because of this you also pay taxes, for the authorities are ministers of God, attending to this very thing. Pay to all what is owed to them: taxes to whom taxes are owed, revenue to whom revenue is owed, respect to whom respect is owed, honour to whom honour is owed. Owe no one anything, except to love each other, for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. For the commandments, "You shall not commit adultery, You shall not murder, You shall not steal, You shall not covet," and any other commandment, are summed up in this word: "You shall love your neighbour as yourself." Love does no wrong to a neighbour; therefore love is the fulfilling of the law.

### Holy Gospel

### Matthew 18:1-20

At that time the disciples came to Jesus, saying, "Who is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven?" And calling to him a child, he put him in the midst of them and said, "Truly, I say to you, unless you turn and become like children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven. Whoever humbles himself like this child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven. "Whoever receives one such child in my name receives me, but whoever causes one of these little ones who believe in me to sin, it would be better for him to have a great millstone fastened around his neck and to be drowned in the depth of the sea. "Woe to the world for temptations to sin! For it is necessary that temptations come, but woe to the one by whom the temptation comes! And if your hand or your foot causes you to sin, cut it off and throw it away. It is better for you to enter life crippled or lame than with two hands or two feet to be thrown into the eternal fire. And if your eye causes you to sin, tear it out and throw it away. It is better for you to enter life with one eye than with two eyes to be thrown into the hell of fire. "See that you do not despise one of these little ones. For I tell you that in heaven their angels always see the face of my Father who is in heaven. What do you think? If a man has a hundred sheep, and one of them has gone astray, does he not leave the ninety-nine on the mountains and go in search of the one that went astray? And if he finds it, truly, I say to you, he rejoices over it more than over the ninety-nine that never went astray. So it is not the will of my Father who is in heaven that one of these little ones should perish. "If your brother sins against you, go and tell him his fault, between you and him alone. If he listens to you, you have gained your brother. But if he does not listen, take one or two others along with you, that every charge may be established by the evidence of two or three witnesses. If he refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church. And if he refuses to listen even to the church, let him be to you as a Gentile and a tax collector. Truly, I say to you, whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven. Again I say to you, if two of you agree on earth about anything they ask, it will be done for them by my Father in heaven. For where two or three are gathered in my name, there am I among them."