



**WELCOME TO  
ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH & SCHOOL**  
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**FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

**August 26, 2018 – 10:45 a.m.**

***St. John's Mission: To help one more person get to Heaven  
by pointing them to Jesus Christ.***

**Welcome**

We are delighted to have you with us as we celebrate God’s love for us in Jesus! If you have any questions or needs please feel free to ask an usher, Pastor Tom, or anyone here at St. John’s.

**As We Worship**

**Prepare** for worship in stillness and prayer.

**Enjoy** worship by lifting your voice and heart to God.

**Close** worship by enjoying the fellowship of one another.

**After** worship, the service begins! Go out and serve the Lord in all areas of life!

*“I urge you, in view of God’s mercy to you, present yourselves as living sacrifices to God, this is your spiritual act of worship.” — Romans 12:1*

**Sharing of the Peace**

We take a moment to greet one another, as brothers and sisters in Christ (often with the words “God’s peace be with you”). We enjoy this part of our worship; however, you are free to participate, or not, in any manner with which you are comfortable. *(Please Remain Standing)*

*Please silence all devices. If at any point you need to or prefer to sit, please feel free to do so.*

**Processional Hymn: “Rejoice the Lord is King” to the tune of Darwell’s 148<sup>th</sup>**

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| <p>1 Rejoice, the Lord is King:<br/>Your Lord and King adore!<br/>Rejoice, give thanks and sing,<br/>And triumph evermore.<br/>Lift up your heart,<br/>Lift up your voice!<br/>Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!</p>    | <p>3 His kingdom cannot fail,<br/>He rules o'er earth and heav'n;<br/>The keys of death and hell<br/>Are to our Jesus giv'n:<br/>Lift up your heart,<br/>Lift up your voice!<br/>Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!</p> |
| <p>2 Jesus, the Savior, reigns,<br/>The God of truth and love;<br/>When He has purged our stains,<br/>He took his seat above;<br/>Lift up your heart,<br/>Lift up your voice!<br/>Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!</p> | <p>4 Rejoice in glorious hope!<br/>Our Lord and judge shall come<br/>And take His servants up<br/>To their eternal home:<br/>Lift up your heart,<br/>Lift up your voice!<br/>Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!</p>     |

## Call to Worship

**C: We will extol You, our God, our King, our Righteousness. We will bless Your holy name forever and ever. Every day we will bless You, O Holy One, King of glory, Lord of the universe, Savior from sin. We will praise and honor Your name forever.**

P: We worship in the name of the One, True, God the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

## Confession/Forgiveness

**C: "I said," I will watch my ways, and keep my tongue from sin"...and yet have not done so. "When I was silent...my anguish increased, My heart grew hot within me, and as I meditated the fire burned; then I spoke with my tongue:" "O Lord hold not my sin against me!"**

P: Teach us to number our days, to know how fleeting is our life, for the length of our years is nothing before You.

**C: We confess that we busy ourselves, and heap up wealth and possessions, not knowing who will get them. But now, O Lord...our HOPE is in You!**

P: For the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ, the lamb of God who has taken away the sins of the world, you are forgiven, and blessed with true Hope, now and for eternity!

**C: Amen.**

*(Please be seated)*

## First Lesson: Psalm 29 (read responsively)

Give unto the LORD, O you mighty ones,

Give unto the LORD glory and strength.

**<sup>2</sup>Give unto the LORD the glory <sup>[c]</sup>due to His name;  
Worship the LORD in the <sup>[d]</sup>beauty of holiness.**

<sup>3</sup>The voice of the LORD *is* over the waters;

The God of glory thunders;

The LORD *is* over many waters.

**<sup>4</sup>The voice of the LORD *is* powerful;**

**The voice of the LORD *is* full of majesty.**

<sup>5</sup>The voice of the LORD breaks the cedars,

Yes, the LORD splinters the cedars of Lebanon.

**<sup>6</sup>He makes them also skip like a calf,**

**Lebanon and Sirion like a young wild ox.**

<sup>7</sup>The voice of the LORD divides the flames of fire.

**<sup>8</sup>The voice of the LORD shakes the wilderness;**

**The LORD shakes the Wilderness of Kadesh.**

<sup>9</sup>The voice of the LORD makes the deer give birth,  
And strips the forests bare;  
And in His temple everyone says, "Glory!"

