

**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 25, 2016
8:30 A.M. WORSHIP SERVICE**

GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

GATHERING IN GOD’S NAME

CALL TO WORSHIP

Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God.
Everyone who loves is born of God and knows God.
God’s love was revealed among us in this way:
**God sent his only son into the world
That we might live through him.**

Let us worship the Lord in spirit and in truth.

SONGS OF PRAISE

My Life Is In You Lord FWS 2032

My life is in you, Lord; my strength is in you, Lord;
my hope is in you, Lord; in you, it’s in you.
My life is in you, Lord; my strength is in you, Lord;
my hope is in you, Lord; in you, it’s in you.
My life is in you, Lord; my strength is in you, Lord;
my hope is in you, Lord; in you, it’s in you.
I will praise you with all of my life, I will praise you with all of my
strength; with all of my life, with all of my strength.
All of my hope is in you.
My life is in you, Lord; my strength is in you, Lord;
my hope is in you, Lord; in you, it’s in you.

This Little Light of Mine UMH 585

This little light of mine, I’m goin’ a let it shine, this little light of
mine, I’m goin’ a let it shine; this little light of mine, I’m goin’ a let it
shine, let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.
Everywhere I go, I’m goin’ a let it shine, everywhere I go, I’m goin’ a
let it shine, everywhere I go, I’m goin’ a let it shine, let it shine, let it
shine, let it shine.

PRAYER

**Lord of abundant love, you are also the God of justice and
mercy. Lead us to your service in our neighborhood. Urge
us to see those who hunger and thirst, those who are poor
and hurting, that we might share from our bounty to help
those in poverty. Holy Spirit of God, so inspire us to feed
others in our community that your name is glorified and
your kingdom is revealed. In Christ’s name we pray. Amen.**

THE WORD

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

The Apostles’ Creed UMH 881

GLORIA PATRI UMH 70

SCRIPTURE *Luke 16:19-31*

SERMON *What Goes Around Comes Around (Bridge
Great Chasms Now because We Can’t Later)* Pastor Jay

HYMN *Lord, You Give the Great Commission* UMH 584
vs 1, 4, & 6

PRAYER, CONFESSION, PARDON

**Merciful God, we confess that we have not loved you with
our whole heart.
We have failed to be an obedient church.
We have not done your will,
we have broken your law,
we have rebelled against your love,**

**we have not loved our neighbors,
and we have not heard the cry of the needy.
Forgive us, we pray.
Free us for joyful obedience
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

(silent confession)

Hear the good news: Christ died for us while we were yet sinners;
that proves God’s love toward us. In the name of Jesus Christ, you
are forgiven.

**In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven. Glory to
God! Amen.**

THE PEACE

MINISTRY MOMENT - MISSION FAIR Susan Johnston,
Rev. Larry Normand

OFFERTORY

DOXOLOGY UMH 95

THE TABLE

CALL TO THE TABLE

Let us stand well. Let us stand in awe. Let us be attentive, that we may
offer this holy offering in peace.

Mercy and peace, our sacrifice of praise.

A SERVICE OF WORD AND TABLE III UMH 15

COMMUNION RESPONSES FWS 2257

THE LORD’S PRAYER UMH 895

***SHARING OF THE BREAD AND THE CUP**

PRAYER AFTER RECEIVING

**Jesus, once and for all you poured out your life for us. Again
and again we thank you and receive your body and blood.
Send us out to pour ourselves out with such joyous abandon
that your love is always known, the Spirit’s power always
felt and the Almighty’s will to save never in doubt. Amen.**

SENT FORTH IN GOD’S NAME

HYMN *Living For Jesus* FWS 2149
vs 1 & 3

BLESSING

SENDING FORTH

POSTLUDE *Joy in the Morning*

*Gluten-free communion is offered to anyone who desires it; when you come
up to the altar, let the server know you would like to receive the gluten-free
elements.

THE FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR ARE ...

given by Lenni and Ted Stickles in celebration of
their third wedding anniversary.

