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JULY 3, 2022

8:30 a.m. & 11:00 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 the Word this morning as we celebrate the **Fourth Sunday after 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:

Heavenly Father, Your Son called us to follow Him. Set our minds on things that are above and not on things that are of the earth. Empower us through Your Holy Spirit to be faithful to Your call. Let the inherent act of worshipping You come out of us so we may sing Your praises and thank You. Through Jesus the Christ we pray. Amen.

PRELUDE

"America the Beautiful"

arr. Thewes

***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**

"Praise, My Soul, The King of Heaven"

LBW 549

***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.**

***KYRIE**

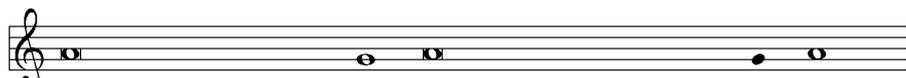
A In peace, let us pray to the Lord. **B** Lord, have mer - cy.



A For the peace from a - bove, and for our sal - vation, let us pray to the Lord.



B Lord, have mer - cy.



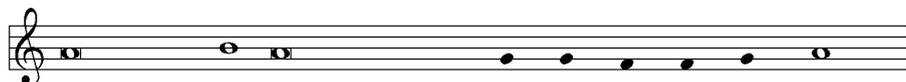
A For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



and for the u - ni - ty of all, let us pray to the Lord.



Q Lord, have mer - cy.



A For this holy house, and for all who offer here their wor - ship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord. **Q** Lord, have mer - cy.



A Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gra - cious Lord. **Q** A - - men

*HYMN OF PRAISE



A This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God. Al - le - lu - ia.



Q Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us



free to be peo - ple of God. Pow - er and rich - es and wis - dom and



strength, and hon - or and bless - ing and glo - ry are his.



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le-lu-ia.



Sing with all the peo-ple of God and join in the



hymn of all cre-a-tion: Bless-ing and hon-or and glo-ry and



might be to God and the Lamb for-ev-er. A-men.



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God, for the Lamb who was slain



has be-gun his reign. Al-le-lu-ia. Al-le-lu-ia.

***PRAYER OF THE DAY**



☞ The Lord be with you.

☞ And al-so with you.

P Let us pray.

God of glory and love, peace comes from You alone. Send us as peacemakers and witnesses to Your kingdom, and fill our hearts with joy in Your promises of salvation; through Your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

FIRST LESSON:

ISAIAH 66:10-14

A The First Lesson is from the sixty-sixth chapter of Isaiah.

¹⁰ "Rejoice with Jerusalem, and be glad for her,
all you who love her;

rejoice with her in joy,
all you who mourn over her;

¹¹ that you may nurse and be satisfied
from her consoling breast;

that you may drink deeply with delight
from her glorious abundance.”

¹²For thus says the LORD:

“Behold, I will extend peace to her like a river,
and the glory of the nations like an overflowing stream;
and you shall nurse, you shall be carried upon her hip,
and bounced upon her knees.

¹³As one whom his mother comforts,
so I will comfort you;
you shall be comforted in Jerusalem.

¹⁴You shall see, and your heart shall rejoice;
your bones shall flourish like the grass;
and the hand of the LORD shall be known to his servants,
and he shall show his indignation against his enemies.

A Here ends the reading.

PSALM:

PSALM 66:1–8

Be joyful in God, all you lands;
sing the glory of his name; sing the glory of his praise.

**²Say to God, "How awesome are your deeds!
Because of your great strength
your enemies cringe before you.**

³All the earth bows down before you,
sings to you, sings out your name."

**⁴Come now and see the works of God,
how wonderful he is in his doing toward all people.**

⁵He turned the sea into dry land,
so that they went through the water on foot,
and there we rejoiced in him.

**⁶In his might he rules forever;
his eyes keep watch over the nations;
let no rebel rise up against him.**

⁷Bless our God, you peoples;
make the voice of his praise to be heard,

**⁸who holds our souls in life,
and will not allow our feet to slip.**

SECOND LESSON:

GALATIANS 6:1–16

A The Second Lesson is from the sixth chapter of Galatians.

Brothers, if anyone is caught in any transgression, you who are spiritual should restore him in a spirit of gentleness. Keep watch on yourself, lest you too be tempted. ²Bear one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ. ³For if anyone thinks he is something, when he is nothing, he deceives himself. ⁴But let each one test his own work, and

then his reason to boast will be in himself alone and not in his neighbor.
⁵ For each will have to bear his own load.

