



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

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**FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

**June 24, 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: #711 “Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us”**

**Invocation**

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

**C: Amen.**

**Confession**

I come before the most holy Trinity with shame and sorrow, for my life has not been shaped by obedience, trust, and love. I have often refused to let Your Word rule my life. I deserve nothing but Your eternal anger, Your fearful punishment, but I appeal to the wounds of Christ, the only-begotten Son, for cleansing, forgiveness, and healing. To Him alone I flee for refuge and redemption; in His beloved name I pray. Amen.

**Forgiveness: Pastor Tom**

**FROM THE PSALMS 5, 61, 102, 86, 28, 141, 40;** *(Crying out to God)*  
(Read responsively)

Give ear to my words, O Lord, consider my sighing.

**Listen to my cry for help, my King and my God, for to you I pray.**

Hear my cry, O God, listen to my prayer;

**From the end of the earth I call to you when my heart is faint, lead me to the Rock that is higher than I.**

For you have been my refuge, a strong tower against the enemy.

**Let me dwell in your tent forever! let me take refuge under the shelter of your wings!**

Hear my prayer, O Lord; let my cry for help come to you. Do not hide your face from me when I am in distress.

**Turn your ear to me; when I call, answer me quickly. Hear me Lord, and answer me, for I am poor and needy. Guard my life, for I am faithful to you; save your servant who trusts in you. You are my God; have mercy on me, Lord, for I call to you all day long.**

You, Lord, are forgiving and good, abounding in love to all who call to you.  
**When I am in distress, I call to you, because you answer me.**

Among the gods there is none like you, Lord; no deeds can compare with yours.  
**To you, Lord, I call; you are my Rock, do not turn a deaf ear to me. For if you remain silent.**

I will be like those who go down to the pit.  
**Hear my cry for mercy as I call to you for help, as I lift up my hands toward your Most Holy Place.**

I call to you, Lord, come quickly to me; hear me when I call to you.  
**May my prayer be set before you like incense; may the lifting up of my hands be like the evening sacrifice. I waited patiently for the Lord; he turned to me and heard my cry.**

He lifted me out of the slimy pit, out of the mud and mire;  
**he set my feet on a rock and gave me a firm place to stand. He put a new song in my mouth, a hymn of praise to our God. Many will see and fear the Lord and put their trust in him.**

*(Please be seated)*

**First Lesson: Genesis 37:2-5 and 39:1-9** (See insert)

P: This is the Word of the Lord

**C: Thanks be to God**

**Second Lesson: James 1:2-8, 12-13**

<sup>2</sup> My brethren, count it all joy when you fall into various trials, <sup>3</sup> knowing that the testing of your faith produces <sup>[a]</sup>patience. <sup>4</sup> But let patience have *its* perfect work, that you may be <sup>[b]</sup>perfect and complete, lacking nothing. <sup>5</sup> If any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask of God, who gives to all liberally and without reproach, and it will be given to him. <sup>6</sup> But let

him ask in faith, with no doubting, for he who doubts is like a wave of the sea driven and tossed by the wind. <sup>7</sup> For let not that man suppose that he will receive anything from the Lord; <sup>8</sup> *he is* a double-minded man, unstable in all his ways.

<sup>12</sup> Blessed *is* the man who endures temptation; for when he has been approved, he will receive the crown of life which the Lord has promised to those who love Him. <sup>13</sup> Let no one say when he is tempted, "I am tempted by God"; for God cannot be tempted by evil, nor does He Himself tempt anyone.

P: This is the Word of the Lord

**C: Thanks be to God**

*(Please Rise)*

**Holy Gospel: Luke 18:1-5**

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke the 18<sup>th</sup> chapter.

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

Then He spoke a parable to them, that men always ought to pray and not lose heart, <sup>2</sup> saying: "There was in a certain city a judge who did not fear God nor <sup>[a]</sup> regard man. <sup>3</sup> Now there was a widow in that city; and she came to him, saying, <sup>[b]</sup> 'Get justice for me from my adversary.' <sup>4</sup> And he would not for a while; but afterward he said within himself, 'Though I do not fear God nor regard man, <sup>5</sup> yet because this widow troubles me I will <sup>[c]</sup> avenge her, lest by her continual coming she weary me.' "

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C: Praise to You, O Christ.**

