

## Upcoming Events & Announcements

**Sunday, September 15** – Potluck lunch following the service.

**Sunday School, Confirmation and Bible Study** will be starting again in September. Watch for starting dates and more information.

**Audio Visual System Equipment** – a new sound board, amplifiers to run narthex speakers, and second TV for narthex have been purchased and installed. Total expenses \$6072.30. Currently \$3152.05 has been raised toward these upgrades. If you would like to make a special offering to this upgrade, mark AV upgrade on your donation. Please speak to Jason if you have any questions.

We are looking to form a committee to plan a Fall Supper this fall. Please speak to Pastor or Jason if you are interested in helping with planning.

## Opportunities to Serve

Please consider helping out with counting the Sunday morning offering. Talk to Meridee if you would like to help. A reminder that we have an **auto-debit option** for giving offerings. Please speak to Pastor for more information.

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

We're looking for people to learn about and run the sound system. Please speak to Pastor if you are interested.

After Service fellowship coffee and snacks – If you can provide snacks, speak to Linda or Shelley. A new schedule is being made up for September.

## Prayer Thoughts for the Week

We remember those needing Your hand of healing, especially, Don Penner, Karen Dale, Emmett Regier, Ed Peters, Breanne, Dustin Gasmol, Doreen Heide, Judy Haichert, Regina Marcoux, Adin Dereniowski, Joan Spaerman, Irene Besser, Linda Doell, Charmaine Peters, Olinda Fehr, Terry Tamke, Ann Klassen, Dale Besser, 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 1, 2024**

**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 Lutheran

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

### Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-9

"Now, O Israel, listen to the statutes and the rules that I am teaching you, and do them, that you may live, and go in and take possession of the land that the Lord, the God of your fathers, is giving you. You shall not add to the word that I command you, nor take from it, that you may keep the commandments of the Lord your God that I command you. Keep them and do them, for that will be your wisdom and your understanding in the sight of the peoples, who, when they hear all these statutes, will say, 'Surely this great nation is a wise and understanding people.' For what great nation is there that has a god so near to it as the Lord our God is to us, whenever we call upon him? And what great nation is there, that has statutes and rules so righteous as all this law that I set before you today? "Only take care, and keep your soul diligently, lest you forget the things that your eyes have seen, and lest they depart from your heart all the days of your life. Make them known to your children and your children's children."

### Epistle

### Ephesians 6:10-20

Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his might. Put on the whole armour of God, that you may be able to stand against the schemes of the devil. For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers over this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places. Therefore take up the whole armour of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand firm. Stand therefore, having fastened on the belt of truth, and having put on the breastplate of righteousness, and, as shoes for your feet, having put on the readiness given by the gospel of peace. In all circumstances take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming darts of the evil one; and take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God, praying at all times in the Spirit, with all prayer and supplication. To that end keep alert with all perseverance, making supplication for all the saints, and also for me, that words may be given to me in opening my mouth boldly to proclaim the mystery of the gospel, for which I am an ambassador in chains, that I may declare it boldly, as I ought to speak.

### Holy Gospel

### Mark 7:14-23

[Jesus] called the people to him again and said to them, "Hear me, all of you, and understand: There is nothing outside a person that by going into him can defile him, but the things that come out of a person are what defile him." And when he had entered the house and left the people, his disciples asked him about the parable. And he said to them, "Then are you also without understanding? Do you not see that whatever goes into a person from outside cannot defile him, since it enters not his heart but his stomach, and is expelled?" (Thus he declared all foods clean.) And he said, "What comes out of a person is what defiles him. For from within, out of the heart of man, come evil thoughts, sexual immorality, theft, murder, adultery, coveting, wickedness, deceit, sensuality, envy, slander, pride, foolishness. All these evil things come from within, and they defile a person."