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Today's worship service is being live streamed to YouTube with video coverage of leaders and worshippers.

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# Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

June 25, 2023



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Welcome to St. John's—we are glad you're here! Whether you have worshiped with us many times, or this is your first time, there is a place for you here. Your presence among us is a gift.

## Introduction to the Day

God does not promise that the path of the disciple will be easy. Jeremiah feels the pain of rejection from those who do not want to hear what he has to say. Jesus declares that his words may bring stark division. Even so, we need not be afraid for God accounts for each hair on our heads. Though we may experience rejection, frustration, division, and death, God's grace and love make us a new creation each day. Marked with the cross and filled with holy food, we are sent from worship to witness to Christ in the world.

*(Please take a moment to silence all electronics. Thank you!)*

*(Hymns are taken from Evangelical Lutheran Worship, the red book in the pew rack.)*

## WELCOME

**PRELUDE** *If You But Trust in God to Guide You* *David Cherwien*  
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*(Please stand as you are able.)*

## GATHERING

## CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,  
who greets us in this and every season,  
whose word never fails,  
whose promise is sure.

**Amen.**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God  
and of our neighbors.

Merciful God,

**we confess that we have sinned.**

**We have hurt our community.**

**We have squandered your blessings.**

**We have hoarded your bounty.**

**In the name of Jesus,**

**forgive us and grant us your mercy.**

*(Silence is kept for reflection.)*

Righteous God,

**we confess that we have sinned.**

**We have failed to be honest.**

**We have lacked the courage to speak.**

**We have spoken falsely.**

**In the name of Jesus,**

**forgive us and grant us your mercy.**

## This week's schedule

Today	9 am Faith & Fellowship 10 am Live & Online Worship
Mon.	
Tues.	
Wed.	9:30 am Busy Bees (Smith Building)
Thurs.	
Fri.	11 am Bible Study (Smith Building)
Sat.	

## Counting our Blessings

Sunday	Attendance: 106	2023	
6/18	Offering: \$4,590	April Offering Income	\$28,719
	Homebound: 19	April Other Income	\$ 2,614
		March Total Income	\$31,333
		March Expenses	\$33,887
		YTD Offering Income	\$92,875
		YTD Other Income	\$19,344
		YTD Total Income	\$112,219
		YTD Expenses	\$131,130



## Announcements & Upcoming Events

a reproach and derision all day long.  
<sup>9</sup>If I say, "I will not mention him,  
or speak any more in his name,"  
then within me there is something like a burning fire  
shut up in my bones;  
I am weary with holding it in,  
and I cannot.

<sup>10</sup>For I hear many whispering:  
"Terror is all around!  
Denounce him! Let us denounce him!"

All my close friends  
are watching for me to stumble.  
"Perhaps he can be enticed,  
and we can prevail against him,  
and take our revenge on him."

<sup>11</sup>But the LORD is with me like a dread warrior;  
therefore my persecutors will stumble,  
and they will not prevail.

They will be greatly shamed,  
for they will not succeed.  
Their eternal dishonor  
will never be forgotten.

<sup>12</sup>O LORD of hosts, you test the righteous,  
you see the heart and the mind;  
let me see your retribution upon them,  
for to you I have committed my cause.

<sup>13</sup>Sing to the LORD;  
praise the LORD!

For he has delivered the life of the needy  
from the hands of evildoers.

Word of God, word of life.

**PSALM** *(Read responsively; congregation reads bold verses.)*

<sup>7</sup>Surely, for your sake I have suffered reproach,  
and shame has covered my face.

<sup>8</sup>**I have become a stranger to my own kindred,  
an alien to my mother's children.**

<sup>9</sup>Zeal for your house has eaten me up;  
the scorn of those who scorn you has fallen upon me.

<sup>10</sup>**I humbled myself with fasting,  
but that was turned to my reproach.**

Thanks be to God.