<sup>10</sup>**The LORD sat *enthroned* at the Flood,  
And the LORD sits as King forever.**

<sup>11</sup>The LORD will give strength to His people;  
The LORD will bless His people with peace.

L: This is the Word of the Lord

**C: Thanks be to God**

### **Second Lesson: I Corinthians 10:31-11:1**

<sup>31</sup>Therefore, whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do all to the glory of God. <sup>32</sup>Give no offense, either to the Jews or to the Greeks or to the church of God, <sup>33</sup>just as I also please all *men* in all *things*, not seeking my own profit, but the *profit* of many, that they may be saved.

Imitate me, just as I also *imitate* Christ.

L: This is the Word of the Lord

**C: Thanks be to God**

*(Please Rise)*

### **Holy Gospel: Luke 18:15-17**

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke the 18<sup>th</sup> chapter.

**C: Glory to You, O Lord**

<sup>15</sup>Then they also brought infants to Him that He might touch them; but when the disciples saw *it*, they rebuked them. <sup>16</sup>But Jesus called them to *Him* and said, "Let the little children come to Me, and do not forbid them; for of such is the kingdom of God. <sup>17</sup>Assuredly, I say to you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will by no means enter it."

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C: Praise to You O Christ.**

## **Installation of St. John's School Staff**

P: Would all of the teachers and staff of our Christian Education programs please stand and come forward.

P: God says, "I know the plans I have for you...plans to prosper you and not harm you." The study of God's Word is a serious task that God desires of all His children. You are to assist the minister of the Word and Sacrament by instructing God's children according to His Holy Word. God commands pastors and all leaders, as part of the overall ministry of the congregation, to "watch your life and doctrine closely. Persevere in them, because if you do, you will save both yourself and your hearer" (1 Timothy 4:16). Do you pledge to be a faithful student of God's Word, listening carefully to what He says to you and striving, with the Holy Spirit's power, to live accordingly?

**Staff: Yes.**

P: Do you commit to faithfully carry out your duties in the Lord's name, loving each student as a fellow child of God, with His help?

**Staff: Yes.**

P: Although on the last Day those who serve Christ will likely say, "We have only done our duty," and "When did we serve You, Lord?" know that you have the support of the ministry staff and this entire congregation as you go about your task. The Lord bless you with joy and peace in your work.

**Staff: Father in Heaven, You love me and have taught me to love. Help me to share your love with my students, their families, and those who minister with me. I need your help, for without it I would have failed miserably long ago. By Your Spirit empower me to teach Your children, This is a high calling filled with great responsibility. Take my words, my actions, and meditate on Your Word. I need it. Help me always love to teach it. I dedicate my life and my teaching to You. Be with me every day, both in and out of my classroom. I praise and thank You for giving me my abilities and my ministry as a teacher. Use me as an instrument of Your will. I rely on Your promise to stay beside me. Amen.**

## **Commitment of Congregation**

P: Would all those who are not part of the teaching service of this church please stand.

P: God says, "I know the plans I have for you...plans to prosper you and not to harm you." Jesus reminds teachers that "He who listens to Me; he who rejects you rejects Me: (Luke 10:16). God commands us not to "despise preaching and His Word." Do you pledge to support and honor the teachers and participate willingly and gladly in the educational opportunities of this congregation, knowing that it is God's will that "your faith is growing more and more, and the love every one of you has for each other is increasing" (2 Thessalonians 1:3)?

**C: Yes**

**P: May your life be richly blessed in every way.**

**Hymn of the Day: #427 “In the Cross of Christ I Glory”**

**Sermon: “Give God the Glory”**

**Apostles' Creed**

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth.**

**And in Jesus Christ, His 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 into hell.  
The third day He rose again from the dead.  
He ascended into heaven  
and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.  
From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.**

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

*(Be Seated)*

**Offer Unto the Lord!** The Bible gives these guidelines on our financial giving:

- 1) “First Fruits”: i.e. Set aside a portion for God FIRST. He gets the best, not the leftovers.*
- 2) “Portion/Percentage giving”: Give to God a percentage of our gross income; the Old Testament “tithe” was 10%; certainly “this side” of the cross we should be just as motivated, or more so, than the Old Testament believers!*
- 3) “God’s Blessings”: God promises if we are faithful in our giving, He will pour out blessing/abundance to us overflowing!*

**Offering**

Please take this time to sign the Pew Pads in your row and pass them down. We thank God for our visitors and guests. Please share your e-mail with us so that you can receive a weekly note of activities/announcements. Thank you for worshiping with us!

