



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

June 26, 2022 – 10:30 a.m.

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

Prelude: “Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring”

J.S. Bach

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.

(Please Rise)

Opening Hymn: #829 “Christ the Eternal Lord”

Confession and Absolution

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

C: Amen.

P: Father, in Your love, You gave Your Son, Jesus, to the whole world e Lived, suffered, died and rose for all people.

C: God, You have asked us to take the Good News to everyone. You have chosen us to be Your messengers. I confess that I often ignore our hurting world. Lord, so many die, each day, without a saving relationship with Christ. I am often guilty of letting them go with hardly a thought. Father, I confess that I am frequently more concerned with myself and my earthly wants. I confess that I am afraid to speak about Jesus. I don't know what to do. I don't know what to say or where to begin. Father, forgive my lack of love and concern for the lost. Forgive my selfishness. Forgive my fear. Forgive all my sins, for Jesus' sake. By Your Holy Spirit use me to bring the saving Gospel to the lost, both at home and around the world.

P: Upon this your confession, I, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto you, and in the place, and by the command of our 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.

(Please Be Seated)

First Lesson: Ezekiel 33:7-11

⁷“So you, son of man: I have made you a watchman for the house of Israel; therefore you shall hear a word from My mouth and warn them for Me. ⁸When I say to the wicked, ‘O wicked *man*, you shall surely die!’ and you do not speak to warn the wicked from his way, that wicked *man* shall die in his iniquity; but his blood I will require at your hand. ⁹Nevertheless if you warn the wicked to turn from his way, and he does not turn from his way, he shall die in his iniquity; but you have [\[a\]](#)delivered your soul.

¹⁰“Therefore you, O son of man, say to the house of Israel: ‘Thus you say, “If our transgressions and our sins *lie* upon us, and we pine**[b]** away in them, how can we then live?” ’ ¹¹Say to them: ‘As I live,’ says the Lord God, ‘I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked, but that the wicked turn from his way and live. Turn, turn from your evil ways! For why should you die, O house of Israel?’

L: This is the Word of the Lord

C: Thanks be to God.

Second Lesson: 2 Peter 3:3-9

³ knowing this first: that scoffers will come in the last days, walking according to their own lusts, ⁴ and saying, “Where is the promise of His coming? For since the fathers fell asleep, all things continue as *they were* from the beginning of creation.” ⁵ For this they willfully forget: that by the word of God the heavens were of old, and the earth standing out of water and in the water, ⁶ by which the world *that* then existed perished, being flooded with water. ⁷ But the heavens and the earth *which* are now preserved by the same word, are reserved for fire until the day of judgment and [\[a\]](#)perdition of ungodly men.

⁸ But, beloved, do not forget this one thing, that with the Lord one day *is* as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day. ⁹ The Lord is not slack concerning *His* promise, as some count slackness, but is longsuffering toward [\[b\]](#)us, not willing that any should perish but that all should come to repentance.

L: This is the Word of the Lord

C: Thanks be to God.

(Please Rise)

Holy Gospel: Luke 19:1-10

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 8th chapter.

C: Glory to You, O Lord.

Then *Jesus* entered and passed through Jericho. ² Now behold, *there was* a man named Zacchaeus who was a chief tax collector, and he was rich. ³ And he sought to see who Jesus was, but could not because of the crowd, for he was of short stature. ⁴ So he ran ahead and climbed up into a sycamore tree to see Him, for He was going to pass that way. ⁵ And when Jesus came to the place, He looked up [a] and saw him, and said to him, “Zacchaeus, [b] make haste and come down, for today I must stay at your house.” ⁶ So he [c] made haste and came down, and received Him joyfully. ⁷ But when they saw *it*, they all [d] complained, saying, “He has gone to be a guest with a man who is a sinner.”

⁸ Then Zacchaeus stood and said to the Lord, “Look, Lord, I give half of my goods to the poor; and if I have taken anything from anyone by false accusation, I restore fourfold.”

⁹ And Jesus said to him, “Today salvation has come to this house, because he also is a son of Abraham; ¹⁰ for the Son of Man has come to seek and to save that which was lost.”

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to You, O Christ.

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: #833 "Listen, God is Calling"

Sermon: "What's Your Mission?"

Anthem: "The Gift of Love"

set by Hal Hopson

Offering Plates are in the back of the church on the tables and as you come forward for communion. **Please remember to sign the attendance pad.**

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!*

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 †

(Please Rise)

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

Communion Distribution by Continuous Line

(Be Seated)

Post-Communion Collect

P: Let us pray.

We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen

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

Closing Hymn: #835 “On Galilee’s High Mountain”

Postlude: “Praise God, You Christians”

Johann Gottfried Walther

Worship Assistants: 8:30am – Bill Thorpe; 10:30am – Mark Meier

Lector: 8:30am – Jackie Downey; 10:30am – Beth Fordham-Meier

Altar Flowers are given for the Glory of God.

Altar Guild for June: Gayle Barcio, Karin Lennon

Crisis Control Item of the month – July – Toilet Tissue If you would like to donate food to Crisis Control, please drop the food off in the basket in the back of the church. – **98 lbs. was collected for the month of June. Thank you for your donations!**



***Our Sunday Worship - Services are at 8:30 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.
Adult Bible Class begins 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 5th grade.
All programs/grades have full-time care available.*

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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.