



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

July 14, 2019 – 10:45 a.m.
Worship with Holy Communion

**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

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

Prelude **"Galharda"**

anonymous Spanish, 17th century

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)*

Processional Hymn: "Behold the Throne of Grace" (vs. 1,2,3,5)

(sung to the tuned of : "The Advent of Our King")

1. Behold the throne of grace!
The promise calls us near;
There Jesus shows a smiling face
And waits to answer prayer.
2. That rich atoning blood,
Which sprinkled round we see;
Provides for those who come to
God,
An all prevailing plea.
3. Beyond thy utmost wants
His love and power can bless;
To praying souls He always grants,
More than they can express.
5. Abiding in Thy faith,
Our will conformed to Thine
Let us victorious be in death,
And then in glory shine.

Call to Worship

P: Let us draw near to God with a sincere heart in full assurance of faith.

C: Be strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus.

P: I know whom I have believed, and am convinced that he is able

C: To guard what I have entrusted to him for that day.

P: Let us then approach the throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy.

C: And find grace to help us in our time of need.

P: This is the confidence we have in approaching God:

C: If we ask anything according to his will, he hears us.

P: And if we know that he hears us – whatever we ask – we know that we have what we asked of him.

C: So we know and rely on the love God has for us.

P: He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High

C: Will rest in the shadow of the Almighty,

P: I will say of the Lord

C: “He is my refuge and my fortress, my God, in whom I trust.”

P: Surely he will save you from the fowler’s snare

C: And from the deadly pestilence.

P: He will cover you with his feathers, and under his wings you will find refuge.

**ALL: For the Lord God is a sun and shield; The Lord bestows favor and honor;
no good thing does he withhold from those whose walk is blameless.**

*Hebrews 10:22a; 2 Timothy 2:1b, 1:12b; Hebrews 4:16;
1 John 5:14-15, 4:16; Psalms 91:1-4a; 84:11*

Confession and Forgiveness

C: O Lord, holy eternal Father: with sorrow and remorse I approach Your throne of grace. I have much to confess, for I have not been obedient to Your Word, and have not lived as Your servant. For the sins of pride, sloth, greed, lust, anger, envy, and gluttony I confess my guilt and know that I stand under Your eternal judgment. For these, and all my sins, I am repentant. O Lord, by the holy blood of Your Son, Jesus Christ, cancel out all that is written against me. Renew me with Your Holy Spirit. Hear my prayer through Christ, my Savior. Amen.

P: Forgiveness from God

(Please be seated)

First Lesson: 1 Kings 18:16-35

¹⁶ So Obadiah went to meet Ahab, and told him; and Ahab went to meet Elijah.

¹⁷ Then it happened, when Ahab saw Elijah, that Ahab said to him, “*Is that you, O troubler of Israel?*”

¹⁸ And he answered, “I have not troubled Israel, but you and your father’s house *have*, in that you have forsaken the commandments of the Lord and have followed the Baals. ¹⁹ Now therefore, send *and* gather all Israel to me on Mount Carmel, the four hundred and fifty prophets of Baal, and the four hundred prophets of [\[a\]](#)Asherah, who [\[b\]](#)eat at Jezebel’s table.”

²⁰ So Ahab sent for all the children of Israel, and gathered the prophets together on Mount Carmel. ²¹ And Elijah came to all the people, and said, “How long will you falter between two opinions? If the Lord *is* God, follow Him; but if Baal, follow him.” But the people answered him not a word. ²² Then Elijah said to the people, “I alone am left a prophet of the Lord; but Baal’s prophets *are* four hundred and fifty men. ²³ Therefore let them give us two bulls; and let them choose one bull for themselves, cut it in pieces, and lay *it* on the wood, but put no fire *under it*; and I will prepare the other bull, and lay *it* on the wood, but put no fire *under it*. ²⁴ Then you call on the name of your gods, and I will call on the name of the Lord; and the God who answers by fire, He is God.” So all the people answered and said, [\[c\]](#)“It is well spoken.”

