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St. John's Lutheran Church Parkville



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Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

July 2, 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

The welcome of baptism is for all God’s children. This baptismal gift sets us free from the power of sin and death. In today’s gospel, Christ promises that the disciple who gives a cup of cold water to the little ones serves Christ himself. From worship we are sent on our baptismal mission: to serve the little ones of this world and to be a sign of God’s merciful welcome.

(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 *In Moments Like These* *Yoon-Mee Chong, violinist*
(Music: David Graham; arr. SOMA; © 1980 C.A. Music)

(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.

(Silence is kept for reflection.)

This week's schedule

Today	9 am	Patriotic Sing-Along
	10 am	Live & Online Worship
	11:30 am	Apple Pie (Fellowship Hall)
Mon.		
Tues.		<i>Independence Day (office closed)</i>
Wed.	9:30 am	Busy Bees (Smith Building)
Thurs.		
Fri.		
Sat.		

Counting our Blessings

			2023
Sunday	Attendance: 106	April Offering Income	\$28,719
6/25	Offering: \$4,219	April Other Income	\$ 2,614
	Homebound: 19	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



Prayer List

Please remember the following individuals in your prayers.

For health & healing: Ardi Scarborough, Betty Creutzer, Mardi Nickel, Diane Carroll, Joan Swank, Andy Rother, Rosalie Coffman, Pat Hurley, Phil Ermer, Bett Murphy, Debbie Miller, Sandy Scott, Tony Jasinski, and Vickie Jasinski

For family & friends: Julie Bramble, Phil Gasior & family, Ruth Reimschissel aka Mrs. Claus, Darlene & Odin Saby, Holly Hartman, Colette, Larry Harmel, Michael Ellisson, Lonnie Rash, Gary Jones, Karen Alban, Bruce Cohen, Kathy Barnes, Vic Giordani, Helen Bender, Anna Meyers, Rae Eberwine, Deemer Morrow, Lee Hall, Robin, Alice Ensor, Jeanne Edmunds, Mike Haven, Gail Gangi, Jen Schoenfliess, Doug Adams, Kristin Weger, Donna Bobloch and Yung-Mee Rhee

For the military and their families: Kalib McCann, Mason Ledbetter, Leroy Keller, Seaman E-3 Carson Anthony Bowser, Corporal Justin Ferro, Sgt. Stephen Peck, Staff Sgt. Brandan Hartmann, Michael Anthony Tucker, Chaplain A. J. Striffler and all those in harm's way

For those grieving family & friends of: Mary Macreadie, Gertrude G.

For St. John's Caring Friends: Patricia Becker, Agatha Biensach-Daniels, Barbara Conrad, Betty Creutzer, Gladys Downs, Margaret Eubert, June Franz, Betty Glassband, Richard Hoerner, Patricia Hurley, Audrey Lentz, John Lotterer, Paul Nolder, Patrick O'Connell, Mary Ann Reek, Janet Roth, Kim Townsley, Cass Tracey and Emma Volz

God is a cup of cold water when we thirst.
God offers boundless grace when we fail.
Claim the gift of God's mercy:
you are freed and forgiven
in the name of + Jesus Christ.
Amen.

GATHERING HYMN

All Are Welcome

ELW 641 (vv. 1-4)

(Text and music: Marty Haugen, b. 1950; Text and music © 1994 GIA Publications, Inc.)

GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

O God, you direct our lives by your grace, and your words of justice and mercy reshape the world. Mold us into a people who welcome your word and serve one another, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

(The assembly is seated.)

CHILDREN'S SERMON

FIRST READING

Jeremiah 28:5-9

Through a symbolic action Jeremiah insisted that Judah and all the surrounding nations should submit to the king of Babylon (Jer. 27). Hananiah contradicted the word of Jeremiah, who in reply insisted that Hananiah's rosy prediction should not be believed until it came true. God confirmed the word of Jeremiah and sentenced the false prophet Hananiah to death (vv. 16-17).

⁵The prophet Jeremiah spoke to the prophet Hananiah in the presence of the priests and all the people who were standing in the house of the LORD; ⁶and the prophet Jeremiah said, "Amen! May the LORD do so; may the LORD fulfill the words that you have prophesied, and bring back to this place from Babylon the vessels of the house of the LORD, and all the exiles. ⁷But listen now to this word that I speak in your hearing and in the hearing of all the people. ⁸The prophets who preceded you and me from ancient times prophesied war, famine, and pestilence against many countries and great kingdoms. ⁹As for the prophet who prophesies peace, when the word of that prophet comes true, then it will be known that the LORD has truly sent the prophet."

