

# St. John's Lutheran Church

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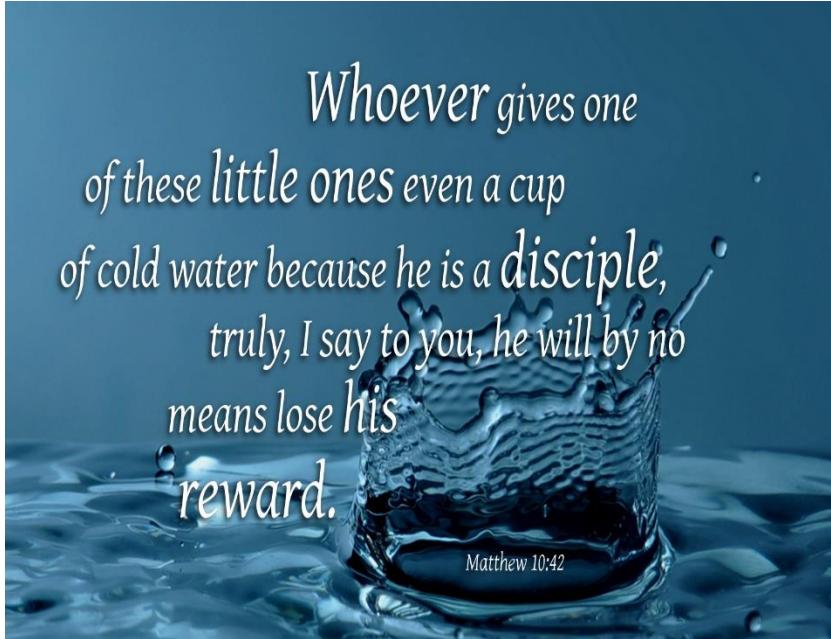
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The Rev. Carl A. Johnson, Pastor

**June 28, 2020  
8:30 a.m. WORSHIP SERVICE**



*Whoever gives one  
of these little ones even a cup  
of cold water because he is a disciple,  
truly, I say to you, he will by no  
means lose his  
reward.*

Matthew 10:42

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 **Fourth 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:*

We bow before You, Lord God, seeking to serve You wherever You place us. Guide our lives in faith to discern Your will. Give us courage to speak and act as instruments of Your love and truth. Through Jesus Christ we pray. Amen.

**PRELUDE***"Earth and All Stars"*

Kolander

**\*BRIEF ORDER FOR CONFESSON AND FORGIVENESS**

**P** We worship this day in the name of the Father, and of the ✠ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**C Amen**

**P** Let us confess our sin in the presence of God.

*Silence for self-examination.*

**P** Holy and gracious God,

**C I confess that I have sinned against You this day. Some of my sin I know—the thoughts and words and deeds of which I am ashamed—but some is known only to You. In the name of Jesus Christ I ask forgiveness.**

**P** The Almighty and Merciful Lord grants you pardon, forgiveness, and remission of all your sins. In the Name of the Father, and of the ✠ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**C Amen****\*PROCESSIONAL HYMN** “Jesus Calls Us; O'er the Tumult”

LBW 494

**\*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**

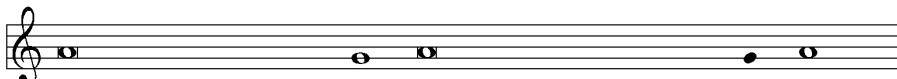
Ⓐ In peace, let us pray to the Lord. Ⓑ Lord, have mer - cy.

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

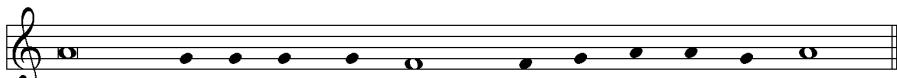
Ⓑ Lord, have mer - cy.

\*Those who are able, please stand

LBW—Green Hymnal WOV—Blue Hymnal



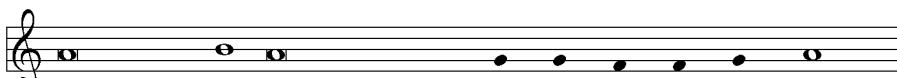
A For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



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



C Lord, have mer - ey.



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



let us pray to the Lord. C Lord, have mer - ey.



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

## \*HYMN OF PRAISE



A This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al - le - lu - ia.



C Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us



free to be peo-ple of God. Pow - er and rich - es and wis - dom and



strength, and hon - or and bless - ing and glo - ry are his.



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al - le - lu - ia.



Sing with all the peo - ple of God and join in the



hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless- ing and hon - or and glo - ry and



might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God, for the Lamb who was slain



has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

## \*PRAYER OF THE DAY



P The Lord be with you.

C And al - so with you.

P Let us pray.

O God, You have prepared for those who love You joys beyond understanding. Pour into our hearts such love for You that, loving You above all things, we may obtain Your promises, which exceed all that we can desire; through Your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen

## FIRST LESSON: Jeremiah 28:5–9

A The First Lesson is from the 28th chapter of Jeremiah.

