



**WELCOME TO
ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH & SCHOOL**

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FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

July 9, 2017 – 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.**

† Prayer Before Worship †

Thank You, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, that You have not chosen to reveal Your truth to the wise and learned, but to those who become Your children. Through Your Word, may we come to know You and Your Son, Jesus Christ, in whom we find our rest; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Prelude “Jesus Loves Me”

arranged by John Ferguson

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 Stand)

Processional Hymn #525 “Crown Him with Many Crowns”

Call to Worship

P: In the name of the Father,

C: Who so loved the world that He sent His only begotten Son.

P: In the name of the Son,

C: Who came to our world to bring us life!

P: In the name of the Holy Spirit,

C: Whose presence brings us life and light.

P: In the name of the Triune God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit;

C: to our God be the glory and praise, both now and forevermore. Amen.

Confession and Forgiveness

P: In the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

P: Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness. Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C: who made heaven and earth.

P: I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,

C: and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

P: O almighty God, merciful Father,

C: I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.

P: Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

Salutation and Collect of the Day

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Let us pray.

Gracious God, our heavenly Father, Your mercy attends us all our days. Be our strength and support amid the wearisome changes of this world, and at life's end grant us Your promised rest and the full joys of Your salvation; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

(Be Seated)

First Lesson

L: In the beginning was the Word . . .

C: The beginning of the Gospel of Jesus Christ, the Son of God. (Mark 1:1)

L: and the Word was with God . . .

C: The radiance of God's glory and the exact representation of His being . . . (Hebrews 1:3)

L: He was with God in the beginning.

C: I am the Alpha and Omega, the First and the Last, the beginning and the End. (Revelation 22:13)

L: Through Him all things were made . . .

C: The heavens declare the glory of God, and the firmament shows His handiwork. (Psalm 19:1)

L: without Him nothing was made that has been made.

C: For in Him we live and move and have our being. (Acts 17:28)

L: In Him was life, and that life was the light of men.

C: The people living in darkness have seen a great light; on those living in the land of the shadow of death, a light has dawned. (Matthew 4:16)

L: The Light shines in the darkness . . .

C: A Light for revelation to the Gentiles and for glory to Your people Israel. (Luke 2:32)

L: but the darkness had not understood it.

C: Then Jesus said, "Father forgive them; for they know not what they do." (Luke 23:34)

L: There came a man who was sent from God; his name was John.

C: This is he who was spoken of through the prophet Isaiah: "A voice of one calling in the wilderness, 'Prepare the way for the Lord, make straight paths for Him.'" (Matthew 3:3)

L: He came as a witness to testify concerning that Light . . .

C: People went out to him from Jerusalem and all Judea and the whole region of the Jordan. (Matthew 3:6)

L: so that through him all men might believe.

C: Confessing their sins, they were baptized by him in the Jordan River. (Matthew 3:6)

L: He himself was not the Light; he came only as a witness to the Light. This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Song of Response #523 "O Word of God Incarnate"

Second Lesson

L: He was in the world . . .

C: "In Bethlehem, in Judea," they replied, "for this is what the prophet has written." (Matthew 2:5)

L: and though the world was made through Him . . .

C: "We saw His star in the East and have come to worship Him." (Matthew 2:3)

L: the world did not recognize Him.

C: When Herod heard this, he was disturbed, and all Jerusalem with him. (Matthew 2:3)

L: He came to that which was His own . . .

C: The throne of His father, David. (Luke 1:32)

L: but His own did not receive Him.

C: They . . . mocked Him, saying, "Hail, King of the Jews!" (Matthew 27:29)

L: Yet to all who received Him . . .

C: At once they left their nets and followed Him. (Mark 1:18)

L: to those who believe in His name . . .

C: One of the criminals . . . said, "Jesus, remember me when You come into Your kingdom." (Luke 23:39, 42)

L: He gave the right to become children of God . . .

C: "Truly I tell you, today you will be with Me in Paradise." (Luke 23:43)

L: children born not of natural descent, nor human decision . . .

C: And do not think you can say to yourselves, "We have Abraham as our father." (Matthew 3:9)

L: but born of God.

C: For it is by grace you have been saved through faith – and this not from yourselves, it is the gift of God – not by works, so that no one can boast. (Ephesians 2:8-9)

L: The Word became flesh . . .

C: This is how the birth of Jesus Christ came about. His mother Mary was pledged to be married to Joseph . . . (Matthew 1:18)

L: and lived for a while among us.

C: Joseph went to Bethlehem with Mary . . . while they were there, the time came for the baby to be born, and she gave birth to her firstborn, a son . . . and placed Him in a manger. (Luke 2:5-7)

L: We have seen His glory . . .

C: Mary treasured all these things and pondered them in her heart. (Luke 2:19)

L: the glory of the One and Only Son . . .

C: He was the son . . . of Joseph . . . the son of Abraham . . . the son of Adam, the Son of God. (Luke 1:23, 34, 38)

L: Who came from the Father . . .