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

Ushers	Jim and Theresa Sandifer, Jim Matthew, Lynn Cooper
Host(s)	Bobbi Marino

HAPPENING THIS WEEK

Sunday, September 25

3:00 p.m. Christian Formation, Library
4:00 p.m. Blessing of Pets
5:00 p.m. Bible 101, Library
5:00 p.m. Youth, 207 Admin Building
6:00 p.m. Alleluia Ringers, Sanctuary

Monday, September 26

9:00 a.m. Ladies’ Covenant Group
3:00 p.m. Men’s Covenant Group, Library
3:30 p.m. The Shepherd’s Market, FLC-Classrooms
5:00 p.m. Ladies’ Covenant Group, Parlor

Tuesday, September 27

8:15 a.m. Worship in the Market, FLC-Classrooms
8:30 a.m. The Shepherd’s Market, FLC-Classrooms
9:30 a.m. Staff Meeting, Parlor

Wednesday, September 28

2:00 p.m. VIPs Training, Library
4:00 p.m. Ladies’ Covenant Group, Parlor
5:00 p.m. Ladies’ Covenant Group, FLC-A
5:45 p.m. Praise Team, Choir room
6:00 p.m. Men’s Group, George’s Southside
6:30 p.m. Alpha Bells, Sanctuary
6:30 p.m. Chancel Choir, Choir Room
7:17 p.m. 717 Group, George’s Southside

Thursday, September 29

6:15 a.m. Men’s Prayer Group, Parlor
8:30 a.m. Holy Folders, Library
8:30 a.m. The Shepherd’s Market, FLC-Classrooms
10:00 a.m. Companions in Christ, Library
7:00 p.m. Boy Scouts, FLC

Friday, September 30

OFFICE CLOSED

Saturday, October 1

10:00 a.m. DCYM District Meeting, FLC-Gym
12:00 p.m. AA Meeting, FLC-C

NOAH’S ARK: FLOOD RECOVERY UPDATE

Our Family Life Center is slowly beginning to look more like our
Family Life Center! However, AmeriCorps/FEMA Corps *Hickory
Team 2* and AmeriCorps/FEMA Corps *Peak Team 3* will be here until
the middle of October. And we are expecting another FEMA Corps
team sometime soon that will bring our total up to 19. We may soon
be hosting small teams from churches around the state who will be
staying only a few days during the week.

Our kitchen crew is still fixing breakfast for the smaller number of
second responders; however starting this week they will only be doing
that on Tuesdays and Thursdays. They have all the supplies they need
for now - we will let everyone know if and when they need more.

PRAYER REQUEST FORM

Date _____

Joy Concern

Please share with the prayer team
 Please share with Pastors only
 I desire a call
 I desire a visit

Name: _____

Email: _____

Phone: _____

You may also email a prayer request
to: prayers@stjohnsbr.org

“Do not be anxious about anything, but
in everything, by prayer and
petition, with thanksgiving, present your
requests to God.”

Philippians 4:6

WELCOME

If you would like someone to follow up with you please fill out the information below and place in the offering plate.

- I am just visiting today.
- I am new to the area and am looking for a church home.
- I would like more information about the United Methodist Church and St. John's.
- I am interested in Baptism or Confirmation.
- I am interested in Children's Ministries.
- I am interested in Youth Ministries.
- I am interested in College/Young Adult Ministries.
- I would like to receive email communications about church life.
- I would like a call from a pastor.

Date: _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Children (Names & Ages): _____

BIBLE 101: AN INTRODUCTION TO READING SCRIPTURE TODAY, 5 p.m., LIBRARY

BLESSING OF PETS TODAY, 4 P.M., CHURCH GROUNDS

St. John's will host a Blessing of Pets, when we will have the rare opportunity to bring our pets to church to receive special blessings. Join us on the church grounds **TODAY** at 4 p.m. If you have any questions, please contact the church office.

ST. JOHN'S 101

If you are new to St. John's and want to learn more about who we are and how we serve in ministry together, this class is for you. The class will be led by Pastor Jay and Deacon Sarah, and all are welcome. Join us at 10 a.m. in the sanctuary on **October 2, 9, and 23**. Contact deaconsarah@stjohnsbr.org to sign up or to learn more.

PICTORIAL DIRECTORY

St. John's 2016 Pictorial Directories will be available during coffee time **TODAY**. If you have a portrait in the directory you will receive a free copy; if you do not have a portrait in the directory but would like a copy for yourself, the cost is \$5. Directories may also be picked up in the church office during regular office hours: M-Th, 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.

UPCOMING EVENTS

SEP	25	Blessing of Pets, Bible 101 (and Oct 2)
OCT	2	Fall Blood Drive, UMW Mission Fair
	2	St. John's 101 (and Oct 9, 23)
	8	Health Fair (St. John's and community)
	16	Stewardship Begins (through Oct 30)
	16	Worship begins in FLC, Stewardship Kick-off Brunch
	22	Days for Girls (and Oct 29)
	29	Church-wide Workday
	30	Commitment Sunday, Trunk or Treat

YELLOW BAG SUNDAY

Don't forget to pick up a Shepherd's Market yellow bag and bring it back next week for Grocery Bag Sunday, **October 2**. Items needed in the pantry are juice, peanut butter, jelly, rice, and laundry detergent.

