

Welcome

To our friends who know us, we renew our welcome; to the stranger, we extend our sincere greeting. If you are a visitor, please understand that you are our guest and we want you to feel welcome and comfortable. We are happy you chose to be with us in this service, and pray you have been blessed by our Lord today as He has blessed us by your presence.

Those Who Serve Us

Each Member of St. John's	A Minister
Rev. Mike Burdick	Pastor
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Mrs. Sandy Esker.....	Preschool Director
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Mrs. Melissa Goldstein.....	Song Leader
St. John's Praise Band.....	10:30 AM Music
Mr. Jeff Weis	4:00 PM Elder on Duty
Mr. Jeff Weis	5:30 PM Elder on Duty
Mr. Howard Janis.....	8 AM Elder on Duty
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CHRIST is important to us
in our worship
in our study
in our fellowship
in our lives.

YOU are important to us
in our worship
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Offerings and Attendance Cards can be placed in the boxes at the doors.**

August 15-16, 2020

The 11th Sunday after Pentecost



ORDER OF WORSHIP

You will find the songs for our 10:30am Service in italics.

“Light Of The World”

Preservice #1

*You are the light of the world
You are the light of the world
So shine, shine, shine where you are
You are the light of the world*

*You are a city on a hill
You are a city on a hill
So shine, shine, shine where you are
You are a city on a hill*

*You are a candle in the dark
You are a candle in the dark
So shine, shine, shine where you are
You are a candle in the dark*

*You are a star in the night
You are a star in the night
So shine, shine, shine where you are
You are a star in the night*

*You are the light of the world
You are the light of the world
So shine, shine, shine where you are
You are the light of the world
So shine, shine, shine where you are
You are the light of the world*

*“Light Of The World” written by Philip Lawson Johnson
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"Build My Life"-

*Worthy of ev'ry song we could ever sing
Worthy of all the praise we could ever bring
Worthy of ev'ry breath we could ever breathe
We live for You
Jesus the name above ev'ry other name
Jesus the only one who could ever save
Worthy of ev'ry breath we could ever breathe
We live for You
We live for You
Holy there is no one like You
There is none beside You
Open up my eyes in wonder and show me who You are
And fill me with Your heart
And lead me in Your love to those around me
Jesus the name above ev'ry other name
Jesus the only one who could ever save
Worthy of ev'ry breath we could ever breathe
We live for You
We live for You
I will build my life upon Your love
It is a firm foundation
I will put my trust in You alone
And I will not be shaken
I will build my life upon Your love
It is a firm foundation
I will put my trust in You alone
And I will not be shaken
Holy there is no one like You
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Open up my eyes in wonder and show me who You are
And fill me with Your heart
And lead me in Your love to those around me*

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Bells

Prelude (4:00, 5:30 & 8:00)

Welcome

528 Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing

sts. 1–4

- 1 Oh, for a thousand tongues to sing
My great Redeemer's praise,
The glories of my God and King,
The triumphs of His grace!

- 2 My gracious Master and my God,
Assist me to proclaim,
To spread through all the earth abroad,
The honors of Thy name.

- 3 Jesus! The name that charms our fears,
That bids our sorrows cease;
'Tis music in the sinner's ears,
'Tis life and health and peace.

- 4 He breaks the pow'r of canceled sin;
He sets the pris'ner free.
His blood can make the foulest clean;
His blood avails for me.

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"How Great Is Our God"

Opening Song

*The splendor of the King, clothed in majesty
Let all the earth rejoice, all the earth rejoice
He wraps himself in light, and darkness tries to hide
And trembles at His voice, and trembles at His voice
How great is our God, Sing with me
How great is our God, and all will see
How great, how great
Is our God*

*And age to age He stands and time is in His hands
Beginning and the End, Beginning and the End
The Godhead, Three in One
Father, Spirit, Son
The Lion and the Lamb, Lion and the Lamb
How great is our God, Sing with me
How great is our God, and all will see
How great, how great
Is our God*

*Name above all names
Worthy of our praise
My heart will sing how great
Is our God*

*Name above all names
Worthy of our praise
My heart will sing how great
Is our God*

*How great is our God, Sing with me
How great is our God, and all will see
How great, how great
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*How great is our God, Sing with me
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Invocation

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

C **Amen.**

Catechism Review: Confession and the Office of the Keys

What is the Office of the Keys?

The Office of the Keys is that special authority which Christ has given to His Church on earth to forgive the sins of repentant sinners, but to withhold forgiveness from the unrepentant as long as they do not repent.

Where is this written?

This is what St. John the Evangelist writes in chapter twenty: The Lord Jesus breathed on His disciples and said, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive anyone his sins, they are forgiven; if you do not forgive them, they are not forgiven." (John 20:22–23)

What do you believe according to these words?

