

Welcome to **St. John's Lutheran Church**



Sixth Sunday after Pentecost
Holy Communion
July 20, 2025

God's Work/Our Hands

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PRELUDE

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Stand

P Returning again to the waters of our baptism we begin in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Let us confess our sin before God and in the presence of one another.

Silence for reflection and self-examination

P Gracious and merciful God.

C We confess to you the truth of our broken lives.

We have not trusted your promises or walked in your ways.

We have hoarded and squandered the gifts of your creation.

**We have failed to welcome the stranger and the outcast,
and to make room at the table for the homeless and the
hungry.**

**We have neither worked to release the oppressed, nor
admitted our own captivities.**

**Forgive our sin, heal our lives and set us free, that we might
live with your whole creation, in the justice and joy of your
promised future. Amen.**

P God, who is merciful and kind, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love, hears the cries of all who plead for mercy.

**And in this last day, has set Christ Jesus to announce the good
news of forgiveness and release to all who are bound by guilt
or broken by shame that they might praise God and serve the
world with glad and generous hearts.**

P For freedom, Christ has set you free.

C Thanks be to God.

ENRANCE HYMN Tree of Life pages 1 & 2

GREETING TREE OF LIFE PAGE 3

CANTICLE PAGE 4

PRAYER OF THE DAY

☞ Let us pray.

Eternal God, you draw near to us in Christ, and you make yourself our guest. Amid the cares of our lives, make us attentive to your presence, that we may treasure your word above all else, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

☞ Amen.

FIRST READING: Genesis 18:1-10a

A reading from Genesis.

The LORD visits Abraham and Sarah to tell them that the long-awaited promise of the birth of a child will be fulfilled for them in their old age.

¹ The LORD appeared to Abraham by the oaks of Mamre, as he sat at the entrance of his tent in the heat of the day. ² Abraham looked up and saw three men standing near him. When he saw them, he ran from the tent entrance to meet them, and bowed down to the ground. ³ He said, "My lord, if I find favor with you, do not pass by your servant. ⁴ Let a little water be brought, and wash your feet, and rest yourselves under the tree. ⁵ Let me bring a little 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." ⁶ And Abraham hastened into the tent to Sarah, and said, "Make ready quickly three measures of choice flour, knead it, and make cakes." ⁷ Abraham ran to the herd, and took a calf, tender and good, and gave it to the servant, who hastened to prepare it. ⁸ 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.

⁹ They said to him, "Where is your wife Sarah?" And he said, "There, in the tent." ^{10a} Then one said, "I will surely return to you in due season, and your wife Sarah shall have a son."

The word of the Lord.

☞ Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 15

LORD, who may abide upon your holy hill? (*Ps. 15:1*)

¹ LORD, who may dwell in your tabernacle?

Who may abide upon your holy hill?

² **Those who lead a blameless life and do what is right,
who speak the truth from their heart;**

³ they do not slander with the tongue, they do no evil to their
friends; they do not cast discredit upon a neighbor.

⁴ **In their sight the wicked are rejected, but they honor
those who fear the LORD. They have sworn upon their
health and do not take back their word.**

⁵ They do not give their money in hope of gain, nor do they
take bribes against the innocent. Those who do these things
shall never be overthrown.

SECOND READING: Colossians 1:15-28

A reading from Colossians.

*This letter offers a mystical teaching, that the great mystery of
God is "Christ in you." Because Christ is present in the church,
Christians share in his life, suffering, and glory.*

¹⁵ Christ is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; ¹⁶ for in Christ all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers—all things have been created through him and for him. ¹⁷ Christ himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. ¹⁸ Christ is the head of the body, the church; Christ is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. ¹⁹ For in Christ all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, ²⁰ and through Christ to reconcile to God's own self all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross.

²¹ And you who were once estranged and hostile in mind, doing evil deeds, ²² Christ has now reconciled in his fleshly body through death, so as to present you holy and blameless and irreproachable before God—²³ provided that you continue securely established and steadfast in the faith, without shifting from the hope promised by the gospel that you heard, which has been proclaimed to every creature under heaven. I, Paul, became a servant of this gospel.

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²⁴ I am now rejoicing in my sufferings for your sake, and in my flesh I am completing what is lacking in Christ's afflictions for the sake of his body, that is, the church. ²⁵ I became its servant according to God's commission that was given to me for you, to make the word of God fully known, ²⁶ the mystery that has been hidden throughout the ages and generations but has now been revealed to his saints. ²⁷ 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. ²⁸ It is Christ whom we proclaim, warning everyone and teaching everyone in all wisdom, so that we may present everyone mature in Christ.