**Chalcedonian Creed**

**We, then, following the holy fathers, all with one consent teach men to confess one and the same Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, the same perfect in Godhead and also perfect in Manhood; truly God and truly man, of a reasonable [rational] soul and body; consubstantial with the Father according to the Godhead, and consubstantial with us according to the Manhood; in all things like unto us, without sin; begotten before all ages of the Father according to the Godhead, and in these latter days, for us and for our salvation, born of the Virgin Mary, the Mother of God, according to the Manhood; one and the same Christ, Son, Lord, Only-begotten, to be acknowledged in two natures, without confusion, without**

change, without division, without separation; the distinction of natures being by no means taken away by the union, but rather the property of each nature being preserved, and concurring in one Person and one Subsistence, not parted or divided into two persons, but one and the same Son, and only begotten, God the Word, the Lord Jesus Christ; as the prophets from the beginning have declared concerning Him, and the Lord Jesus Christ Himself has taught us, and the Creed of the holy Fathers has handed down to us.

*(Be Seated)*

## **Children's Message**

**Hymn of the Day: #779 "Come, My Soul, with Every Care"**

**Sermon: "When God is Silent"**

**Bulletin Note:** "At times, God might seem to delay in responding to our prayers and our needs. God's timing is not our timing, and His timing is always perfect. If we are tempted to believe that God has forgotten us, let us remember that what seems to be a delay is actually His working out His perfectly timed plan for us. (Author Unknown)

**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!

*(Please Rise)*

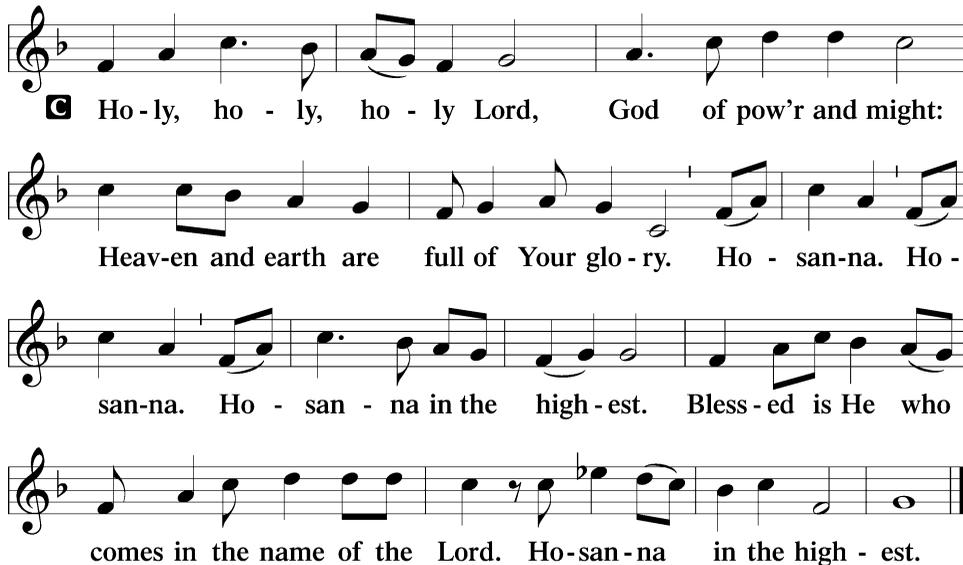
**Offertory Hymn #805 "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"**

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.