**Psalms 69:7-18**

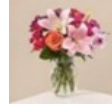
**Next Week— Sunday, July 2<sup>nd</sup>—Fifth Sunday after Pentecost**

† 9 am—**Patriotic Sing-Along**

† 10 am—**Worship in-person and livestreamed on our YouTube Channel**

Visit [stjohnsparkville.org](http://stjohnsparkville.org)

† 11:30 am—**Apple Pie in the Fellowship Hall**



The beautiful flowers gracing our worship service today are given in honor of Bill and Bonnie Roger's 40<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary by Kelly Sanford.

We are taking altar flower dedications for 2023. Dates available are: July 16<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup>, August 27<sup>th</sup>, September 3<sup>rd</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup>, October 8<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup>, November 5<sup>th</sup>, December 3<sup>rd</sup> and 31<sup>st</sup>. The cost is \$50. Contact Rachel Hills at [rm\\_hills@yahoo.com](mailto:rm_hills@yahoo.com) if you would like to sponsor the flowers.



**Nursery Care** for infants through age 2 is available during the Sunday School hour while parents are attending Faith and Fellowship. During worship, care is available for infants through kindergarten.

**Bible Study....**A Bible Study on the Gospel of Matthew meets weekly on Fridays at 11 am in the Smith Building. If you have questions or would like to learn more, contact Ardi Scarborough or speak with one of the Pastors. **Our last Bible Study will be Friday, June 30<sup>th</sup>. We will take July and August off but will resume again on Friday, September 8<sup>th</sup>.**



**Faith + Fellowship Sunday Mornings in the Fellowship Hall from 9 am-9:45 am.** We will read and share one of the upcoming readings which will be used in worship. Join us as we share with one another and deepen our faith together.

**It is that time of year. The Busy Bees are collecting sugar for making the jelly and jams.** You can drop off your donation in the office of give it to one of the Busy Bees.



COMMUNITY DINNER

**Join us for our next Community Meal on Wednesday, July 5<sup>th</sup>.** Thank you to everyone who helped make the June Community Meal a success! If you would like to sign up to volunteer see the form on the bulletin board. Please come and invite your friends, family and neighbors!

**Registration is open for our 2023 Vacation Bible School on July 10<sup>th</sup> -14<sup>th</sup> from 9 am-12:30 pm.** Registration forms are available on the bulletin board, in the weekly email and on the website. There is a trifold board on the counter outside of the Sanctuary where we will be putting sticky notes for some small donations. **As always, we will need many volunteers.** If you have any questions, please contact Debbie Haacke at [haackefamily@comcast.net](mailto:haackefamily@comcast.net).



SENDING

BLESSING

God, the Source of glory,  
God, the Word of life,  
God, the Spirit of truth

✠ bless you all, now and forever.

Amen.

SENDING HYMN *If You But Trust in God to Guide You* ELW 769 (vv. 1, 4)

(Text and music: Georg Neumark, 1621-1681; tr. composite; Text © 1978, 2006 Augsburg Fortress)

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Share the harvest.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

*How Firm a Foundation*

*Dale Wood*

(© 2001 The Sacred Music Press)

Those Serving Today	
Assisting Minister	Megan Czarski
Crucifer	Emily R.
Acolyte (s)	Emily B., Alec B.
Lector	Lee Smith
Communion Assistant	Lee Smith
Dismissal Assistant	Maddy W.

<sup>11</sup>I put on sackcloth also,  
and became a byword among them.

<sup>12</sup>**Those who sit at the gate murmur against me,  
and the drunkards make songs about me.**

<sup>13</sup>But as for me, this is my prayer to you, at the time you have set, O LORD:  
“In your great mercy, O God, answer me with your unfailing help.

<sup>14</sup>**Save me from the mire; do not let me sink;  
let me be rescued from those who hate me and out of the deep waters.**

<sup>15</sup>Let not the torrent of waters wash over me, neither let the deep swallow me up;  
do not let the pit shut its mouth upon me.

<sup>16</sup>**Answer me, O LORD, for your love is kind;  
in your great compassion, turn to me.**

<sup>17</sup>Hide not your face from your servant;  
be swift and answer me, for I am in distress.

