

# St. John's Lutheran Church

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**July 17, 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 **Sixth 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:*

*God, our rock, the foundation for all life, we praise You for Your presence and seek Your guidance. Show us the way You would have us go, now and every day. We pray in the precious name of Jesus. Amen*

**PRELUDE**

*"How Firm a Foundation"*

*arr. Hamlin*

**\*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**

*"Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise"*

*LBW 526*

**\*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.



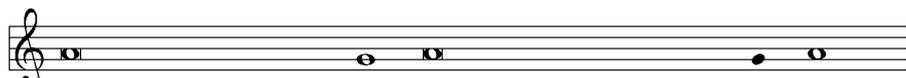
**A** For the peace from a - bove, and for our sal - vation, let us pray to the Lord.



**B** Lord, have mer - cy.

\*Those who are able, please stand

LBW—Green Hymnal WOV—Blue Hymnal



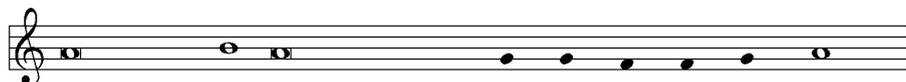
**A** For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



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.

O Lord, pour out upon us the Spirit to think and do what is right, that we, who cannot even exist without You, may have the strength to live according to Your will; through Your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen**

**FIRST LESSON:**

**GENESIS 18:1-10a**

**A** The First Lesson is from the eighteenth chapter of Genesis.

And the LORD appeared to him by the oaks of Mamre, as he sat at the door of his tent in the heat of the day. <sup>2</sup>He lifted up his eyes and looked, and behold, three men were standing in front of him. When he saw them, he ran from the tent door to meet them and bowed himself to the earth <sup>3</sup>and said, "O Lord, if I have found favor in your sight, do not pass by your servant. <sup>4</sup>Let a little water be brought, and wash your feet, and rest yourselves under the tree, <sup>5</sup>while I bring a morsel of bread, that you may refresh yourselves, and after that you may pass

on—since you have come to your servant.” So, they said, “Do as you have said.” <sup>6</sup> And Abraham went quickly into the tent to Sarah and said, “Quick! Three seahs of fine flour! Knead it, and make cakes.” <sup>7</sup> And Abraham ran to the herd and took a calf, tender and good, and gave it to a young man, who prepared it quickly. <sup>8</sup> Then he took curds and milk and the calf that he had prepared, and set it before them. And he stood by them under the tree while they ate.

<sup>9</sup> They said to him, “Where is Sarah your wife?” And he said, “She is in the tent.” <sup>10</sup> The LORD said, “I will surely return to you about this time next year, and Sarah your wife shall have a son.” And Sarah was listening at the tent door behind him. <sup>11</sup> Now Abraham and Sarah were old, advanced in years. The way of women had ceased to be with Sarah. <sup>12</sup> So Sarah laughed to herself, saying, “After I am worn out, and my lord is old, shall I have pleasure?” <sup>13</sup> The LORD said to Abraham, “Why did Sarah laugh and say, ‘Shall I indeed bear a child, now that I am old?’ <sup>14</sup> Is anything too hard for the LORD? At the appointed time I will return to you, about this time next year, and Sarah shall have a son.” <sup>15</sup> But Sarah denied it, saying, “I did not laugh,” for she was afraid. He said, “No, but you did laugh.”

**A** Here ends the reading.

#### **PSALM:**

#### **PSALM 15**

LORD, who may dwell in your tabernacle?

Who may abide upon your holy hill?

**<sup>2</sup>Whoever leads a blameless life and does what is right,  
who speaks the truth from his heart,**

<sup>3</sup>there is no guile upon his tongue; he does no evil to his friend;  
he does not heap contempt upon his neighbor.

**<sup>4</sup>In his sight the wicked is rejected,  
but he honors those who fear the LORD.**

<sup>5</sup>He has sworn to do no wrong and does not take back his word.

**<sup>6</sup>He does not give his money in hope of gain,  
nor does he take a bribe against the innocent.**

<sup>7</sup>Whoever does these things shall never be overthrown.

#### **SECOND LESSON:**

#### **COLOSSIANS 1:15–28**

**A** The Second Lesson is from the first chapter of Colossians.

<sup>15</sup> He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation. <sup>16</sup> For by him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—all things were created through him and for him. <sup>17</sup> And he is before all things, and in him all things hold together. <sup>18</sup> And he is the head of the body, the church. He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in everything he might be preeminent. <sup>19</sup> For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, <sup>20</sup> and through him to reconcile to himself all

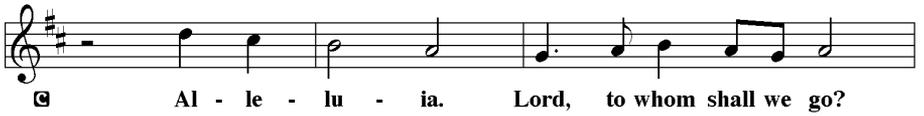
things, whether on earth or in heaven, making peace by the blood of his cross.

<sup>21</sup> And you, who once were alienated and hostile in mind, doing evil deeds, <sup>22</sup> he has now reconciled in his body of flesh by his death, in order to present you holy and blameless and above reproach before him, <sup>23</sup> if indeed you continue in the faith, stable and steadfast, not shifting from the hope of the gospel that you heard, which has been proclaimed in all creation under heaven, and of which I, Paul, became a minister.