<sup>5</sup> Then the prophet Jeremiah spoke to Hananiah the prophet in the presence of the priests and all the people who were standing in the

house of the LORD,<sup>6</sup> and the prophet Jeremiah said, “Amen! May the LORD do so; may the LORD make the words that you have prophesied come true, and bring back to this place from Babylon the vessels of the house of the LORD, and all the exiles.<sup>7</sup> Yet hear now this word that I speak in your hearing and in the hearing of all the people.<sup>8</sup> The prophets who preceded you and me from ancient times prophesied war, famine, and pestilence against many countries and great kingdoms.<sup>9</sup> As for the prophet who prophesies peace, when the word of that prophet comes to pass, then it will be known that the LORD has truly sent the prophet.”

A      Here ends the reading.

### **PSALM: Psalm 89:1–4, 15–18**

Your love, O LORD, forever will I sing;  
from age to age my mouth will proclaim your faithfulness.

**2For I am persuaded that your love is established forever;  
you have set your faithfulness firmly in the heavens.**

<sup>3</sup>“I have made a covenant with my chosen one;  
I have sworn an oath to David my servant:

**4I will establish your line forever,  
and preserve your throne for all generations.'**

<sup>15</sup>Happy are the people who know the festal shout!  
They walk, O LORD, in the light of your presence.

**16They rejoice daily in your name;  
they are jubilant in your righteousness.**

<sup>17</sup>For you are the glory of their strength,  
and by your favor our might is exalted.

**18Truly, the LORD is our ruler;  
the Holy One of Israel is our king.**

### **SECOND LESSON: Romans 6:12–23**

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

<sup>12</sup>Let not sin therefore reign in your mortal body, to make you obey its passions. <sup>13</sup>Do not present your members to sin as instruments for unrighteousness, but present yourselves to God as those who have been brought from death to life, and your members to God as instruments for righteousness. <sup>14</sup>For sin will have no dominion over you, since you are not under law but under grace.

<sup>15</sup> What then? Are we to sin because we are not under law but under grace? By no means! <sup>16</sup> Do you not know that if you present yourselves to anyone as obedient slaves, you are slaves of the one whom you obey, either of sin, which leads to death, or of obedience, which leads to righteousness? <sup>17</sup> But thanks be to God, that you who were once slaves of sin have become obedient from the heart to the standard of teaching to which you were committed, <sup>18</sup> and, having been set free from sin, have become slaves of righteousness. <sup>19</sup> I am speaking in human terms, because of your natural limitations. For just as you once presented your members as slaves to impurity and to lawlessness leading to more lawlessness, so now present your members as slaves to righteousness leading to sanctification.

<sup>20</sup> For when you were slaves of sin, you were free in regard to righteousness. <sup>21</sup> But what fruit were you getting at that time from the things of which you are now ashamed? For the end of those things is death. <sup>22</sup> But now that you have been set free from sin and have become slaves of God, the fruit you get leads to sanctification and its end, eternal life. <sup>23</sup> For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

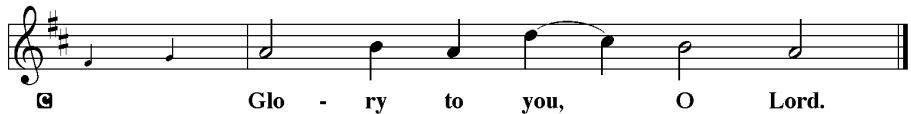
**A** Here ends the reading.



The musical notation consists of two staves of music. The first staff begins with a soprano C-clef, a key signature of one sharp (F#), and a common time signature. It contains six measures of music, followed by lyrics: "Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?" The second staff begins with a soprano C-clef, a key signature of one sharp (F#), and a common time signature. It contains five measures of music, followed by lyrics: "You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia."

### GOSPEL: Matthew 10:40–42

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew the tenth chapter.

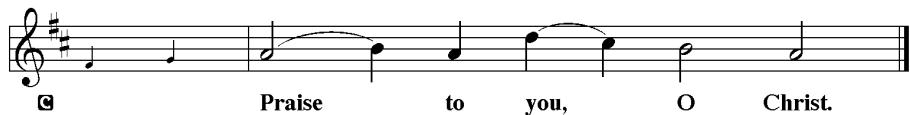


The musical notation consists of a single staff of music for soprano. It features a soprano C-clef, a key signature of one sharp (F#), and a common time signature. The lyrics are: "Glo - ry to you, O Lord."

<sup>40</sup> "Whoever receives you receives me, and whoever receives me receives him who sent me. <sup>41</sup> The one who receives a prophet because he is a prophet will receive a prophet's reward, and the one who receives a righteous person because he is a righteous person will receive a righteous person's reward. <sup>42</sup> And whoever gives one of these

little ones even a cup of cold water because he is a disciple, truly, I say to you, he will by no means lose his reward."

