

St. John
SHARING
the LOVE of Christ



Saturday, June 26, 2021 (5:30 pm)
Sunday, June 27, 2021 (8:30 & 10:00am)



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We welcome you to St. John Lutheran Church as we gather for this time of worship and reflection on God's love for the world.

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Worship Leaders – Saturday 5:30 pm

Deacon Yvonne Welsh
Ushers John Fleming, Norm Roland
Altar Guild Joan Nunemaker, Marge West
Pianist Susan Fick

Worship Leaders – Sunday 8:30 am

Deacon Glenn Smith
Ushers Jon Blomquist, Judy Dachman
Pianist/Organist Janet Blomquist
Soloist Grace Preboy
Audio Board Bill Bromer
Livestream Team Matt Markwell, Colin Wilcox, Mary Wilcox
Counters Nancy Kautz, Sharon Sullivan

Worship Leaders – Sunday 10:00 am

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Pianist Ellen Goodwin
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**Indicates Congregation, Please Stand*

Prelude

(5:30)	“There is a Balm in Gilead”	Trad., arr. Mark Hayes
(8:30)	“Fugue in C Minor”	Charpentier
(10:00)	“Blessed Be Your Name”	Redman & Redman, arr. Wolaver

*Welcome and Invocation

P We are gathered in the name of the Father, and of the ✠ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

*Prayer of Confession and Forgiveness

P Friends in Christ, our prayer of confession allows us to claim that we are works in progress. You don't have to be perfect. You don't have to have it all figured out. You don't have to have a five-step plan for what's next. You only have to show up with your messy, beautiful self, and be honest. Friends, let's be honest and pray the prayer of confession together.

P Let us pray. God of life,

C **Forgive us for our careless thoughts, for our thoughtless deeds, for our empty speech and the words that wound others.**

P God of life,

C **Forgive us for our false desires, for our hateful actions, for our wastefulness and for all we left untended.**

P God of life,

C **Make our hearts places of peace. Sow in our souls love for you and welfare for each other. Root love of neighbor deep within us. Inspire us to give and receive peace. In your name we pray. Amen.**

P Family of faith, we are works in progress created and claimed by God. No matter what you have done or left undone this week, today is a fresh start. Hear the good news: your sins are forgiven and God cares for our welfare.

C **Thanks be to God! Amen.**

*Prayer of the Day

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.**

P Let us pray. Holy God, we know that you are always speaking-- through strangers and friends, through sunrise and sunset, through random acts of kindness and feelings that awaken hope in us. We know that you speak through dreams and prayer, through a still, small voice, and through bursts of overwhelming joy. We know that you are always speaking, but we also know that we are inclined to miss it. Settle our spirits now to hear you fully. Gratefully we pray, **Amen.**

Song of Praise

(5:30)

“Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me”

Hastings

Special Music

(8:30 & 10:00)

“Trust In You”
(Grace Preboy)

by Daigle, et al.

Psalm 8 *(read responsively)*

D A reading from Psalm 8. Listen for the Word of the Lord.

C **Our ears are open!**

O Lord, our Sovereign,
how majestic is your name in all the earth!
You have set your glory above the heavens.

**Out of the mouths of babes and infants
you have founded a bulwark because of your foes,
to silence the enemy and the avenger.**

When I look at your heavens, the work of your fingers,
the moon and the stars that you have established;

**what are human beings that you are mindful of them,
mortals that you care for them?**

Yet you have made them a little lower than God,
and crowned them with glory and honor.

**You have given them dominion over the works of your hands;
you have put all things under their feet,**

all sheep and oxen,
and also the beasts of the field,

**the birds of the air, and the fish of the sea,
whatever passes along the paths of the seas.**

O Lord, our Sovereign,
how majestic is your name in all the earth!

D Word of God, Word of Life!

C **Thanks be to God!**

Reading

Jeremiah 32:1-3a, 6-15

D A reading from the book of Jeremiah. Listen for the Word of the Lord.

C Our ears are open!

The word that came to Jeremiah from the Lord in the tenth year of King Zedekiah of Judah, which was the eighteenth year of Nebuchadrezzar. At that time the army of the king of Babylon was besieging Jerusalem, and the prophet Jeremiah was confined in the court of the guard that was in the palace of the king of Judah, where King Zedekiah of Judah had confined him. Zedekiah had said, "Why do you prophesy and say: Thus says the Lord: I am going to give this city into the hand of the king of Babylon, and he shall take it.

Jeremiah said, The word of the Lord came to me: Hanamel son of your uncle Shallum is going to come to you and say, "Buy my field that is at Anathoth, for the right of redemption by purchase is yours." Then my cousin Hanamel came to me in the court of the guard, in accordance with the word of the Lord, and said to me, "Buy my field that is at Anathoth in the land of Benjamin, for the right of possession and redemption is yours; buy it for yourself." Then I knew that this was the word of the Lord.

And I bought the field at Anathoth from my cousin Hanamel, and weighed out the money to him, seventeen shekels of silver. I signed the deed, sealed it, got witnesses, and weighed the money on scales. Then I took the sealed deed of purchase, containing the terms and conditions, and the open copy; and I gave the deed of purchase to Baruch son of Neriah son of Mahseiah, in the presence of my cousin Hanamel, in the presence of the witnesses who signed the deed of purchase, and in the presence of all the Judeans who were sitting in the court of the guard. In their presence I charged Baruch, saying, Thus says the Lord of hosts, the God of Israel: Take these deeds, both this sealed deed of purchase and this open deed, and put them in an earthenware jar, in order that they may last for a long time. For thus says the Lord of hosts, the God of Israel: Houses and fields and vineyards shall again be bought in this land.