## 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.

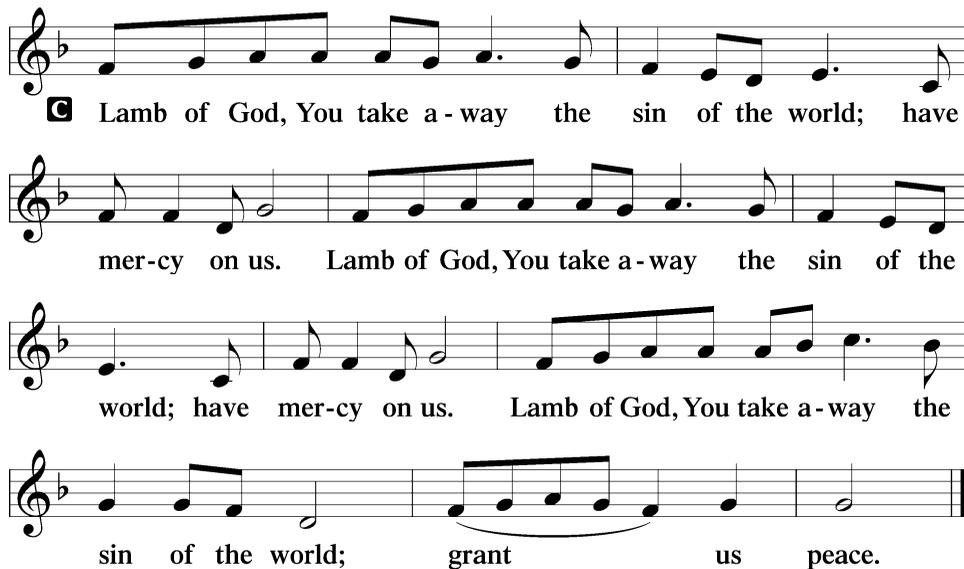
## Sanctus



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might:  
Heav-en and earth are full of Your glo - ry. Ho - san-na. Ho -  
san-na. 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.

## Words of Jesus

## Agnus Dei



© Lamb of God, You take a-way the sin of the world; have  
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a-way the sin of the  
world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a-way the  
sin of the world; grant us peace.

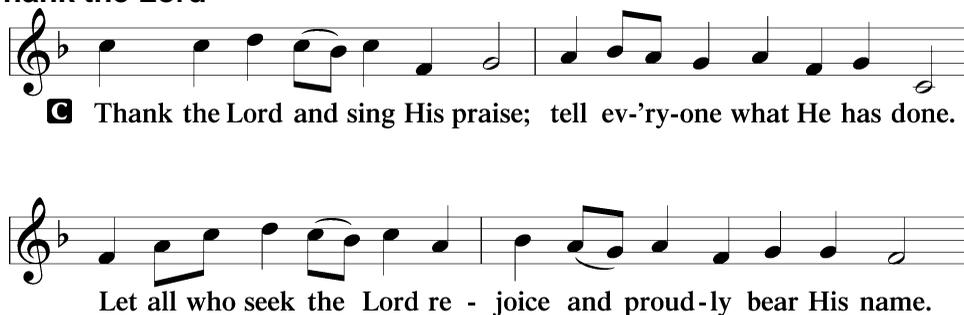
*(Be Seated)*

**Distribution Hymns: #766 “Our Father, Who from Heaven Above” vs. 1-4**  
(brief interlude)

**#766 “Our Father, Who from Heaven Above” vs. 5 – 9**

**#770 “Come, My Soul, with Every Care”**

## Thank the Lord



© Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell ev-'ry-one what He has done.  
Let all who seek the Lord re - jice and proud-ly bear His name.



He re-calls His prom-is - es and leads His peo-ple forth in joy



with shouts of thanks-giv-ing. Al-le - lu - ia, al-le - lu - ia.

### **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: #918 “Guide Me, O Thou Great Redeemer”**

**Postlude “My Inmost Heart Now Raises”**

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### **Scripture Follow-Up for this week:**

Read Romans 5:1-5 (On Suffering and Perseverance)

Read Ecclesiastes 3:1-11 (On God’s Timing)

### **From Last Week: On the Two Natures of Christ**

“If anyone confess **not**, that the Word out of God the Father, has been personally united to flesh, and that He is **one** Christ with His own flesh, the same God alike and man, be He Anathema!”(cursed) – Cyril of Alexandria

**The Altar Flowers** are given to the glory of God by Rob & Kathy Schwabe in honor of their 32<sup>nd</sup> wedding anniversary.

**Today's Ushers:** Holly Wilson, Ryan Davidson, Stephanie Kiel

**Worship Assistant:** Early Service – Tom Baldwin, Rich Essbach Late Service – Steve Anderson, Don Henderson

**Lector:** Early Service – Jenelle Lanham Late Service – Allen Hall

**Altar Guild for June:** Sue & Ted Frake, Stephanie Guelzow, Michaela Montgomery

**Lock-ups for June:** Brad Honeycutt, John Williams

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

**Crisis Control Item for June:** Canned Meats (salmon/beef/ham/etc.)

**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](mailto: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 8<sup>th</sup> grade.  
All programs/grades have full-time care available.*

**Pastor Thomas Clocker, 301-732-9203, revclocker@gmail.com**

**Mark Edmiston, Principal**

**Tom Baldwin, Director of Admissions and Community Relations**

**Sonia Davidson, Director of Preschool**

**Michael Zeoli, Director of Music for Contemporary Worship**

**Frances Burmeister, Director of Music for Traditional Worship**

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