

Welcome!

**St. John's
Lutheran
Church**

(LCMS)

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Sun. 8:00 am

Sun. 10:30 am

“A Fellowship of
Hope, Teaching,
Serving, and
Proclaiming”

Pastor

Mike Burdick

July 25, 2021

The 9th Sunday
after Pentecost

Welcome

We welcome you to God's Service in worship at St. John's, and extend a special welcome to all guests and visitors with us.

- Restrooms are located on the 2nd, 3rd, and 5th floors. Those on the 2nd and 5th floors include diaper-changing stations.
- The Service video is broadcast in the Atrium and in the Library area on the 5th floor.
- Visitors are not expected to bring an offering. Our members do so in free response to the Gospel and to finance the extension of God's Kingdom. They place offerings in the boxes at the North and West doors, or give through our online portal on our website.
- **All worshipers are requested to complete an attendance card (located in the pew) and to place them in the boxes at the North and West doors. Thank you!**

Those Who Serve Us

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| Each Member of St. John's..... | The Body of Christ |
| Rev. Mike Burdick..... | Pastor |
| Rev. Gary Fortkamp..... | Visitation Pastor |
| Mrs. Sandy Esker | Preschool Director |
| Mrs. Dana Keller | Organist |
| Mrs. Amy Kohnert | Song Leader |
| St. John's Praise Band | 10:30am Music |
| Lilli Wernsing & Jake Niebrugge | Acolyte |
| Mr. Jeff Stremming..... | 5:30pm Elder on Duty |
| Mr. Dave Worman..... | 8:00am Elder on Duty |
| Mr. Howard Janis..... | 10:30am Elder on Duty |
| Mr. Dave Worman 217-821-7819..... | Elder on Duty for July 26 – July 30 |
| Chatelain School & Baja School | Our Schools for feeding in Haiti |
| Ms. Janet Martins..... | Stephen Ministry Leader |
| Mrs. Julie Scott..... | (1-217-343-3047) Prayer Partner Coordinator |
| State, National & International Missions | through our District and Synod |

Holy Communion

Welcome! When the members of St. John's Lutheran Church, (LCMS) celebrate the Lord's Supper we confess the Real Presence of Christ's Body and Blood in the Bread and Wine, given and shed for the forgiveness of our sins. (1 Cor 10:16 & 1 Cor 11:23-26) We believe that Christ's Body and Blood are present "*in, with and under*" elements of the Holy Supper. Please register your intent to commune on the pew card after prayerfully reading it. If you are visiting with us and you desire to join with us in communion fellowship in agreement with these beliefs, please speak to our Pastor or the elder on duty before the Service. Thank You.

We welcome Pastor Chuck Olander as our guest preacher today, bringing us God's Word of provision and encouragement around the theme of Biblical stewardship. Pastor Olander serves our Central Illinois District as Planned Giving Counselor. He and Scott Radden are also making our "Lifetime Plan For Giving" presentation at 9:15am Sunday in the Trinity Rooms. God is the faithful giver all things ... and we are privileged to be faithful managers!

Order of Worship

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

"Days of Elijah"

Preservice #1

*These are the days of Elijah
Declaring the Word of the Lord.
And these are the days of his servant, Moses,
Righteousness being restored.*

*Behold He comes, riding on a cloud,
Shining like the sun at the trumpet's call.
Lift your voice, it's the year of jubilee,
and out of Zion's hill salvation comes.*

*And these are the days of great trial,
Of famine and darkness and sword,
Still we are the voice in the desert crying,
Prepare ye the way of the Lord!*

*There is no god like Jehovah,
There is no god like Jehovah,
There is no god like Jehovah,
There is no god like Jehovah!*

*Behold He comes, riding on a cloud,
Shining like the sun at the trumpet's call.
Lift your voice, it's the year of jubilee,
and out of Zion's hill salvation comes.*

*There is no god like Jehovah,
There is no god like Jehovah,
There is no god like Jehovah!*

*And these are the days of Ezekiel,
The dry bones becoming as flesh.
And these are the days of his servant, David,
Rebuilding the temple of praise.*

*Behold He comes, riding on a cloud,
Shining like the sun at the trumpet's call.
Lift your voice, it's the year of jubilee,
and out of Zion's hill salvation comes.*

*And these are the days of the harvest,
The fields are all white in your world.
And we are the laborers in your vineyard,
declaring the word of the Lord.*

