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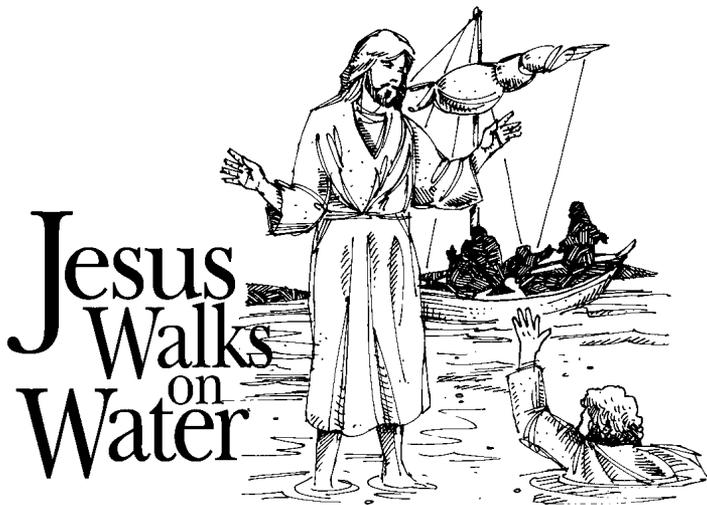
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August 9, 2020

8:30 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 **Tenth 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 praise You, Ascended Christ, as You continue to watch over Your faithful servants from Your Father's holy kingdom. We thank You for Your Holy Spirit which sustains us and gives us new life. Oh, Holy Trinity, accept our humble worship of You. Help us focus our lives on You. Through Jesus the ascended Lord we pray. Amen.

PRELUDE

“SEE INSERT”

***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

“SEE INSERT”

***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.**

***DIALOG**

P: Holy is the Lord, the Almighty,

C: He was, He is, and He is to come.

P: He is worthy of glory and honor and praise.

C: He created all things. By His will they came to be.

P: Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain;

C: Worthy to take the scroll and break its seals.

P: By His blood He purchased for God.

C: people of every race and tongue, of every folk and nation.

P: Christ made of them a kingdom.

C: and priests to serve our God.

P: And they shall reign on earth forever.

C: Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

P: The Lord be with you,
C: And also with you,

***PRAYER OF THE DAY**

P Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, You are always more ready to hear than we are to pray, and to give more than we either desire or deserve. Pour upon us the abundance of Your mercy, forgiving us those things of which our conscience is afraid, and giving us those good things for which we are not worthy to ask, except through the merit of Your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

FIRST LESSON: 1 Kings 19:9–18

A The First Lesson is from the 19th chapter of 1 Kings.

⁹There he came to a cave and lodged in it. And behold, the word of the LORD came to him, and he said to him, "What are you doing here, Elijah?" ¹⁰He said, "I have been very jealous for the LORD, the God of hosts. For the people of Israel have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword, and I, even I only, am left, and they seek my life, to take it away." ¹¹And he said, "Go out and stand on the mount before the LORD." And behold, the LORD passed by, and a great and strong wind tore the mountains and broke in pieces the rocks before the LORD, but the LORD was not in the wind. And after the wind an earthquake, but the LORD was not in the earthquake. ¹²And after the earthquake a fire, but the LORD was not in the fire. And after the fire the sound of a low whisper. ¹³And when Elijah heard it, he wrapped his face in his cloak and went out and stood at the entrance of the cave. And behold, there came a voice to him and said, "What are you doing here, Elijah?" ¹⁴He said, "I have been very jealous for the LORD, the God of hosts. For the people of Israel have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword, and I, even I only, am left, and they seek my life, to take it away." ¹⁵And the LORD said to him, "Go, return on your way to the wilderness of Damascus. And when you arrive, you shall anoint Hazael to be king over Syria. ¹⁶And Jehu the son of Nimshi you shall anoint to be king over Israel, and Elisha the son of Shaphat of Abel-meholah you shall anoint to be prophet in your place. ¹⁷And the one who escapes from the sword of Hazael shall Jehu put to death, and the one who escapes from the sword of Jehu shall Elisha put to death. ¹⁸Yet I will leave seven thousand in Israel, all the knees that have not bowed to Baal, and every mouth that has not kissed him."

