

## Old Testament Reading: Isaiah 66:18–23

<sup>18</sup>“For I know their works and their thoughts, and the time is coming to gather all nations and tongues. And they shall come and shall see my glory, <sup>19</sup>and I will set a sign among them. And from them I will send survivors to the nations, to Tarshish, Pul, and Lud, who draw the bow, to Tubal and Javan, to the coastlands afar off, that have not heard my fame or seen my glory. And they shall declare my glory among the nations. <sup>20</sup>And they shall bring all your brothers from all the nations as an offering to the LORD, on horses and in chariots and in litters and on mules and on dromedaries, to my holy mountain Jerusalem, says the LORD, just as the Israelites bring their grain offering in a clean vessel to the house of the LORD. <sup>21</sup>And some of them also I will take for priests and for Levites, says the LORD.”

<sup>22</sup>“For as the new heavens and the new earth that I make shall remain before me, says the LORD, so shall your offspring and your name remain.”

<sup>23</sup> From new moon to new moon, and from Sabbath to Sabbath, all flesh shall come to worship before me, declares the LORD.”

## Epistle: Hebrews 12:4–24

<sup>4</sup>In your struggle against sin you have not yet resisted to the point of shedding your blood. <sup>5</sup>And have you forgotten the exhortation that addresses you as sons?

“My son, do not regard lightly the discipline of the Lord, nor be weary when reproved by him.

<sup>6</sup> For the Lord disciplines the one he loves, and chastises every son whom he receives.”

<sup>7</sup>It is for discipline that you have to endure. God is treating you as sons. For what son is there whom his father does not discipline? <sup>8</sup>If you are left without discipline, in which all have participated, then you are illegitimate children and not sons. <sup>9</sup>Besides this, we have had earthly fathers who disciplined us and we respected them. Shall we not much more be subject to the Father of spirits and live? <sup>10</sup>For they disciplined us for a short time as it seemed best to them, but he disciplines us for our good, that we may share his holiness. <sup>11</sup>For the moment all discipline seems painful rather than pleasant, but later it yields the peaceful fruit of righteousness to those who have been trained by it.

<sup>12</sup>Therefore lift your drooping hands and strengthen your weak knees, <sup>13</sup>and make straight paths for your feet, so that what is lame may not be put out of joint but rather be healed. <sup>14</sup>Strive for peace with everyone, and for the holiness without which no one will see the Lord. <sup>15</sup>See to it that no one fails to obtain the grace of God; that no “root of bitterness” springs up and causes trouble, and by it many become defiled; <sup>16</sup>that no one is sexually immoral or unholy like Esau, who sold his birthright for a single meal. <sup>17</sup>For you know that afterward, when he desired to inherit the blessing, he was rejected, for he found no chance to repent, though he sought it with tears.

<sup>18</sup>For you have not come to what may be touched, a blazing fire and darkness and gloom and a tempest <sup>19</sup>and the sound of a trumpet and a voice whose words made the hearers beg that no further messages be spoken to them. <sup>20</sup>For they could not endure the order that was given, “If even a beast touches the mountain, it shall be stoned.” <sup>21</sup>Indeed, so terrifying was the sight that Moses said, “I tremble with fear.” <sup>22</sup>But you have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to innumerable angels in festal gathering, <sup>23</sup>and to the assembly of the firstborn who are enrolled in heaven, and to God, the judge of all, and to the spirits of the righteous made perfect, <sup>24</sup>and to Jesus, the mediator of a new covenant, and to the sprinkled blood that speaks a better word than the blood of Abel.

## Holy Gospel: Luke 13:22–30

<sup>22</sup>[Jesus] went on his way through towns and villages, teaching and journeying toward Jerusalem. <sup>23</sup>And someone said to him, “Lord, will those who are saved be few?” And he said to them, <sup>24</sup>“Strive to enter through the narrow door. For many, I tell you, will seek to enter and will not be able. <sup>25</sup>When once the master of the house has risen and shut the door, and you begin to stand outside and to knock at the door, saying, ‘Lord, open to us,’ then he will answer you, ‘I do not know where you come from.’ <sup>26</sup>Then you will begin to say, ‘We ate and drank in your presence, and you taught in our streets.’ <sup>27</sup>But he will say, ‘I tell you, I do not know where you come from. Depart from me, all you workers of evil!’ <sup>28</sup>In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth, when you see Abraham and Isaac and Jacob and all the prophets in the kingdom of God but you yourselves cast out. <sup>29</sup>And people will come from east and west, and from north and south, and recline at table in the kingdom of God. <sup>30</sup>And behold, some are last who will be first, and some are first who will be last.”

