



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

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**THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

**June 25, 2017 – 10:45 a.m.**

*Divine Service Setting Five with Holy Communion*

**St. John's Mission: To help one more person get to Heaven  
by pointing them to Jesus Christ.**

There are many things that cause us to be afraid. We become afraid anytime we perceive our sense of security is threatened. This can be a perceived physical, financial, intellectual, relational, or spiritual threat. In these last days, these threats may only appear to be real or they may actually be real. No matter what it may be, our security and our strength lie in our God, who is our refuge and strength. In Him we put our trust.

### † Prayer Before Worship †

As you have done for Your people throughout the centuries, defend us from persecution, stand with us in our struggles, give us strength to stand firm in the face of fear and uncertainty, and raise us up with Your mighty right hand. Lead us by Your Spirit in these last days as we bring Your name to bear in all circumstances and as we live our lives as Your chosen people. For You live and reign as one God—Father, Son, and Holy Spirit—now and forever. Amen.

**Prelude** “Largo”

Antonio Vivaldi

### **Welcome & Sharing of the Peace**

*(Please Stand)*

### **Processional Hymn #794 “The Lord, My God, Be Praised”**

#### **Call to Worship**

**P:** Our Father, Who art in Heaven!

**C:** **Bless our worship this day!**

**P:** God’s word says: “I will be a Father to you and you will be My sons and daughters.”  
(2 Cor. 6:18)

**C:** **How great is the love the Father has lavished on us that we should be called the children of God! And that is what we are! (1 John 3:1)**

**P:** You received the Spirit of sonship. The Holy Spirit testifies with our spirit, that we are God’s children. (Romans 8:15-16)

**C:** **As a father has compassion on his children, so the Lord has compassion on those who fear Him. (Psalm 103:13)**

P: Let us then, today and always, approach His throne of grace with confidence.  
C: **So that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need.**  
(Hebrews 4:16)

### **Confession and Forgiveness**

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.  
O God, because Your abiding presence always goes with us, keep us aware of Your daily mercies that we may live secure and content in Your eternal love; 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)*

### **Epistle Lesson**

**Romans 4:13–17**

*(Abraham: Father of the Faithful)*

<sup>13</sup> The promise to Abraham and his offspring that he would be heir of the world did not come through the law but through the righteousness of faith.  
<sup>14</sup>For if it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. <sup>15</sup>For the law brings wrath, but where there is no law there is no transgression.

<sup>16</sup>That is why it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his offspring—not only to the adherent of the law but also to the one who shares the faith of Abraham, who is the father of us all, <sup>17</sup>as it is written, “I have made you the father of many nations”—in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist.

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

*(Please Stand)*

## **Holy Gospel**

**John 14:15–21**

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

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

<sup>15</sup>[Jesus said:] “If you love me, you will keep my commandments.

<sup>16</sup>And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Helper, to be with you forever, <sup>17</sup>even the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, for he dwells with you and will be in you.

<sup>18</sup>“I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you. <sup>19</sup>Yet a little while and the world will see me no more, but you will see me. Because I live, you also will live. <sup>20</sup>In that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. <sup>21</sup>Whoever has my commandments and keeps them, he it is who loves me. And he who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I will love him and manifest myself to him.”

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 "How Deep the Father's Love for Us"**

Verse 1

How deep the Father's love for us,  
How vast beyond all measure,  
That He should give His only Son  
To make a wretch His treasure.  
How great the pain of searing loss -  
The Father turns His face away,  
As wounds which mar the Chosen One  
Bring many sons to glory.

Verse 2

Behold the man upon a cross,  
My sin upon His shoulders;  
Ashamed, I hear my mocking voice  
Call out among the scoffers.  
It was my sin that held Him there  
Until it was accomplished;  
His dying breath has brought me life –  
I know that it is finished.

Verse 3

I will not boast in anything,  
No gifts, no power, no wisdom;  
But I will boast in Jesus Christ,  
His death and resurrection.  
Why should I gain from His reward?  
I cannot give an answer;  
But this I know with all my heart –  
His wounds have paid my ransom.

Stuart Townend

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## **Sermon      “The Father Heart of God: Part Two”**

**Psalm 103:8-18**

### **Sermon Text**

<sup>8</sup>The LORD is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. <sup>9</sup>He will not always chide, nor will he keep his anger forever. <sup>10</sup>He does not deal with us according to our sins, nor repay us according to our iniquities. <sup>11</sup>For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him; <sup>12</sup>as far as the east is from the west, so far does he remove our transgressions from us. <sup>13</sup>As a father shows compassion to his children, so the LORD shows compassion to those who fear him. <sup>14</sup>For he knows our frame; he remembers that we are dust. <sup>15</sup>As for man, his days are like grass; he flourishes like a flower of the field; <sup>16</sup>for the wind passes over it, and it is gone, and its place knows it no more. <sup>17</sup>But the steadfast love of the LORD is from everlasting to everlasting on those who fear him, and his righteousness to children's children, <sup>18</sup>to those who keep his covenant and remember to do his commandments.

### **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      “Hear My Cry”**

Antonin Dvořák

Jennifer Anderson, mezzo soprano

*(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 First Article of the Apostles' Creed with Luther's explanation**

P: What is the First Article of the Creed?

**C: I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.**

P: What does this mean?

**C: I believe that God has made me and all creatures; that He has given me my body and soul, eyes, ears, and all my members, my reason and all my senses, and still takes care of them.**

He also gives me clothing and shoes, food and drink, house and home, wife and children, land, animals, and all I have. He richly and daily provides me with all that I need to support this body and life.

He defends me against all danger and guards and protects me from all evil. All this He does only out of fatherly, divine goodness and mercy, without any merit or worthiness in me. For all this it is my duty to thank and praise, serve and obey Him.