²⁵ Now Elijah said to the prophets of Baal, “Choose one bull for yourselves and prepare *it* first, for you *are* many; and call on the name of your god, but put no fire *under it*.”

²⁶ So they took the bull which was given them, and they prepared *it*, and called on the name of Baal from morning even till noon, saying, “O Baal, [\[d\]](#)hear us!” But *there was* no voice; no one answered. Then they [\[e\]](#)leaped about the altar which they had made.

²⁷ And so it was, at noon, that Elijah mocked them and said, “Cry [\[f\]](#)aloud, for he *is* a god; either he is meditating, or he is busy, or he is on a journey, *or* perhaps he is sleeping and must be awakened.” ²⁸ So they cried aloud, and cut themselves, as was their custom, with [\[g\]](#)knives and lances, until the blood gushed out on them. ²⁹ And when midday was past, they prophesied until the *time* of the offering of the *evening* sacrifice. But *there was* no voice; no one answered, no one paid attention.

³⁰ Then Elijah said to all the people, “Come near to me.” So all the people came near to him. And he repaired the altar of the Lord *that was* broken down. ³¹ And Elijah took twelve stones, according to the number of the tribes of the sons of Jacob, to whom the word of the Lord had come, saying, “Israel shall be your name.” ³² Then with the stones

he built an altar in the name of the Lord; and he made a trench around the altar large enough to hold two seahs of seed. ³³ And he put the wood in order, cut the bull in pieces, and laid *it* on the wood, and said, "Fill four water pots with water, and pour *it* on the burnt sacrifice and on the wood." ³⁴ Then he said, "Do *it* a second time," and they did *it* a second time; and he said, "Do *it* a third time," and they did *it* a third time. ³⁵ So the water ran all around the altar; and he also filled the trench with water.

L: This is the Word of the Lord

C: Thanks be to God

Hymn of Praise: "Sweet Hour of Prayer" (vs. 1 and 3)

1. Sweet hour of prayer! sweet hour of prayer!
That calls me from a world of care,
And bids me at my Father's throne
Make all my wants and wishes
known.
In seasons of distress and grief,
My soul has often found relief,
And oft escaped the tempter's snare,
By thy return, sweet hour of prayer!

3. Sweet hour of prayer! sweet hour of prayer!
Thy wings shall my petition bear
To Him whose truth and faithfulness
Engage the waiting soul to bless.
And since He bids me seek His face,
Believe His Word and trust His grace,
I'll cast on Him my every care,
And wait for thee, sweet hour of prayer!

Second Lesson: 1 Kings 18:36-45

³⁶ And it came to pass, at *the time* of the offering of the *evening* sacrifice, that Elijah the prophet came near and said, "Lord God of Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, let it be known this day that You *are* God in Israel and I *am* Your servant, and *that* I have done all these things at Your word. ³⁷ Hear me, O Lord, hear me, that this people may know that You *are* the Lord God, and *that* You have turned their hearts back *to You* again."

³⁸ Then the fire of the Lord fell and consumed the burnt sacrifice, and the wood and the stones and the dust, and it licked up the water that *was* in the trench. ³⁹ Now when all the people saw *it*, they fell on their faces; and they said, "The Lord, He *is* God!
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⁴⁰ And Elijah said to them, "Seize the prophets of Baal! Do not let one of them escape!" So they seized them; and Elijah brought them down to the Brook Kishon and executed them there.

⁴¹ Then Elijah said to Ahab, "Go up, eat and drink; for *there is* the sound of abundance of rain." ⁴² So Ahab went up to eat and drink. And Elijah went up to the top of Carmel; then he bowed down on the ground, and put his face between his knees, ⁴³ and said to his servant, "Go up now, look toward the sea."

So he went up and looked, and said, “*There is nothing.*” And seven times he said, “Go again.”

