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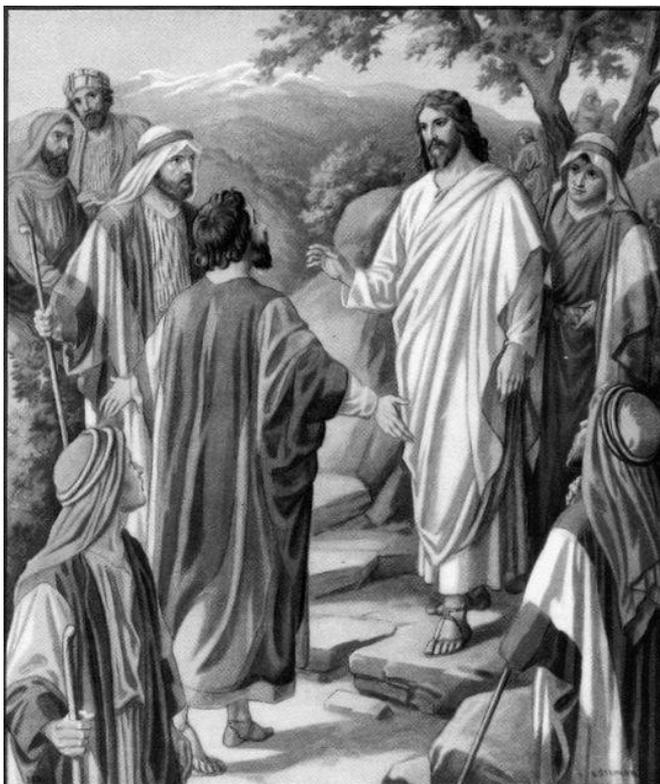
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The Rev. Carl A. Johnson, Pastor

August 23, 2020

11:00 a.m. WORSHIP SERVICE



St. John's Lutheran Church is part of the North American Lutheran Church. We welcome you and are glad you are participating in the Service of Word and Sacrament this morning as we celebrate the **Twelfth Sunday of Pentecost**. Please register your attendance in the blue pad at the end of the pew. HOLY COMMUNION is celebrated the first and third Sundays of each month and on Festival Sundays. All who are baptized and believe that Christ is truly present in the Lord's Supper are invited to receive this Sacrament with us.

Prayer upon entering God's House:

Heavenly Father, endow us richly with Your Spirit, and by Your grace, sustain our faith, dispelling our doubts and confusion, and keep us faithful to Your Word. Through Jesus Christ we pray. Amen.

PRELUDE

"Adoro Te"

arr. Willan

***BRIEF ORDER FOR CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

P In the name of the Father, and of the ✠ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen

P Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of Your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love You and worthily magnify Your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C Amen

P If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Silence for self-examination.

P Most merciful God,

C we confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways, to the glory of Your holy name. Amen

P Almighty God, in His mercy, has given His Son to die for us and, for His sake, forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen

***OPENING HYMN**

"The Church's One Foundation"

LBW 369

***GREETING**

P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C And also with you.

*KYRIE



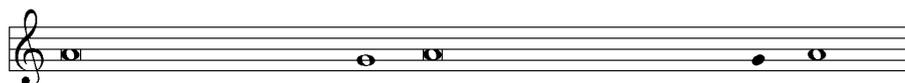
A In peace, let us pray to the Lord. **G** Lord, have mer - cy.



A For the peace from a - bove, and for our sal - vation, let us pray to the Lord.



G Lord, have mer - cy.



A For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



and for the u - ni - ty of all, let us pray to the Lord.



G Lord, have mer - cy.



A For this holy house, and for all who offer here their wor - ship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord. **G** Lord, have mer - cy.

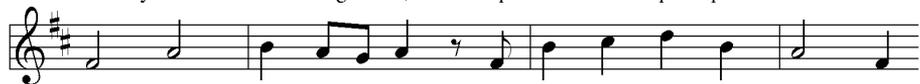


A Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gra - cious Lord. **G** A - men

*HYMN OF PRAISE



☐ Glo-ry to God in the high- est, and peace to his peo- ple on earth.



☑ Lord God, heav- en- ly king, al- migh- ty God and Fa - ther:



We wor- ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo- ry.



Lord Je- sus Christ, on- ly Son of the Fa- ther, Lord God, Lamb of God:



You take a- way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on us.



You are seat- ed at the right hand of the Fa- ther; re- ceive our prayer.