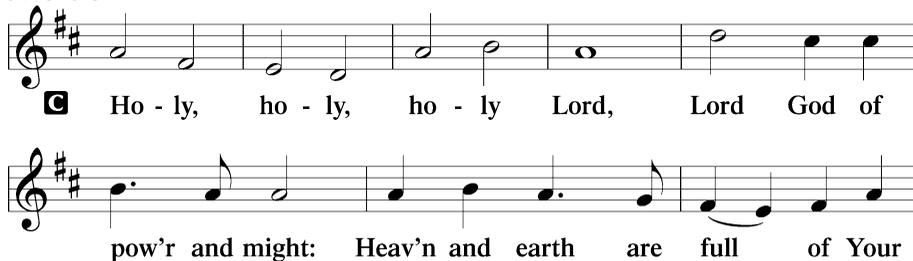
This is most certainly true.

### Lord's Prayer

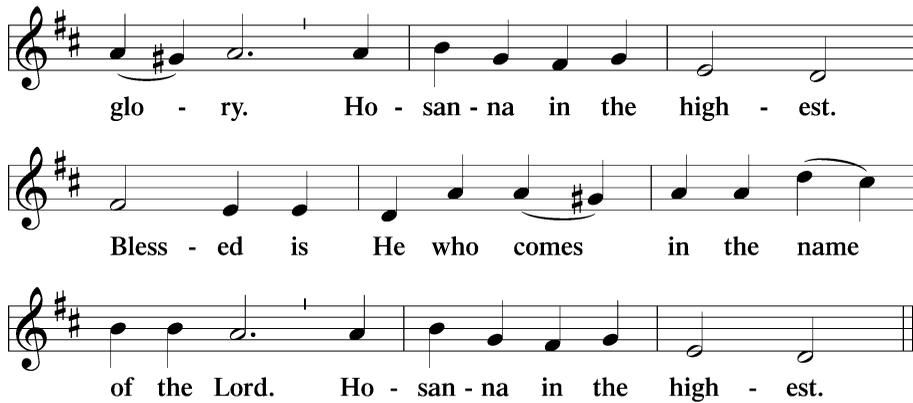
Our Father who art in heaven,  
hallowed be Thy name,  
Thy kingdom come,  
Thy will be done on earth  
as it is in heaven;  
give us this day our daily bread;  
and forgive us our trespasses  
as we forgive those  
who trespass against us;  
and lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
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



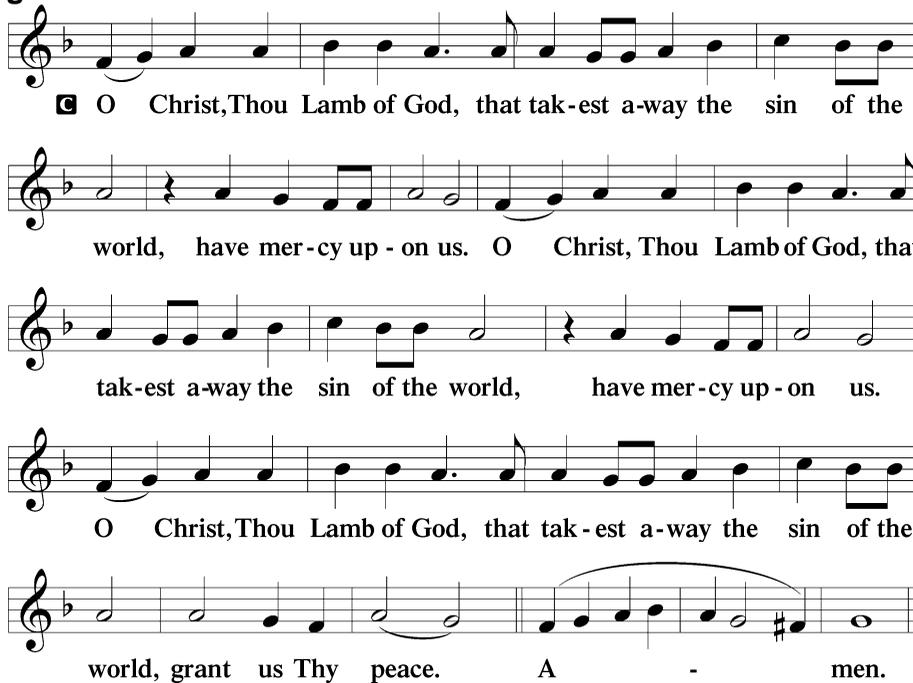
glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.  
 Bless - ed is He who comes in the name  
 of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

**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: #637 “Draw Near and Take the Body of the Lord”  
#601 “All Who Believe and Are Baptized”  
#923 “Almighty Father, Bless the Word”**

*(Please stand)*

**Post-Communion Collect**

P: Let us pray. We give You thanks and praise, our refuge, our fortress, and our God in whom we trust, for You have refreshed us with the body and blood of Your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ. We ask that You continue to strengthen us as we stand in the face of temptation and persecution; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You 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 #809 “Great is Thy Faithfulness”**

**Postlude “Fanfare”**

Antonio Soler

**Today's Ushers:** Ryan Davidson, Bob Hoisington, Stephanie Kiel, Holly Wilson  
**July Ushers:** Larry Bowman, Lisa Little, Bob Sparks, John Williams

**Worship Assistants:** Mark Meier, Dale Mierisch

**Altar Guild for June:** Gayle Barcio, Stephanie Guelzow, Sue Frake, Ted Frake  
**Altar Guild for July:** Claudia Essbach, Anita Hoisington

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

**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 June:** Canned meats (salmon, beef, tune, chicken, ham, etc.).

**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://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.



# St. John's LUTHERAN

Church & School

**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 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**