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July 19, 2020

8:30 & 11:00 a.m. WORSHIP SERVICE



Matthew 13:24-30

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 the Word this morning as we celebrate the **Seventh Sunday After 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.

THE SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST (PROPER 11) JULY 19, 2020

Prayer upon entering God's House:

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

PRELUDE

“Grosser Gott”

arr. Harbach

***BRIEF ORDER FOR CONFESSION 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

***OPENING HYMN**

“We Plow the Fields and Scatter”

LBW 362

***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**



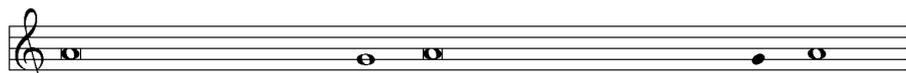
A In peace, let us pray to the Lord. **G** Lord, have mer - cy.



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



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



G 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**



☞ The Lord be with you. ☞ And al - so with you.

P Let us pray.

O Lord, pour out upon us the Spirit to think and do what is right, that we, who cannot even exist without You, may have the strength to live according to Your will; through Your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

C Amen

FIRST LESSON:

Isaiah 44:6–8

A The First Lesson is from the 44th chapter of Isaiah.

⁶ Thus says the LORD, the King of Israel and his Redeemer, the LORD of hosts:

“I am the first and I am the last;
besides me there is no god.

⁷ Who is like me? Let him proclaim it.

Let him declare and set it before me,
since I appointed an ancient people.

Let them declare what is to come, and what will happen.

⁸ Fear not, nor be afraid;

have I not told you from of old and declared it?

And you are my witnesses!

Is there a God besides me?

There is no Rock; I know not any.”

A Here ends the reading.

PSALM:

PSALM 86:11–17

The LORD is gracious and full of compassion,
slow to anger and of great kindness.

**⁹The LORD is loving to everyone
and his compassion is over all his works.**

¹⁰All your works praise you, O LORD,
and your faithful servants bless you.

**¹¹They make known the glory of your kingdom
and speak of your power;**

¹²that the peoples may know of your power
and the glorious splendor of your kingdom.

**¹³Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom;
your dominion endures throughout all ages.**

¹⁴The LORD is faithful in all his words
and merciful in all his deeds.

**¹⁵The LORD upholds all those who fall;
he lifts up those who are bowed down.**

SECOND LESSON:

Romans 8:12–25

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

¹² So then, brothers, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh. ¹³ For if you live according to the flesh you will die, but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. ¹⁴ For all who are led by the Spirit of God are sons of God. ¹⁵ For you did not receive the spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received the Spirit of adoption as sons, by whom we cry, “Abba! Father!” ¹⁶ The Spirit himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, ¹⁷ and if children, then heirs—heirs of God and fellow heirs with Christ, provided we suffer with him in order that we may also be glorified with him.

¹⁸ For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory that is to be revealed to us. ¹⁹ For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the sons of God. ²⁰ For the creation was subjected to futility, not willingly, but because of him who subjected it, in hope ²¹ that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to corruption and obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. ²² For we know that the whole creation has been groaning together in the pains of childbirth until now. ²³ And not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly as we wait eagerly for adoption as sons, the redemption of our bodies. ²⁴ For in this hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what he sees? ²⁵ But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