A Here ends the reading.

PSALM: Psalm 85:8–13

I will listen to what the LORD God is saying,
for he is speaking peace to his faithful people
and to those who turn their hearts to him.

**⁹Truly, his salvation is very near to those who fear him,
that his glory may dwell in our land.**

¹⁰Mercy and truth have met together;
righteousness and peace have kissed each other.

**¹¹Truth shall spring up from the earth,
and righteousness shall look down from heaven.**

¹²The LORD will indeed grant prosperity,
and our land will yield its increase.

**¹³Righteousness shall go before him,
and peace shall be a pathway for his feet.**

SECOND LESSON: Romans 10:5–15

A The Second Lesson is from the 10th chapter of Romans.

⁵ For Moses writes about the righteousness that is based on the law, that the person who does the commandments shall live by them. ⁶ But the righteousness based on faith says, “Do not say in your heart, ‘Who will ascend into heaven?’” (that is, to bring Christ down) ⁷ “or ‘Who will descend into the abyss?’” (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead).

⁸ But what does it say? “The word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart” (that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); ⁹ because, if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. ¹⁰ For with the heart one believes and is justified, and with the mouth one confesses and is saved. ¹¹ For the Scripture says, “Everyone who believes in him will not be put to shame.” ¹² For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; for the same Lord is Lord of all, bestowing his riches on all who call on him. ¹³ For “everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.”

¹⁴ How then will they call on him in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in him of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone preaching? ¹⁵ And how are they to preach unless they are sent? As it is written, “How beautiful are the feet of those who preach the good news!”

A Here ends the reading.

***VERSE**

P Alleluia

C Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia.

GOSPEL:

Matthew 14:22–33

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew the 14th chapter.

C **Glory to You, O Lord.**

²² Immediately he made the disciples get into the boat and go before him to the other side, while he dismissed the crowds. ²³ And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up on the mountain by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, ²⁴ but the boat by this time was a long way from the land, beaten by the waves, for the wind was against them. ²⁵ And in the fourth watch of the night he came to them, walking on the sea. ²⁶ But when the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were terrified, and said, "It is a ghost!" and they cried out in fear. ²⁷ But immediately Jesus spoke to them, saying, "Take heart; it is I. Do not be afraid."

²⁸ And Peter answered him, "Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water." ²⁹ He said, "Come." So Peter got out of the boat and walked on the water and came to Jesus. ³⁰ But when he saw the wind, he was afraid, and beginning to sink he cried out, "Lord, save me."

³¹ Jesus immediately reached out his hand and took hold of him, saying to him, "O you of little faith, why did you doubt?" ³² And when they got into the boat, the wind ceased. ³³ And those in the boat worshiped him, saying, "Truly you are the Son of God."

P The Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise to You, O Christ.**

CHILDREN'S SERMON

HYMN

"SEE INSERT"

SERMON

"JESUS SAVES!"

***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 all people according to their need.

Holy Father, we bow in adoration before Your majesty and stand in awe of Your wisdom, power, and goodness. We thank You for Your strong saving love made real for us in Your dear Son. Send us Your Spirit so we boldly obey His commands.

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

ANTHEM

"SEE INSERT"

OFFERING

***OFFERTORY**

P: The Lord be with you

C: And also with you

P: Lift up your hearts

C: We lift them up to the Lord

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God

C: it is right to give Him thanks and praise

***EUCHARISTIC PRAYER IV**

P We give you thanks, Father, through Jesus Christ, your beloved Son, whom you sent in this end of the ages to save and redeem us and to proclaim to us your will. He is your Word, inseparable from you. Through him you created all things, and in him you take delight. He is your Word, sent from heaven to a virgin's womb. He there took on our nature and our lot and was shown forth as your Son, born of the Holy Spirit and of the virgin Mary. It is he, our Lord Jesus, who fulfilled all your will and won for you a holy people; he stretched out his hands in suffering in order to free from suffering those who trust you.

