

Welcome to
St. John's Lutheran Church



Eighth Sunday after Pentecost
July 19, 2026

God's Work/Our Hands

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PRELUDE

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,
who looks upon us in compassion,
forgives our sin,
and heals our lives.

C Amen.

P Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one
another.

Have mercy, O God,

C against you, you alone,
we have sinned.

In your compassion,

cleanse us from our sin

and take away our guilt.

Create in us a new heart

and give us a steadfast spirit.

Do not cast us away,

but fill us with your Holy Spirit

and restore your joy within us.

Amen.

P As tender as parent to child,
so deep is God's compassion for you.

As high as heaven is above earth,

so vast is God's love for you.

As far as east is from west,

so far God removes your sin from you,

renewing your life through Jesus Christ.

Blessed be God who crowns us with mercy and love.

C Blessed be God forever.

Praise and Thanksgiving

1 Praise and thanks-giv-ing, God, we would of-fer for all things
 2 God, bless the la-bor we bring to serve you, that with our
 3 Fa-ther, pro-vid-ing food for your chil-dren, by Wis-dom's
 4 Then will your bless-ing reach ev-'ry peo-ple, free-ly con-

liv-ing, you have made good: har-vest of sown fields, fruits of the
 neigh-bor we may be fed. Sow-ing or till-ing, we would work
 guid-ing teach us to share one with an-oth-er, so that, re-
 fess-ing your gra-cious hand. Where you are reign-ing, no one will

or-chard, hay from the mown fields, blos-som and wood.
 with you, har-vest-ing, mill-ing for dai-ly bread.
 joic-ing with us, all oth-ers may know your care.
 hun-ger; your love sus-tain-ing show-ers the land.

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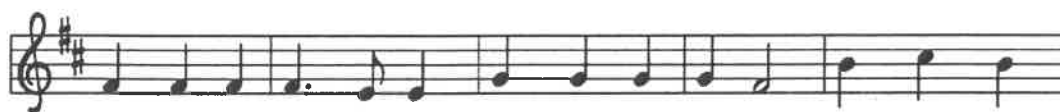
GREETING

☐ The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

☑ And also with you.

CANTICLE OF PRAISE

Great Is Thy Faithfulness



1 Great is thy faith - ful - ness, O God my Fa - ther; there is no
2 Sum - mer and win - ter and spring - time and har - vest, sun, moon, and
3 Par - don for sin and a peace that en - dur - eth, thine own dear



shad - ow of turn - ing with thee; thou chang - est not, thy com -
stars in their cours - es a - bove join with all na - ture in
pres - ence to cheer and to guide; strength for to - day and bright



pas - sions they fail not; as thou hast been, thou for - ev - er wilt be.
man - i - fold wit - ness to thy great faith - ful - ness, mer - cy, and love.
hope for to - mor - row, bless - ings all mine, with ten thou - sand be - side!

Refrain



Great is thy faith - ful - ness! Great is thy faith - ful - ness! Morn - ing by



morn - ing new mer - cies I see; all I have need - ed thy



hand hath pro - vid - ed; great is thy faith - ful - ness, Lord, un - to me.

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PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Let us pray.

Faithful God, most merciful judge, you care for your children with firmness and compassion. By your Spirit nurture us who live in your kingdom, that we may be rooted in the way of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C Amen.

FIRST READING: Isaiah 44:6-8

A reading from Jeremiah.

There are no other gods besides God: the word of the LORD does not fail to come to pass. We can trust in God, through whom Israel—and we—are redeemed.

⁶ Thus says the LORD, the Sovereign of Israel,
and Israel's Redeemer, the LORD of hosts:

I am the first and I am the last;
besides me there is no god.

⁷ Who is like me? Let them proclaim it,
let them declare and set it forth before me.

Who has announced from of old the things to come?
Let them tell us what is yet to be.