⁶ Let the one who is taught the word share all good things with the one who teaches. ⁷ Do not be deceived: God is not mocked, for whatever one sows, that will he also reap. ⁸ For the one who sows to his own flesh will from the flesh reap corruption, but the one who sows to the Spirit will from the Spirit reap eternal life. ⁹ And let us not grow weary of doing good, for in due season we will reap, if we do not give up. ¹⁰ So then, as we have opportunity, let us do good to everyone, and especially to those who are of the household of faith.

¹¹ See with what large letters I am writing to you with my own hand. ¹² It is those who want to make a good showing in the flesh who would force you to be circumcised, and only in order that they may not be persecuted for the cross of Christ. ¹³ For even those who are circumcised do not themselves keep the law, but they desire to have you circumcised that they may boast in your flesh. ¹⁴ But far be it from me to boast except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by which the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world. ¹⁵ For neither circumcision counts for anything, nor uncircumcision, but a new creation. ¹⁶ And as for all who walk by this rule, peace and mercy be upon them, and upon the Israel of God.

A Here ends the reading.

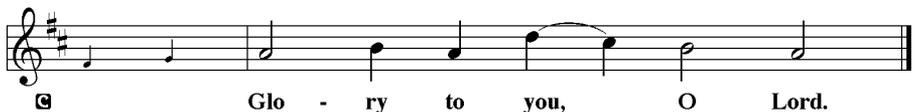
***VERSE**



GOSPEL:

LUKE 10:1-20

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke the tenth chapter.



After this the Lord appointed seventy-two others and sent them on ahead of him, two by two, into every town and place where he himself was about to go. ² And he said to them, "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few. Therefore, pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest. ³ Go your way; behold, I am sending you out as lambs in the midst of wolves. ⁴ Carry no moneybag, no knapsack, no sandals, and greet no one on the road. ⁵ Whatever house

you enter, first say, 'Peace be to this house!' ⁶ And if a son of peace is there, your peace will rest upon him. But if not, it will return to you.

⁷ And remain in the same house, eating and drinking what they provide, for the laborer deserves his wages. Do not go from house to house.

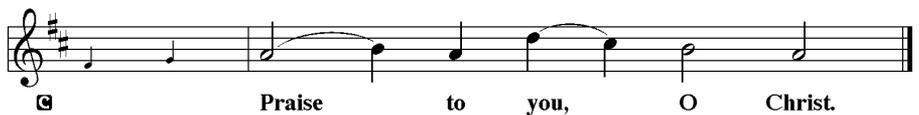
⁸ Whenever you enter a town and they receive you, eat what is set before you. ⁹ Heal the sick in it and say to them, 'The kingdom of God has come near to you.' ¹⁰ But whenever you enter a town and they do not receive you, go into its streets and say, ¹¹ 'Even the dust of your town that clings to our feet we wipe off against you. Nevertheless, know this, that the kingdom of God has come near.' ¹² I tell you, it will be more bearable on that day for Sodom than for that town.

¹³ "Woe to you, Chorazin! Woe to you, Bethsaida! For if the mighty works done in you had been done in Tyre and Sidon, they would have repented long ago, sitting in sackcloth and ashes. ¹⁴ But it will be more bearable in the judgment for Tyre and Sidon than for you. ¹⁵ And you, Capernaum, will you be exalted to heaven? You shall be brought down to Hades.

¹⁶ "The one who hears you hears me, and the one who rejects you rejects me, and the one who rejects me rejects him who sent me."

¹⁷ The seventy-two returned with joy, saying, "Lord, even the demons are subject to us in your name!" ¹⁸ And he said to them, "I saw Satan fall like lightning from heaven. ¹⁹ Behold, I have given you authority to tread on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy, and nothing shall hurt you. ²⁰ Nevertheless, do not rejoice in this, that the spirits are subject to you, but rejoice that your names are written in heaven."

L The Gospel of the Lord.



CHILDREN'S SERMON

***HYMN OF THE DAY** *"Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus"*

LBW 487

SERMON

***NICENE CREED**

C We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven; by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate

from the virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen

*THE PRAYERS

Let us pray to God our Father in the name of Christ Jesus our Lord, making intercession for the Church, the world, and for all people according to their need.

A brief silence

Heavenly Father, thank you for entrusting us with the mission of spreading the Gospel throughout the world and for the Holy Spirit, who reminds us of everything Jesus has taught. Thank you for your Son's grace and forgiveness when we fall short and for his promise to give us his strength and authority, which is sufficient for all our needs. Lord in Your mercy,
hear our prayer.