*Behold He comes, riding on a cloud,
Shining like the sun at the trumpet's call.
Lift your voice, it's the year of jubilee,
and out of Zion's hill salvation comes.
out of Zion's hill salvation comes,
out of Zion's hill salvation comes!*

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"Just A Closer Walk With Thee"

Preservice #2

*I am weak but Thou art strong;
Jesus, keep me from all wrong;
I'll be satisfied as long
As I walk, let me walk close to Thee.*

Refrain:

*Just a closer walk with Thee,
Grant it, Jesus, is my plea,
Daily walking close to Thee,
Let it be, dear Lord, let it be.*

*Thro' this world of toil and snares,
If I falter, Lord, who cares?
Who with me my burden shares?
None but Thee, dear Lord, none but Thee.
[Refrain]*

*When my feeble life is o'er,
Time for me will be no more;
Guide me gently, safely o'er
To Thy kingdom shore, to Thy shore.
[Refrain]*

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Call to Worship

Prelude (5:30 & 8:00)

Welcome

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| Hymn #788 | Forgive Us, Lord, for Shallow Thankfulness |
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"Holy Spirit"

(10:30) Opening Song

*There's nothing worth more
That could ever come close
No thing can compare
You're our living hope
Your presence, Lord*

*There's nothing worth more
That could ever come close
No thing can compare
You're our living hope
Your presence, Lord*

*I've tasted and seen
Of the sweetest of loves
Where my heart becomes free
And my shame is undone
Your presence, Lord*

*I've tasted and seen
Of the sweetest of loves
Where my heart becomes free
And my shame is undone
Your presence, Lord*

*Holy Spirit, You are welcome here
Come flood this place and fill the atmosphere
Your glory, God, is what our hearts long for
To be overcome by Your presence, Lord
Your presence, Lord*

*Holy Spirit, You are welcome here
Come flood this place and fill the atmosphere
Your glory, God, is what our hearts long for
To be overcome by Your presence, Lord
Your presence, Lord*

*Let us become more aware of Your presence
Let us experience the glory of Your goodness*

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Come flood this place and fill the atmosphere
Your glory, God, is what our hearts long for
To be overcome by Your presence, Lord*

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

C **Amen.**

P Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C **who made heaven and earth.**

P If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?

C **But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.**

P Since we are gathered to hear God's Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, and receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

C **Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.**

P Almighty God, merciful Father, in Holy Baptism You declared us to be Your children and gathered us into Your one, holy Church, in which You daily and richly forgive us our sins and grant us new life through Your Spirit. Be in our midst, enliven our faith, and graciously receive our prayer and praise; through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C **Amen.**

Service of the Word



C 1 To God on high be glo - ry And peace to all the earth;
 2 To You, O sole-be - got - ten, The Fa - ther's Son, we pray;
 3 For You a - lone are ho - ly; You on - ly are the Lord.



Good-will from God in heav - en Pro-claimed at Je-sus' birth!
 O Lamb of God, our Sav - ior, You take our sins a - way.
 For - ev - er and for - ev - er, Be wor-shipped and a - dored;



We praise and bless You, Fa - ther; Your ho - ly name, we sing—
 Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus; Re - ceive our heart - felt cry,
 You with the Ho - ly Spir - it A - lone are Lord Most High,



Our thanks for Your great glo - ry, Lord God, our heav'n-ly King.
 Where You in pow'r are seat-ed At God's right hand on high—
 In God the Fa - ther's glo - ry. "A - men!" our glad re - ply.

Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Let us pray. Almighty and most merciful God, the protector of all who trust in You, strengthen our faith and give us courage to believe that in Your love You will rescue us from all adversities; 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

Genesis 9:8–17

⁸ God said to Noah and to his sons with him, ⁹“Behold, I establish my covenant with you and your offspring after you, ¹⁰and with every living creature that is with you, the birds, the livestock, and every beast of the earth with you, as many as came out of the ark; it is for every beast of the earth. ¹¹I establish my covenant with you, that never again shall all flesh be cut off by the waters of the flood, and never again shall there be a flood to destroy the earth.” ¹²And God said, “This is the sign of the covenant that I make between me and you and every living creature that is with you, for all future generations: ¹³I have set my bow in the cloud, and it shall be a sign of the covenant between me and the earth. ¹⁴When I bring clouds over the earth and the bow is seen in the clouds, ¹⁵I will remember my covenant that is between me and you and every living creature of all flesh. And the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all flesh. ¹⁶When the bow is in the clouds, I will see it and remember the everlasting covenant between God and every living creature of all flesh that is on the earth.” ¹⁷God said to Noah, “This is the sign of the covenant that I have established between me and all flesh that is on the earth.”

