

“R” “U” Right with God?



Cain ‘R’ Us

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SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

July 8, 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: #797 “Praise the Almighty”

Invocation/Call to Worship

P: Then I (John) looked and heard the voice of many angels, numbering thousands upon thousands, and ten thousand times ten thousand. In a loud voice they sang:

C: “Worthy is the Lamb, who was slain, to receive power and wealth and wisdom and strength and honor and glory and praise!”

P: Then I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and on the sea, and all that is in them, singing:

C: “To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be praise and honor and glory and power, for ever and ever!”

P: After this I heard what sounded like the roar of a great multitude in heaven shouting:

C: “Hallelujah! Salvation and glory and power belong to our God, for true and just are his judgments.”

P: And again they shouted:

C: “Hallelujah!”

P: Then a voice came from the throne, saying:

C: “Praise our God, all you his servants, you who fear him, both great and small!”

P: Then I heard what sounded like a great multitude, like the roar of rushing waters and like loud peals of thunder, shouting:

C: “Hallelujah! For our Lord God Almighty reigns. Let us rejoice and be glad and give him glory!”

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

C: Amen.

Confession

BLESSED LORD JESUS,

Before Your cross I kneel and see the wretchedness of my sin,
my iniquity that caused You to be 'made a curse',
my evil that deserves the severity of divine wrath.

Show me the enormity of my guilt by the crown of thorns,
the pierced hands and feet, the bruised body, the dying cries.

Your blood is the blood of incarnate God,
its worth infinite, its value beyond all thought.

Sin is my malady, my monster, my foe,
it was born in my birth,

it is alive in my life,

it is pervasive in my character,

it dominates my faculties,

it follows me as a shadow.

But Your compassion brings mercy over me,

Your heart hastens to my rescue,

Your love endured my curse,

Your grace bore my deserved stripes.

Have mercy upon me, for I trust in Your one, perfect, sacrifice for my sin.

Amen.

Forgiveness: Pastor Tom

(Please be seated)

First Lesson: Hebrews 11:1– 4 (Abel offered – in Faith)

Now faith is the ^[a]substance of things hoped for, the ^[b]evidence of things not seen. ² For by it the elders obtained a *good* testimony.

³ By faith we understand that the ^[c]worlds were framed by the word of God, so that the things which are seen were not made of things which are visible.

⁴ By faith Abel offered to God a more excellent sacrifice than Cain, through which he obtained witness that he was righteous, God testifying of his gifts; and through it he being dead still speaks.

L: This is the Word of the Lord

C: Thanks be to God

Second Lesson: 1 John 3:11-16 (Cain, Murder, New Life)

¹¹ For this is the message that you heard from the beginning, that we should love one another, ¹² not as Cain *who* was of the wicked one and murdered his brother. And why did he murder him? Because his works were evil and his brother's righteous.

¹³ Do not marvel, my brethren, if the world hates you. ¹⁴ We know that we have passed from death to life, because we love the brethren. He who does not love ^[a] *his* brother abides in death. ¹⁵ Whoever hates his brother is a murderer, and you know that no murderer has eternal life abiding in him.

¹⁶ By this we know love, because He laid down His life for us. And we also ought to lay down *our* lives for the brethren.

L: This is the Word of the Lord

C: Thanks be to God

(Please Rise)

Holy Gospel: Matthew 23:29-35

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew the 23rd chapter.

C: Glory to You, O Lord.

²⁹ "Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! Because you build the tombs of the prophets and ^[a] adorn the monuments of the righteous, ³⁰ and say, 'If we had lived in the days of our fathers, we would not have been partakers with them in the blood of the prophets.'

³¹ "Therefore you are witnesses against yourselves that you are sons of those who murdered the prophets. ³² Fill up, then, the measure of your fathers' *guilt*. ³³ Serpents, brood ^[b] of vipers! How can you escape the condemnation of hell? ³⁴ Therefore, indeed, I send you prophets, wise men, and scribes: *some* of them you will kill and crucify, and *some* of them you will scourge in your synagogues and persecute from city to city, ³⁵ that on you may come all the righteous blood shed on the earth, from the blood of righteous Abel to the blood of Zechariah, son of Berechiah, whom you murdered between the temple and the altar.

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.**

(Be Seated)

Children's Message

Hymn of the Day: #804 "O Worship the King"

Sermon: "Cain R Us?"

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 Solo “The Lord is My Shepherd”

Antonin Dvorak

Ranara Rahimova, Soprano

(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.
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



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



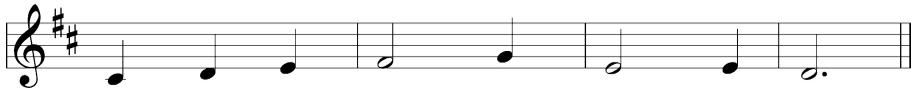
1 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,
2 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,



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: #781 "We Give Thee But Thine Own"
#787 "The Temple Rang with Golden Coins"

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: #717 "Eternal Father Strong to Save"

Postlude "Allegro"

Ludwig von Beethoven

The Altar Flowers are given to the glory of God by Dot Cleary in honor of her 83rd birthday and our nation's birthday.

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

Worship Assistant: Early Service – Tom Baldwin, Bill Thorpe Late Service – Steve Anderson, Dale Mierisch

Lector: Early Service – Kris Gartley Late Service – Joel Becker

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.