# People will come from east and west, and from north and south



**About the Cover:** At the beginning of our Gospel for today, Jesus says that the door is narrow, that is, salvation is through Christ alone. There is no other name by which we are saved (Acts 4:12). While the door is narrow, it is also open to all people. North, south, east, and west: God is calling all peoples through the Gospel to the one and only Jesus of Nazareth, the one Lord and Savior of all.

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*Divine Service Setting One (Lutheran Service Book, pg. 151)*

Hymn of Invocation 532  
The Head That Once Was Crowned with Thorns

Invocation and Versicles (p. 151)

Introit *Psalm 117; antiphon: Psalm 96:6a; 115:18*

Splendor and majesty are before him;  
we will bless the Lord from this time forth and forevermore.

Praise the Lord!

**Praise the Lord, all nations!**  
**Extol him, all peoples!**

For great is his steadfast love toward us,  
and the faithfulness of the Lord endures forever. Praise the  
Lord!

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son  
and to the Holy Spirit;**  
**as it was in the beginning,**  
**is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

Splendor and majesty are before him;  
we will bless the Lord from this time forth and forevermore.  
Praise the Lord!

The Kyrie (p. 152)

Hymn of Praise: *This Is the Feast* (p. 155)

Salutation and Collect (p. 156)

**P** O Lord, You have called us to enter Your kingdom through  
the narrow door. Guide us by Your Word and Spirit, and lead  
us now and always into the feast of Your Son, Jesus Christ,  
who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God,  
now and forever.

**G** Amen. (*sung*)

Readings (on back of bulletin)

Gradual

*Psalm 34:9, 19, alt.*

Fear the Lord, you his saints,  
for those who fear him lack nothing!  
**Many are the afflictions of the righteous,**  
**but the Lord delivers him out of them all.**

Alleluia and Verse (Common, p. 156)

Hymn of the Day 510  
A Multitude Comes from the East and the West

Sermon

Nicene Creed (p. 158)

Prayer of the Church

*After each petition:*

**P** Lord, in Your mercy,

**G** hear our prayer.

*The prayers conclude:*

**P** ...to the end of all the ages.

**G** Amen.

Presentation of the Offering

Offertory (p. 159)

Service of the Sacrament (p. 160)

*(Please see the Communion statement in the pew pads for receiving the  
Sacrament at St. John's.)*

Distribution Hymns

623 Lord Jesus Christ, We Humbly Pray

844 Lord of All Nations, Grant Me Grace

725 Children of the Heavenly Father

Post-Communion Cantic: *Thank the Lord* (p. 164)

Hymn to Depart 757 Lord, It Belongs Not to My Care

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Today's Readings: Old Testament Reading: Isaiah 66:18-23  
Epistle: Hebrews 12:4-24  
Holy Gospel: Luke 13:22-30

**WE PRAY:** Heavenly Father, whose holy angels guard the gates of heaven, be standing there to recognize and give us entrance when the summons is sent to us, for we will be trusting only in the Son You sent to be our Savior; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who with You and the Holy Spirit are one God with dominion over us forever. Amen

**WELCOME TO ALL!**

We are anxious to share with you the Christ-centered ministry at St. John's. Our Liturgy follows closely the pattern of Word and Lord's Supper handed down from the ancient Church. It is our hope that you will make the Church's life of prayer your own. If you have difficulty following our order of service, please ask someone sitting near you for assistance. We pray that you will receive rich spiritual blessings from your presence here. May the peace and power of our risen Christ be yours always.

