

**Welcome!**

**St. John's  
Lutheran  
Church**

(LCMS)

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

**Pastor**

Mike Burdick

**Aug 29, 2021**

The 14<sup>th</sup> 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 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, and 5<sup>th</sup> floors. Those on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> floors include diaper-changing stations.
- The Service video is broadcast in the Atrium and in the Library area on the 5<sup>th</sup> 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

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. Holly Adams.....	Song Leader
St. John’s Praise Band.....	10:30am Music
Melia Wendling.....	Acolyte
Mr. Dave Worman.....	5:30pm Elder on Duty
Mr. Keith Knight.....	8:00am Elder on Duty
Mr. Jeff Weis.....	10:30am Elder on Duty
Mr. Keith Knight 217-821-6719.....	Elder on Duty for August 30 – September 3
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.

**Altar Flowers** are in memory of Pastor Gall and for his ministry and service here at St. John’s.

## Strong In The Lord!

### As We Gather

Today we see the importance of God's Word in our lives. God's Word is what kept the Israelites as they entered the Promised Land. God's Word is the sword of the Spirit, a portion of the armor of God we are given and told to put on. God's Word leads us, protects us, and helps us fight against the evil one.

### Order of Worship

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

### "Our God"

### Preservice #1

*Water You turned into wine  
Opened the eyes of the blind  
There's no one like You  
None like You*

*Into the darkness You shine  
Out of the ashes we rise  
There's no one like You  
None like You*

*Our God is greater  
Our God is stronger  
God You are higher than any other  
Our God is Healer  
Awesome in power  
Our God, Our God*

*Into the darkness You shine  
Out of the ashes we rise  
There's no one like You  
None like You*

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Our God is stronger  
God You are higher than any other  
Our God is Healer  
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God You are higher than any other*

*Our God is Healer  
Awesome in power  
Our God, Our God  
and if our God is for us  
then who could ever stop us  
and if our God is with us  
then what could stand against*

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then who could ever stop us  
and if our God is with us  
then what could stand against  
then what could stand against*

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God You are higher than any other  
Our God is Healer  
Awesome in power  
Our God, Our God*

*and if our God is for us  
then who could ever stop us  
and if our God is with us  
then what could stand against (continued)*

*and if our God is for us  
then who could ever stop us  
and if our God is with us  
then what could stand against  
then what could stand against*

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## **"He Is With Us"**

## **Preservice #2**

*Remember when  
Your hope is lost and faith is shaken  
Remember when  
You wonder if you're gonna make it  
There's a hand stretched out  
Through your deepest doubt*

*We can't pretend  
To see the ending or what's coming up ahead  
Don't know the story of tomorrow  
But we can stay close  
To the One who knows*

*We can trust our God  
He knows what He's doing  
Though it might hurt now  
We won't be ruined  
It might seem there's an ocean in between  
But He's holding onto you and me  
And He's never gonna leave, no  
He is with us, He is with us, always, always  
He is with us, He is with us, always*

*We believe  
There is purpose, there is meaning  
In everything  
We surrender to His leading  
He wants nothing more  
Than to have us close*

*We can trust our God  
He knows what He's doing  
Though it might hurt now*

*We won't be ruined  
It might seem there's an ocean in between  
But He's holding onto you and me  
And He's never gonna leave, no  
He is with us, He is with us, always, always  
He is with us, He is with us, always*

*Our faith is sealed  
Our hope is real  
Come what may  
We're not afraid*

*Our faith is sealed  
Our hope is real  
Come what may  
We're not afraid, We're not afraid*

*We can trust our God, always, always  
We can trust our God, always, always*

*We can trust our God  
He knows what He's doing  
Though it might hurt now  
We won't be ruined  
It might seem there's an ocean in between  
But He's holding onto you and me  
And He's never gonna leave, no  
He is with us, He is with us, always, always  
He is with us, He is with us, always, always  
He is with us, He is with us, always, always  
He is with us, He is with us, always  
Our God is with us*

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## Call to Worship

Prelude (5:30 & 8:00)

Welcome

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Sacrament of Holy Baptism for Isla Lynn Veach daughter of Ashley &amp; Tanner Veach (5:30pm)</b></p>
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### Invocation

P In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.  
C **Amen.**

### Opening Sentences

P Lord, the unfolding of Your words gives light.  
C **Your Word imparts understanding to the simple.**

P Keep steady our steps according to Your promise,  
C **and let no iniquity gain dominion over us.**

P Cast us not away from Your presence,  
C **and take not Your Holy Spirit from us.**

P Restore to us the joy of Your salvation,  
C **and uphold us with a willing spirit.**

### Confession and Absolution

P We are God's people. Through His Word, He has given us wisdom and understanding to follow His ways. Yet, daily we have chosen foolishness over wisdom, willful ignorance instead of understanding. Still, even now, our heavenly Father invites us to come to Him and ask for forgiveness.