For you a- lone are the Ho- ly One, you a- lone are the Lord,

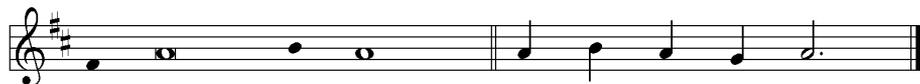


you a- lone are the Most High, Je- sus Christ, with the Ho- ly Spir- it,



in the glo - ry of God the Fa- ther. A - men

*PRAYER OF THE DAY



☐ The Lord be with you.

☑ And al - so with you.

P Let us pray.
God of all creation, You reach out to call people of all nations to Your kingdom. As You gather disciples from near and far, count us also among those who boldly confess Your Son Jesus Christ as Lord.
Amen

FIRST LESSON:

ISAIAH 51:1-6

A The First Lesson is from the fifty-first chapter of Isaiah.

“Listen to me, you who pursue righteousness,
you who seek the LORD:
look to the rock from which you were hewn,
and to the quarry from which you were dug.

² Look to Abraham your father
and to Sarah who bore you;
for he was but one when I called him,
that I might bless him and multiply him.

³ For the LORD comforts Zion;
he comforts all her waste places
and makes her wilderness like Eden,
her desert like the garden of the LORD;
joy and gladness will be found in her,
thanksgiving and the voice of song.

⁴ “Give attention to me, my people,
and give ear to me, my nation;
for a law will go out from me,
and I will set my justice for a light to the peoples.

⁵ My righteousness draws near,
my salvation has gone out,
and my arms will judge the peoples;
the coastlands hope for me,
and for my arm they wait.

⁶ Lift up your eyes to the heavens,
and look at the earth beneath;
for the heavens vanish like smoke,
the earth will wear out like a garment,
and they who dwell in it will die in like manner;
but my salvation will be forever,
and my righteousness will never be dismayed.

A Here ends the reading.

PSALM:**PSALM 138**

I will give thanks to You, O LORD, with my whole heart;
before the gods I will sing Your praise.

**¹I will bow down toward Your holy temple
and praise Your name,
because of Your love and faithfulness;**

³for You have glorified Your name
and Your word above all things.

**⁴When I called, You answered me;
You increased my strength within me.**

⁵All the kings of the earth will praise You, O LORD,
when they have heard the words of Your mouth.

**⁶They will sing of the ways of the LORD,
that great is the glory of the LORD.**

⁷Though the LORD be high, He cares for the lowly;
He perceives the haughty from afar.

**⁸Though I walk in the midst of trouble, You keep me safe;
You stretch forth Your hand
against the fury of my enemies;
Your right hand shall save me.**

⁹The LORD will make good His purpose for me;
O LORD, Your love endures forever;
do not abandon the works of Your hands.

SECOND LESSON:**ROMANS 12:1-8**

A The Second Lesson is from the twelfth chapter of Romans.

I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. ²Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect.

³For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think, but to think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. ⁴For as in one body we have many members, and the members do not all have the same function, ⁵so we, though many, are one body in Christ, and individually members one of another. ⁶Having gifts that differ according to the grace given to us, let us use them: if prophecy, in proportion to our faith; ⁷if service, in our serving; the one who teaches, in his teaching; ⁸the one who exhorts, in his exhortation; the one who contributes, in generosity; the one who leads, with zeal; the one who does acts of mercy, with cheerfulness.

A Here ends the reading.

***VERSE**

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?
You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

GOSPEL:

MATTHEW 16:13-20

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew the 16th chapter.

Glo - ry to you, O Lord.

¹³ Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, “Who do people say that the Son of Man is?”
¹⁴ And they said, “Some say John the Baptist, others say Elijah, and others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.”¹⁵ He said to them, “But who do you say that I am?”¹⁶ Simon Peter replied, “You are the Christ, the Son of the living God.”¹⁷ And Jesus answered him, “Blessed are you, Simon Bar-Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father who is in heaven.¹⁸ And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it.¹⁹ I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven.”²⁰ Then he strictly charged the disciples to tell no one that he was the Christ.

P The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

CHILDREN'S SERMON

***HYMN**

“Built on a Rock”

LBW 365

SERMON

*APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord.

He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the virgin Mary.

He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried.

He descended into hell. On the third day He rose again.

He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church,

the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,

the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen

SOLO

"Beneath the Cross of Jesus"

Sara Shafer w/ Elizabeth Shafer, piano

*OFFERTORY



Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re-new a right spir -
it with-in me. Cast me not a-way from your pres-ence, and take
not your Ho-ly Spir-it from me. Re-store to me the
joy of your sal-va-tion, and up-hold me with your free Spir-it.

*THE PRAYERS

With the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, let us pray for the Church, those in need, and all of God's creation.

O God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit: We pray for Your church and for the proclamation of Your gospel. Give energy and confidence to all who work to make Your love a reality on earth.

LORD in Your mercy,

hear our prayer.