**IF YOU DESIRE**, a visit or call from Pastor Nerud, please contact the church office (309-949-2516).

**OFFICE HOURS**

Terri's hours (Monday—Friday) 8 am—12 pm  
Pastor's hours (Monday, Pastor's day off)  
(Tuesday) 9 am—12 pm  
(Thursday) 9 am—12 pm & 1 pm—4 pm  
(Wednesday & Friday) please call ahead.

**STREAM SERVICES** <https://www.facebook.com/St.Johns.Geneseo/> and on the website: [www.stjohnsgeneseo.org](http://www.stjohnsgeneseo.org).

**ATTENDANCE LAST SUNDAY**

Sunday school—4 Adult Bible Class—13 Worship—57

**OFFERING**

Offering last Sunday \$2,813.00  
Weekly 2022 Budget income needed \$4,084.71

**WEEKLY ACTIVITIES AT ST JOHN'S**

Today	8:45 am	SS/Adult & Youth Bible Study
	10:00 am	Divine Worship
Tuesday	7:00 pm	Adult Instruction
Friday	6:00 pm	Family Fun Night
Next Sunday	8:45 am	SS/Adult & Youth Bible Study
	10:00 am	Divine Worship/Holy Communion
	11:30 am	Youth Group

*I rejoiced with those who said to me, "Let us go to the house of the LORD." Psalms 122:1*

**LUKE 13:26** – "Then you will begin to say, 'We ate and drank in your presence, and you taught in our streets.'" Proximity to Jesus and the things of faith is not faith itself. Many Pharisees heard His Word – but ignored it, refused to believe in it. We want to be not only hearers, but doers of Jesus' Word. We want not just proximity to Jesus, but true communion with Him. We want to hear Him, follow Him, praise Him, and return thanks.

**ATTENDANCE PADS** are at the end of each pew. Each family (members and guests) should sign using only **ONE** box per household, naming all family members present in the one box. **EVERYONE** needs to indicate their intention to receive Holy Communion on a Communion Sunday. Return pad to the right end of your pew. Thanks for your help with this.

**WHO WILL HELP?** We are in need of people to serve on two different committees. First we need 3 people to serve on the nominating committee. You will be asked to secure the names of congregational members willing to be on the ballot for the Church council for 2023.

The second need is for 2 additional people to serve on the Church Constitution Review Committee. Your job will be to review the current constitution and make recommended changes as necessary. Please contact Don Hock (309-945-6675) or Pastor Nerud if you are willing to help on either of these committees. Please let either know ASAP.

**CID SCHOLARSHIP**– The school season is upon us and our children and teachers will return to the classroom. Positive Christian education is a necessity and blessing to all. Your support is greatly needed and appreciated. This is the last Sunday the plate will be available for your gifts. Envelopes are available for your gifts and place it in the offering plate found on the table under the office window. Let's help in the teaching of our children with strong Christian values.

**ALTAR FLOWERS**—The 2022 Flower Chart is now on the bulletin board next to the restrooms. Cost for weekly flowers are \$30 for two arrangements. We greatly appreciate those who help with providing flowers for Sunday worship services. Please sign up for a Sunday.

**COLLEGE STUDENTS FROM ST JOHN'S**—Parents of students who will be attending an institution of higher learning are asked to let Terri know what school your child is attending and all forms of contact (phone, email, mailing address). Your help is greatly appreciated.

**PRAY FOR OUR SCHOOLS**—As children and teachers return to the classrooms, pray for their protection. Pray that there is a desire to teach truth and clear thinking. Pray that children would be eager to learn and grow in all knowledge. Pray for our seminaries and parochial schools that God's Word would be taught in all purity and truth. Pray that our Sunday schools and Bible classes would be filled with those seeking to know and gain God's wisdom.

#### **PRAYER MINISTRY**

*Remember God's work through the Synod's church workers as you pray:*

**MISSION**—*Pray that the Church would work together in God=pleasing unity and that their joint efforts would further God's kingdom.*

**ST JOHN'S—Mr. & Mrs. Broc Krantz**—We offer before You our common request for the well-being of Your church throughout the world that it may be so guided and governed by Your good Spirit that all who profess themselves Christians may be led into the way of truth and hold the faith in unity of spirit in the bond of peace, and the righteousness of life. Specifically, we pray for Broc, Jennifer, Chase, Cohen and ask Your blessings upon them.

