

**Welcome!**

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

**Pastor**

Mike Burdick

**September 5, 2021**

The 15<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
Ms. Jerry Starner.....	Organist
Mrs. Kiley Bohnhoff.....	Song Leader
St. John’s Praise Band.....	10:30am Music
Charlie Jansen & Jake Niebrugge.....	Acolytes
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. Jim Schroeder 217-821-1426.....	Elder on Duty for Sept 6 – Sept. 10
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

## As We Gather

In today’s Readings, James encourages us toward good works of service and love, and Jesus does the good work of healing by restoring a man’s hearing and speech. Our faith in Jesus is marked by our reflection of His love and service. While we are not able to do all the things Jesus can do, we are called to reflect His faithful work as we serve in our vocations by loving our neighbors.

**Altar Flowers** are in celebration of Beulah Ziegler’s birthday

## Order of Worship

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

### ***“Brothers and Sisters In Christ”***

### **Preservice #1**

*Sing Alleluia! Amen!  
Let your prayers and your praises ascend.  
Lift up your voices and sing  
to our Lord God, our Savior and King!  
Here brought together by grace.  
We are gathered as friends in this place.*

*Man walked alone and in need,  
Without faith, hope or promise or creed;  
Wandering aimlessly lost  
unaware of the staggering cost;  
That God in His mercy would save  
All His people from death and the grave.*

*Chorus:*

*And assembled as one,  
in the name of the Son,  
Lifting hearts, lifting hands,  
Celebrating as friends,  
And proclaiming the Lord,  
All our praises afford.  
We are brothers and sisters in Christ.*

*Chorus*

*Lord, teach us how to proclaim  
All Your goodness, Your love and Your name!  
Lord, teach us how to forgive,  
and in love, teach us Lord, how to live.  
Raising our voices in song,  
Help us tell all the world we belong.*

*Chorus*

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### ***“Lord, I Lift Your Name on High”***

### **Preservice #2**

*Lord, I lift Your name on high.  
Lord, I love to sing Your praises.  
I'm so glad You're in my life.  
I'm so glad You came to save us.  
You came from Heaven to earth to show the way,  
From the earth to the cross, my debt to pay;  
From the cross to the grave, from the grave to the sky;  
Lord, I lift Your name on high.  
(Repeat)*

"Lord I Lift Your Name On High" written by Rick Founds1989 Maranatha Praise, Inc.Scripture Reference: Hebrews 2:12; Genesis 46:28CCLI Song: 117947CCLI License: 51072

## **Call to Worship**

**Prelude (5:30 & 8:00)**

**Welcome**

(5:30pm)

**Sacrament of Holy Baptism for  
Grayson Scott Whitaker  
Son of Eric & Hannah Whitaker**  
*Please turn to page 268 in the hymnal*

**Hymn #457**

**Jesus Christ Is Risen Today**

***“Father I Adore You”***

***(5:30) Opening Song***

*Father, I adore You  
Lay my life before You  
How I love You*

*Jesus, I adore You  
Lay my life before You  
How I love You*

*Spirit I adore You  
Lay my life before You  
How I love You*

"Father I Adore You" written by Terrye Coelho 1972 Maranatha! MusicScripture Reference: John 17:1 CCLI Song: 26557 CCLI License: 51072

**Invocation**

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

**Opening Sentences**

*Based on Psalm 146*

**P** Praise the LORD, O my soul!  
**C I will praise the LORD as long as I live.**

**P** Blessed are those whose hope is in the LORD;  
**C the LORD sets the prisoners free.**

**P** The LORD opens the eyes of the blind.  
**C The LORD lifts up those who are bowed down.**

**P** The LORD upholds the widow and the fatherless.  
**C The LORD will reign forever!**

**Confession and Absolution**

**P** Yes, the Lord reigns over every nation, language, and people. Yet, we have not loved all people as Christ has loved us. The fruits of our faith are not always evident. But our Lord is gracious and merciful, and He offers His forgiveness to all.

*Silence for reflection.*

P Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

C **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.**

P Almighty God in His mercy sent Jesus Christ into our world to serve and save all people, showing no partiality or favoritism. By His death, He forgives all our sins. By His resurrection, He destroys death forever and offers us eternal life. 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 set free to love and serve our neighbors. Amen!**

Song of Praise (5:30 & 8:00)

Lamb of God, Your Blood Has Bought Us (tune LSB #848)



Lamb of God, Your blood has bought us. We are freed from



sin and shame. Lamb of God, Your mer - cy taught us



How to pray, praise, and pro-claim. Help us, Lord, to show com-



pas - sion With - out prej - u - dice or spite. Share Your



peace, Lord, with-out ra - tion, Help-ing us re - flect Your light.

