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Third Sunday after Pentecost

June 9, 2024



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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

A house divided against itself cannot stand. Jesus makes this observation in light of charges that he is possessed. He is possessed, not by a demon, but by the Holy Spirit. We who have received the Holy Spirit through baptism have been joined to Christ's death and resurrection and knit together in the body of Christ. Those with whom we sing and pray this day are Jesus' family. With them we go forth in peace to do the will of God.

(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,
 the God of manna,
 the God of miracles,
 the God of mercy.

Amen.

Drawn to Christ and seeking God's abundance,
 let us confess our sin.

(Silence is kept for reflection.)

God, our provider,
help us.

It is hard to believe there is enough to share.

**We question your ways when they differ from the ways
 of the world in which we live.**

**We turn to our own understanding
 rather than trusting in you.**

We take offense at your teachings and your ways.

Turn us again to you.

Where else can we turn?

**Share with us the words of eternal life
 and feed us for life in the world.**

Amen.

Beloved people of God:
 in Jesus, the manna from heaven,

This week's schedule

Today	9 am	Sunday School & Faith + Fellowship
	10 am	Live & Online Worship
	11:30 am	Church Picnic (Pastors' lawn)

Mon.

Tues.	5:30 pm	Trinity Circle/Men-in-Mission Party (Smith Building)
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Wed.	6 am	Parking lot lining
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Thurs.

Fri.	11 am	Bible Study (Smith Building)
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Sat.

Counting our Blessings

				2024
Sun.	Attendance: 137			
6/2	Offering: \$4,008	April Offering Income	\$36,194	
	Homebound: 15	April Other Income	\$ 4,544	
		April Total Income	\$40,738	
		April Expenses	\$30,088	
		YTD Offering Income	\$119,895	
		YTD Other Income	\$ 23,162	
		YTD Total Income	\$143,057	
		YTD Expenses	\$135,216	

Congratulations to our Graduates!

CLASS OF
2024

Emily Brock-graduating from Edgewood High School / attending West Virginia University and is majoring in Nursing

Johanna Gray-graduating from The Catholic High School of Baltimore / attending Millersville University (PA) and is majoring in Sports Management

Morgan Perzan-graduating from Perry Hall High School / attending Notre Dame of Maryland University and is majoring in Criminology

Prayer List



Please remember the following individuals in your prayers.

For health & healing: Diane Carroll, Eleanor McLaughlin, Mary Jo Rother, Mary Gude, Doris Rye, Richard Souders, Oluseye Fowode, Robert Suznick, Lisa Duerling, Joan Swank, Rosalie Coffman, Pat Hurley, Debbie Miller, Sandy Scott, and Vickie Jasinski

For family & friends: Paola Lott, Bob Murphy, Pat Lambert, Jonathan McLaughlin, Tim Hartman, Bill Beck, Chris Newman, Pierce Newman, Coralee Myrtle, Eleni Bowden, Butch Kahl, Pearl Johnson, Donna Joseph, Harriet Miller, Maeve Webster, John Bryan, Joe Federline, Tiffany Webb, Mary & Barry McCain, Bonnie Franklin, Jamie Kirschner, Rob Graff, Alice Evans, Trish Pizza, Betsy Shock, Julie Bramble, and Donna Bobloch

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

For those grieving family & friends of: William Bold, Sr., Mary Shaffer, Betty Creutzer, Mike McDonough

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

you are fed and nourished.

By Jesus, the worker of miracles,
there is always more than enough.

Through Jesus, + the bread of life,
you are shown God's mercy:
you are forgiven and loved into abundant life.
Amen.

GATHERING HYMN

Rise, Shine, You People!

ELW 665

(Text: Ronald A. Klug, b. 1939, alt.; Music: Dale Wood, 1934-2003; Text and music © 1974 Augsburg Publishing House)

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

All-powerful God, in Jesus Christ you turned death into life and defeat into victory. Increase our faith and trust in him, that we may triumph over all evil in the strength of the same Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
Amen.

CHILDREN'S SERMON

WORD

FIRST READING

Genesis 3:8-15

Immediately after Adam and Eve eat the forbidden fruit, they hide from God. Neither takes responsibility for their sin, instead blaming each other, the snake, and even God. The curse on the snake was understood as a messianic prophecy by the early church, who associated Eve's "offspring" with Christ.

⁸[Adam and Eve] heard the sound of the LORD God walking in the garden at the time of the evening breeze, and the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the LORD God among the trees of the garden. ⁹But the LORD God called to the man, and said to him, "Where are you?" ¹⁰He said, "I heard the sound of you in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked; and I hid myself." ¹¹He said, "Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten from the tree of which I commanded you not to eat?" ¹²The man said, "The woman whom you gave to be with me, she gave me fruit from the tree, and I ate." ¹³Then the LORD God said to the woman, "What is this that you have done?" The woman said, "The serpent tricked me, and I ate." ¹⁴The LORD God said to the serpent, "Because you have done this,

cursed are you among all animals
and among all wild creatures;
upon your belly you shall go,
and dust you shall eat
all the days of your life.