**ST. JOHN'S FAMILY**—O Lord, You are the great Physician of soul and body. We pray that You would show mercy to Your servants:

Linda Aper	Betty Firch	Paula Chapa
Elizabeth Bjork	Arlyn Helke	Drew Schillinger
Jim Dahl	Lynne Johnson	Carolyn Werner
Lois Esterlein	Carolyn Wildermuth	Marilyn Woods

**Don Eggers** (son of friend of Marilyn Woods)

**Jodi Martins** (daughter of Gary & Darla Johns)

**Jon/Anita Clausing** (missionaries in Kenya)

**Marilyn Potts** (wife of Cal Potts, former St. John Laborer for Christ)

**Virginia Miller** (mother of Jamie Werling)

**Rev. Justin Kane** (son of Sandra Kane)

**MILITARY**—We pray for those serving in our military and their families:

**Mandy/Richard Davila** (daughter/son-in-law of Linda Aper)

**Luke/Nicole Thompson** (son/daughter-in-law of John/Kindra Thompson)

**Ken Willeford** (husband of Alicia Willeford)

**Karl Flynn** (son of Mr/Mrs Paul Flynn)

**Zachary/Tiffany Gardner** (nephew/wife of Lois Esterlein)

**Casey Powers Jr.** (step son of Lisa Powers)

**Brittany Loenser** (daughter of Gabe Loenser)

#### **LUTHERANS FOR LIFE**

“Fostering may result from brokenness, but it also provides opportunity for Gospel-motivated courage and compassion.” *Pastor Michael Salemink, Lutherans For Life – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org*

**WALK FOR LIFE**—Pregnancy Resources annual fund raiser is set for Saturday, September 10th. Walkers may check in between 8:30—11:00 am at the East Shelter of Ben Butterworth Park. Walkers may walk any time between 9-11:30 am. If you wish to support this event but are unable to walk, you may send your donation to: Pregnancy Resources, 3825—16th St., Moline IL 61265.

**DIRECTOR OF YOUTH AND FAMILY-** St. John's in East Moline is looking for a Director of Youth and Family. This is a salaried position with an average of 16 hours per week. A detailed job description can be found in St. John's office. Applicants will need to fill out an application and supply a resume with 3 letters of recommendation. Call Cris Braddy at 309-235-7984 if you have any questions.

**CAMP CILCA NEWS**—The annual Chicken Fry and Auction will be held Sunday, September 4 from 11:30am-2:30pm. Meals cost is \$10 for adults and will include fresh fried chicken, cole slaw, mashed potatoes, drinks and dessert. The live auction will begin at 12:30 pm in the air conditioned Dining Hall. The Trading Post and beach will be open for a full day of food and fun.

The G.R.I.T. Run is back on October 1 at Camp CILCA. Run trails, cross creeks, see great sights, and earn your place with the brave souls who meet this challenge each year. Cost is \$30 for adults and \$10 for children 17 and under. Register at [www.cilca.org/grit-run](http://www.cilca.org/grit-run).

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Text: Luke 13:22-30 (Gospel)

Other Texts: Isaiah 66:18-23 (Old Testament Reading); Hebrews 12:4-29 (Epistle)

### **“Striving to Enter through the Narrow Door”**

Grace, mercy, and peace be yours from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

The time for our Lord’s final entry into Jerusalem where He would pay the price for mankind’s sin was quickly approaching, but until then He remained busy teaching the people in the various towns and villages. After all, what would be the purpose of winning mankind’s salvation if no one knew about it? So His teaching is necessary, so that after His death and resurrection people would truly understand what it was for and so believe and be saved.

Somewhere along Jesus’ journey someone asked, “Lord, will those who are saved be few?”<sup>i</sup> Evidently this was a question debated by the rabbis in Jesus’ day and was likely asked by others too. The fact that neither his name nor even the place he asked this question is recorded underscores the fact that his question is actually one that many people, probably most of us as well, have wondered at one time or another. But notice how this question only brings forth others. “What is the standard of salvation?” “Is living an honest, good life of caring for others enough?” “What about a person who never had the chance to hear about Jesus? Will they get some sort of a “pass?” Perhaps you have your own “Will this person be saved?” questions?

