



## St. John's Lutheran Church, ELCA

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Welcome! Whether this is your first time here or your thousandth time, we are all here as guests of Jesus, who seeks to be present among us, not only through the welcoming of one another, but in our intentional welcoming of all others. May Christ help us to be for all others his open hand, his voice of encouragement, and his face of love.

### GATHERING

*The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God*

#### Prelude

**"Of the Father's Love Begotten"**

#### Bells

#### Welcome

#### Confession and Forgiveness

In the Name of the Father, and of the ✠ Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Let us come before God, seeking forgiveness and life.

*(a brief silence for personal reflection)*

Just and Gracious God:

**We come to you for healing and life.**

**Our sins have hurt others and diminish us, and we confess them to you.**

**Our lives bear the scars of sin, and we bring these also to you.**

**Show us your mercy, O God. Bind up our wounds, forgive us our sins,  
and free us to love, for the sake of Jesus, our Savior. Amen.**

The Apostle Paul assures us:

"When we were dead in our trespasses,  
God made us alive together with Christ,  
nailing the record of our sins to the Cross."

May Almighty God strengthen us in all goodness  
and lead us always toward everlasting life. **Amen.**

#### Choir

**"All Are Welcome"**

#### 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.**

#### Prayer of the Day

O God, you direct our lives by your grace,  
and your words of justice and mercy reshape the world.  
Mold us into a people who welcome your word and serve one another,  
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

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## WORD

*God speaks to us in scripture and preaching; we respond in profession of faith and prayer*

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### First Reading

**Romans 6:12-23**

<sup>12</sup>Do not let sin exercise dominion in your mortal bodies, to make you obey their passions. <sup>13</sup>No longer present your members to sin as instruments of wickedness, but present yourselves to God as those who have been brought from death to life, and present your members to God as instruments of righteousness. <sup>14</sup>For sin will have no dominion over you, since you are not under law but under grace.

<sup>15</sup>What then? Should we sin because we are not under law but under grace? By no means! <sup>16</sup>Do you not know that if you present yourselves to anyone as obedient slaves, you are slaves of the one whom you obey, either of sin, which leads to death, or of obedience, which leads to righteousness? <sup>17</sup>But thanks be to God that you, having once been slaves of sin, have become obedient from the heart to the form of teaching to which you were entrusted, <sup>18</sup>and that you, having been set free from sin, have become slaves of righteousness. <sup>19</sup>I am speaking in human terms because of your natural limitations. For just as you once presented your members as slaves to impurity and to greater and greater iniquity, so now present your members as slaves to righteousness for sanctification.

<sup>20</sup>When you were slaves of sin, you were free in regard to righteousness. <sup>21</sup>So what advantage did you then get from the things of which you now are ashamed? The end of those things is death. <sup>22</sup>But now that you have been freed from sin and enslaved to God, the advantage you get is sanctification. The end is eternal life. <sup>23</sup>For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

The Word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

### Psalmody

**Psalm 89:15-18**

<sup>15</sup>Happy are the people who know the festal shout!  
They walk, O LORD, in the light of your presence.

<sup>16</sup>**They rejoice daily in your name;  
they are jubilant in your righteousness.**

<sup>17</sup>For you are the glory of their strength,  
and by your favor our might is exalted.

<sup>18</sup>**Truly, our shield belongs to the LORD;  
our king to the Holy One of Israel.**

### The Holy Gospel

**Matthew 10:40-42**

The good news of Jesus Christ according to St. Matthew:  
**Glory to you, O Lord.**

*[Jesus said to the twelve:]* <sup>40</sup>Whoever welcomes you welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me. <sup>41</sup>Whoever welcomes a prophet in the name of a prophet will receive a prophet's reward; and whoever welcomes a righteous person in the name of a righteous person will receive the reward of the righteous; <sup>42</sup>and whoever gives even a cup of cold water to one of these little ones in the name of a disciple—truly I tell you, none of these will lose their reward."

The Gospel of the Lord.  
**Praise to you, O Christ.**

### Sermon

**Pastor James Dew**

**Soloist: Louie Ramos**

**"If With All Your Hearts"**

## Apostles' Creed

With the whole Church in heaven and on earth, we confess our faith...

**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.**

## Prayers of Intercession

As a people gathered, empowered, and then sent to serve, we pray for the Church, the world, and all people who seek God's purpose and presence:

Holy God, we pray for your Church, for this congregation, and for Christian communities all across the world, that we may be faithful to the tasks you give us. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for the grace of hospitality, that we may welcome all whom you send to us, that we may receive them in generosity and love. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for the ability to let go, that we may surrender all that impedes us from fully following you, and fully living as a people who have been claimed by you. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Abiding God, we pray for the openness of our hearts, that we may recognize your presence in others, and give of ourselves to help fill their needs. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for all who work with in troubling and dangerous situations, that your holy angels guard them, your hand strengthen them, and your peace surround them. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