*Silence for reflection.*

P Heavenly Father,  
C **we have ignored Your Word. We have lived according to our own desires rather than Yours. We have chosen the advice of the world instead of Your perfect wisdom. Forgive us, create in us new hearts, and renew right spirits within us, so that we may follow where You lead, for the sake of Jesus. Amen.**

P Almighty God, in His infinite wisdom and grace, sent His Son, Jesus Christ, to die and rise for our sins. Because of Jesus, the joy of our salvation is restored, and no iniquity can remain in dominion over us. Therefore, as a called and ordained servant of Christ and by His authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen. We are forgiven in Christ! We have been cleansed of our sin. Amen.**

**“Step by Step”**(10:30) **Opening Song**

*O God, You are my God and I will ever praise You  
 O God, You are my God and I will ever praise You  
 I will seek You in the morning  
 and I will learn to walk in Your ways  
 Step by step You lead me  
 and I will follow You all of my days.*

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**Prayer of the Day**

P Let us pray. O God, the source of all that is just and good, nourish in us every virtue and bring to completion every good intent that we may grow in grace and bring forth the fruit of good works; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

**Bell Choir Anthem:** *(lyrics for our silent meditation)***“Jesus Shall Reign”**

*Jesus shall reign where'er the sun  
 Does its successive journeys run;  
 His kingdom stretch from shore to shore  
 Till moons shall wax and wane no more.*

*People and realms of ev'ry tongue  
 Dwell on His love with sweetest song;  
 And infant voices shall proclaim  
 Their early blessings on His name.*

*Let ev'ry creature rise and bring  
 Honors peculiar to our King;  
 Angels descend with songs again,  
 And earth repeat the loud amen.*

**Old Testament Reading***Deuteronomy 4:1–2, 6–9*

<sup>1</sup>“Now, O Israel, listen to the statutes and the just decrees that I am teaching you, and do them, that you may live, and go in and take possession of the land that the LORD, the God of your fathers, is giving you. <sup>2</sup>You shall not add to the word that I command you, nor take from it, that you may keep the commandments of the LORD your God that I command you. . . .

<sup>6</sup>Keep them and do them, for that will be your wisdom and your understanding in the sight of the peoples, who, when they hear all these statutes, will say, ‘Surely this great nation is a wise and understanding people.’ <sup>7</sup>For what great nation is there that has a god

so near to it as the LORD our God is to us, whenever we call upon him? <sup>8</sup>And what great nation is there, that has statutes and just decrees so righteous as all this law that I set before you today?

<sup>9</sup>“Only take care, and keep your soul diligently, lest you forget the things that your eyes have seen, and lest they depart from your heart all the days of your life. Make them known to your children and your children’s children.”

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

## Psalm

*Psalm 119:129–136; antiphon: v. 132*

<sup>129</sup>Your testimonies are wonderful;  
**therefore my soul keeps them.**

<sup>130</sup>The unfolding of your words gives light;  
**it imparts understanding to the simple.**

<sup>131</sup>I open my mouth and pant,  
**because I long for your commandments.**

<sup>132</sup>Turn to me and be gracious to me,  
**as is your way with those who love your name.**

<sup>133</sup>Keep steady my steps according to your promise,  
**and let no iniquity get dominion over me.**

<sup>134</sup>Redeem me from man’s oppression,  
**that I may keep your precepts.**

<sup>135</sup>Make your face shine upon your servant,  
**and teach me your statutes.**

<sup>136</sup>My eyes shed streams of tears,  
**because people do not keep your law.**

## Epistle

*Ephesians 6:10–20*

<sup>10</sup>Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his might. <sup>11</sup>Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the schemes of the devil. <sup>12</sup>For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers over this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places. <sup>13</sup>Therefore take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand firm. <sup>14</sup>Stand therefore, having fastened on the belt of truth, and having put on the breastplate of righteousness, <sup>15</sup>and, as shoes for your feet, having put on the readiness given by the gospel of peace. <sup>16</sup>In all circumstances take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming darts of the evil one; <sup>17</sup>and take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which

is the word of God, <sup>18</sup>praying at all times in the Spirit, with all prayer and supplication. To that end keep alert with all perseverance, making supplication for all the saints, <sup>19</sup>and also for me, that words may be given to me in opening my mouth boldly to proclaim the mystery of the gospel, <sup>20</sup>for which I am an ambassador in chains, that I may declare it boldly, as I ought to speak.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

**C Thanks be to God.**

## Verse

*Matthew 5:8*

P: Alleluia. Blessed are the pure in heart,

**C: for they shall see God. Alleluia!**

## Holy Gospel

*Mark 7:14–23*

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

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

<sup>14</sup>[Jesus] called the people to him again and said to them, “Hear me, all of you, and understand: <sup>15</sup>There is nothing outside a person that by going into him can defile him, but the things that come out of a person are what defile him.” <sup>17</sup>And when he had entered the house and left the people, his disciples asked him about the parable. <sup>18</sup>And he said to them, “Then are you also without understanding? Do you not see that whatever goes into a person from outside cannot defile him, <sup>19</sup>since it enters not his heart but his stomach, and is expelled?” (Thus he declared all foods clean.) <sup>20</sup>And he said, “What comes out of a person is what defiles him. <sup>21</sup>For from within, out of the heart of man, come evil thoughts, sexual immorality, theft, murder, adultery, <sup>22</sup>coveting, wickedness, deceit, sensuality, envy, slander, pride, foolishness. <sup>23</sup>All these evil things come from within, and they defile a person.”