¹⁵I will put enmity between you and the woman,
and between your offspring and hers;
he will strike your head,
and you will strike his heel.”

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

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

Psalm 130

¹Out of the depths

I cry to you, O LORD;

²**O LORD, hear my voice!**

Let your ears be attentive to the voice of my supplication.

³If you were to keep watch over sins,
O LORD, who could stand?

⁴**Yet with you is forgiveness,
in order that you may be feared.**

⁵I wait for you, O LORD; my soul waits;
in your word is my hope.

⁶**My soul waits for the Lord more than those who keep watch for the morning,
more than those who keep watch for the morning.**

⁷O Israel, wait for the LORD, for with the LORD there is steadfast love;
with the LORD there is plenteous redemption.

⁸**For the LORD shall redeem Israel
from all their sins.**

SECOND READING

2 Corinthians 4:13—5:1


Life in the present is transitory and cannot compare with the eternal home God has prepared for us. So we do not despair no matter what life might bring because we know that as God raised Jesus from the dead, God promises to bring us into eternal life.

¹³Just as we have the same spirit of faith that is in accordance with scripture—“I believed, and so I spoke”—we also believe, and so we speak, ¹⁴because we know that the one who raised the Lord Jesus will raise us also with Jesus, and will bring us with you into his presence. ¹⁵Yes, everything is for your sake, so that grace, as it extends to more and more people, may increase thanksgiving, to the glory of God.

¹⁶So we do not lose heart. Even though our outer nature is wasting away, our inner nature is being renewed day by day. ¹⁷For this slight momentary affliction is preparing us for an eternal weight of glory beyond all measure, ¹⁸because we look not at what can be seen but


Parking lot lining...On Wednesday, June 12th we will have a contractor here beginning at 6 am to finish putting the lines on the parking lot. The parking lot will not be available during this time. If you need to come to the office that day, please call first.



 **Join us at Casa Mia's on Tuesday, June 18th, in White Marsh, from 11 am—10 pm for our next Restaurant Night.** Bring a flyer or a picture of the flyer to participate.


St. John's night at the Ironbirds game is coming up on Friday, June 28th at 7:05 pm. Tickets are \$13 and checks should be made payable to St. John's. There will be fireworks after the game. For tickets contact David Evans at ravenfan79@yahoo.com. **The deadline for orders and payment is today.**



 **Vacation Bible School!** This years program is Camp Firelight “A Summer Camp Adventure with God” and will be held July 8-12 from 9 am—12:30 pm. We have almost 50 children registered and have limited spots left. Registration forms are on the third floor bulletin board, in the weekly email, in the newsletter and on our social media sites. We still need some volunteers. Please let us know if you can help.

Music Camp...We are accepting registration for Music Camp. Registration forms are located on the third floor bulletin board, in the weekly email and in the newsletter. We are looking for experienced volunteers. Contact Martha at mreuard1@gmail.com if you can help.



 **Busy Bees need sugar!** We are collecting sugar to make our jelly. Please give your donation to one of the Busy Bees or you can drop it off in the church office.

The Food for Thought Program is taking off for the summer! A huge thanks to everyone who has supported this program with food donations and monetary donations. Also, to the behind the scenes folks who have spent tireless hours shopping, packing and delivering the bags to the school, we greatly appreciate **ALL OF YOU!**



YOUNG adults Join us for our inaugural **Young Adult gathering** on Friday evening, July 19th at 8 pm in the Smith Building for an evening of fellowship, snacks and games! This event is specifically geared toward young adults 18+. If you plan to attend or have questions, please speak directly to the Pastors. RSVP by July 12th.

Announcements & Upcoming Events

Next Week— Sunday, June 16th—Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

† 9 am—Faith + Fellowship

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

† 11:30 am—Altar Guild Mtg.

† 11:30 am—Exec. Mtg.

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The beautiful flowers gracing our worship service today are given in loving memory of my sister, Joanne Buckless Page from Peggy and Dennis Buckless.

We are taking altar flower dedications for 2024. The cost is \$50. Contact Rachel Hills at rm_hills@yahoo.com if you would like to sponsor the flowers. Available dates are June 23rd, July 21st, August 18th, September 8th, 22nd, and 29th, October 6th, and 13th, November 3rd, 10th, and 17th, December 1st, 8th, 15th, 22nd, 24th, and 29th.

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.