The word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (Tree of Life page 6)

GOSPEL: Luke 10:38-42

P The holy gospel according to St. Luke, The tenth chapter.

C Glory to you, O Lord.

During his visit to the home of Mary and Martha, Jesus reminds Martha that her concern for her many tasks distracts from the one thing that precedes all else: abiding in the presence of God.

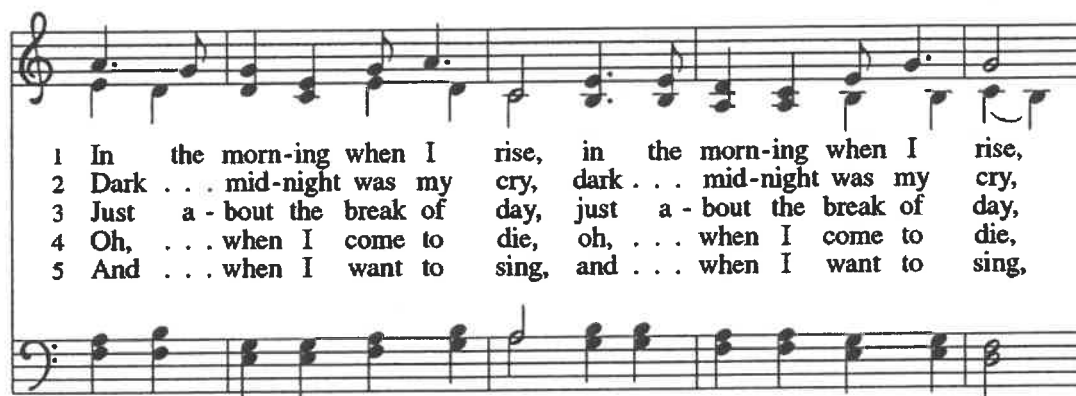
³⁸ Now as Jesus and his disciples went on their way, he entered a certain village, where a woman named Martha welcomed him into her home. ³⁹ She had a sister named Mary, who sat at the Lord's feet and listened to what he was saying. ⁴⁰ But Martha was distracted by her many tasks; so she came to Jesus and asked, "Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me to do all the work by myself? Tell her then to help me." ⁴¹ But the Lord answered her, "Martha, Martha, you are worried and distracted by many things; ⁴² there is need of only one thing. Mary has chosen the better part, which will not be taken away from her."

P The gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ.

Sit for Sermon

Give Me Jesus



1 In the morn-ing when I rise, in the morn-ing when I rise,
2 Dark . . . mid-night was my cry, dark . . . mid-night was my cry,
3 Just a - bout the break of day, just a - bout the break of day,
4 Oh, . . . when I come to die, oh, . . . when I come to die,
5 And . . . when I want to sing, and . . . when I want to sing,



in the morn-ing when I rise, give me Je - sus.
dark . . . mid-night was my cry, give me Je - sus.
just a - bout the break of day, give me Je - sus.
oh, . . . when I come to die, give me Je - sus.
and . . . when I want to sing, give me Je - sus.

Refrain



Give me Je - sus, give me Je - sus.



You may have all the rest, give me Je - sus.

Text: African American spiritual
Music: GIVE ME JESUS, African American spiritual; arr. hymnal version
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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

**[P] God of grace,
[C] hear our prayer.**

PEACE

**[P] The peace of Christ be with you always.
[C] And also with you.**

OFFERING (Tree of Life page 8)
GREAT THANKSGIVING (Tree of Life page 9)
LORD'S PRAYER &
LAMB OF GOD (Tree of life page 12)

COMMUNION HYMN

Jesus, the Very Thought of You



- 1 Je - sus, the ver - y thought of you fills us with sweet de - light;
2 No voice can sing, no heart can frame, nor can the mind re - call
3 O Hope of ev - 'ry con - trite soul, O Joy of all the meek,
4 O Je - sus, be our joy to - day; help us to prize your love;



but sweet-er far your face to view and rest with - in your light.
a sweet-er sound than your blest name, O Sav - ior of us all!
how kind you are to those who fall! How good to those who seek!
grant us at last to hear you say: "Come, share my home a - bove."