(Other intercessions are offered.)

P Into Your hands, O LORD, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy; through Your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

C Amen

***THE LORD'S PRAYER**

C: Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen

***BENEDICTION**

P The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace. In the name of the Father, and of the ✠ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.



***CLOSING HYMN**

"My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less"

LBW 294

***DISMISSAL**

A Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

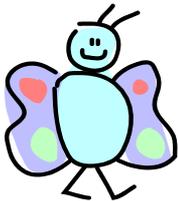
C Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

"Darwall"

arr. Young

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Childrens Hour

will begin Sept. 16th and 17th,

9:30am-11am, weekly.

We will provide a safe and clean environment for the kids to gather in small groups and learn amazing Bible Stories, cute crafts, preschool concepts and fun activities! As we grow up in faith! We will be using 2 different rooms for each week, as to keep germ spreading to a minimum. *If any event occurs where we would need to cancel, we will then continue our facebook live classes.

THIS WEEK AT ST. JOHN'S

Today	8:30 a.m. 11:00 a.m.	Worship: Communion Worship
Monday 8/24	8:00 a.m. 7:00 p.m.	Morning Prayer Worship & Music Meeting
Tuesday 8/25	8:00 a.m.	Morning Prayer
Wednesday 8/26	8:00 a.m.	Morning Prayer
Thursday 8/27	8:00 a.m.	Morning Prayer
Friday 8/28	8:00 a.m.	Morning Prayer
Saturday 8/29	8:00 a.m.	Morning Prayer
Sunday 8/30	8:30 a.m. 11:00 a.m.	Worship: Communion Worship: Communion



Women's Bible Study will be held at the Craffhouse restaurant on Thursday, September 3rd at noon. Any questions, please contact Rose Montgomery at rosetrix_38@comcast.net.
All are welcome!

**YOUTH
GROUP**

**Bonfire
Night**

**Youth Group Kick Off
Picnic Sept. 13th 6:00–8:00pm
At the Biblical Life Institute in Slate Lick**

**Sunday Night Youth Group Begins
Sept. 20th 6:30pm, Grades 6–12
Sept. 27th. 6:30pm, Grades 6–12**



Rally Day Breakfast - September 13th
@ 9:30am in the Social Hall

Continental Breakfast to be served individual style. Pick your muffin, toast, bagel, cinnamon roll or donut. We will have individual servings of fruit and yogurt. "Lady Marmalade" will serve you the condiments of your choice. We will pour for you - (just like the *Lutheran AirLine Stewards*) "coffee, tea or juice" altho' no uniforms!

Join us as we kick off a new year of Sunday School with our Rally Day intergenerational celebration, including light "Socially Safe" breakfast. Orientation for all students; come and meet your teacher! Games and fun!

Come join the fun and fellowship!



Confirmation September 13th!

Yes, you heard right! Because of the virus, our Catechism Classes were rudely interrupted leading to the postponement of Confirmation, which is normally held on Pentecost Sunday. Because our kids successfully completed Catechism Camp we will have:

Confirmation Reception following the service to be held in the COURTYARD in honor of our confirmands. **Snack and chat items will be served!** *Join us as we welcome our latest and greatest adult members into the family at St. John's!*

FIREFLIES PROGRAM

We would like to begin our program again and to minister to the needs of the children in our Community. **Volunteers are needed** to help with activities, as well as, meeting other needs, like snacks, supplies, tutoring and more. If you would like to help out, please let Julie know. Let's shine the Light of Christ! We will aim to begin Sept. 14th, unless circumstances change.

SERVICE PARTICIPANTS

Assisting Minister

Sara Shafer (E)
Charlesetta Bleakney (L)

Lector

Nancy Pierce (E)
Sara Shafer (L)

Comm. Assistants

Karen Waugaman & Nancy Pierce (E)

Camera Operator

Tyler McMahon (E)
Benjamin Swanson (L)

STAFF MEMBERS

Director of Children's & Youth Ministry

Julie Smith

Secretary

Christine Lettrich

Sexton

Michael Craft

Organist/Choir Director/Director of Music

Rebecca Veith

Sr. Choir Accompanist

Elizabeth Cramer



The flowers on the altar this morning are presented to the Glory of God and in honor of Ashlynn & Brenna Zurn's 14th birthday by Gary & Amber Zurn.

OUR MISSION

St. John's Lutheran Church is a group of people who believe that we are saved by God's grace and who respond to God's love by joyfully serving God, each other, our community and our world. We will humbly and lovingly serve by proclaiming the Gospel, teaching the Word, offering Sacraments, leading others to fellowship, supporting those in need, giving generously of our talents as well as our resources and by thanking and praising God.