<sup>18</sup>**Draw near to me and redeem me;  
because of my enemies deliver me.**

SECOND READING

Romans 6:1b-11

*In baptism we were incorporated into the reality of Christ’s death and resurrection. We have been made new in Christ through his death and resurrection to live freed from sin.*

<sup>1b</sup>Should we continue in sin in order that grace may abound? <sup>2</sup>By no means! How can we who died to sin go on living in it? <sup>3</sup>Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? <sup>4</sup>Therefore we have been buried with him by baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life.

<sup>5</sup>For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. <sup>6</sup>We know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body of sin might be destroyed, and we might no longer be enslaved to sin. <sup>7</sup>For whoever has died is freed from sin. <sup>8</sup>But if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. <sup>9</sup>We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. <sup>10</sup>The death he died, he died to sin, once for all; but the life he lives, he lives to God. <sup>11</sup>So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

Word of God, word of life.

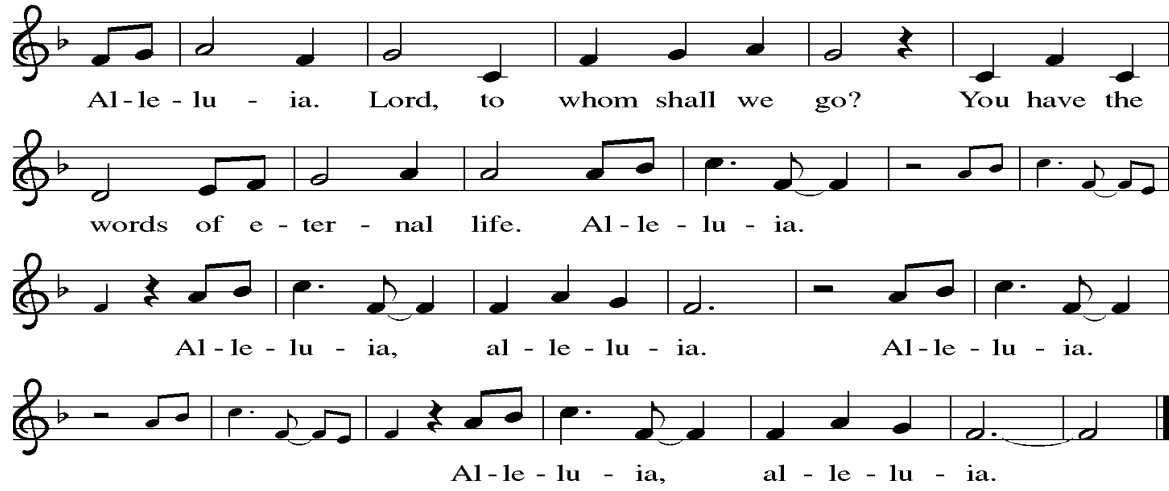
Thanks be to God.

*(Please stand as you are able.)*

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## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the  
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.  
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.  
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

## GOSPEL

Matthew 10:24-39

*Jesus warns his disciples that their ministry in his name will meet with opposition. However, he assures them that they need not fear for the truth will come to light. Life is found in Christ.*

The holy gospel according to Matthew.

Glory to you, O Lord.

[Jesus said to the twelve:] <sup>24</sup>“A disciple is not above the teacher, nor a servant above the master; <sup>25</sup>it is enough for the disciple to be like the teacher, and the servant like the master. If they have called the master of the house Beelzebul, how much more will they malign those of his household!

<sup>26</sup>“So have no fear of them; for nothing is covered up that will not be uncovered, and nothing secret that will not become known. <sup>27</sup>What I say to you in the dark, tell in the light; and what you hear whispered, proclaim from the housetops. <sup>28</sup>Do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul; rather fear him who can destroy both soul and body in hell. <sup>29</sup>Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? Yet not one of them will fall to the ground apart from your Father. <sup>30</sup>And even the hairs of your head are all counted. <sup>31</sup>So do not be afraid; you are of more value than many sparrows.