A Here ends the reading

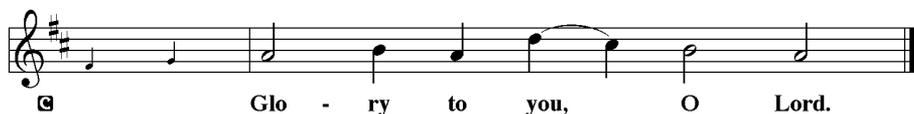
***VERSE**



***GOSPEL:**

Matthew 13:24–30, 36–43

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

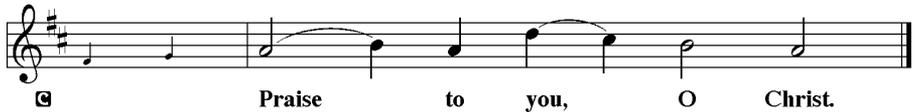


²⁴ He put another parable before them, saying, “The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a man who sowed good seed in his field, ²⁵ but while his men were sleeping, his enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat and went away. ²⁶ So when the plants came up and bore grain, then the weeds appeared also. ²⁷ And the servants of the master of the house came and said to him, ‘Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? How then does it have weeds?’ ²⁸ He said to them, ‘An enemy has done this.’ So the servants said to him, ‘Then do you want us to go and gather them?’ ²⁹ But he said, ‘No, lest in gathering the weeds you root up the wheat along with them. ³⁰ Let both grow together until the harvest, and at harvest time I will tell the

reapers, "Gather the weeds first and bind them in bundles to be burned, but gather the wheat into my barn."'''

³⁶ Then he left the crowds and went into the house. And his disciples came to him, saying, "Explain to us the parable of the weeds of the field." ³⁷ He answered, "The one who sows the good seed is the Son of Man. ³⁸ The field is the world, and the good seed is the sons of the kingdom. The weeds are the sons of the evil one, ³⁹ and the enemy who sowed them is the devil. The harvest is the end of the age, and the reapers are angels. ⁴⁰ Just as the weeds are gathered and burned with fire, so will it be at the end of the age. ⁴¹ The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will gather out of his kingdom all causes of sin and all law-breakers, ⁴² and throw them into the fiery furnace. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. ⁴³ Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. He who has ears, let him hear.

P The Gospel of the Lord.



CHILDREN'S SERMON

***HYMN OF THE DAY** *"Almighty God, Your Word Is Cast"* LBW 234

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**

A Let us lift our hearts, hands, and voices in prayer to God on behalf of all people.

Holy Father, thank You for stating what we constantly ignore or forget that every one of us is a weedy field! Thank You for giving us Jesus' strong, wise words to stand against the "cancel culture" that seeks only to uproot and destroy. Thank You for His patient, grace-filled tending, that alone can "cancel" our sins and heal our flawed lives and broken hearts and for Your promise to gather us all in as Your treasured, holy, precious, and redeemed people.

A LORD in Your mercy,

C 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

SPECIAL MUSIC *Duet "The Gift of Love"* *arr. Hopson*
Rose Montgomery & Charlesetta Bleakney

***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.

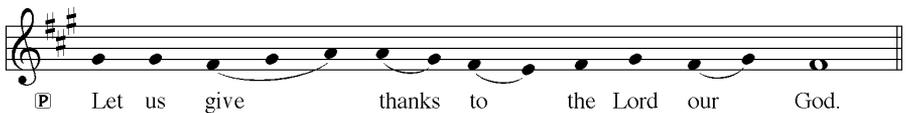
THE GREAT THANKSGIVING



♩ The Lord be with you. ☩ And al - so with you.



♩ Lift up your hearts. ☩ We lift them to the Lord.



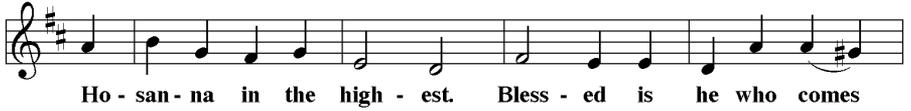
♩ Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



☩ 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:



EUCCHARISTIC 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**

**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**



☐ 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, 222, WOV 711, 709

*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.

The blood of Christ, shed for you.

Amen.

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

C Amen

*CANTICLE



☐ 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....Pour out upon us the Spirit of Your love, O Lord, and unite the wills of those whom You have fed with one heavenly food: through 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.



CLOSING HYMN *“Let All Things Now Living”* *LBW 557*

****DISMISSAL**

A Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE *“Grand Choeur”* *Weiss*

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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!!!!

