

“R” “U” Right with God?



Where R U?

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SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

July 1, 2018 – 10:45 a.m.

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

Welcome & 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.

(Please Rise)

Processional Hymn: #527 “O Savior Precious Savior”

Invocation/Call to Worship

P: The tree of life, with every good,
In Eden’s holy orchard stood,
And of its fruit, so pure and sweet,
God let the man and woman eat.

**C: Yet in this garden, also grew,
Another tree, of which they knew
In lovely limbs, with fruit adorned,
Against whose eating, God had
warned.**

P: The stillness of that sacred grove,
Was broken, as the serpent strove,
With tempting voice, Eve to beguile,
And Adam too, by sin defile.

**C: O day of sadness, when sins first
breath,
Brought fear and sham, and doubt
and death.**

P: What mercy God showed to our race,
A plan of rescue, by His grace,
In sending One, the woman’s seed,
The One to fill, our greatest need.

**C: For on a tree, uplifted high,
His Holy son, for sin would die,**

**Would drink the cup of scorn and
dread,
To crush the ancient, serpent’s
head.**

P: Now from that tree, of Jesus’ shame,
Flows life eternal, in His name,
For all who trust, and do believe,
Salvation’s living fruit, receive.

**C: And of this fruit, so pure and sweet,
The Lord invites the world to eat,
To find within, His cross of wood,
The Tree of Life, with every good.**

P: We worship in the name of the Father
who created us.

C: And the Son who saved us.

P: And the Holy Spirit who blessed us,
with faith

**C: The One true God, and blessed
Trinity. Amen.**

*Written by LCMS pastor, Rev. Stephen
Starke*

(Please be seated)

First Lesson: Isaiah 61:10-11 (Clothed – by God)

¹⁰ I will greatly rejoice in the LORD,

My soul shall be joyful in my God;

For He has clothed me with the garments of salvation,

He has covered me with the robe of righteousness,

As a bridegroom decks *himself* with ornaments,

And as a bride adorns *herself* with her jewels.

¹¹ For as the earth brings forth its bud,

As the garden causes the things that are sown in it to spring forth,

So the Lord GOD will cause righteousness and praise to spring forth before all the nations.

L: This is the Word of the Lord

C: Thanks be to God

Second Lesson: 2 Corinthians 5:1-3 (No Longer Naked!)

For we know that if our earthly ^[a]house, *this* tent, is destroyed, we have a building from God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens. ² For in this we groan, earnestly desiring to be clothed with our ^[b]habitation which is from heaven, ³ if indeed, having been clothed, we shall not be found naked.

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(Please Rise)

Holy Gospel: Luke 19:1-10 (Seeking the Lost)

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke the 19th chapter.

C: Glory to You, O Lord.

Then *Jesus* entered and passed through Jericho. ² Now behold, *there was* a man named Zacchaeus who was a chief tax collector, and he was rich. ³ And he sought to see who *Jesus* was, but could not because of the crowd, for he was of short stature. ⁴ So he ran ahead and climbed up into a sycamore tree to see Him, for He was going to pass that way. ⁵ And when *Jesus* came to the place, He looked up ^[a]and saw him, and said to him, “Zacchaeus, ^[b]make haste and come down, for today I must stay at your house.” ⁶ So he ^[c]made haste and came down, and received Him joyfully. ⁷ But

when they saw *it*, they all ^[d]complained, saying, "He has gone to be a guest with a man who is a sinner."

⁸ Then Zacchaeus stood and said to the Lord, "Look, Lord, I give half of my goods to the poor; and if I have taken anything from anyone by false accusation, I restore fourfold."

⁹ And Jesus said to him, "Today salvation has come to this house, because he also is a son of Abraham; ¹⁰ for the Son of Man has come to seek and to save that which was lost."

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to You, O Christ.

Apostles' Creed

**C 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)

Children's Message

Hymn of the Day: #569 “In Adam We have All Been One” (*sung to the tune of “Amazing Grace”*)

569 In Adam We Have All Been One

- 1 In Adam we have all been one,
One huge rebellious man;
We all have fled that evening voice
That sought us as we ran.
- 2 We fled Thee, and in losing Thee
We lost our brother too;
Each singly sought and claimed his
own;
Each man his brother slew.
- 3 But Thy strong love, it sought us still
And sent Thine only Son
That we might hear His Shepherd’s
voice
And, hearing Him, be one.
- 4 O Thou who, when we loved Thee
not,
Didst love and save us all,
Thou great Good Shepherd of
mankind,
O hear us when we call.
- 5 Send us Thy Spirit, teach us truth;
Thou Son, O set us free
From fancied wisdom, self-sought
ways,
To make us one in Thee.
- 6 Then shall our song united rise
To Thine eternal throne,
Where with the Father evermore
And Spirit Thou art one.

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Sermon: “Where R U?”

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 *“tithes”* 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 Anthem

(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.

Confession and Forgiveness

Father of grace, giver of all good gifts and blessings, forgive us for our sin, which so corrupts Your creation that was good. Forgive us for, like Eve, doubting your goodness, and Your Word. Forgive us for never being satisfied with our many blessings, so that we continually covet, what is not ours. Open our eyes to the evil within ourselves, that we might cling to the good, that is Your grace in Christ.