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM

Psalm 89:1-4, 15-18

- ¹Your love, O LORD, forever will I sing;
from age to age my mouth will proclaim your faithfulness.
- ²**For I am persuaded that your steadfast love is established forever;
you have set your faithfulness firmly in the heavens.**
- ³⁴I have made a covenant with my chosen one;
I have sworn an oath to David my servant:
- ⁴**I will establish your line forever,
and preserve your throne for all generations.’ ”**
- ¹⁵Happy are the people who know the festal shout!
They walk, O LORD, in the light of your presence.
- ¹⁶**They rejoice daily in your name;
they are jubilant in your righteousness.**
- ¹⁷For you are the glory of their strength,
and by your favor our might is exalted.
- ¹⁸**Truly, our shield belongs to the LORD;
our king to the Holy One of Israel.**

SECOND READING

Romans 6:12-23

Sin is an enslaving power which motivates us to live self-serving, disobedient lives. Sin's final payoff is death. We, however, have been set free from sin's slavery to live obediently under God's grace, whose end is the free gift of eternal life.

- ¹²Do not let sin exercise dominion in your mortal bodies, to make you obey their passions.
- ¹³No longer present your members to sin as instruments of wickedness, but present yourselves to God as those who have been brought from death to life, and present your members to God as instruments of righteousness. ¹⁴For sin will have no dominion over you, since you are not under law but under grace.
- ¹⁵What then? Should we sin because we are not under law but under grace? By no means!
- ¹⁶Do you not know that if you present yourselves to anyone as obedient slaves, you are slaves of the one whom you obey, either of sin, which leads to death, or of obedience, which leads to righteousness? ¹⁷But thanks be to God that you, having once been slaves of sin, have become obedient from the heart to the form of teaching to which you were entrusted, ¹⁸and that you, having been set free from sin, have become slaves of righteousness. ¹⁹I am speaking in human terms because of your natural limitations. For just as you once presented your members as slaves to impurity and to greater and greater iniquity, so now present your members as slaves to righteousness for sanctification.

We are taking registrations for our Summer Music Campette. This camp is July 24th—26th from 9 am—12 noon. It is for students who have completed Kindergarten—Grade 2. Registration forms are available on the third floor bulletin board, in the weekly email and on our website.



We will be having a **New Members Lunch** for all prospective new/returning members on Saturday, September 16th from 12 noon—2 pm in the Fellowship Hall. Lunch will be provided! This will be a time to build relationships, learn more about the ministry of St. John's and ask questions together. Then on Sunday, September 17th, we will formally welcome new members into the St. John's family during the 10 am worship service. **Please RSVP by September 1st to the church office at 410-665-1234 or office@stjohnsparkville.org if you will be joining us for the new member's lunch.**

Victor's Vittles, the food pantry at Christus Victor Lutheran Church is in need of items for their food pantry. Items needed are: canned fruit, cereal & oatmeal, jelly, peanut butter, pasta sauce, spaghetti noodles, Raman noodles, mac & cheese, beef stew, pancake mix, syrup, instant potatoes, and canned spaghetti



***Join us after worship today
in the Fellowship Hall
for Apple Pie.***

***Please note— The church office will be closed on
Tuesday, July 4th in observance of
Independence Day.***

Announcements & Upcoming Events

**Next Week— Sunday, July 9th—Sixth Sunday after Pentecost
with Blessing for VBS**

† 9 am—Faith and Fellowship

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

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The beautiful flowers gracing our worship service today are given in loving memory of Daniel Albrecht from Mom, Chuck, Christopher and Jodie.

We are taking altar flower dedications for 2023. Dates available are: July 16th, August 27th, September 3rd, 10th and 17th, October 8th and 15th, November 5th, December 3rd and 31st. The cost is \$50. Contact Rachel Hills at 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 30th. We will take July and August off but will resume again on Friday, September 8th.**


Faith + Fellowship Sunday Mornings in the Fellowship Hall from 9 am-9:45 am. We will read and study 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 or give it to one of the Busy Bees.

Join us for our next Community Meal on Wednesday, July 5th. 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 closed for our 2023 Vacation Bible School on July 10th -14th.** Thanks to everyone who has signed up. We look forward to a wonderful week.

²⁰When you were slaves of sin, you were free in regard to righteousness. ²¹So what advantage did you then get from the things of which you now are ashamed? The end of those things is death. ²²But now that you have been freed from sin and enslaved to God, the advantage you get is sanctification. The end is eternal life. ²³For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

(Please stand as you are able.)

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 10:40-42

When Jesus sends his disciples out as missionaries, he warns them of persecution and hardships they will face. He also promises to reward any who aid his followers and support their ministry.

The holy gospel according to Matthew.

Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus said to the twelve: ⁴⁰“Whoever welcomes you welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me. ⁴¹Whoever welcomes a prophet in the name of a prophet will receive a prophet’s reward; and whoever welcomes a righteous person in the name of a righteous person will receive the reward of the righteous; ⁴²and whoever gives even a cup of cold water to one of these little ones in the name of a disciple—truly I tell you, none of these will lose their reward.”

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 *Lord, Speak to Us, That We May Speak* **ELW 676**

(Text: Robert R. Havergal, 1836-1879; Music: Robert Schumann, 1810-1856)

APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

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 *Happy Are They Who Trust the Lord* *Robert J. Powell*
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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. 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.)