⁸ Do not fear, or be afraid;
have I not told you from of old and declared it?
You are my witnesses!

Is there besides me any other deity?
There is no other rock; I know not one.

The word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 86:11-17

Teach me your way, O LORD, and I will walk in your truth. (*Ps. 86:11*)

¹¹ Teach me your way, O LORD, and I will walk in your truth; give me an undivided heart to revere your name.

¹² **I will thank you, O Lord my God, with all my heart, and glorify your name forevermore.**

¹³ For great is your love toward me; you have delivered me from the pit of death.

¹⁴ **The arrogant rise up against me, O God, and a band of violent people seeks my life; they have not set you before their eyes.**

¹⁵ But you, O Lord, are gracious and full of compassion, slow to anger, and full of kindness and truth.

¹⁶ **Turn to me and have mercy on me; give your strength to your servant, and save the child of your handmaid.**

¹⁷ **Show me a sign of your favor, so that those who hate me may see it and be put to shame; because you, LORD, have helped me and comforted me.**

SECOND READING: Romans 8:12-25

A reading from Romans.

For Paul, true spirituality means that we experience the reality of the Spirit, which enables us to pray as God's children, keeps us in solidarity with creation, and gives us unseen hope that God will liberate us and creation from bondage to death and decay.

¹² So then, brothers and sisters, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh—¹³ for if you live according to the flesh, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. ¹⁴ For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. ¹⁵ For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, "Abba! Father!" ¹⁶ it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, ¹⁷ and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ—if, in fact, we suffer with Christ so that we may also be glorified with Christ.

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¹⁸ I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory about to be revealed to us. ¹⁹ For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God; ²⁰ for the creation was subjected to futility, not of its own will but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope ²¹ that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to decay and will obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. ²² We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labor pains until now; ²³ and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. ²⁴ For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what is seen? ²⁵ But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

The word of the Lord.

☐ Thanks be to God.

Stand for Gospel Acclamation



Al - le - lu - ia! Lord and Sav - ior: o - pen now your sav - ing word.



Let it burn like fire with - in us; speak un - til our hearts are stirred.



Al - le - lu - ia! Lord, we sing for the good news that you bring.

GOSPEL: Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

☐ The holy gospel according to St. Matthew, the thirteenth chapter.

☩ Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus tells a parable about the coexistence of good and evil in this world. God's judgment will remove all evildoers and causes of sin, but not until the end of human history.

²⁴ [Jesus] put before [the crowds] another parable: "The dominion of heaven may be compared to a man who sowed good seed in his field;²⁵ but while everybody was asleep, an enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat, and then went away.²⁶ So when the plants came up and bore grain, then the weeds appeared as well.²⁷ And the slaves of the householder came and said to him, 'Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? Where, then, did these weeds come from?'²⁸ He answered, 'An enemy has done this.' The slaves said to him, 'Then do you want us to go and gather them?'²⁹ But he replied, 'No; for in gathering the weeds you would uproot the wheat along with them.³⁰ Let both of them grow together until the harvest; and at harvest time I will tell the reapers, Collect the weeds first and bind them in bundles to be burned, but gather the wheat into my barn.' "

³⁶ Then Jesus left the crowds and went into the house. And his disciples approached him, saying, "Explain to us the parable of the weeds of the field."³⁷ Jesus answered, "The one who sows the good seed is the Son-of-Man;³⁸ the field is the world, and the good seed are the children of God's dominion; the weeds are the children of the evil one,³⁹ and the enemy who sowed them is the devil; the harvest is the end of the age, and the reapers are angels.

⁴⁰ Just as the weeds are collected and burned up with fire, so will it be at the end of the age.⁴¹ The Son-of-Man will send his angels, and they will collect out of his dominion all causes of sin and all evildoers,⁴² and they will throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.⁴³ Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the dominion of their Father. Let anyone with ears listen!"

☐ The Gospel of the Lord.

☩ Praise to you , O Christ.