Children of the Heavenly Father, in the sacrifice of His only Son, the Lord has hidden your shame, forgiven your sin, and guaranteed that one day, He will see you in paradise. Amen.

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.**

Sanctus



C Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth a - dored;



Heav'n and earth with full ac-claim shout the glo-ry of Your name.



Sing ho - san-na in the high-est, sing ho-san - na to the Lord;



Tru - ly blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord!

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Blessed are You, O Lord our God, king of all creation, for You have had mercy on us and given Your only-begotten Son that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life.

In Your righteous judgement You condemned the sin of Adam and Eve, who ate the forbidden fruit, and You justly barred them and all their children from the tree of life. Yet, in Your great mercy, You promised salvation by a second Adam, Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, and made His cross a life-giving tree for all who trust in Him.

We give You thanks for the redemption You have prepared for us through Jesus Christ, Grant us Your Holy Spirit that we may faithfully eat and drink of the fruits of His cross and receive the blessings of forgiveness, life, and salvation that come to us in His body and blood.

Agnus Dei



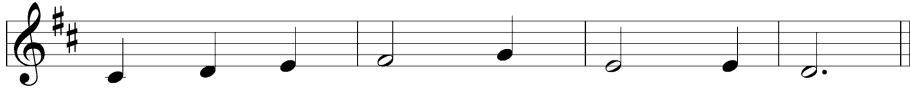
1 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,
2 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,



You take the sin of the world a - way;
You take the sin of the world a - way;



O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,
Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus Christ,



Have mer - cy on us, Lord, we pray.
And grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.

(Be Seated)

Distribution Hymns: #572 "In the Shattered Bliss of Eden" (sung to the tune of "Hark the Voice of Jesus Crying")

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| <p>1 In the shattered bliss of Eden
Dawned the day of sacrifice,
As our primal parents shuddered—
Sin had caused this dreadful price!
Faith embarked with this discernment:
Only God can cover sin,
As He took their leafy garments
And He clothed their shame with skin.</p> <p>2 Days and months and years unfolding
Clearly showed what sin had wrought:
Fallen Adam's children learning
Lessons fallen parents taught.
All these sacrificial off'rings
Crested as a crimson flood:</p> | <p>Patriarchs and priests atoning
For their sins with cleansing blood.</p> <p>3 What these sacrifices promised
From a God who sought to bless,
Came at last—a second Adam—
Priest and King of Righteousness:
Son of God, incarnate Savior,
Son of Man, both Christ and Lord,
Who in naked shame would offer
On the cross His blood outpoured.</p> <p>4 Lamb of God, once slain for sinners,
Host, who spreads this meal divine,
Here You pledge our sins are covered,
Pledge received in bread and wine:</p> |
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“Take and eat; this is My body,
 Given on the cross for you.
 Take and drink; this cup of blessing
 Is My blood poured out for you.”

- 5 Taste and see the bliss of heaven
 Known by saints around the throne,
 Where the Lamb, in closest union,
 Lives to love and feed His own.
 From His riven side forever
 Flows the purest stream of love,
 Love that robes us with the raiment
 Worn by all who feast above.

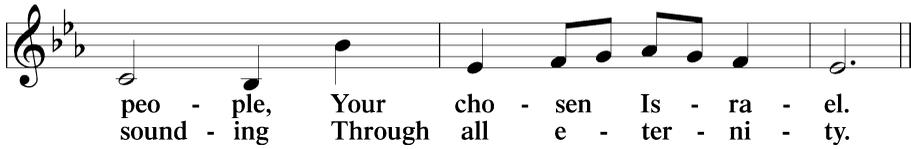
- 6 Gone the bliss of Eden’s garden,
 Gone the age of sacrifice;
 Ours the time of grace and favor,
 Ours the call to paradise!
 Ever, Lord, impress upon us:
 Only You can cover sin—
 Take our worthless, self-made
 garments;
 Clothe our shame and cleanse
 within.

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#540 “Christ, the Word of God Incarnate”

Nunc Dimittis

1 O Lord, now let Your ser - vant De -
 2 All glo - ry to the Fa - ther, All
 part in heav'n - ly peace, For I have seen the
 glo - ry to the Son, All glo - ry to the
 glo - ry Of Your re - deem - ing grace:
 Spir - it, For - ev - er Three - in - One;
 A light to lead the Gen - tiles Un -
 For as in the be - gin - ning, Is
 to Your ho - ly hill, The glo - ry of Your
 now, shall ev - er be, God's tri - une name re -



peo - ple, Your cho - sen Is - ra - el.
sound - ing Through all e - ter - ni - ty.

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: #813 “Rejoice, O Pilgrim Throng” (vs. 1-3, 6-7)

Postlude

The Altar Flowers are given to the glory of God by Kathy, John, & Emily Schwabe in honor of Rob's birthday.

Today's Ushers: John Williams, Bob Sparks, Lisa Little, Larry Bowman

Worship Assistant: Early Service – Mark Edmiston, Bill Thorpe Late Service – Larry Bowman, Dale Mierisch

Lector: Early Service – Claudia Essbach Late Service – Allen Hall

Altar Guild for July: Sarah Strahm, Mary Rochester

Lock-ups for July: Steve Anderson, Jeff Goad

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

Crisis Control Item for July: Peanut Butter

The Sermons are available on-line at <http://stjohnsww.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 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 8th grade.
All programs/grades have full-time care available.*

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