C: And they will call Him Immanuel – which means, “God is with us.” (Matthew 1:23)

L: full of grace and truth. This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

(Please Stand)

Holy Gospel

John 8:52-59

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the eighth chapter.

C: Glory to You, O Lord.

⁵²The Jews said to him, “Now we know that you have a demon! Abraham died, as did the prophets, yet you say, ‘If anyone keeps my word, he will never taste death.’ ⁵³Are you greater than our father Abraham, who died? And the prophets died! Who do you make yourself out to be?” ⁵⁴Jesus answered, “If I glorify myself, my glory is nothing. It is my Father who glorifies me, of whom you say, ‘He is our God.’ ⁵⁵But you have not known him. I know him. If I were to say that I do not know him, I would be a liar like you, but I do know him and I keep His word. ⁵⁶Your father Abraham rejoiced that he would see my day. He saw it and was glad.” ⁵⁷So the Jews said to him, “You are not yet fifty years old, and have you seen Abraham?” ⁵⁸Jesus said to them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, before Abraham was, I am.” ⁵⁹So they picked up stones to throw at him, but Jesus hid himself and went out of the temple.

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to You, O Christ.

(Be Seated)

Hymn of the Day #527 “O Savior, Precious Savior”

Sermon: “I Am – Who I Am!”

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 worshipping with us!

Voluntary “Ayre” (from “Trumpet Tune in B-flat”) Georg Philipp Telemann

(Please Stand)

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

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.

Preface

P: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: **We lift them to the Lord.**

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

Prayer of the Church

P: Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

The Second Article of the Apostles' Creed (from the Catechism)

P: What is the Second Article of the Apostles' Creed?

C: **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.**

P: What does this mean?

C: **I believe that Jesus Christ, true God, begotten of the Father from eternity, and also true man, born of the virgin Mary, is my Lord, who has redeemed me, a lost and condemned person, purchased and won me from all sins, from death, and from the power of the devil; not with gold or silver, but with His holy, precious blood and with His innocent suffering and death, that I may be His own and live under Him in His kingdom and serve Him in everlasting righteousness, innocence, and blessedness, just as He is risen from the dead, lives and reigns to all eternity. This is most certainly true.**

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.**

The Words of Our Lord

Sanctus



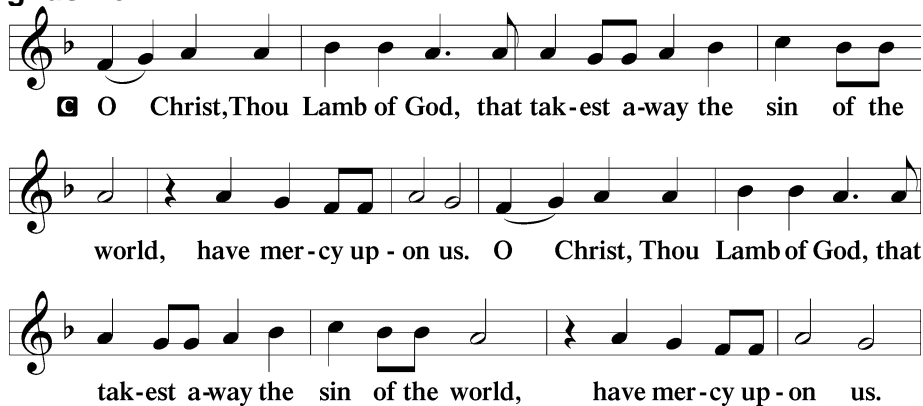
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of
pow'r and might: Heav'n and earth are full of Your
glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
Bless - ed is He who comes in the name
of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Pax Domini

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: Amen.

Agnus Dei



O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak-est a-way the sin of the
world, have mer-cy up - on us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that
tak-est a-way the sin of the world, have mer-cy up - on us.

O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak - est a - way the sin of the
world, grant us Thy peace. A - men.

(Be seated)

Distribution Hymns: #537 “Beautiful Savior”
#528 “Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing”

(Please stand)

Post-Communion Collect

P: Let us pray. Gracious Savior, we thank You that in Your body and blood we have tasted and seen that You are good. Having filled us again with the benefits of Your cross and resurrection, empower us to go forth and share the victory that is ours through You; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

Benedicamus and Benediction

P: Let us bless the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

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 #850 “God of Grace and God of Glory”

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

Today's Organist: Joel Becker

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

Worship Assistants: Steve Anderson, Dale Mierisch

Altar Guild for July: Claudia Essbach, Anita Hoisington

Lock-ups for July: Steve Anderson, Don Henderson

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. The collection basket for these items is in the Narthex.

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.
- You may also send your prayer requests to Dale at that address.



Our Sunday Worship - Services are at 8:30 a.m. and 10:45 a.m.
Holy Communion is celebrated at 8:30 a.m. on the first and third Sundays,
at 10:45 a.m. on the second and fourth Sundays, and at both services
if there is a fifth Sunday in the month.
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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