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm

Psalm 136:1–9; antiphon: v. 26

¹Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good,
for his steadfast love endures forever.

²Give thanks to the God of gods,
for his steadfast love endures forever.

³Give thanks to the Lord of lords,
for his steadfast love endures forever;

⁴to him who alone does great wonders,
for his steadfast love endures forever;

⁵to him who by understanding made the heavens,
for his steadfast love endures forever;

⁶to him who spread out the earth above the waters,
for his steadfast love endures forever;

⁷to him who made the great lights,
for his steadfast love endures forever;

⁸the sun to rule over the day,
for his steadfast love endures forever;

⁹the moon and stars to rule over the night,
for his steadfast love endures forever;

Epistle

2 Corinthians 8:1–9, 13–15

¹We want you to know, brothers, about the grace of God that has been given among the churches of Macedonia, ²for in a severe test of affliction, their abundance of joy and their extreme poverty have overflowed in a wealth of generosity on their part. ³For they gave according to their means, as I can testify, and beyond their means, of their own free will, ⁴begging us earnestly for the favor of taking part in the relief of the saints — ⁵and this, not as we expected, but they gave themselves first to the Lord and then by the will of God to us. ⁶Accordingly, we urged Titus that as he had started, so he should complete among you this act of grace. ⁷But as you excel in everything—in faith, in speech, in knowledge, in all earnestness, and in our love for you—see that you excel in this act of grace also.

⁸I say this not as a command, but to prove by the earnestness of others that your love also is genuine. ⁹For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sake he became poor, so that you by his poverty might become rich....

¹³I do not mean that others should be eased and you burdened, but that as a matter of fairness ¹⁴your abundance at the present time should supply their need, so that their abundance may supply your need, that there may be fairness. ¹⁵As it is written, “Whoever gathered much had nothing left over, and whoever gathered little had no lack.”

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Alleluia and Verse

P Alleluia, alleluia. These things are written that you may believe:

C that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God. Alleluia, alleluia!

Holy Gospel

Mark 6:45–56

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the sixth chapter.

C Glory to You, O Lord.

⁴⁵Immediately [Jesus] made his disciples get into the boat and go before him to the other side, to Bethsaida, while he dismissed the crowd. ⁴⁶And after he had taken leave of them, he went up on the mountain to pray. ⁴⁷And when evening came, the boat was out on the sea, and he was alone on the land. ⁴⁸And he saw that they were making headway painfully, for the wind was against them. And about the fourth watch of the night, he came to them, walking on the sea. He meant to pass by them, ⁴⁹but when they saw him walking on the sea, they thought it was a ghost, and cried out, ⁵⁰for they all saw him and were terrified. But immediately he spoke to them and said, “Take heart; it is I. Do not be afraid.” ⁵¹And he got into the boat with them, and the wind ceased. And they were utterly astounded, ⁵²for they did not understand about the loaves, but their hearts were hardened.

⁵³When they had crossed over, they came to land at Gennesaret and moored to the shore. ⁵⁴And when they got out of the boat, the people immediately recognized him ⁵⁵and ran about the whole region and began to bring the sick people on their beds to wherever they heard he was. ⁵⁶And wherever he came, in villages, cities, or countryside, they laid the sick in the marketplaces and implored him that they might touch even the fringe of his garment. And as many as touched it were made well.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

Nicene Creed

C I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Hymn #783

Take My Life and Let It Be

"Grace"

(10:30) Sermon Song

*Your grace that leads this sinner home
From death to life forever
And sings the song of righteousness
By blood and not by merit*

*By grace I am redeemed
By grace I am restored
And now I freely walk
Into the arms of Christ my Lord*

*Your grace that reaches far and wide
To every tribe and nation
Has called my heart to enter in
The joy of Your salvation*

*Your grace that I cannot explain
Not by my earthly wisdom
The prince of life without a stain
Was traded for this sinner*

*By grace I am redeemed
By grace I am restored
And now I freely walk
Into the arms of Christ my Lord*

*Let praise rise up and overflow
My song resound forever
For grace will see me welcomed home
To walk beside my Saviour*

*By grace I am redeemed
By grace I am restored
And now I freely walk
Into the arms of Christ my Lord*

*By grace I am redeemed
By grace I am restored
And now I freely walk
Into the arms of Christ my Lord*

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Into the arms of Christ my Lord*

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Sermon

"They gave themselves first to the Lord, and then to us."