Text: attr. Bernard of Clairvaux, 1091–1153; tr. Edward Caswall, 1814–1878
Music: ST. AGNES, John B. Dykes, 1823–1876

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POST COMMUNION DISMISSAL (Tree of Life starting pg 13)

POST COMMUNION CANTICLE

POST COMMUNION PRAYER, BLESSING, DISMISSAL

CLOSING HYMN

O Savior, Precious Savior



1 O Sav - ior, pre-cious Sav - ior, whom yet un - seen we love;
2 O bring - er of sal - va - tion, who won - drous-ly hast wrought,
3 In thee all full-ness dwell - eth, all grace and pow'r di - vine;
4 Oh, grant the con-sum - ma - tion of this our song a - bove,



O name of might and fa - vor, all oth - er names a - bove:
thy - self the rev - e - la - tion of love be - yond our thought:
the glo - ry that ex - cel - leth, O Son of God, is thine.
in end - less ad - o - ra - tion and ev - er - last - ing love;



we wor - ship thee; we bless thee; to thee a - lone we sing;
we wor - ship thee; we bless thee; to thee a - lone we sing;
We wor - ship thee; we bless thee; to thee a - lone we sing;
then shall we praise and bless thee where per - fect prais-es ring,



we praise thee and con - fess thee, our ho - ly Lord and King.
we praise thee and con - fess thee, our gra - cious Lord and King.
we praise thee and con - fess thee, our glo - rious Lord and King.
and ev - er - more con - fess thee, our Sav - ior and our King!

Text: Frances R. Havergal, 1836-1879

Music: ANGEL'S STORY, Arthur H. Mann, 1850-1929

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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!

* Michelle Bahlavooni *Roland Baker Sr *Nicholas Bucci*
Derl Crawford* Mike Deptula* Diane Deptula *Ralph Evans*
Anne Everett David Ferro* Carl Frank *Adam Gajkowski *
Jim Hess Scott Hollenbach *Richard Huntington* Joanne
Johnson * Marlene Karchner* Dave Madara * *Vinnie Moroney*
Henry Reinsburrow * Sheri Renner *Roger Surratt*
*Bonnie Swafford *Tom Termini* Mark Troup * Marlene Trotman*
Melissa Waltman* *Kathy Whitesel* Ron Wolfe* *Shirley Young*

THIS SUNDAY: JULY 20, 2025

Outdoor Greeters : Liz Shotwell & Cole or Clay Shotwell
Greeters & Ushers: David & Karen Bird
Lector: Loreen Comstock
Communion Assistant: Loreen Comstock
Altar Guild: Carolyn Bahlavooni & Gail Utt
Offering Counters: Liz Shotwell & Carolyn Bahlavooni
Choir Director & Organist: Tenette Bogert

NEXT SUNDAY: JULY 27, 2025

Outdoor Greeters : Bill Hower Jr & Carolyn Bahlavooni
Greeters & Ushers: Emily Johnson & Paul Zajac
Lector: Diane Young
Communion Assistant: Diane Young
Altar Guild: Diane Young & Cindy Powlus
Offering Counters: Gail Utt & Angela Traugh
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 Barb Yoder
in honor of the Blessed Mother, Mary

ANNOUNCEMENTS

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

All newsletter items should be emailed to Alison **no later than Friday, July 25th.**

FILL THE SHELVES

August 3rd is Fill the Shelves Sunday CCVIM. You may of course bring them anytime. The bags are always available.

WELCOME TABLE

Our next Welcome Table will be on **Saturday, August 9th from 10:30 AM to 12:00 PM.** Sign up sheets are on the rear table of the sanctuary.

GATHERING TIME

Our next Gathering time will take place on **August 10th.**

BLOOD DRIVE

Our next Blood Drive will take place on **Monday, August 18th from 1:00 PM to 6:30 PM.** Don't forget to register and invite your friends and family to do so as well. There is a critical shortage right now.

COUNCIL MEETING

Our next council meeting will take place on **Tuesday, August 19th at 7:00 PM.**

SENIOR LUNCHEON

Our next Senior Luncheon will take place on **Wednesday, August 20th, 12:00 PM** at Morris Family Restaurant. Please alert Jan Peifer if you plan to attend by **Tuesday, August 19th.** Her phone number is **570-204-7531.**

ST. JOHN'S EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

Sunday, July 20, 2025

Eucharist: 9:00 AM

ST. JOHN'S CALENDAR

Monday, July 21, 2025

Office Hours

9:00 AM to 12:00 PM

Tuesday, July 22, 2025

Office Hours-Pastor in

9:00 AM to 12:00 PM

Wednesday, July 23, 2025

Office Hours

9:00 AM to 12:00 PM

Thursday, July 24, 2025

Office Hours-Pastor in

9:00 AM to 12:00 PM

Friday July 25, 2025

Office closed

Saturday, July 26, 2025

Office closed

Sunday, July 27, 2025

Seventh Sunday after

Pentecost

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Last Sunday Attendance : 43

Offering Amount Needed Weekly:

Current: \$1,557.00

Benevolence: \$122.00

New Building: \$333.00

Offering Amounts Received:

Current: \$ 1,525.00

Benevolence: \$108.00

New Building: \$177.00

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