

WHEN WE PUT  
OUR PROBLEMS IN  
GOD'S HANDS,  
HE PUTS HIS PEACE IN  
OUR HEARTS.

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

**July 7, 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**

**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: #813 "Rejoice, O Pilgrim Throng"**

### **Call to Worship**

P: The Holy Scriptures declare that there is Joy among God's people as they gather in His presence to worship.

**C: We were glad when they said, "Let us go into the house of the Lord."**

P: So enter into His gates with Thanksgiving, and come into His courts with praise and bless His name.

**C: How lovely is the dwelling place of the Lord or Hosts, our souls long, yes, even faint for the courts of the Lord. (Psalm 84:1-2)**

P: This is the day that the Lord has made, let us rejoice and be glad in it. (Psalm 118:24)

**C: We will rejoice GREATLY in the Lord, our souls shall exult in our God. (Isaiah 61:10)**

P: SHOUT, joyfully to God, all the earth. (Psalm 66:1)

**C: SHOUT, joyfully to the Lord, all the earth. (Psalm 100:1)**

P: This is God's word – to us! Psalm 118 says that there is the sound of joyful shouting in the tent of righteousness!

**C: We have reason to be joyful, reason to shout, as Psalm 13 says, our hearts WILL REJOICE in God's salvation.**

P: If there were no other reason for joy or shouting – this would be enough – that our God has given to us, salvation and eternal life, in His Son, Jesus! O, clap your hands, all peoples, shut to God with a voice of joy. (Psalm 47:1)

**C: The Lord reigns, let the whole earth rejoice! (Psalm 97:1)**

P: Let all the nations be glad and sing for joy! (Psalm 67:4)

**C: O' come – Let us sing for joy unto the Lord. Let us shout, joyfully to the Rock of Our Salvation! (Psalm 95:1)**

### **Confession and Forgiveness**

Lord, we confess that we are sinners. In our sinfulness we worry, rather than trusting in – Your love, Your care, Your power, Your presence, Your promises. In our sinfulness, we often do not reflect to the world the joy of having the spirit of Jesus within us. Forgive us for these and all our sins. Forgive us that our worry and lack of joy give a negative witness to the name of Christ.

P: Dear friends in Christ, Let Your Hearts be lifted with the joy and peace of God's Spirit. Your sins are forgiven.

**C: AMEN.**

P: You have God's strength for each day!

**C: AMEN.**

P: You have salvation and eternal life, in Jesus!

**C: AMEN.**

P: You have the Joy and Peace of the Spirit of God.

**C: AMEN.**

P: And you, yes you! We live forever in perfect joy in the very presence of God, Himself!

**C: AMEN, and AMEN! Thank You Jesus!**

*(Please be seated)*

**First Lesson: see insert**

**Second Lesson: see insert**

*(Please Rise)*

**Holy Gospel: Matthew 6:25-34**

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew the 6<sup>th</sup> chapter.

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

<sup>25</sup> “Therefore I say to you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink; nor about your body, what you will put on. Is not life more than food and the body more than clothing? <sup>26</sup> Look at the birds of the air, for they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns; yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? <sup>27</sup> Which of you by worrying can add one <sup>[a]</sup>cubit to his <sup>[b]</sup>stature?

<sup>28</sup> “So why do you worry about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow: they neither toil nor spin; <sup>29</sup> and yet I say to you that even Solomon in all his glory was not <sup>[c]</sup>arrayed like one of these. <sup>30</sup> Now if God so clothes the grass of the field, which today is, and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, *will He* not much more *clothe* you, O you of little faith?

<sup>31</sup> “Therefore do not worry, saying, ‘What shall we eat?’ or ‘What shall we drink?’ or ‘What shall we wear?’ <sup>32</sup> For after all these things the Gentiles seek. For your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. <sup>33</sup> But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you. <sup>34</sup> Therefore do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about its own things. Sufficient for the day *is* its own trouble.

**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.**

*(Please be seated)*

## **Children's Message**

**Hymn of the Day: #791 "All People That on Earth Do Dwell"**

**Sermon: "Worship or Worry?"**

**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 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.

**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: #736 "Consider How the Birds Above"**  
**#515 "Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers"**  
**#730 "What is the World to Me"**

*(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: #803 "Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee"**

**Postlude**

**Altar Flowers** are given to the glory of God by Jan Lundmark in memory of husband Dave and our 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary!

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

**Worship Assistants:** Early Service – Bob Burke, Tom Baldwin; Late Service – Mark Meier, Larry Bowman

**Lector:** Early Service – Rachel Orsborn, Late Service – Joel Becker

**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 106 during the 10:45 Worship Service for children ages 3 and under.

**Crisis Control Item for July:** Peanut Butter, Jelly.

**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.

(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.*

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