<sup>24</sup> Now I rejoice in my sufferings for your sake, and in my flesh I am filling up what is lacking in Christ's afflictions for the sake of his body, that is, the church, <sup>25</sup> of which I became a minister according to the stewardship from God that was given to me for you, to make the word of God fully known, <sup>26</sup> the mystery hidden for ages and generations but now revealed to his saints. <sup>27</sup> To them God chose to make known how great among the Gentiles are the riches of the glory of this mystery, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory. <sup>28</sup> Him we proclaim, warning everyone and teaching everyone with all wisdom, that we may present everyone mature in Christ.

**A** Here ends the reading.

**\*VERSE**



Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?

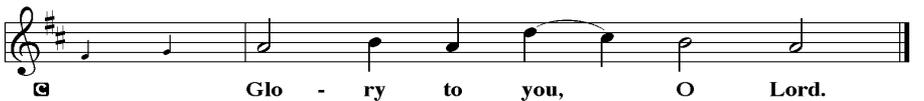


You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

**GOSPEL:**

**LUKE 10:38-42**

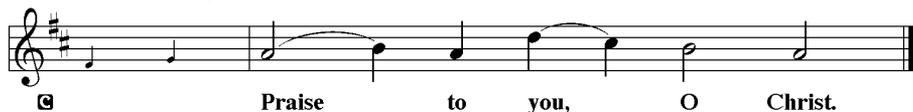
**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke the tenth chapter.



Glo - ry to you, O Lord.

<sup>38</sup> Now as they went on their way, Jesus entered a village. And a woman named Martha welcomed him into her house. <sup>39</sup> And she had a sister called Mary, who sat at the Lord's feet and listened to his teaching. <sup>40</sup> But Martha was distracted with much serving. And she went up to him and said, "Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me to serve alone? Tell her then to help me." <sup>41</sup> But the Lord answered her, "Martha, Martha, you are anxious and troubled about many things, <sup>42</sup> but one thing is necessary. Mary has chosen the good portion, which will not be taken away from her."

**L** The Gospel of the Lord.



**CHILDREN'S SERMON**

**\*HYMN OF THE DAY** "O Master, Let Me Walk with You" *LBW 492*

**SERMON**

**\*APOSTLES' CREED**

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord.**

**He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit  
and born of the virgin Mary.**

**He suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried.**

**He descended into hell.**

**On the third day He rose again.**

**He ascended into heaven,  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

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

**\*THE PRAYERS**

By the power of the Holy Spirit, 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*

Lord, thank you for the gift of hospitality. You let us entertain angels unaware! Give us generous hearts, so we may refresh and gladden the hearts of others. Fill us with your Spirit, so that by faith, we may gratefully receive the hospitality of heaven, given to us in your well-beloved Son. 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.**

**\*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** Merciful Father,

**C** We offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us – our selves, our time, and our possessions, signs of your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of him who offered 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.

**P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**R** 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:

**R** Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might:

Heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.

Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes

in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

### **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**



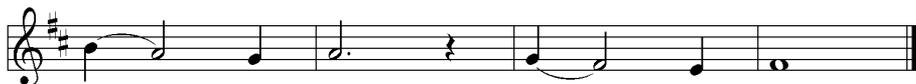
**☩ Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.**



**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

WOV 777, 711, 710, 709

### \*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.  
**Amen.**

The blood of Christ, shed for you.

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

**C** Amen

## \*CANTICLE



## \*POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

**A** Let us pray....Pour out upon us the spirit of your love, O Lord, and unite the wills of those whom you have fed with one heavenly food; through 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.



## CLOSING HYMN

*"Give to our God Immortal Praise"*

*LBW 520*

## \*DISMISSAL

**A** Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

## POSTLUDE

*"Postlude"*

*Duncan*

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



**The flower chart for 2022 is posted in the narthex.** There are dates available to sign up for flowers that you would like to place on the altar in memory or in honor of a loved one or special event. Flowers are \$50.00.

## THIS WEEK AT ST. JOHN'S

<b>TODAY</b>	8:30 a.m.	Worship: Communion
	11:00 a.m.	Worship: Communion
<b>7/18</b>		In Tents Lutheran Church Camp
<b>7/19</b>		In Tents Lutheran Church Camp
<b>7/20</b>		In Tents Lutheran Church Camp
<b>7/21</b>		In Tents Lutheran Church Camp
<b>7/22</b>		In Tents Lutheran Church Camp
<b>Sunday 7/24</b>	8:30 a.m.	Worship: Communion
	11:00 a.m.	Worship



### Church Picnic

**Sunday, August 7, 2022**

**12:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.**

**Belmont Complex Large Pavilion**

Drinks, hamburgers and hot dogs 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!!!!

**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 in a 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.

# **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\*](http://www.youmattertour.org)**





## **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!**

### **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**

## SERVICE PARTICIPANTS

Assisting Ministers	Karen Waugaman(E) Rose Montgomery(L)
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Secretary	Christine Lettrich
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Organist/Choir Director/Director of Music	Rebecca Veith
Sr. Choir Accompanist	Elizabeth Cramer



**The flowers on the altar** this morning are presented to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Raymond Smith from Naomi Smith.

## 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**  
*happens*



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