**Offertory Solo**      Andrew René, baritone

*(Please Rise)*

**Offertory Hymn #805 “Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”**

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise Him, all creatures here below;  
Praise Him above, ye heav’nly host:  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

**TODAY WE CELEBRATE THE LORD'S SUPPER.**

St. Paul wrote, "Let a man examine himself, and so let him eat of the bread and drink of the cup". Ask yourself: Am I sorry for my sins? Do I believe that Jesus died for my sins? Am I resolved, by the work of the Holy Spirit, to use the power of Christ which is offered in this Sacrament, to amend my sinful life? St. Paul also wrote, "He who eats and drinks, eats and drinks judgment to himself, if he does not judge the body rightly". Do you believe that you receive the TRUE/REAL BODY AND BLOOD of Christ in, under and with the bread and wine for the full pardon of sins? (Please use pages 329-330 in the front of your hymn book to examine yourself.)

Children are invited forward to receive a blessing.

Please take a moment to sign the attendance pad in your pew.

**† Service of the Sacrament †**

**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.

## Words of Institution

*(Be Seated)*

**Distribution Hymns: #433 “Glory Be to Jesus”  
#506 “Glory Be to God the Father”**

## 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.

**C: Amen.**

## Recessional Hymn: “To God Be the Glory”

**1** To God be the glory, great things he hath done;  
so loved he the world that he gave us his Son,  
who yielded his life an atonement for sin,  
and opened the life-gate that all may go in.

### Refrain:

**Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the earth hear his voice!**

**Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the people rejoice!**

**O come to the Father through Jesus the Son,  
and give him the glory, great things he hath done.**

**2** O perfect redemption, the purchase of blood,  
to every believer the promise of God;  
the vilest offender who truly believes,  
that moment from Jesus a pardon receives. **[Refrain]**

**3** Great things he hath taught us, great things he hath done,  
and great our rejoicing through Jesus the Son;  
but purer, and higher and greater will be  
our wonder, our transport, when Jesus we see. **[Refrain]**

**Postlude “Praise to the Lord the Almighty”**

Johann Walther

**The Altar Flowers** are given to the glory of God by Don & Clare Adamick in honor of our 56<sup>th</sup> anniversary!

**Today's Ushers:** Holly Wilson, Ryan Davidson, Stephanie Kiel

**Worship Assistant:** Early Service – Tom Baldwin, Bob Burke Late Service – Dale Mierisch, Larry Bowman

**Lector:** Early Service – Rachel Orsborn Late Service – Stephanie Guelzow

**Altar Guild for August:** Claudia Essbach, Clare Adamick

**Lock-ups for August:** Jeff Goad, Glenn Rullman

**Nursery is available** in Preschool Room 106 during the 10:45 Worship Service for children ages 3 and under.

**Crisis Control Item for August:** Jelly – Thank you for your July contributions – 66lbs of food were collected!

**The Sermons** are available on-line at <http://stjohnsws.com/weekly-sermons-2/>

**St. John's Prayer and Care Notes** are distributed each Saturday. If you would like to receive this document and be listed on the email distribution, please send a request to:

- Dale Mierisch at [wb9szl@triad.rr.com](mailto:wb9szl@triad.rr.com) and include "St John's Prayer and Care Notes Subscription" in the subject line of your email.
  - You may also send your prayer requests to Dale at this address.

**(Restrooms: Exit the left-side door on the pulpit side. Go straight thru the Fellowship Hall and the two doors leading to our school building. Restrooms are on your right in the school lobby)**



***Our Sunday Worship*** - Services are at 8:30 a.m. and 10:45 a.m.  
*Sunday School and Adult Bible Class both begin at 9:30 a.m.*

***A Great Place to Grow in Christ***

*As a part of our outreach ministry, we have a  
Preschool/Pre-K program and Kindergarten through 8<sup>th</sup> grade.  
All programs/grades have full-time care available.*

**Pastor Thomas Clocker, 301-732-9203, revclocker@gmail.com**

**Mark Edmiston, Principal**

**Tom Baldwin, Director of Admissions and Community Relations**

**Sonia Davidson, Director of Preschool**

**Michael Zeoli, Director of Music for Contemporary Worship**

**Frances Burmeister, Director of Music for Traditional Worship**

Church Office Hours Monday through Thursday,  
9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.