I believe that when the called ministers of Christ deal with us by His divine command, in particular when they exclude openly unrepentant sinners from the Christian congregation and absolve those who repent of their sins and want to do better, this is just as valid and certain, even in heaven, as if Christ our dear Lord dealt with us Himself.

Confession and Absolution

P Humble yourselves before God, confess your sins to Him, and implore His forgiveness...

--silence--

P O almighty God,

C **merciful Father, I a penitent sinner, confess to You all my sins and iniquities with which I have offended You and justly deserved Your present and eternal punishment. By nature, I am a sinful. By thought, word, and deed, I have continually transgressed Your Law. For the sake of the sufferings and death of Your Son, Jesus Christ, be gracious and merciful to me. Forgive me all of my sins, and grant me the power of Your Holy Spirit that I may amend my sinful life.**

P God be gracious to you and strengthen your faith.

C **Amen.**

P As you believe, so let it be! For the sake of Jesus' death and resurrection, as a called and ordained servant of Christ and by His authority, I therefore

forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen!

Prayer of the Day

P Let us pray. Almighty and everlasting Father, You give Your children many blessings even though we are undeserving. In every trial and temptation grant us steadfast confidence in Your loving-kindness and mercy; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 56:1, 6–8

¹Thus says the LORD:

“Keep justice, and do righteousness,
for soon my salvation will come,
and my deliverance be revealed. . . .

⁶“And the foreigners who join themselves to the LORD,
to minister to him, to love the name of the LORD,
and to be his servants,
everyone who keeps the Sabbath and does not profane it,
and holds fast my covenant—

⁷these I will bring to my holy mountain,
and make them joyful in my house of prayer;
their burnt offerings and their sacrifices
will be accepted on my altar;
for my house shall be called a house of prayer
for all peoples.”

⁸The Lord GOD,
who gathers the outcasts of Israel, declares,
“I will gather yet others to him
besides those already gathered.”

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Epistle

Romans 5:1-8

Therefore, since we have been justified through faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ,² through whom we have gained access by faith into this grace in which we now stand. And we boast in the hope of the glory of God.³ Not only so, but we also glory in our sufferings, because we know that suffering produces perseverance;⁴ perseverance, character; and character, hope.⁵ And hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured out into our hearts through the Holy Spirit, who has been given to us.

⁶You see, at just the right time, when we were still powerless, Christ died for the ungodly.⁷ Very rarely will anyone die for a righteous person, though for a good person someone might possibly dare to die.⁸ But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Blessing of the Backpacks

922 Go, My Children, with My Blessing

sts. 1, 4

God says...

1 **Go, My children, with My blessing,
Never alone.**

**Waking, sleeping, I am with you;
You are My own.**

**In My love's baptismal river
I have made you Mine forever.**

**Go, My children, with My blessing—
You are My own.**

4 **I the Lord will bless and keep you
And give you peace;**

**I the Lord will smile upon you
And give you peace:**

**I the Lord will be your Father,
Savior, Comforter, and Brother.**

**Go, My children; I will keep you
And give you peace.**



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P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the fourteenth chapter.

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

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

²⁸And Peter answered him, "Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water." ²⁹He said, "Come." So Peter got out of the boat and walked on the water and came to Jesus. ³⁰But when he saw the wind, he was afraid, and beginning to sink he cried out, "Lord, save me." ³¹Jesus immediately reached out his hand and took hold of him, saying to him, "O you of little faith, why did you doubt?" ³²And when they got into the boat, the wind ceased. ³³And those in the boat worshiped him, saying, "Truly you are the Son of God."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

Apostles' Creed

C **I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth.**

**And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died and was buried.
He descended into hell.**

**The third day He rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.
From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy Christian Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life T everlasting. Amen.**

770 What a Friend We Have in Jesus

1 What a friend we have in Jesus,
All our sins and griefs to bear!
What a privilege to carry
Ev'rything to God in prayer!
Oh, what peace we often forfeit;
Oh, what needless pain we
bear—
All because we do not carry
Ev'rything to God in prayer!

2 Have we trials and temptations?
Is there trouble anywhere?
We should never be
discouraged—
Take it to the Lord in prayer.
Can we find a friend so faithful

Who will all our sorrows
share?
Jesus knows our ev'ry
weakness—
Take it to the Lord in prayer.

3 Are we weak and heavy laden,
Cumbered with a load of care?
Precious Savior, still our refuge—
Take it to the Lord in prayer.
Do thy friends despise, forsake
thee?
Take it to the Lord in prayer.
In His arms He'll take and shield
thee;
Thou wilt find a solace there.