(Other intercessions are offered.)

L Into your hands, O LORD, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy; through Jesus Christ our LORD.

C Amen

*PEACE

P The peace of the LORD be with you always.

C And also with you.

ANTHEM

"I Walked Today Where Jesus Walked"

O'Hara

Soloist – Debbie Bouch

*OFFERTORY



☞ Let the vine-yards be fruit-ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of



bless-ing. Gath-er a har-vest from the seeds that were sown, that we may be

fed with the bread of life. Gath-er the hopes and dreams of all; u -
 nite them with the prayers we of - fer. Grace our ta - ble with your
 pres - ence, and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

***OFFERTORY PRAYER**

A Let us pray.

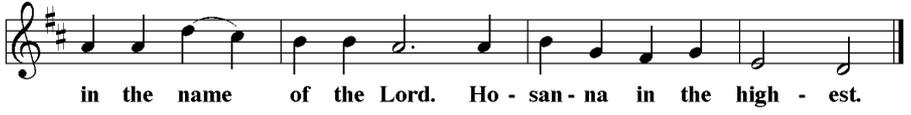
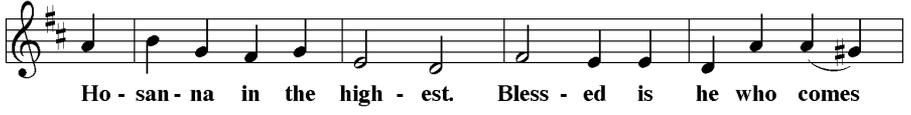
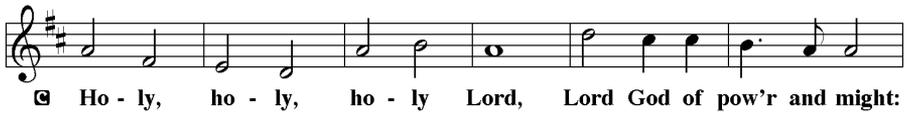
A Blessed are You,

C O Lord our God, maker of all things. Through Your goodness You have blessed us with these gifts. With them we offer ourselves to Your service and dedicate our lives to the care and redemption of all that You have made, for the sake of Him who gave Himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

☩ The Lord be with you. ☩ And al - so with you.
 ☩ Lift up your hearts. ☩ We lift them to the Lord.
 ☩ Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
 ☩ It is right to give him thanks and praise.

P It is indeed right and salutary that we should at all times and in all places offer thanks and praise to you, O Lord, holy Father, through Christ our Lord; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. And so, with the Church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

P Blessed are You, LORD of heaven and earth. In mercy for our fallen world, You gave Your only Son, that all those who believe in Him should not perish, but have eternal life. We give thanks to You for the salvation You have prepared for us through Jesus Christ. Send now Your Holy Spirit into our hearts, that we may receive our Lord with a living faith as He comes to us in His holy supper.

C Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

P In the night in which He was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to His disciples, saying:

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

Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, He took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying:

This cup is the new covenant in my blood,

shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.

Do this for the remembrance of me.

***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**



☉ 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.

COMMUNION HYMNS

LBW 212, 214, 224, 226

***COMMUNION**

All who are baptized and believe that Christ is truly present

In the Lord's Supper are invited to receive this Sacrament with us.

Gluten-Free Communion Wafers are available, please inform the Pastor of your needs.

The body of Christ, given for you.

The blood of Christ, shed for you.

Amen.

P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in His grace.

C Amen

***CANTICLE**



☉ Thank the Lord and sing his praise; tell ev-'ry-one what he has done.



Let ev-'ry-one who seeks the Lord re- jice and proud-ly bear his name.



He re- calls his prom- is- es and leads his peo- ple forth in joy



with shouts of thanks- giv- ing. Al- le- lu- ia. Al- le- lu- ia.

***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 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 give you peace. In the name of the Father, and of the ✠ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.



© A - men

RECESSIONAL HYMN "Eternal Father Strong to Save" **LBW 467**

***DISMISSAL**

A Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE "Darwall" *arr. Young*

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A Nursery/Cry Room is available on the second floor of the Education Building for those who may need it.

THIS WEEK AT ST. JOHN'S

Today	8:30 a.m.	Worship
	11:00 a.m.	Worship: Communion
Monday 7/4		HAPPY 4TH OF JULY
		OFFICE CLOSED
Sunday 7/10	8:30 a.m.	Worship
	11:00 a.m.	Worship: Communion

Church Picnic



Church Picnic

Sunday, August 7, 2022

12:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.