<sup>32</sup>“Everyone therefore who acknowledges me before others, I also will acknowledge before my Father in heaven; <sup>33</sup>but whoever denies me before others, I also will deny before my Father in heaven.

<sup>34</sup>“Do not think that I have come to bring peace to the earth; I have not come to bring peace, but a sword.

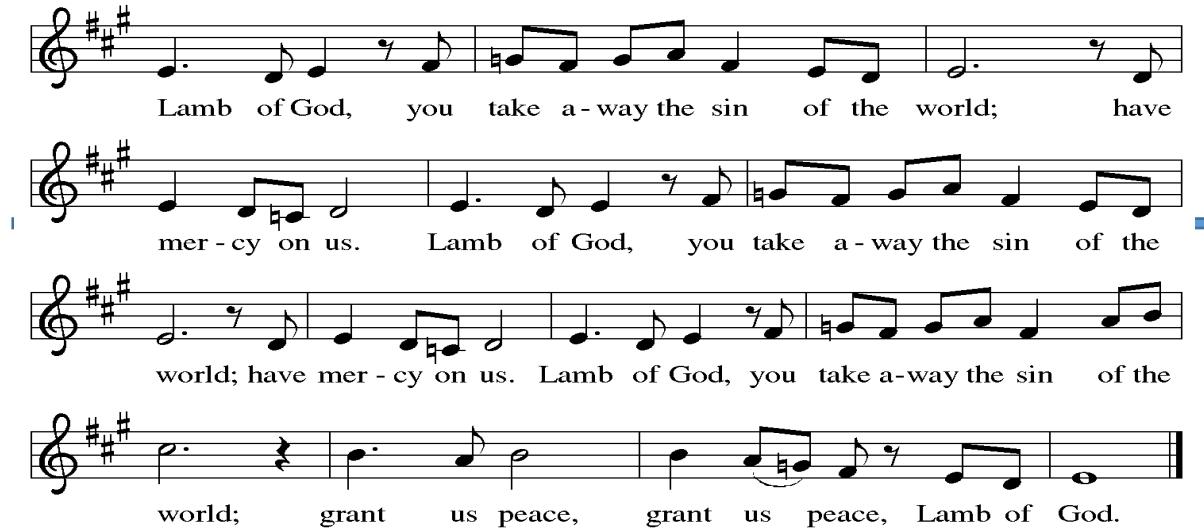
<sup>35</sup>For I have come to set a man against his father,  
and a daughter against her mother,  
and a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law;

## COMMUNION

*All are welcome at Christ's table. Bread is received in the hands. Gluten-free wafers are available-if you need one, please ask the pastor. To receive the wine, take an empty cup and the communion assistant will fill it with a sip of wine. The cups that are already filled contain grape juice. After drinking, place the used cup in the basket on your way back to your seat.*

*If you are not communing you are welcome to come forward for a blessing, crossing your arms over your chest.*

## LAMB OF GOD



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, grant us peace, Lamb of God.

## COMMUNION HYMN

*Will You Come and Follow Me*

ELW 798

(Text: John L. Bell, b. 1949; Music: Scottish traditional; Text © 1987 Iona Community, admin. GIA Publications, Inc.)

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray.

We thank you, generous God,  
for the refreshment we have received  
at your banquet table.

Send us now to spread your generosity into all the world,  
through the one who is our dearest treasure,  
Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**Amen.**

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

## THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

Holy, living, and loving God,  
we praise you for creating the heavens and the earth.  
We bless you for bringing Noah and his family through the waters of the flood,  
for freeing your people Israel from the bonds of slavery,  
and for sending your Son to be our Redeemer.

We give you thanks for Jesus  
who, living among us,  
healed the sick,  
fed the hungry,  
and with a love stronger than death,  
gave his life for others.

In the night in which he was betrayed...  
Remembering, therefore,  
his life-giving death and glorious resurrection,  
we await your promised life for all this dying world.  
Breathe your Spirit on us and on this bread and cup:  
carry us in your arms from death to life,  
that we may live as your chosen ones,  
clothed in the righteousness of Christ.

