

**Twentieth Sunday After Pentecost
OCTOBER 14-15, 2023**

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**WEEKLY WORSHIP
BULLETIN FOR
ST. JOHN'S
LUTHERAN CHURCH
OF THE ERIE LUTHERAN PARISH**

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YOU BELONG HERE

We welcome you to our congregation this weekend! We are glad to have you with us. We celebrate Holy Communion at every service. If you are a baptized Christian, please join us at the Lord's Supper. We ask that you come down the center aisle as directed and receive your wafer and wine as you walk back to your seat.

If you are new to us, everything you need for worship is projected on the screen and in this bulletin. Please feel free to use the red hymnal found in your pew, if you are more comfortable. The pages and hymn numbers are to the left of this bulletin.

Please join us for coffee after worship in the lobby.

Should you need a bathroom, they are through the glass doors in the back of the nave (sanctuary) and down the hallway on your left. A family/handicap accessible restroom with baby changing station is available in the front lobby (Peach Street entrance).

TODAY'S THEME

In Isaiah we are given a vision of the great feast to come, when God will wipe away death forever. In Jesus' parable about a great banquet, those invited do not come, so the invitation is extended to others. In our liturgy God spreads a table before us. Even amid anxiety and hardship we rejoice in the peace of God which surpasses all understanding. With great joy we feast at the table of the Lord, and we go forth to share the wonderful invitation with others hungering and thirsting for the abundant life of God.

Today's Bible Readings

Isaiah 25:1-9	Pew Bible p. 568
Philippians 4:1-9	Pew Bible p. 955
Psalm 23	Pew Bible p. 435
Matthew 22:1-14	Pew Bible p. 803

Today's Message

"St. Johns, everybody is not ready for this, but because of your faith, YOU ARE."

by Rev. Owen Rhodes

PRAYER OF THE DAY:

Lord of the feast, you have prepared a table before all peoples and poured out your life with abundance. Call us again to your banquet. Strengthen us by what is honorable, just, and pure, and transform us into a people of righteousness and peace, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

PSALM RESPONSE:

Psalm 23:5
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OUR PRAYER LISTS:

Members: Gayle Matthis, Joan Wheeler, Lynn Schrimper, Robert Schlaufman, Kellie Montifiori, Sharon Hetrick, Judy Crissman, Sandy Alwens, and the Varner Family.

Cancer treatments: Ellen Stevens

Friends of the congregation: Jeff LaLonde, Ryan Meyers, Sami D, Jamey Price, Ken Marshall, Amanda VanLoon, Richard D., Ernie Winter, Jarod Stolz, Fran Moriarty, Audrey Hetrick, Astro Rys, Vernon Thompson, Amy Nupp, Michelle S., Rev. Rhodes and family as they mourn the loss of Owen Jr., Natalie Zimmerly, and Nick.

Cancer Friends: Bishop Lozano, Pastor Ken Larson, Lee S, Janie G, Karen B, Norm S, Tony Paggio, Vicki Hanson, Edward Scarpitti, Beaty Emch, Ruth Stiles, Admiral Brent Scott, Katrina, Arlene Rick, Gliceria Conuel, Becky, Nicole C., and Ian Minner.

Other prayer requests: The congregation of St. John’s to remain strong and faithful as we journey through the months to come.

CHOIRS ARE BACK: All rehearsals will be on Sunday mornings. No more late-night driving in the winter. The Chancel Choir will rehearse at 9:00 AM and the Bell Choir after the 10:00 AM service. Come and join the fun and fellowship!

Thank You: We would like to thank the Bell Choir for their gift of music today.