But Jesus gives neither numbers nor percentages. He doesn’t satisfy human curiosity, whatever the motivation behind the questions might be. He just will not allow the most critical topic, that is, *eternal salvation*, to remain in the realm of academic, theoretical speculation, but instead He makes it extremely practical. He shifts the question of few to you. It is as if He asks in response, “Will *you* be one of the saved?”

That’s why Jesus says, “Strive to enter through the narrow door. For many, I tell you, will seek to enter and will not be able.”<sup>ii</sup> Our Lord pictures the kingdom of heaven as a glorious estate with a single narrow door as the only entrance. Right here two things come to mind. First, it is a true blessing from God that there is a door to enter His kingdom, and that it is *open*. Thanks be to God! Second however, it is obvious that unlike what so many think, it is not true that after dying pretty much everyone goes to a better place. Many seeking to enter the eternal estate of heaven *will not enter it*, for they did not strive to enter through that that one, narrow door.

“*Strive* to enter through the narrow door.” There is a door, but it will take effort to enter through it. The Greek verb translated as “strive” is interesting for two reasons. First, listen closely, it is ἀγωνίζομαι, from which we get our word “agony.” In the first century, the word ἀγων referred to the Greco-Roman games, where men competed with one another, striving, even fighting against one another. It’s the same word Paul uses in 1 Timothy 6:12, when he calls on believers to “fight the good fight of the faith.” Second, the tense of this verb which Jesus uses indicates that this is not a one and done striving, but literally means “continuously strive (keep on agonizing!) to enter through the narrow door.” So clearly there is great effort in the Christian life. There is a

requirement of striving, of struggling, of fighting, and of suffering that is necessary in following Jesus in order to finally enter heaven.

But wait a moment! Isn't salvation by grace alone through faith alone? This sounds an awful lot like works are necessary, doesn't it? So did or did not Jesus do it all? What about "It is finished!"<sup>iii</sup> Does this, or something like it, cross your mind when you hear these calls to strive, fight, and suffer? Let me be clear, Jesus is not saying that our works save us, for it is He who opens the door *for* us. Truly, as He Himself declared, He is the door to salvation.<sup>iv</sup> In fact, a form of that same word we were talking about, ἀγωνία, is used of our dear Lord when He prays in the Garden of Gethsemane just before His arrest and the sufferings to come, which will culminate in His agonizing death upon the cross.<sup>v</sup> The agony of Christ crucified as our substitute paying for our sins under God's Law, suffering for them under God's justice, *that is the* agony that has both made the narrow door and, more, has opened it to us and to all.

But the door will not stay open forever. It will close when our Lord rises from His throne to end this world and judge the living and the dead. But the visible judgment on the Last Day, though hidden until then, is enacted already at a person's death. Thus if death comes upon a person who is *not* currently striving for the narrow door, for them the door has been shut. So also, for those who persistently refuse to seek and strive for the narrow door, He may shut the door on them even before their eyes close in death.

So the point is clear: Don't ignore the open door. Don't lollygag around. Don't spend your life getting distracted by either the pleasures and joys or the struggles and suffering of this life when eternity is in the balance. The door is open; so keep striving for it and do not stop *until you have entered it*. That is why heaven is spoken of as resting from our labors.<sup>vi</sup> It is not because we will do nothing but lounge around strumming harps as some fear. No, primarily it is because the striving, the agony, that is necessary to get there will finally be over. And so it will be a wondrous blessing indeed. But we're not there yet.

"Keep on agonizing." *Jesus knew what He was saying*. Until we are in glory Satan is actively working to make sure we don't make it. He works within and without. Distractions, shortcuts, temptations, wrong priorities. Failing to do good works of love towards others or trusting in them as if God owes us something for doing simply what He created us to do. Attempting to avoid suffering for being a Christian, keeping our light under a bushel lest we would be challenged. Trying hard to not stand out when among unbelievers lest we must actually confess Christ even as we work hard to stand out amongst believers to receive praise (so much for humility!). Knowing that we need the Holy Spirit's guidance and strength to agonize on, knowing that He gives such through the means of grace, the Word and Sacraments, knowing that these means are primarily distributed in the Divine Service, yet avoiding it, only showing up when "something more important" doesn't interfere. Dear Christians, this list goes on and on!