Belmont Complex Large Pavilion

Drinks, hamburgers and hot dogs be will be provided. Please bring your own

tableware and a covered dish or dessert to share.

Don't forget your swim suit and sunscreen!

Pavilion rental is until the pool closes, so we can stay, swim and enjoy the entire day! Hope to see you there!!!!



Katie's Cupboard

More than 38 million people-including 12 million children-in the U.S. experience food insecurity, leaving families to make hard choices between paying bills or buying groceries. Together, let's help everyone get enough to eat.

Suggested food pantry items:

- Canned tuna, ham or chicken
- Beef stew, chili or hearty soups
- Peanut butter and jelly
- Canned fruit
- Pasta sauce, Macaroni and cheese
- Cereals
- Toiletries
- Paper products

Donations to Katie's Cupboard can be left in the church parlor or in the outside cupboard at any time. Also, St. Johns accepts your donations of monetary gifts to buy items to stock the cupboard.

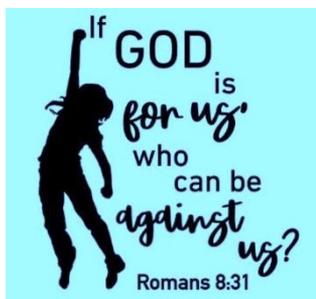
We are also looking for Volunteers to coordinate the stocking & maintaining of Katie's Cupboard.

For more information, please contact Tammy Fleeger @ 724-664-1773.

Thank you for your donations and helping this ministry to meet the needs of our community!

In-Tents Lutheran Church Camp

Elementary Camp:
July 11-13, 2022
Cost: \$90 Grades 4-6



<https://tinyurl.com/2hc2pa5y>

Youth Camp:
July 18-22, 2022
Cost: \$150 Grades 7-12

<https://tinyurl.com/57a77ftj>

We are excited to welcome back to Youth Camp our Amazing & dynamic speaker, Heather Reusch
www.youmattertour.org



Our Church Camp: In-Tents Lutheran Church Camp is quickly approaching. Over the past few years, the camp has put together kits that go to help the NALC Disaster Response. When the campers go to put together these kits, the In-Tents Camp covers the cost of buying all the different materials that are needed for each kit. This year

Mary Bates, the head of NALC Disaster Response, asked us to make Health Kits since they are still in desperate need of them. Last year the campers made 75 health kits, costing \$1400 for the supplies. This year's goal is to double the number of kits that we did last year, 150 kits, costing approximately \$2500, about \$17 a kit. In order to do this, we need your help. We need help with the funds in order to buy all the supplies for the kids to assemble the kits. If you would like to donate money towards the campers making the health kits, please mark your envelope Camp Health Kits.

A Letter from Bishop Selbo:

We encourage you to be praying for the people in Ukraine, for the families torn apart by the war, for the humanitarian efforts that will be needed for some time, as well as for the hearts of the leaders of Russia and Ukraine to find ways to bring this conflict to an end, to move forward in ways that would lead to peace, and that people would be drawn to the One in whom all lasting peace is found, the Lord Jesus Christ.

The following prayer for Ukraine is offered for your use, individually, as families and in your congregations:

Gracious God, we come to You as people who know we have fallen short of Your call, who are in daily need of Your forgiveness and grace, and who have no lasting hope apart from the promises we have in Jesus. And yet we come with thankful and expectant hearts, knowing that You have promised to hear and to answer prayer.

We pray for You to be working in the hearts and the lives of the people in Russia and the Ukraine who are caught in this senseless war and whose lives are being torn apart because of the conflict. We pray for the families who have been separated from their loved ones, for those who have been physically hurt as a result of the fighting, and for those lives that have been lost. We pray, Lord, that You would open doors for peace talks and negotiations to happen that would bring an end to the war and that would save the lives of many for whom our Lord Jesus died.

Work through the nations of our world, through their governments, the United Nations, and through those leaders who have authority and opportunity to influence and impact what is happening in Christ-honoring ways. Be with our missionaries and mission agencies — that their work would be a witness to the love You have for all people, and to the desire You have for Your world that we would live in peace.

Help us to never lose sight of the promises we have in Jesus and to never lose hope in the One who, through His cross and resurrection from the dead, has overcome the world. In His most holy and precious name we pray. Amen.

**“I have told you these things, so that in me you may have peace. In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world.”
—John 16:33 NIV**

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Sr. Choir Accompanist	Elizabeth Cramer

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.

GRACE
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