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### Prayer of the Day

P Let us pray. O Lord, let Your merciful ears be open to the prayers of Your humble servants and grant that what they ask may be in accord with Your gracious will; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

<sup>4</sup>Say to those who have an anxious heart,  
 “Be strong; fear not!  
 Behold, your God  
 will come with vengeance,  
 with the recompense of God.  
 He will come and save you.”

<sup>5</sup>Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened,  
 and the ears of the deaf unstopped;

<sup>6</sup>then shall the lame man leap like a deer,  
 and the tongue of the mute sing for joy.  
 For waters break forth in the wilderness,  
 and streams in the desert;

<sup>7</sup>the burning sand shall become a pool,  
 and the thirsty ground springs of water.”

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

**Hymn #839**

**O Christ, Our True and Only Light**

**Psalm**

*Psalm 146; antiphon: v. 2*

<sup>1</sup>Praise the LORD!

**Praise the LORD, O my soul!**

<sup>2</sup>I will praise the LORD as long as I live;

**I will sing praises to my God while I have my being.**

<sup>3</sup>Put not your trust in princes,

**in a son of man, in whom there is no salvation.**

<sup>4</sup>When his breath departs he returns to the earth;

**on that very day his plans perish.**

<sup>5</sup>Blessèd is he whose help is the God of Jacob,

**whose hope is in the LORD his God,**

<sup>6</sup>who made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them,

**who keeps faith forever;**

<sup>7</sup>who executes justice for the oppressed,

**who gives food to the hungry. The LORD sets the prisoners free;**

<sup>8</sup>the LORD opens the eyes of the blind

**The LORD lifts up those who are bowed down; the LORD loves the righteous.**

<sup>9</sup>The LORD watches over the sojourners; he upholds the widow and the fatherless,  
**but the way of the wicked he brings to ruin.**

<sup>10</sup>The LORD will reign forever,  
**your God, O Zion, to all generations. Praise the LORD!**

## Epistle

*James 2:1–10, 14–18*

<sup>1</sup>My brothers, show no partiality as you hold the faith in our Lord Jesus Christ, the Lord of glory. <sup>2</sup>For if a man wearing a gold ring and fine clothing comes into your assembly, and a poor man in shabby clothing also comes in, <sup>3</sup>and if you pay attention to the one who wears the fine clothing and say, “You sit here in a good place,” while you say to the poor man, “You stand over there,” or, “Sit down at my feet,” <sup>4</sup>have you not then made distinctions among yourselves and become judges with evil thoughts? <sup>5</sup>Listen, my beloved brothers, has not God chosen those who are poor in the world to be rich in faith and heirs of the kingdom, which he has promised to those who love him? <sup>6</sup>But you have dishonored the poor man. Are not the rich the ones who oppress you, and the ones who drag you into court? <sup>7</sup>Are they not the ones who blaspheme the honorable name by which you were called?

<sup>8</sup>If you really fulfill the royal law according to the Scripture, “You shall love your neighbor as yourself,” you are doing well. <sup>9</sup>But if you show partiality, you are committing sin and are convicted by the law as transgressors. <sup>10</sup>For whoever keeps the whole law but fails in one point has become accountable for all of it. . . .

<sup>14</sup>What good is it, my brothers, if someone says he has faith but does not have works? Can that faith save him? <sup>15</sup>If a brother or sister is poorly clothed and lacking in daily food, <sup>16</sup>and one of you says to them, “Go in peace, be warmed and filled,” without giving them the things needed for the body, what good is that? <sup>17</sup>So also faith by itself, if it does not have works, is dead.

<sup>18</sup>But someone will say, “You have faith and I have works.” Show me your faith apart from your works, and I will show you my faith by my works.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

**C Thanks be to God.**

## Children’s Sermon

### Verse

*Psalm 147:2–3*

Alleluia. The LORD builds up Jerusalem; He gathers the outcasts of Israel.