Pastor Chuck Olander

Prayer of the Church

Service of the Sacrament

Preface

LSB 208

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also 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.**

Prayer of Thanksgiving

P Blessed are You, O Lord our God, king of all creation, for You have had mercy on us and given Your only-begotten Son that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life.

In Your righteous judgment You condemned the sin of Adam and Eve, who ate the forbidden fruit, and You justly barred them and all their children from the tree of life. Yet, in Your great mercy, You promised salvation by a second Adam, Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, and made His cross a life-giving tree for all who trust in Him.

We give You thanks for the redemption You have prepared for us through Jesus Christ. Grant us Your Holy Spirit that we may faithfully eat and drink of the fruits of His cross and receive the blessings of forgiveness, life, and salvation that come to us in His body and blood.

Hear us as we pray in His name and as He has taught us:

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.

The Words of Our Lord

Pax Domini

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C Amen.

Agnus Dei

LSB 210

1 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,
2 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,
You take the sin of the world a - way;
You take the sin of the world a - way;
O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,
Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus Christ,
Have mer - cy on us, Lord, we pray.
And grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.

Distribution

Hymn #618

Hymn #649

I Come, O Savior, to Thy Table
Blest Be the Tie That Binds

“The Wonderful Cross”

(10:30) Communion Song

*When I survey the wondrous cross
On which the Prince of Glory died
My richest gain I count but loss
And pour contempt on all my pride*

*See from his head, his hands, his feet
Sorrow and love flow mingled down
Did ever such love and sorrow meet
Or thorns compose so rich a crown*

*O the wonderful cross, O the wonderful cross
Bids me come and die and find that I may truly live
O the wonderful cross, O the wonderful cross
All who gather here by grace draw near and bless Your name*

*Were the whole realm of nature mine
That were an offering far too small
Love so amazing, so divine
Demands my soul, my life, my all*

*O the wonderful cross, O the wonderful cross
Bids me come and die and find that I may truly live
O the wonderful cross, O the wonderful cross
All who gather here by grace draw near and bless Your name*

*O the wonderful cross, O the wonderful cross
Bids me come and die and find that I may truly live
O the wonderful cross, O the wonderful cross
All who gather here by grace draw near and bless Your name*

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Communion Blessing

Post-Communion Collect

- P Let us pray. We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

Benedicamus

LSB 212

- P Let us bless the Lord.
C **Thanks be to God!**

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 T give you peace.
- C Amen.

| Hymn #789 | | Praise and Thanksgiving |
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| 1 | Praise and thanksgiving, Father, we offer For all things living, Created good: Harvest of sown fields, Fruits of the orchard, Hay from the mown fields, Blossom and wood. | 2 Bless, Lord, the labor We bring to serve You That with our neighbor We may be fed. Sowing or tilling, We would work with You, Harvesting, milling For daily bread. |
| | 3 Father, providing Food for Your children, By Your wise guiding Teach us to share One with another, So that, rejoicing With us, all others May know Your care. | |

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"I Saw The Light"

(10:30) Closing Song

*I wandered so aimless, life filled with sin
I wouldn't let, my dear Saviour in
Then Jesus came, like a stranger in the night
Praise The Lord, I saw the light*

*I saw the light, I saw the light
No more darkness, no more night
Now I'm so happy, no sorrow in sight
Praise The Lord, I saw the light*

*Just like a blind man, I wandered alone
Worries and fears, I claimed for my own
Then like the blind man, that God gave back his sight
Praise The Lord, I saw the light*

*I saw the light, I saw the light
No more darkness, no more night
Now I'm so happy, no sorrow in sight
Praise The Lord, I saw the light*

*I was a fool, to wander and stray
For straight is the gate, and narrow is the way
Now I have traded the wrong for the right
Praise The Lord, I saw the light*

*I saw the light, I saw the light
No more darkness, no more night
Now I'm so happy, no sorrow in sight
Praise The Lord, I saw the light*

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Postlude

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