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“This Is My Father's World” -

Sermon Song

*This is my Father's world
And to my listening ears,
All nature sings, and round me rings
The music of the spheres.*

*This is my Father's world
The birds their carols raise,
The morning light, the lilly white,
Declare their Maker's praise.*

*This is my Father's world
I rest me in the thought
Of rocks and trees, of skies and seas;
His hand the wonders wrought.*

*This is my Father's world
O let me ne'er forget,
That though the wrong seems oft so strong,
God is the Ruler yet.*

*This is my Father's world
Why should my heart be sad?
The Lord is King, let the heavens ring,
God reigns; let the earth be glad!*

*This is my Father's world
He shines in all that's fair;
In the rustling grass I hear him pass;
He speaks to me everywhere.
In the rustling grass I hear him pass;
He speaks to me everywhere.*

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Sermon

***“A Time For Prayer”
(Pastor Fortkamp)***

766 Our Father, Who from Heaven Above

1 Our Father, who from heav'n above
Bids all of us to live in love
 As members of one family
 And pray to You in unity,
Teach us no thoughtless words to say
But from our inmost hearts to pray.

2 Your name be hallowed. Help us,
Lord,
In purity to keep Your Word,
 That to the glory of Your name
 We walk before You free from
blame.
Let no false teaching us pervert;
All poor deluded souls convert.

3 Your kingdom come. Guard Your
domain
And Your eternal righteous reign.
 The Holy Ghost enrich our day
 With gifts attendant on our way.
Break Satan's pow'r, defeat his rage;
Preserve Your Church from age to
age.

4 Your gracious will on earth be done
As it is done before Your throne,
 That patiently we may obey
 Throughout our lives all that You
say.
Curb flesh and blood and ev'ry ill
That sets itself against Your will.

5 Give us this day our daily bread,
And let us all be clothed and fed.
 Save us from hardship, war, and
strife;

 In plague and famine, spare our
life,
That we in honest peace may live,
To care and greed no entrance give.

6 Forgive our sins, Lord, we implore,
That they may trouble us no more;
 We, too, will gladly those forgive
 Who hurt us by the way they live.
Help us in our community
To serve each other willingly.

7 Lead not into temptation, Lord,
Where our grim foe and all his horde
 Would vex our souls on ev'ry hand.
Help us resist, help us to stand
Firm in the faith, a mighty host,
Through comfort of the Holy Ghost.

8 From evil, Lord, deliver us;
The times and days are perilous.
 Redeem us from eternal death,
 And, when we yield our dying
breath,
Console us, grant us calm release,
And take our souls to You in peace.

9 Amen, that is, so shall it be.
Make strong our faith in You, that we
 May doubt not but with trust
believe
 That what we ask we shall receive.
Thus in Your name and at Your Word
We say, "Amen, O hear us, Lord!"

Prayer of the Church

“...hear our prayer!”

Benediction

803 Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee

1 Joyful, joyful we adore Thee,
God of glory, Lord of love!
Hearts unfold like flow'rs before
Thee,
Praising Thee, their sun above.
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness,
Drive the gloom of doubt away.
Giver of immortal gladness,
Fill us with the light of day.

2 All Thy works with joy surround
Thee,
Earth and heav'n reflect Thy rays,
Stars and angels sing around Thee,
Center of unbroken praise.

Field and forest, vale and mountain,
Flow'ry meadow, flashing sea,
Chanting bird, and flowing fountain
Call us to rejoice in Thee.

3 Thou art giving and forgiving,
Ever blessing, ever blest,
Wellspring of the joy of living,
Ocean-depth of happy rest!
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,
Fountainhead of love divine:
Joyful, we Thy heav'n inherit!
Joyful, we by grace are Thine!

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“Crown Him With Many Crowns”

Closing Song

*Crown Him with many crowns
The Lamb upon His throne
Hark how the heavenly anthem drowns
All music but its own
Awake my soul and sing
Of Him who died for thee
And hail Him as thy matchless King
Through all eternity*

*Crown Him the virgin's Son
The God incarnate born
Whose arm those crimson trophies won
Which now His brow adorn
Fruit of the mystic rose
Yet of that rose the stem
Who died eternal life to bring
The babe of Bethlehem*

*Crown Him the Lord of love
Behold His hands and side
Rich wounds yet visible above
In beauty glorified
No angel in the sky
Can fully bear that sight
But downward bends each burning eye
At mysteries so bright*

*Crown Him the Lord of life
Who triumphed o'er the grave
And rose victorious in the strife
For those He came to save
His glories now we sing
Who died and rose on high
Who died eternal life to bring
And lives that death may die*

*Crown Him the Lord of heav'n
Enthroned in worlds above
Crown Him the king to whome is giv'n
The wondrous name of Love
Crown Him with many crowns
As thrones before Him fall
Crown Him ye kings with many crowns
For He is king of all*

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