**He heals the brokenhearted and binds up their wounds. Alleluia!**

### Holy Gospel

*Mark 7:24–37*

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

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

<sup>24</sup>From there [Jesus] arose and went away to the region of Tyre and Sidon. And he entered a house and did not want anyone to know, yet he could not be hidden. <sup>25</sup>But immediately a woman whose little daughter was possessed by an unclean spirit heard of him and came and fell down at his feet. <sup>26</sup>Now the woman was a Gentile, a Syrophenician by birth. And she begged him to cast the demon out of her daughter. <sup>27</sup>And he said to her, "Let the children be fed first, for it is not right to take the children's bread and throw it to the dogs." <sup>28</sup>But she answered him, "Yes, Lord; yet even the dogs under the table eat the children's crumbs." <sup>29</sup>And he said to her, "For this statement you may go your way; the demon has left your daughter." <sup>30</sup>And she went home and found the child lying in bed and the demon gone.

<sup>31</sup>Then he returned from the region of Tyre and went through Sidon to the Sea of Galilee, in the region of the Decapolis. <sup>32</sup>And they brought to him a man who was deaf and had a speech impediment, and they begged him to lay his hand on him. <sup>33</sup>And taking him aside from the crowd privately, he put his fingers into his ears, and after spitting touched his tongue. <sup>34</sup>And looking up to heaven, he sighed and said to him, "Ephphatha," that is, "Be opened." <sup>35</sup>And his ears were opened, his tongue was released, and he spoke plainly. <sup>36</sup>And Jesus charged them to tell no one. But the more he charged them, the more zealously they proclaimed it. <sup>37</sup>And they were astonished beyond measure, saying, "He has done all things well. He even makes the deaf hear and the mute speak."

**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.



## **"By Faith"**

(5:30) **Sermon Song**

*By faith we see the hand of God  
In the light of creation's grand design  
In the lives of those who prove His faithfulness  
Who walk by faith and not by sight*

*By faith our fathers roamed the earth  
With the pow'r of His promise in their hearts  
Of a holy city built by God's own hand  
A place where peace and justice reign*

*We will stand as children of the promise  
We will fix our eyes on Him our soul's reward  
Till the race is finished and the work is done  
We'll walk by faith and not by sight*

*By faith the prophets saw a day  
When the longed-for Messiah would appear  
With the pow'r to break the chains of sin and  
death  
And rise triumphant from the grave*

*By faith the church was called to go  
In the pow'r of the Spirit to the lost*

*To deliver captives and to preach good news  
In ev'ry corner of the earth*

*We will stand as children of the promise  
We will fix our eyes on Him our soul's reward  
Till the race is finished and the work is done  
We'll walk by faith and not by sight*

*By faith this mountain shall be moved  
And the pow'r of the gospel shall prevail  
For we know in Christ all things are possible  
For all who call upon His name*

*We will stand as children of the promise  
We will fix our eyes on Him our soul's reward  
Till the race is finished and the work is done  
We'll walk by faith and not by sight*

*We will stand as children of the promise  
We will fix our eyes on Him our soul's reward  
Till the race is finished and the work is done  
We'll walk by faith and not by sight  
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## **Sermon**

## **"Grace Bears Fruit in Actions"**

*James 2:1-10, 14-18*

## **Prayer of the Church**

### **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.**

## **Benediction**

**Hymn #848**

**Lord, Whose Love through Humble Service**

## **“All Glory, Laud, and Honor”**

**(5:30) Closing Song**

*All glory, laud, and honor  
To You, Redeemer, King,  
To whom the lips of children  
Made sweet hosannas ring.  
You are the King of Israel,  
And David's royal Son,  
Now in the Lord's name coming,  
Our King and Blessed One.*

*All glory, laud, and honor  
To You, Redeemer, King,  
To whom the lips of children  
Made sweet hosannas ring.  
The company of angels  
Is praising You on high,  
And we with all creation  
In chorus make reply.*

*All glory, laud, and honor  
To You, Redeemer, King,  
To whom the lips of children  
Made sweet hosannas ring.  
To You, before Your Passion,  
They sang their hymns of praise;  
To You, now high exalted,  
Our melody we raise.*

*All glory, laud, and honor  
To You, Redeemer, King,  
To whom the lips of children  
Made sweet hosannas ring.  
As You received their praises,  
Accept the prayers we bring,  
O Source of every blessing,  
Our good and gracious King.*

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## **Postlude (5:30 & 8:00)**

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