UMW MISSION FAIR

Do you want to know more about St. John's beautiful array of ministries? Want to find out how you might fit perfectly in our church's mission? Find out how St. John's serves Christ from Gardere to Cuba, from Wildwood Elementary School to India! Come and see on **Sunday, October 2**, 9:45 - 10:45am, Noon - 12:15pm in the Family Life Center.

RUTH CIRCLE UMW

The Ruth Circle UMW will meet **Tuesday, October 4** at 9:30 a.m. in the parlor. All women are invited to attend.

PARDON OUR PROGRESS!

As we approach Phase 2 of "The Walk" - the construction of St. John's Narthex and renovations to our sanctuary - please keep this date in your prayers and plans: **Sunday, October 16**. On that Sunday, we will begin worshiping together in our beautifully renovated Family Life Center (FLC). For the next 8 months, we will gather in the FLC - 8:30am and 11am - to glorify God. Our view will change. Our services remain the same. Join us as we step forward together in worship!

SERMON NOTES

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Remember to pray for **The Walk**.
"...for we walk by faith, not by sight."
- 2 Corinthians 5:7
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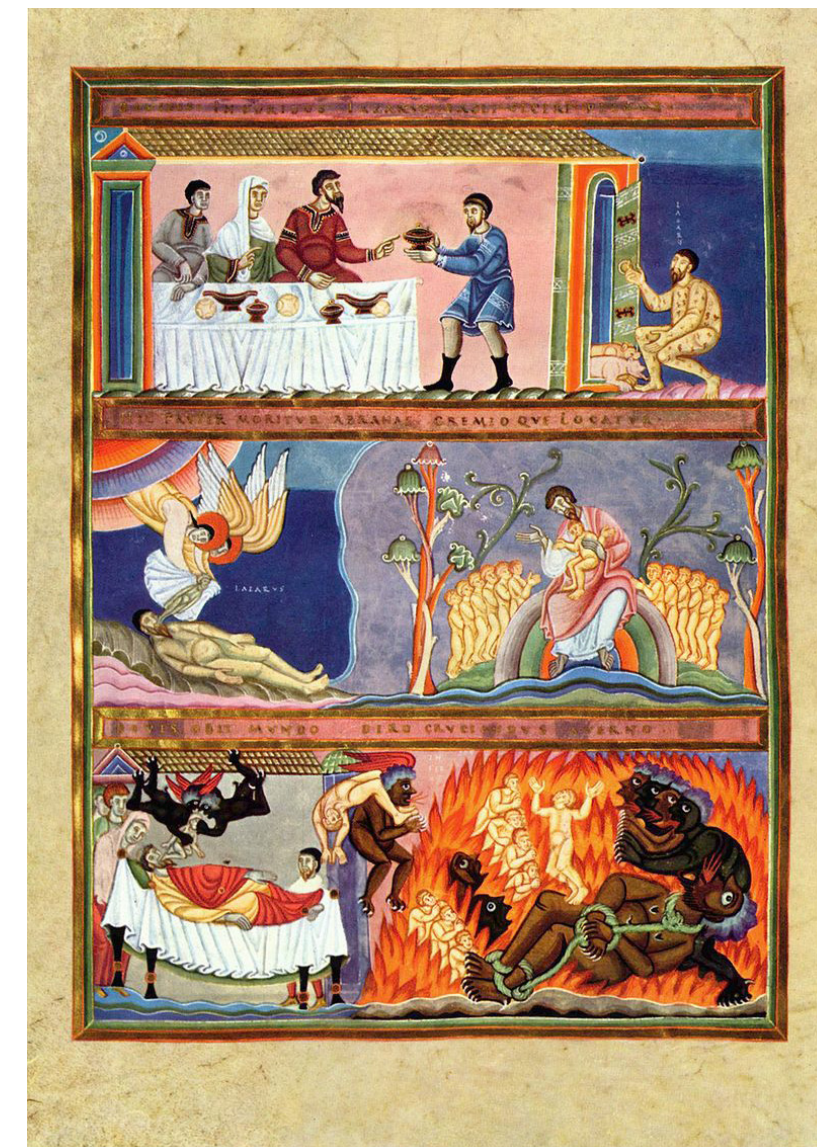
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Glorifying God. Feeding People. Making Disciples.

Lazarus and Dives



illumination from the *Codex Aureus of Echternach*

8:30 a.m. Worship Service
September 25, 2016

Mission Statement

We are a Christian community called to share our gifts through worship, witness and service so that others will know God and become disciples of Jesus Christ.