Come, Ye Thankful People, Come



1 Come, ye thank-ful peo - ple, come; raise the song of har - vest home.
 2 All the world is God's own field, fruit un - to his praise to yield;
 3 For the Lord our God shall come and shall take his har - vest home;
 4 E - ven so, Lord, quick - ly come to thy fi - nal har - vest home.




All be safe - ly gath - ered in ere the win - ter storms be - gin.
 wheat and tares to - geth - er sown, un - to joy or sor - row grown.
 from his field shall in that day all of - fens - es purge a - way;
 Gath - er then thy peo - ple in, free from sor - row, free from sin,




God, our mak - er, doth pro - vide for our wants to be sup - plied.
 First the blade, and then the ear, then the full corn shall ap - pear.
 give his an - gels charge at last in the fire the tares to cast,
 there, for - ev - er pu - ri - fied, in thy gar - ner to a - bide.




Come to God's own tem - ple, come, raise the song of har - vest home.
 Lord of har - vest, grant that we whole - some grain and pure may be.
 but the fruit - ful ears to store in his gar - ner ev - er - more.
 Come, with all thine an - gels, come, raise the glo - rious har - vest home!



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APOSTLES' CREED

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

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead.*
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come 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

☐ God of grace,

☑ Hear our prayer.

PEACE

☐ The peace of Christ be with you always.

☑ And also with you.

Please Stand

Create in Me a Clean Heart

Offering Song



Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re - new a right



spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a - way from your pres - ence, and take



not your Ho - ly Spir - it from me. Re - store to me the joy of



your sal - va - tion, and up - hold me with your free Spir - it.

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OFFERING PRAYER

P Loving God,
we offer at your table the gifts of our hearts.
Help us take heart in you and share freely of your love,
so that all creation can taste your abundance.
We ask this in the name of Jesus,
through the Spirit abiding with us now and forever.

C Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

**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.**

BLESSING

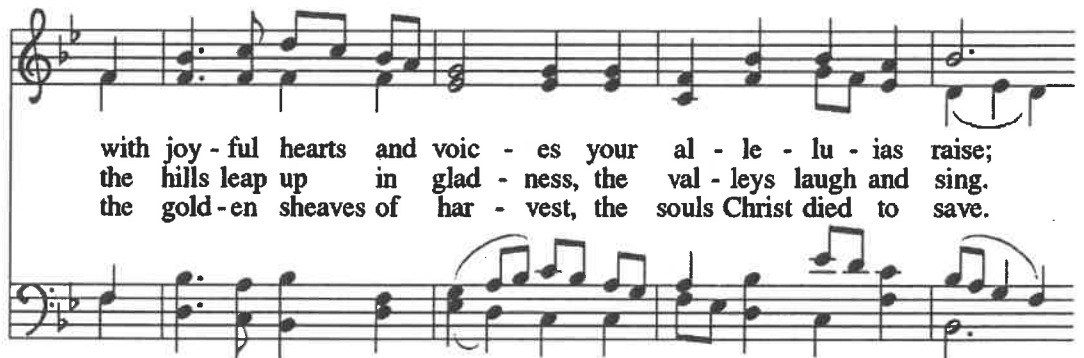
P Creator, Redeemer, Sustainer,
✠ one God,
bless, heal, and hold you
today and always.

C Amen.

Sing to the Lord of Harvest



1 Sing to the Lord of har - vest your songs of love and praise;
2 God makes the clouds drop fat - ness, the des - erts bloom and spring,
3 Bring to this sa - cred al - tar the gifts his good-ness gave,



with joy - ful hearts and voic - es your al - le - lu - ias raise;
the hills leap up in glad - ness, the val - leys laugh and sing.
the gold - en sheaves of har - vest, the souls Christ died to save.



by him the roll - ing sea - sons in fruit - ful or - der move;
God fills them with his full - ness, all things with large in - crease,
Your hearts lay down be - fore him when at his feet you fall,



sing to the Lord of har - vest a joy - ous song of love.
and crowns the year with good - ness, with plen - ty and with peace.
and with your lives a - dore him who gave his life for all.