THIS WEEK AT ST. JOHNS

Today	8:30 a.m. 11:00 a.m.	Worship: Communion Worship: Communion
Monday 7/20	8:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m.	Morning Prayer Summer Lunch Program
Tuesday 7/21	8:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m. 1:00 p.m.	Morning Prayer Summer Lunch Program Youth Group
Wed 7/22	8:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m.	Morning Prayer Summer Lunch Program
Thursday 7/23	8:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m.	Morning Prayer Summer Lunch Program
Friday 7/24	8:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m.	Morning Prayer Summer Lunch Program
Saturday 7/25	8:00 a.m.	Morning Prayer
Sunday 7/26	8:30 a.m. 11:00 a.m.	Worship: Communion Worship

Join us any time for Daily Prayer

Every day, Monday through Saturday, at 8:00 am Pastor leads daily prayer on St. John's YouTube. Because it's on YouTube, you can tune in any time throughout the day. Bulletins to follow along are available on the website and there are print bulletins available at the doors. Because the readings for daily prayer follow the two-year lectionary, almost the entire Bible is read over two years.

*Please join us each day that we might lift up
our hearts and minds together to God.*



A Summer Ministry Project

Give a Child the Opportunity to Succeed in School

Why school supplies? To the children who receive School Kits, these supplies mean the difference in keeping up in class. Public school is free, but few supplies are given to the students. The much-needed supplies, may be more than some parents can afford. These supplies will have a HUGE impact on many children's education and love of learning.

Please place your donated items in the box in the church narthex or the box in the new narthex (Gathering area) by the youth table. Thank you for your help!

All of us can collect school supplies! in each School Kit:

- **Four 70-sheet notebooks:** of wide- or college-ruled paper approximately 8" X 10½"; no loose-leaf paper
- **One 30-centimeter ruler:** or a ruler with centimeters on one side and inches on the other
- **One pencil sharpener**
- **One blunt scissors** (safety scissors with embedded steel blades work well)
- **Five unsharpened #2 pencils with erasers;** secure together with a rubber band
- **Five black or blue ballpoint pens** (no gel ink); secure together with a rubber band
- **One box of 16 or 24 crayons**
- **One 2½" eraser**
- **One sturdy drawstring backpack-style cloth bag** approximately 14" X 17" **with shoulder straps or a standard backpack.**

All items should be new and in good condition.

Watch the sales papers, many items are on sale now for "Back to School".

Last year we collected 86 backpacks that were distributed. The challenge is before us.

Carnival VBS SUMMER



Families, Kids, join us for 3 nights of
Summer Fun Fair, in St. John's Parking lot
6:30-8pm 3 best weather days
AUGUST 3-7

Weather updates on our facebook event page:

<https://www.facebook.com/events/582889269030346/>

or St. John's Kittanning facebook page

Sign up at [https://vbsmate.com/events/](https://vbsmate.com/events/stjohnskittvbs/19611)

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Kids 5 and under parents please attend

VOLUNTEERS FOR VBS!

We will need the following:

items, games, craft items more...I will set up a list in VBS will be in the up a little like Trunk Or games, and stations. families to take a fall. Please let me know Remember, it's 3 nights, we will need people to make some decorations, and games, artwork, etc... During the month of July, during the day. Please contact Julie if you can help.



Specific donations for food and prize items and the back of the church. evening, and will be set Treat with carnival We are recruiting station, like we did in the if you are interested.

1.5 hours. Decorations: We

SERVICE PARTICIPANTS

Assisting Minister	Sara Shafer (E)
	Gene Hughes (L)
Lector	Naomi Smith (E)
	Rose Montgomery (L)
Communion Assistants	Julie Smith, Nancy Pierce (E)
	Charlesetta Bleakney, Lori Young (L)
Camera Operator	Nick Wranich (E)
	Jackson Lager (L)

STAFF MEMBERS

Director of Children's & Youth Ministry	Julie Smith
Secretary	Christine Lettrich
Sexton	Michael Craft
Organist/Vocal Choirs 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 loving memory of Raymond Smith by Naomi Smith.

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.