God of grace, we pray for all who face illness, surgery, and other difficult places in life, including *Bob Cauble, Chris Gates, Danny Myers, Janice Williams, Ralph Detwiler, Claudine Michalek, Arlene Schirmer, Kim Friesenhahn, Kenny Knippa, Bill Rickrim, Frances Franz, Alwin Schaefer, Bill Brewer, Paul Mason, Bonnie Eckhardt, Deleyce Tietze, Paul and Gloria Boenisch, Nat Castillo, Ron Olson, Bill Witte, Beth Knox, Tom Bartholomew, Maury Deaver, Paula Goles, Cliff Imken*, and those whom we also name, that you will pour upon them new strength and peace. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Receive our prayers, O Lord, and grant us all we need for this day, as we trust in your grace and mercy, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## Peace

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**And also with you.**

*(Please verbally greet those nearest you these or similar words: "Peace be with you.")*

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## MEAL

*We bring our "first fruit" offerings to the Table of the Lord  
where we are strengthened and nourished with the Body and Blood of Christ*

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### Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

**And also 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 our thanks and praise.**

Blessed are you, Lord of heaven and earth, endless is your mercy and eternal your reign.

Praise to you for the grace you've shown to your people in every age:

The promise to Israel, the rescue from Egypt, the words of the prophets; and, at this end of all the ages, the gift of your Son, who proclaimed the good news in word and deed, and was obedient to your will, even to giving his life.

For on 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 to remember me.

Every time we eat this bread, our brokenness is mended; every time we share Christ's body, we receive that grace that transforms us; every time we come to this meal, we proclaim the One who gives us life:

**Christ has died. Christ is Risen. Christ will come again.**

In this holy bread, our Lord Jesus gives us his very self, that we who share in Christ's body may live as a people of new life; that, even now, we may be the very vessels through which he continues to touch the world; and that, on the last day, we may stand and be counted among the saints in light. **Amen.**

Remember us, Lord, in your kingdom, and help us to pray:

**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.**

### Agnus Dei

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world. **Have mercy on us.**

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Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world. **Grant us peace. Amen.**

## Holy Communion

*We believe that Christ is truly present in the consecrated bread and wine and we welcome all who wish to receive the Holy Sacrament. Believing as well that Christ is fully present in either of the eucharistic elements, the consecrated bread alone will be offered to you by the Pastor during this early phase of our re-gathering. Please follow the direction of the ushers. A gluten free host is also available upon request.*

## Communion Blessing / Prayer

Abundant God,  
In this holy meal your Son comes among us,  
to be our companion on the road,  
and to help us carry our burdens.  
Strengthened by this Sacrament,  
may we learn from him to walk with one another  
in humility and in serving love. **Amen.**

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## SENDING

*God blesses us and sends us out in mission to the world*

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## Announcements

## Benediction

The Spirit of the Lord rest upon you...  
The Spirit of wisdom and understanding  
The Spirit of counsel and might  
The Spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord  
The Spirit of joy in God's presence

And the blessing of God,  
Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit  
Be among you, and shine through you. **Amen.**

## Choir

**"We Are Called"**

## Dismissal

Go in peace. Christ goes with you.  
**Amen. Thanks be to God.**

## Postlude

**"Prelude in C Major"**

**J.S. Bach**

*Worship is central to who we are as a people of God. Every time we gather to hear and respond to the Word, to offer up our prayers for the needs of many, and to receive Christ's living presence in the consecrated bread and wine, we seek to "become what we receive", namely, the Body of Christ for the sake of the life of the world. As we are gathered, fed, and then sent back out in mission, God empowers us to be bearers of blessing and vessels of grace, commissioning us to intentionally live out the reign of God throughout the course of our weekly living.*

## **This Week at St. John's**

Today, June 28 @ 8:30am	Pastor's Class
Today, June 28 @ 10:00am	Worship
Wednesday, July 1 @ 12:15pm	Word, Silence, and Prayer (online) (link: <a href="https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83688671973">https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83688671973</a> )

*(Please see our online calendar at [www.stjohnssa.org](http://www.stjohnssa.org) for other events.)*

## **Ministry Opportunities at Christian Assistance Ministry (CAM)**

### CAM Annual Back-to-School Program

If you are interested in "adopting" a child by purchasing the school supplies they will need for the school year, contact Nora Oyler [noyler@cam-sa.org](mailto:noyler@cam-sa.org) or call 210-223-4099.

### Clothing Needs

CAM is accepting gently used clothing items for both adult men and women. Items needed are casual-wear, jeans, khakis, t-shirts, tennis shoes and athletic shoes. Currently CAM is not accepting any slacks, suits, heels, men's dress shoes, prom dresses or business wear. Contact Sarah Kory at [skory@cam-sa.org](mailto:skory@cam-sa.org) or call 210-223-4099 with any questions.

### Help Feed the Hungry

Every other Tuesday, we deliver sandwiches to CAM around 11:00 AM. If you would like more information about this ministry and how you can lend support, contact Bea Imken at (210) 887-2217.

*For prayer requests, please contact the church office  
(210) 223-2611 or [info@StJohnsSA.org](mailto:info@StJohnsSA.org)  
The Prayer List is updated monthly (or as needed).*



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