Through him all glory and honor is yours,  
Almighty Father, with the Holy Spirit,  
in your holy Church,  
both now and forever.

**Amen.**

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

**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 assembly is seated.)*

## INVITATION TO COMMUNION

All people are called to Christ's table.  
Come, eat what is good.

<sup>36</sup>and one's foes will be members of one's own household.  
<sup>37</sup>Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me; and whoever loves son  
or daughter more than me is not worthy of me; <sup>38</sup>and whoever does not take up the cross and  
follow me is not worthy of me. <sup>39</sup>Those who find their life will lose it, and those who lose  
their life for my sake will find it."

The gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

*(The assembly is seated.)*

## SERMON

*(Please stand as you are able.)*

## HYMN OF THE DAY

*Ten Thousand Reasons*

*ACS 1097*

*Refrain*

***Bless the Lord, O my soul, O my soul; worship his holy name.  
Sing like never before, O my soul; I'll worship your holy name.***

***The sun comes up, it's a new day dawning; it's time to sing your song again Whatever  
may pass, and whatever lies before me, let me be singing when the evening comes. Refrain***

***You're rich in love, and you're slow to anger. Your name is great, and your heart is kind.  
For all your goodness, I will keep on singing ten thousand reasons for my heart to find.  
Refrain***

***And on that day when my strength is failing, the end draws near, and my time has come;  
still my soul will sing your praise unending ten thousand years and then forevermore!  
Refrain***

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## SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM

*(Emersyn Grace & Isla Rose Curran) (See Baptism Bulletin)*

## PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

*After each petition*

God, in your mercy.

**Hear our prayer.**

## PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.

**And also with you.**

*(We offer each other a sign of Christ's peace. Afterwards, the assembly is seated.)*

## MEAL

### OFFERTORY MUSIC *Reflection on "Deck Thyself, My Soul, with Gladness"*

Robert Lau

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*Thank you for your generous support of St. John's. During this time an offering is gathered for the mission and ministry of the Church as together we experience and share God's abundant grace and love.*

*Many in our congregation give online. You can set up one-time or recurring donations on our website [stjohnsparkville.org](http://stjohnsparkville.org). Checks and cash may be placed in the offering plate or mailed to the church. You may also donate via venmo @stjohnsparkville*

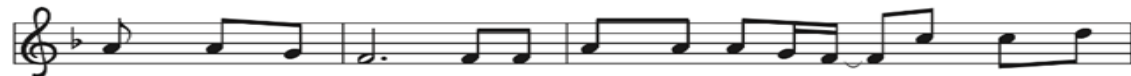


*(Please stand as you are able.)*

### OFFERING HYMN

*For the Wholeness of the Earth*

ACS 1067



1 We lift this prayer for the whole-ness of the earth. We lift this  
2 We turn our lives to the whole-ness of the earth. We turn our  
3 Give thanks to God for the whole-ness of the earth. Give thanks to



prayer for the whole-ness of the earth. We lift this prayer for the  
lives to the whole-ness of the earth. We turn our lives to the  
God for the whole-ness of the earth. Give thanks to God for the



whole-ness of the earth. Can you feel it ris - ing in you?  
whole-ness of the earth. Can you feel it spin - ning in you?  
whole-ness of the earth. Can you feel it ris - ing in you?

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### OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray.  
God of field and forest, sea and sky,  
you are the giver of all good things.

Sustain us with these gifts of your creation,  
and multiply your graciousness in us,  
that the world may be fed with your love,  
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.  
**Amen.**

### GREAT THANKSGIVING

#### DIALOGUE

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

#### PREFACE

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,  
that we should at all times and in all places  
give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God,  
through our Savior Jesus Christ;  
who on this day overcame death and the grave,  
and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life.  
And so, with all the choirs of angels,  
with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven,  
we praise your name and join their unending hymn...

#### HOLY, HOLY, HOLY



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,



heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry, 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, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.