Rejoice greatly that Jesus has opened the door to you by His cross and empty tomb, His agonizing bloody death and His victorious resurrection. But this open door to heaven is, if you will, a limited-time offer. You know what I mean. Stores, car-dealers, and others offer such. Just in general, most stores and services have hours that their open. If you're like me, you've looked at the "great-deal" coupon and realized it expired. You've run out of something needed, but the

store is closed. Depending on the situation and what was needed, it can mean spending more money than what you wanted or simply not getting what you wanted. Hearing “Sorry, that’s expired” or “Sorry, we’re closed,” can be anything from a petty annoyance to a semi-serious issue. It leaves you disappointed, frustrated, upset. But at least you’re still alive; there’s still hope. But not so when the door to heaven closes; for when it closes, it will remain forever shut.

“When once the master of the house has risen and shut the door, and you begin to stand outside and to knock at the door, saying, ‘Lord, open to us,’ then he will answer you, ‘I do not know where you come from.’ Then you will begin to say, ‘We ate and drank in your presence, and you taught in our streets.’ But he will say, ‘I tell you, I do not know where you come from. Depart from me, all you workers of evil!’”

Jesus was asked, “Will those who are be saved be few?” Sadly, our Lord’s answer here, that the door is narrow and that “many...will seek to enter and will not be able”<sup>vii</sup> does give an answer to that theoretical question. And it is not the answer that many believe it is, that they hope it is, as proven by their unwillingness to agonize as a disciple of the Lord Jesus Christ. On that Day they will knock in fear, crying out, “We tried to be nice people and live honest, hardworking lives. Our name was in the church registry, we were baptized and confirmed, we even sat in the pews (at least on occasion) and said and did those worship things while we were there!”

But they will hear, “I do not know where you came from.” That is, “Where have you been the whole time the door was opened? Not striving to enter it, but too busy with other things. Yes, you ate and drank in My presence, you even ate and drank My body and blood, but not as one who *knows* Me. Yes, I taught in your church, preaching through My servant whom I sent, but you were a Christian in name only, you truly did not know Me. And so I do not know you.”

“Will those who are be saved be few?” In comparison to all of mankind, yes. But that simply makes the real question all the more urgent, “Will you be saved?” And if so, how? By *knowing* Jesus. Not knowing *of* Him. But knowing Him intimately as the holy Lord and Judge who hates sins even unto hell. Knowing Him as the gracious Savior and dearest Friend of the repentant, humbled sinner. *That is knowing* Jesus. And that person will enter heaven’s eternal joys, for he or she is the one who is striving to enter through the narrow door, entering through repentance and faith in Jesus. Faith that endures by agonizing to remain a faithful disciple. A disciple who does such because they have counted the cost and know that there is no pearl of greater value than Jesus,<sup>viii</sup> for by His blood and death we, you and I, have been saved!

Dear Christians, today that door is still open and the gracious invitation remains: “Strive to enter through the narrow door.” Be warned, the door *will* close and then it is too late. So don’t ignore the open door! Agonize on as a faithful disciple until you are on the other side of it! But in your striving, your agonizing, do not give up hope nor fall into despair. Instead, keep looking forward with all your heart to your Master, your Savior, Your Friend, Jesus, meeting you at the door and letting you through it, welcoming you into the grandeurs of His heavenly home that He has prepared for you and all His saints. God grant us strength to strive until we’re there. Amen!

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<sup>i</sup> Luke 13:23. All quotes are from *The Holy Bible, English Standard Version* (ESV) unless otherwise noted.

<sup>ii</sup> Luke 13:24.

<sup>iii</sup> John 19:30.

<sup>iv</sup> John 10:9.

<sup>v</sup> Luke 22:44.

<sup>vi</sup> Revelation 14:13.

<sup>vii</sup> Luke 13:24.

<sup>viii</sup> Matthew 13:45-46.