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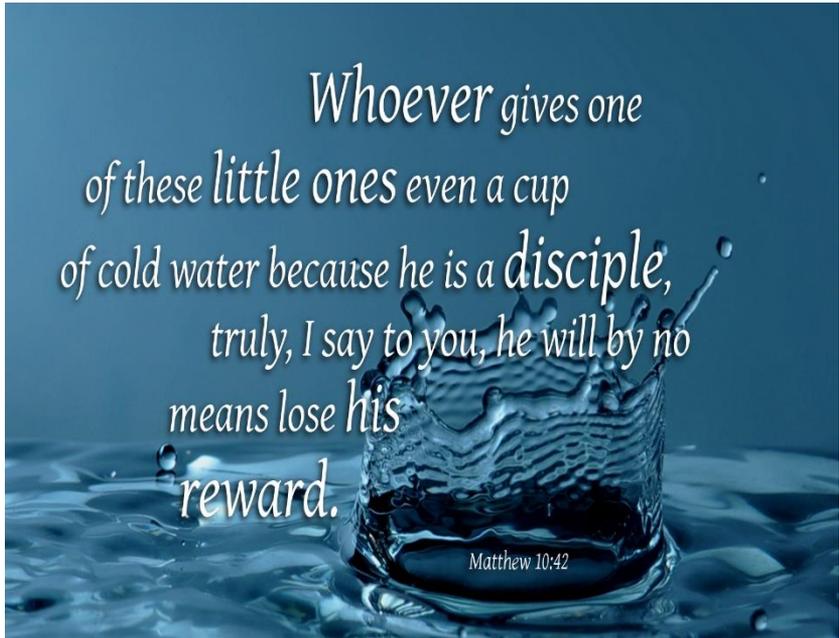
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The Rev. Carl A. Johnson, Pastor

June 28, 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 **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 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

***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**

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

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

C 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.

C Lord, have mer - cy.

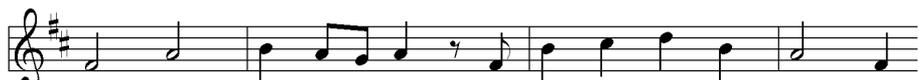
A For this holy house, and for all who offer here their wor - ship and praise,

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

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

***HYMN OF PRAISE**

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



Lord God, heav - en - ly king, al - might - y 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,

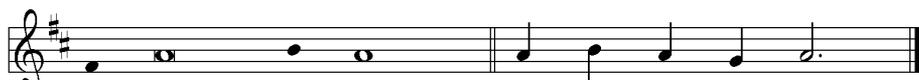


you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir - it,



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.

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.

⁵Then 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, ⁶and 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. ⁷Yet hear now this word that I speak in your hearing and in the hearing of all the people. ⁸The prophets who preceded you and me from ancient times prophesied war, famine, and pestilence against many countries and great kingdoms. ⁹As 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.**

³I 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.'**

¹⁵Happy 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.**

¹⁷For 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.

¹²Let not sin therefore reign in your mortal body, to make you obey its passions. ¹³Do 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. ¹⁴ For sin will have no dominion over you, since you are not under law but under grace.

¹⁵ What then? Are we to sin because we are not under law but under grace? By no means! ¹⁶ 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? ¹⁷ 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, ¹⁸ and, having been set free from sin, have become slaves of righteousness. ¹⁹ 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.

²⁰ For when you were slaves of sin, you were free in regard to righteousness. ²¹ 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. ²² 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. ²³ 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.



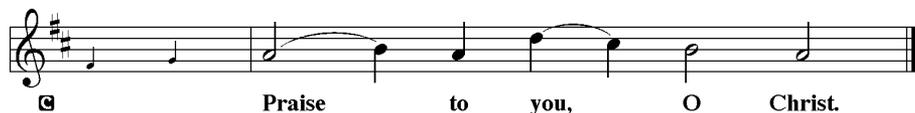
GOSPEL: Matthew 10:40–42

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



40 “Whoever receives you receives me, and whoever receives me receives him who sent me. 41 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. 42 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

ANTHEM “The King of Love” arr. Wilson

***OFFERTORY**



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

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 Jesus Christ our LORD.

C Amen

*THE LORD'S PRAYER

**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.

A - men

***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

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



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Summer Lunch Program



Summer Lunch Grab and Go meals for all kids 0-18 years old will begin distribution HERE at St. John's on Monday, June 15th.

Serving time for lunch pick up is 11a.m.-Noon. Please sign up a day ahead by calling Julie at the church... 724-548-2051 to sign up. Thanks!

Summer Schedule

JULY

Tuesday July 7th: Youth Group 1:00-? Service

Tuesday July 14th: Youth Group 1-2:30

Tuesday July 21st: NO YOUTH GROUP

Tuesday July 28th: Youth Group



Church Picnic

Sunday, August 16, 2020

12:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.

Belmont Complex Small Pavilion

Drinks, hamburgers and hot dogs will be provided.

Please bring your own tableware

and a covered dish or

dessert to share.

Don't forget your swim suit and sunscreen!

Pavilion rental is until 3:30 p.m.,
but we can stay and swim and enjoy the day!

Hope to see you there!!!!



SERVICE PARTICIPANTS

Assisting Minister

Nancy Pierce (E)

Cheryl Mechling (L)

Lector

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.