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DISMISSAL

☐ Heaven has come near. Go, share the good news!

☐ Thanks be to God.

DEAR FRIENDS & MEMBERS, In an effort to have our prayer list as current and as accurate as possible, please indicate whether or not you would like to have a name continue to be included. Thank you!

Eric Alber Jerry Avery* Michelle Bahlavooni* Hayle Bull* Derl Crawford *David Ferro* Carl Frank *Mary Faith Fisher* *Adam Gajkowski * Jerry Hess* Jim Hess *Arthur Johnson* Jo Ann Johnson * Marlene Karchner * Dave Madara * Joyce McCarty* Vinnie Moroney* Steve Novak* Henry Reinsburrow *Sheri Renner* Ray & Sandy Sterner* Roger Surratt* Tom Termini* Mark Troup *Marlene Trotman* *David Utt* Ron Utt* Melissa Waltman* Pastor Daniel Warntz* *Sadie Whitmoyer* Ron Wolfe *

THIS SUNDAY: JULY 19, 2026

Greeters & Ushers: David & Karen Bird

Lector: Cindy Powlus

Offering Counters: Sharon Bachman & Alison Whitmoyer

Choir Director & Organist: Tenette Bogert

NEXT SUNDAY: JULY 26, 2026

Outdoor Greeters : Dan Comstock & Carolyn Bahlavooni

Greeters & Ushers: Mark & Diane Young

Lector: Emily Johnson

Communion Assistant: Emily Johnson

Altar Guild: Diane Young & Cindy Powlus

Offering Counters: Tina Baucher & Valerie Lynn

Choir Director & Organist: Tenette Bogert

WELCOME TO WORSHIP

Chancel Flowers are given to the Glory of God
by Don & Tenette Bogert
in memory of loved ones

Our Sanctuary Lamp this week burns to the Glory of God
by Don & Tenette Bogert
in memory of loved ones

ANNOUNCEMENTS

DOGGIE SUPPLIES

The Women of the ELCA will begin collecting supplies and treats for dogs which will be delivered to our convention on **July 25th. The following are the items we are looking for.**

Dog treats, Garbage bags, Wet dog food, Dry dog food, and Gently used towels. Box provided on table in the sanctuary.

COUNCIL MEETS

Council will meet on **Tuesday July 21st at 7:00 PM.**

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

There will be a Congregational Meeting **On Sunday, July 26th immediately following worship.** We will be discussing the reconstruction of the outside stairway to the basement. All voting members are encouraged to attend. A voting member is a confirmed member of the congregation who has both communed and has a record of contribution for the current or preceding year.

NEWLETTER ITEMS

Please have all contributions of items to the office by **no later than July 24th.**

ST. JOHN'S EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

Sunday, July 19, 2026

Eucharist: 9:00 AM

ST. JOHN'S CALENDAR

Monday, July 20, 2026

Office Hours

9:00 AM to 12:00 PM

Tuesday, July 21, 2026

Office Hours

9:00 AM to 12:00 PM

Council Meets

7:00 PM

Wednesday, July 22, 2026

Office Hours

9:00 AM to 12:00 PM

Thursday, July 23, 2026

Office Hours

9:00 AM to 12:00 PM

Friday July 24, 2026

Office Closed

Saturday, July 25, 2026

Office closed

Sunday, July 26, 2026

Ninth Sunday after

Pentecost

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Last Sunday Attendance : 31

Offering Amount Needed Weekly:

Current: \$2,878.00

Benevolence: \$135.00

New Building: \$401.00

Offering Amounts Received:

Current: \$ 1,028.00

Benevolence: \$140.00

New Building: \$ 110.00

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