SENDING HYMN

This Is My Song

ELW 887

(Text: Lloyd Stone, 1912-1993, sts. 1-2; Georgia Harkness, 1891-1974, st. 3; Music: Jean Sibelius, 1865-1957; Text sts. 1-2 © 1934, 1962, Lorenz Publishing Company, st. 3 © 1964 Lorenz Publishing Company; Music © Breitkopf & Hartel)

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Share the harvest.
Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE
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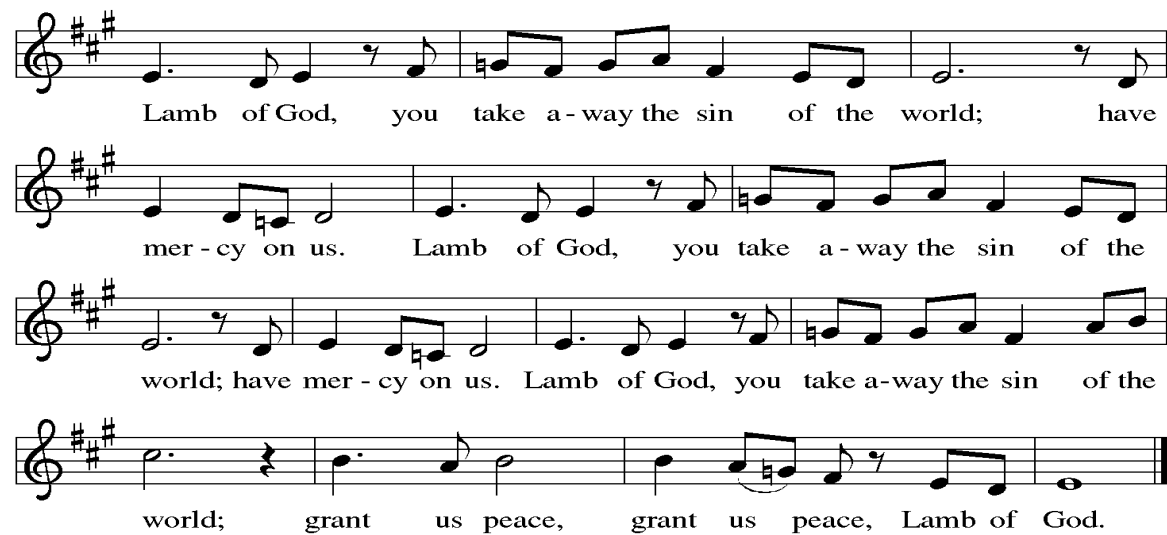
A Patriotic Quotation

Robert J. Hughes

Those Serving Today	
Assisting Minister	Andy Rother
Crucifer	Gabby G.
Acolyte (s)	Devon W.
Lector	Donna Nicholson
Communion Assistant	Donna Nicholson
Dismissal Assistant	Jack W.

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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 *Where Cross the Crowded Ways of Life* **ELW 719**

(Text: Frank M. North, 1850-1935, alt.; Music W. Gardiner, Sacred Melodies, 1815)

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

SENDING

BLESSING

God, the Source of glory,
God, the Word of life,
God, the Spirit of truth
✠ bless you all, now and forever.
Amen.

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?

Text: Bret Hesla, b. 1957

Music: WHOLENESS OF THE EARTH, Bret Hesla

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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

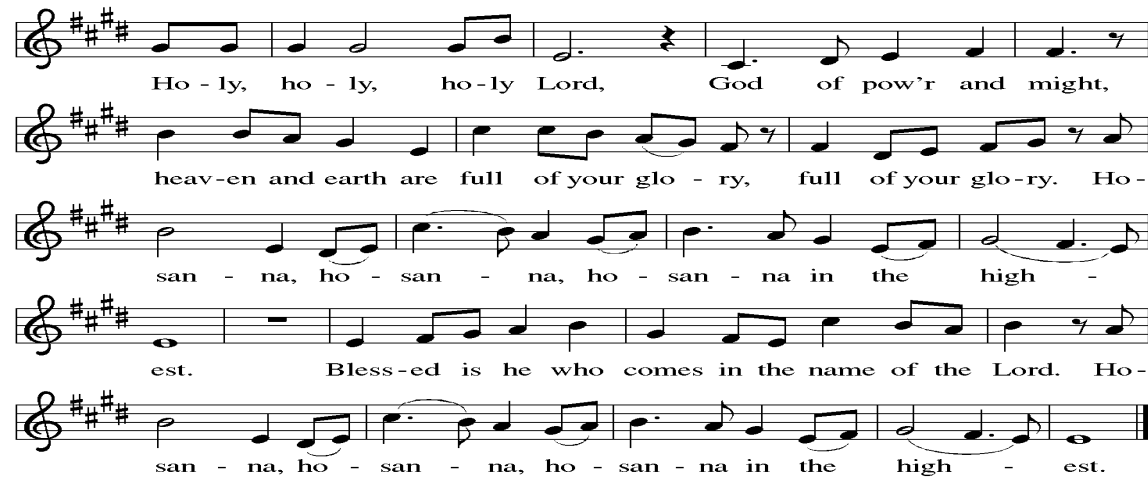
DIALOGUE

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.

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.

(Sung call-and-echo)

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as in heaven.**

**Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our sins
as we forgive; 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.

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.*