St. John's Youth Group meets in the Youth Room on the first Sunday of the month, from about 11:15 am—12:30 pm. This group is for middle and high school students. Join us as we have fun, get to know one another and grow in faith. See you there!

Faith and Fellowship meets in the Fellowship Hall on the first floor from 9 am—9:45 am each Sunday. This is an opportunity for adults to gather for light refreshments and to grow in faith.



BIBLE Bible Study takes place on Friday mornings at 11 am in the Smith Building. We are studying 1st Corinthians. All are welcome. Our last Bible Study is June 14th. We will take the summer off and begin again after Labor Day.

Thanks to everyone who attended and helped with the Community Meals and Wednesday night worship. We are taking July and August off to give everyone a break for the summer. We will begin again in September.



CHURCH PICNIC The Church Picnic is today after worship. We will meet in the Pastors' backyard if the weather is nice. If it is raining, we will meet in the Fellowship Hall. We are looking forward to seeing you.

at what cannot be seen; for what can be seen is temporary, but what cannot be seen is eternal.

^{5:1}For we know that if the earthly tent we live in is destroyed, we have a building from God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens.

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

Mark 3:20-35

In response to charges that he is possessed, Jesus wonders aloud how anyone who is demon-possessed can cast out demons. Those who do the will of God are possessed by the Holy Spirit, siblings of Christ.

The Holy Gospel according to Mark.

Glory to you, O Lord.

[Jesus went home;] ²⁰and the crowd came together again, so that [Jesus and the disciples] could not even eat. ²¹When his family heard it, they went out to restrain him, for people were saying, "He has gone out of his mind." ²²And the scribes who came down from Jerusalem said, "He has Beelzebul, and by the ruler of the demons he casts out demons." ²³And he called them to him, and spoke to them in parables, "How can Satan cast out Satan? ²⁴If a kingdom is divided against itself, that kingdom cannot stand. ²⁵And if a house is divided against itself, that house will not be able to stand. ²⁶And if Satan has risen up against himself and is divided, he cannot stand, but his end has come. ²⁷But no one can enter a strong man's house and plunder his property without first tying up the strong man; then indeed the house can be plundered.

²⁸"Truly I tell you, people will be forgiven for their sins and whatever blasphemies they utter; ²⁹but whoever blasphemes against the Holy Spirit can never have forgiveness, but is guilty of an eternal sin"—³⁰for they had said, "He has an unclean spirit."

³¹Then his mother and his brothers came; and standing outside, they sent to him and called him. ³²A crowd was sitting around him; and they said to him, “Your mother and your brothers and sisters are outside, asking for you.” ³³And he replied, “Who are my mother and my brothers?” ³⁴And looking at those who sat around him, he said, “Here are my mother and my brothers! ³⁵Whoever does the will of God is my brother and sister and mother.”

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 *Creating God, Your Fingers Trace* **ELW 684**

(Text: Jeffery Rowthorn, b. 1934; Music: W. Walker, Southern Harmony, 1835; arr. hymnal version; Text © 1979 The Hymn Society, admin. Hope Publishing Company; Arr. © 2006 Augsburg Fortress)

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 Merciful God.
Receive 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 *For the Glory of the Lord* *Adult Choir*
(Words and music: Mark Patterson; © 1998, GlorySound)

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.

RECOGNITION OF GRADUATES

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SENDING

BLESSING

Life is short,
and we do not have much time
to gladden the hearts of those who make the journey with us.
So be swift to love,
and make haste to be kind.
And the blessing of God,
who made us,
who loves us,
and who travels with us ✚
be with you now and forever.
Amen.

SENDING HYMN *Go, My Children, with My Blessing* **ELW 543**

(Text: Jaroslav J. Vajda, 1919-2007; Music: Welsh traditional; arr. Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1872-1958; Text © 1983 Concordia Publishing House; Arr. © Oxford University Press)

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. You are the body of Christ.
Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE *Sing and Rejoice* *Lani Smith*

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Those Serving Today	
Assisting Minister	Amanda Hartman
Crucifer	Emily R.
Acolyte (s)	Jack W. Gabby G.
Lector	Milt Dutcher
Communion Assistant	Milt Dutcher
Dismissal Assistant	Jack W.