**P** The Gospel of the Lord.



## CHILDREN'S SERMON

**\*HYMN**            "*Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound*"            *LBW 448*

## 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

### \*THE PRAYERS

Let us pray for the Church, the world, and for one another.

Father, you reveal difficult truths to us and expect us to see the world  
honestly and to value your truth above even earthly peace. You speak  
to us of sin and death, persecution, suffering and service. Give us a  
double measure of your Spirit as we seek to be disciples of Jesus.

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

**ANTHEM**

*"The King of Love"*

*arr. Wilson*

## \*OFFERTORY

Let the vine-yards be fruit-ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of  
bless-ing. Gath-er a har-vest from the seeds that were sown, that we may be  
fed with the bread of life. Gath-er the hopes and dreams of all; u -  
nite them with the prayers we of - fer. Grace our ta - ble with your  
pres - ence, and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

## \*OFFERTORY PRAYER

A Let us pray.

A Blessed are You,

C O Lord our God, maker of all things. Through Your goodness  
You have blessed us with these gifts. With them we offer ourselves  
to Your service and dedicate our lives to the care and redemption  
of all that You have made, for the sake of Him who gave Himself for  
us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

P The Lord be with you. C And al - so with you.  
P Lift up your hearts. C We lift them to the Lord.

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
C It is right to give him thanks and praise.

## PREFACE

P It is indeed right and salutary that we should at all times and in all places offer thanks and praise to you, O Lord, holy Father, through Christ our Lord; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. And so, with the Church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

C Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might:  
Heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.  
Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes  
in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

## EUCARISTIC PRAYER

P Blessed are You, LORD of heaven and earth. In mercy for our fallen world You gave Your only Son, that all those who believe in Him should not perish, but have eternal life. We give thanks to You for the salvation You have prepared for us through Jesus Christ. Send now Your Holy Spirit into our hearts, that we may receive our Lord with a living faith as He comes to us in His holy supper.

C Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

**P** In the night in which He was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to His disciples, saying:

Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.

Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, He took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying:

This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

#### \*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



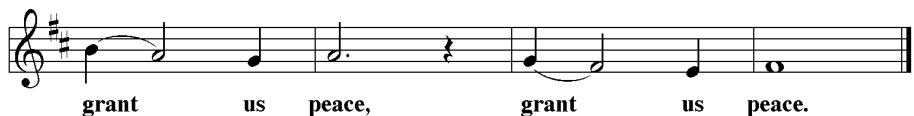
**C** Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer- cy on us.



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer- cy on us.



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world;



grant us peace,

grant us peace.

#### COMMUNION HYMNS

*LBW 203,214,224 WOV 711,740 (8x)*

#### \*COMMUNION

*All who are baptized and believe that Christ is truly present  
In the Lord's Supper are invited to receive this Sacrament with us.*

The body of Christ, given for you.  
**Amen.**

The blood of Christ, shed for you.

**P** The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in His grace.   **C**   **Amen**

## \*CANTICLE

C Thank the Lord and sing his praise; tell ev-'ry-one what he has done.  
Let ev-'ry-one who seeks the Lord re - joice and proud-ly bear his name.  
He re - calls his prom - is - es and leads his peo - ple forth in joy  
with shouts of thanks - giv - - ing. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - - ia.

## \*POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

A Let us pray....We give You thanks almighty God, that You have refreshed us through the healing power of this gift of life; and we pray that in Your mercy You would strengthen us, through this gift, in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; for the sake of Jesus Christ our LORD.

C 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.

C A - men

## \*RECESSATIONAL HYMN

"I The Lord of Sea and Sky"

WOV 752

## \*DISMISSAL

A Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

## POSTLUDE

*"Postludium"*

*Diebold*

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## **THIS WEEK AT ST. JOHN'S**

<b>Monday 6/29</b>	8:00 a.m.	Morning Prayer
	11:00 a.m.	Summer Lunch Program
<b>Tuesday 6/30</b>	8:00 a.m.	Morning Prayer
	11:00 a.m.	Summer Lunch Program
	1:00 p.m.	Youth Group
<b>Wed 7/1</b>	8:00 a.m.	Morning Prayer
	11:00 a.m.	Summer Lunch Program
<b>Thursday 7/2</b>	8:00 a.m.	Morning Prayer
	11:00 a.m.	Summer Lunch Program
<b>Friday 7/3</b>		<b>OFFICE CLOSED</b>
	8:00 a.m.	Morning Prayer
	11:00 a.m.	Summer Lunch Program
<b>Saturday 7/4</b>	8:00 a.m.	Morning Prayer
<b>Sunday 7/5</b>	8:30 a.m.	Worship: Communion
	11:00 a.m.	Worship: Communion

## **SERVICE PARTICIPANTS**

Assisting Minister	Nancy Pierce (E)
Lector	Cheryl Mechling (L)
	Karen Waugaman (E)
	Charlesetta Bleakney (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

## **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.