⁴⁴ Then it came to pass the seventh *time*, that he said, “There is a cloud, as small as a man’s hand, rising out of the sea!” So he said, “Go up, say to Ahab, [a]‘Prepare *your chariot*, and go down before the rain stops you.’ ”

⁴⁵ Now it happened in the meantime that the sky became black with clouds and wind, and there was a heavy rain. So Ahab rode away and went to Jezreel.

L: This is the Word of the Lord

C: Thanks be to God

(Please Rise)

Holy Gospel: Mark 11:20-24

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark the 11th chapter.

C: Glory to You, O Lord.

²⁰ Now in the morning, as they passed by, they saw the fig tree dried up from the roots. ²¹ And Peter, remembering, said to Him, “Rabbi, look! The fig tree which You cursed has withered away.”

²² So Jesus answered and said to them, “Have faith in God. ²³ For assuredly, I say to you, whoever says to this mountain, ‘Be removed and be cast into the sea,’ and does not doubt in his heart, but believes that those things he says will be done, he will have whatever he says. ²⁴ Therefore I say to you, whatever things you ask when you pray, believe that you receive *them*, and you will have *them*.”

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to You, O Christ.

Nicene Creed

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried.

And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life † of the world to come. Amen.

(Please be seated)

Children's Message

Hymn of the Day: "Pray Without Ceasing"

(sung to the tune of: "Crown Him with Many Crowns")

1. Pray without ceasing pray;
Your Savior gives the word
His summons cheerfully obey
And call upon the Lord.
To God your ev'ry want
In instant prayer display.
Pray always, pray and never faint;
Pray, without ceasing pray!
2. In fellowship, alone,
To God with faith draw near;
Approach his courts, besiege his throne
With all the powers of prayer.
Your guides and brethren bear
Forever on your mind;
Extend the arms of mighty prayer
In grasping all mankind.
3. From strength to strength go on;
Wrestle and fight and pray.
Tread all the powers of darkness down
And win the well fought day.
Still let the Spirit cry
In all His soldiers, "Come!"
Till Christ the Lord descend from high
And take the conquerors home.

Sermon: “Prayer Lessons from Elijah”

Sermon Outline

1. Elijah prayed to the _____ (vs. 36)
2. Elijah prayed from a _____ (vs. 36)
3. Elijah prayed for the _____ (vs. 36-37)
4. God produced _____ (vs. 38)

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 “Cancao”

Yepes

(Please Rise)

Offertory Hymn: #775 “Be Present at our Table, Lord”

Be present at our table, Lord;
Be here and ev’rywhere adored;
Thy creatures bless, and grant that we
May feast in paradise with Thee.

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 †

Prayer of Thanksgiving

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

(Please Be Seated)

**Distribution Hymns: #766 "Our Father, Who from Heaven Above"
#779 "Come, My Soul, with Every Care"**

(Please Rise)

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: #924 “Lord Dismiss Us With Your Blessing”

Postlude “La Romanesca”

Antonio Valente

Altar Flowers are given to the glory of God by Jan Lundmark in honor of Steve & Nicole Shannon’s 12th anniversary.

Today’s Ushers: John Williams, Bob Sparks, Lisa Little, Arden Lackey

Worship Assistants: Early Service – Rich Essbach, Bill Thorpe; Late Service – Nathan Kottlowski, Mark Meier

Lector: Early Service – Jenelle Lanham, Late Service – Beth Fordham-Meier

Altar Guild for July: Gayle Barcio, Clare Adamick, Karin Lennon

Lock-ups for July: Steve Anderson, Jeff Goad

Pew Pads: Please remember to sign the pew pads. Thank you.

Nursery is available in Preschool Room 101 during the 10:45 Worship Service for children ages 3 and under.

Crisis Control Item for July: Peanut Butter, Jelly. Thank you for your June donations of 25 lbs.!

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 and include “St John’s Prayer and Care Notes Subscription” in the subject line of your email.

(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.