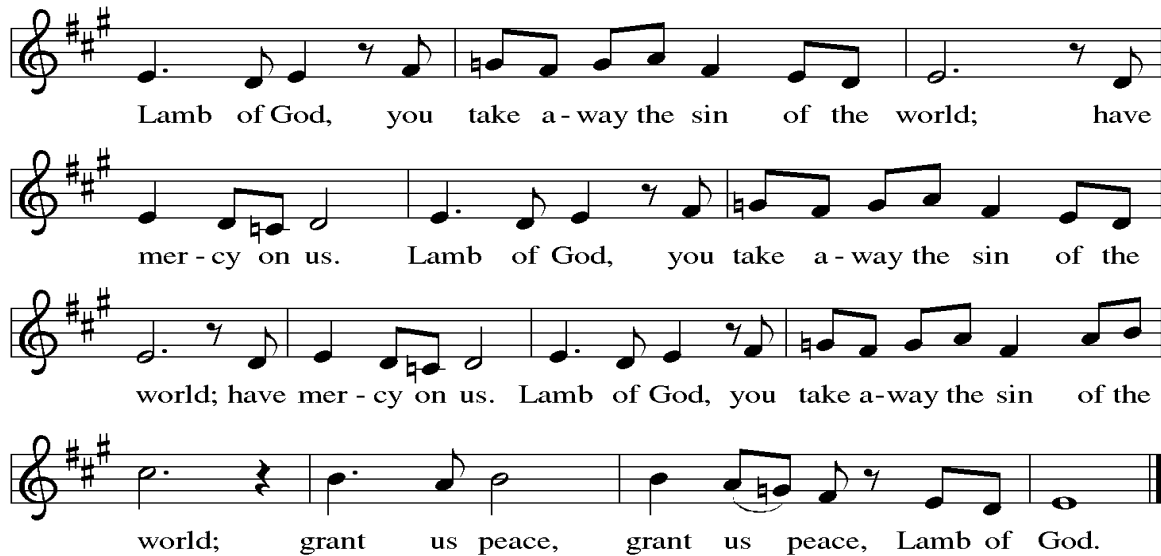
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*If you are not communing you are welcome to come forward for a blessing,
crossing your arms over your chest.*

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Christ has set the table with more than enough for all.
Come!

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 HYMNS *When Peace like a River* **ELW 785**
(Text: Horatio G. Spafford, 1828-1888; Music: Philip P. Bliss, 1838-1876)

Now We Join in Celebration **ELW 462**
(Text: Joel W. Lundeen, 1918-1990; Music: Johann Cruger, 1598-1662; Text © Joel W. Lundeen,
admin. Augsburg Fortress)

(Please remain seated.)

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Jesus, Bread of life,
we have received from your table more than we could ever ask.
As you have nourished us in this meal, now strengthen us to love the world with your own
life. In your name we pray.
Amen.

RECOGNITION OF SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS AND STUDENTS,

*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](https://www.venmo.com/stjohnsparkville)*



(Please stand as you are able.)

OFFERING HYMN

As the Grains of Wheat

ELW 465

(Text: Didache, 2nd cent.; Marty Haugen, b. 1950; Music: Marty Haugen; Text and music © 1990
GIA Publications, Inc.)

OFFERING PRAYER

Jesus, Bread of life,
you have set this table with your very self,
and called us to the feast of plenty.
Gather what has been sown among us,
and strengthen us in this meal.
Make us to be what we receive here,
your body for the life of the world.
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



Du är he - lig, du är hel. Du är all - tid myck-et mer
You are ho - ly, you are whole. You are al - ways ev - er more



än vi nån - sin kan för - stå, du är nä - ra än - då.
than we ev - er un - der - stand. You are al - ways at hand.



Väl - sig - nad va - re du som kom - mer hit just nu,
Bless - ed are you com - ing near. Bless - ed are you com - ing here



väl - sig - na - de vår jord, blir till bröd på vår jord.
to your church in wine and bread, raised from soil, raised from dead.



Du är he - lig, du är hel - het,
You are ho - ly, you are whole - ness,



du är när - het he - la kos - mos lo - var dig!
you are pres - ent. Let the cos - mos praise you, Lord!



Ho - si - an - na, ho - si - an - na,
Sing ho - san - na in the high - est!



ho - si - an - na, ho - si - an - na vår Gud.
Sing ho - san - na! Sing ho - san - na to our God!

(Text and music: Per Harling, b. 1948; Text and music © 1990 Ton Vis Produktion AB, admin. Augsburg Fortress)

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

Holy God,
Breath of life and Fire of love:
with a mighty wind you brought creation into being,
and by a pillar of fire you led your people into freedom.

We praise you for the gift of your Son,
who poured out your Spirit on all nations.

In the night in which he was betrayed...

Remembering, therefore,
his death, resurrection,
and the sending of the holy and life-giving Spirit,
we await his coming again to renew the face of the earth.

Send now your Holy Spirit upon us and upon this meal:
anoint us with your gifts of faith, hope, and love,
that, with thankful hearts,
we may be witnesses to your Son.

Blessing, praise, and thanks
to you, holy God,
through Christ Jesus,
by your Spirit,
in your church,
without end.
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.)

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.