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 everlasting.  
Amen.**



***“O Church Arise” (Arise Shine)******(10:30) Sermon Song***

*O Church arise and put your armour on  
 Hear the call of Christ our Captain  
 For now the weak can say that they are strong  
 In the strength that God has given  
 With shield of faith and belt of Truth  
 We'll stand against the devil's lies  
 An army bold whose battle cry is love  
 Reaching out to those in darkness*

*Our call to war to love the captive soul  
 But to rage against the captor  
 And with the sword that makes the wounded whole  
 We will fight with faith and valor  
 When faced with trials on ev'ry side  
 We know the outcome is secure  
 And Christ will have the prize for which He died  
 An inheritance of nations*

*Arise shine for your Light has come  
 Arise shine for the risen Son  
 Lift your eyes we are His radiant bride  
 Arise O Church arise*

*Come see the cross where love and mercy meet  
 As the Son of God is stricken  
 Then see His foes lie crushed beneath His feet  
 For the Conqueror has risen  
 And as the stone is rolled away  
 And Christ emerges from the grave  
 This victory march continues 'til the day  
 Every eye and heart shall see Him*

*So Spirit come put strength in every stride  
 Give grace for every hurdle  
 That we may run with faith to win the prize  
 Of a servant good and faithful  
 As saints of old still line the way  
 Retelling triumphs of His grace  
 We hear their calls and hunger for the day  
 When with Christ we stand in Glory*

*(continued)*

*Arise shine for your Light has come  
Arise shine for the risen Son  
Lift your eyes we are His radiant bride  
Arise O Church arise*

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Arise shine for the risen Son  
Lift your eyes we are His radiant bride  
Arise O Church arise*

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## **Sermon**

***"Strong In The Lord"***  
***Ephesians 6:10-20***

## **Prayer of the Church**

### **SACRAMENT**

## **Prayer of Thanksgiving**

**P** Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross.

Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C Amen.**

## **Words of Our Lord**

## **Proclamation of Christ**

**P** As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.

**C Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

**P** O Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, in giving us Your body and blood to eat and to drink, You lead us to remember and confess Your holy cross and passion, Your blessed death, Your rest in the tomb, Your resurrection from the dead, Your ascension into heaven, and Your coming for the final judgment. So remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

## 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.

## Pax Domini

**P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C** Amen.

## Distribution Hymns

**Hymn #696**

**O God, My Faithful God**

**Hymn #622**

**Lord Jesus Christ, You Have Prepared**

## “What a Friend We Have in Jesus”

(10:30) Communion Song

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!

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 every weakness,  
Take it to the Lord in prayer.

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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## Communion Blessing

## Post-Communion Thanksgiving

## Benediction

**Hymn #924**

**Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing**

1 Lord, dismiss us with Your blessing,  
Fill our hearts with joy and peace;  
Let us each, Your love possessing,

Triumph in redeeming grace.  
O refresh us; O refresh us,  
Trav'ling through this wilderness.

(continued)

2 Thanks we give and adoration  
For Your Gospel's joyful sound.  
May the fruits of Your salvation  
In our hearts and lives abound.  
Ever faithful, ever faithful  
To Your truth may we be found.

3 Savior, when Your love shall call us  
From our struggling pilgrim way,  
Let not fear of death appall us,  
Glad Your summons to obey.  
May we ever, may we ever  
Reign with You in endless day.

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### ***"Today Is The Day"***

### ***Closing Song***

I'm casting my cares aside. I'm leaving my past behind.  
I'm setting my heart and mind on You, Jesus.  
I'm reaching my hands to Yours, believing there's so much more,  
Knowing that all You have in store for me is good, it's good.

Today is the day You have made. I will rejoice and be glad in it.  
Today is the day You have made. I will rejoice and be glad in it.  
And I won't worry about tomorrow; I'm trusting in what You say.  
Today is the day. Today is the day.

I'm putting my fears aside. I'm leaving my doubts behind.  
I'm giving my hopes and dreams to You, Jesus.  
I'm reaching my hands to Yours, believing there's so much more,  
Knowing that all You have in store for me is good, it's good.

Today is the day You have made. I will rejoice and be glad in it.  
Today is the day You have made. I will rejoice and be glad in it.  
And I won't worry about tomorrow; I'm trusting in what You say.  
Today is the day. Today is the day.

I will stand upon Your truth. (I will stand upon Your truth.)  
And all my days, I'll live for You. (All my days, I'll live for You.)  
And I will stand upon Your truth. (I will stand upon Your truth.)  
And all my days, I'll live for You. (All my days, I'll live.)

Today is the day You have made. I will rejoice and be glad in it.  
Today is the day You have made. I will rejoice and be glad in it.  
And I won't worry about tomorrow. I'm giving You my fears and sorrows.  
Where You lead me, I will follow; I'm trusting in what You say.

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