It is he who, handed over to a death he freely accepted, in order to destroy death, to break the bonds of the evil one, to crush hell underfoot, to give light to the righteous, to establish his covenant, and to show forth the resurrection, taking bread and giving thanks to you, said:

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

Do this for the remembrance of me.

In the same way he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying:

This is my blood poured out for you.

Do this for the remembrance of me.

Remembering, then, his death and resurrection, we lift this bread and cup before you, giving you thanks that you have made us worthy to stand before you and to serve you as your priestly people.

And we ask you:

Send your Spirit upon these gifts of your Church;
gather into one all who share this bread and wine;
fill us with your Holy Spirit to establish our faith in truth,
that we may praise and glorify you through your Son Jesus Christ.

Through him all glory and honor are yours, Almighty Father, with the Holy Spirit, in your holy Church both now and forever.

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.**



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.

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

Communion

Communion Hymn: "SEE INSERT"

***P:** The body and blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus the Christ strengthen and keep you in His grace, unto eternal life.

***C:** Amen.

*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 As you go on your way may Christ go with you.

May He go before you to show you the way;

May He go behind you to encourage you;

Beside you to befriend you;

Above you to watch over you and within you to give peace.

In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

***C** Amen.

***CLOSING HYMN** "SEE INSERT"

*DISMISSAL

A Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE "SEE INSERT"

THIS WEEK AT ST. JOHN'S

Today	8:30 a.m. 11:00 a.m.	Worship: Rock of our Salvation Worship
Monday 8/10	8:00 a.m. 9:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m. 7:00 p.m.	Morning Prayer Catechism Camp Summer Lunch Program Council Meeting
Tuesday 8/11	8:00 a.m. 9:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m.	Morning Prayer Catechism Camp Summer Lunch Program
Wed 8/12	8:00 a.m. 9:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m.	Morning Prayer Catechism Camp Summer Lunch Program
Thursday 8/13	8:00 a.m. 9:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m.	Morning Prayer Catechism Camp Summer Lunch Program
Friday 8/14	8:00 a.m. 9:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m.	Morning Prayer Catechism Camp Summer Lunch Program
Saturday 8/15	8:00 a.m.	Morning Prayer
Sunday 8/16	8:30 a.m. 11:00 a.m.	Worship: Communion Worship: Communion



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".

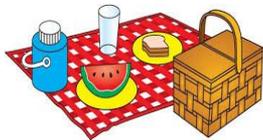
Last year we collected 86 backpacks that were distributed. The challenge is before us.



Catechism Camp is This Week! August 10-14

Catechism classes were rudely interrupted by the Coronavirus. In order to make up the classes, Pastor will be conducting Catechism Camp from 9:00 am till noon the week of August 10-14.

Snacks, lunch and fun included. Those who need to finish testing will stay until 1:00 pm. The goal is to finish the 2020 Spring Term so that second year students can be confirmed on Rally Day, September 13th and that first year students are prepared to begin their second year in the Fall.



Church Picnic Cancelled

Unfortunately, we are sad to announce the postponement of the St. John's Church picnic which was to have been on **August 16th**. After reviewing the Pandemic guidelines, social distancing and food qualifications, the committee has decided to reschedule the picnic until next year. But **NO WORRIES** - we have a plan for fall with fellowship and so many opportunities for "get-togethers"!

RALLY DAY



Music, Fun! Sunday School Orientation, and Breakfast
Snacks....
Sept. 13th at 9:45am

Safe and Clean...

Sunday School will begin for all masks encouraged, social distancing... Some will be facebook those who aren't able to make it. Beginning Sept. 20th at 9:45am. will learn amazing Bible Stories with In Curriculum. And Big Kids will study Word of God, that transforms us every time we read it!



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SERVICE PARTICIPANTS

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Nancy Pierce (E)

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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.