D Word of God, Word of Life!

C Thanks be to God!

*Gospel Acclamation

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Congregation:

Al - le - lu - ia, 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 1:30-37

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the first chapter.

C **Glory to you, O Lord.**

The angel said to Mary, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. And now, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you will name him Jesus. He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give to him the throne of his ancestor David. He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end." Mary said to the angel, "How can this be, since I am a virgin?" The angel said to her, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be holy; he will be called Son of God. And now, your relative Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son; and this is the sixth month for her who was said to be barren. For nothing will be impossible with God."

P The gospel of our Lord.

C **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Children's Sermon

Sermon

Pastor Robin Caldwell

Hymn of the Day

733

"Great Is Thy Faithfulness"

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Verse 1 Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father;
There is no shadow of turning with thee;
Thou changest not, thy compassions they fail not;
As thou has been, thou forever wilt be.

Refrain Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning new mercies I see;
All I have needed thy hand hath provided;
Great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me.

Verse 2 Summer and winter and spring-time and harvest,
Sun, moon, and stars in their courses above
Join with all nature in manifold witness
To thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love.

Repeat Refrain

Verse 3 Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,
Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide;
Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,
Blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside!

Repeat Refrain

***Apostles' Creed**

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

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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.

Joys and Concerns of our Faith Community

Prayer request cards are available in your pews.

You may place the card in the offering plate or give to a pastor.

Prayers of the Church

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P Let us come before God in prayer.

Response (sing):

**Christ, our peace, you break down the walls that divide us;
Christ, our peace, come, make us one body in you.**

The prayers conclude:

P We lift our prayers to you, O God, trusting in your faithful grace.
C Amen.

***Sharing the Peace**

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.
C And also with you.

You may share the peace of Christ with others. Those who choose to stay in their pew may wave or give signs of peace. Those who move to greet others may choose their greeting at the discretion of the person you are greeting. Please be mindful of the non-verbal cue you are receiving, and ask what the person is comfortable with before greeting.

***Offertory**

(5:30)

“Amazing Grace”

Walker

(8:30)

“For the Beauty of the Earth”

Kocher

(10:00)

“Day by Day”

Ahnfelt, arr. Hayes

The offering will be received at the doors as you leave.

***Offertory Prayer**

D Let us pray. Jesus, Bread of life, **you have set this table with your very self, and called us to the feast of plenty. Gather what has been sown among us, and strengthen us in this meal. Make us to be what we receive here, your body for the life of the world. Amen.**

***Great Thanksgiving** *(spoken)*

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Lift up your hearts.

C **We lift them to the Lord.**

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

P It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ; who overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection, opened to us the way of everlasting life.

***Words of Institution**

***The Lord's Prayer**

C 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.

***Invitation to Communion**

P Christ has set the table with more than enough for all!

C **Thanks be to God!**

Distribution

*We believe in the true presence of Jesus Christ in this meal and at this table.
All are welcome to receive communion or a blessing.*

There are two ways to receive communion today:

Receiving Communion in your pew

You may receive communion in your pew with the elements contained in the communion pod. The pastor will say the words of distribution after the Invitation to Communion:

The body of Christ, given for you.

The blood of Christ, shed for you.

Receiving Communion at the altar

- *You will be invited forward by the pastor.*
- *Wear your masks as you come forward; lift your mask when ingesting the elements of bread and then again with the grape juice or the wine.*
- *The deep purple wine is on the outer rings of the tray, the golden grape juice is on the inner rings of the tray.*
- *After receiving communion, place the used communion cup in the basket, and return to your pew via the side aisle.*

Communion Music

(5:30)

“It Is Well with my Soul”

Bliss, arr. Hayes

(8:30)

“When Morning Gilds the Skies”

Barnby

“Give Thanks”

H. Smith

(10:00)

“One Thing Remains (Your Love Never Fails)”

Riddle, et al., arr. Tornquist

*Blessing

*Prayer after Communion

D Let us pray. Jesus, Bread of life, we have received from your table more than we could ever ask. As you have nourished us in this meal, now strengthen us to love the world with your own life. In your name we pray.

C Amen.

*Benediction

*Sending Song

#535

“Hallelujah! We Sing Your Praises”

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Chorus Hallelujah! We sing your praises,
All our hearts are filled with gladness.
Hallelujah! We sing your praises,
All our hearts are filled with gladness.

Verse 2 Now he sends us all out, strong in faith, free of doubt,
Strong in faith, free of doubt. Tell to all the joyful gospel.
Now he sends us all out, strong in faith, free of doubt,
Strong in faith, free of doubt. Tell to all the joyful gospel.

Repeat Chorus

*Sending

D Go in peace. You are the body of Christ!

C **Thanks be to God!**

Postlude

(5:30)	“In Christ Alone/The Solid Rock”	arr. Tornquist
(8:30)	“Creator Spirit by Whose Aid”	Lenel
(10:00)	“Whom Shall I Fear (God of Angel Armies)”	Tomlin, Cash & Cash

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