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

 St. John's Lutheran Church Parkville

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# Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

July 6, 2025



## St. John's Lutheran Church of Parkville

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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 is the source of our nourishment. Jesus' invitation to "take and eat . . . take and drink" is a repeated one. In holy communion, in the word read and proclaimed, in the assembly of the people of God, the dominion of God has come near. Rejoice! Your name is written in heaven.

*(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**  
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*Give Me Jesus*

*Marianna Kim*

*(Please stand as you are able.)*

## GATHERING

## CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

In the name of the Father,  
and of the ✙ Son,  
and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**  
Baptized into Christ, let us confess our sin.

*(Silence is kept for reflection.)*

Merciful God,  
you free us to love others,  
but we neglect our neighbors and follow our own way.  
You lead us by the Spirit of joy and peace,  
but we turn away from the abundant life you offer.  
You surround us with patience, kindness,  
and generosity,  
but we grow weary in doing what is right.  
In your mercy, forgive us.  
Do not give up on us.  
Heal us, break our bonds,  
and show us the path of life.  
**Amen.**

You belong to Christ Jesus  
and you are God's children through faith.  
In the cross of ✙ Christ,  
and through the power of the Holy Spirit,



## Prayer List

Please remember the following individuals in your prayers.

**For health & healing:** Ashley Gerber, Louie Gerber, Joan Kraft, Betty Ehm, Shirley Kreh, Olusegun Fowode, Marge Jasper, John McLaughlin, Julie Hastings, Kim Townsley, Mildred Schaffer, Bill Fliegel, Ruth Albrecht, Marion McDonough, Diane Carroll, Richard Souders, Oluseye Fowode, Robert Suznick, Lisa Duerling, Joan Swank, Pat Hurley, Debbie Miller, Sandy Scott and Vickie Jasinski

**For family & friends:** Family of Allen Welch, Katherine Fliegel, Elaine Perzan, Debbie McWilliam, Wayne Maxwell, George Lotterer, Jenny Cavallero, Barb Distefano, Carol Kempske, Marilyn Baldwin, Wendy Kraft, Michael Elligson, Fred Smith, Anna Meyer, Patricia Dunn, Jerre Keller, Hank Truslow, Scott Hendricks, Chuck Taylor, Jane Esterby, Patsy Smith, Marianne Widderich

**For the military and their families:** Christopher McCann, Mason Arnold, Kalib McCann, 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:** Andrew Hills

**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, Carl Lotterer, Paul Nolder, Janet Roth, Doris Rye, Kim Townsley, and Emma Volz

### Note regarding the Prayer List

Those on the family & friends prayer list will remain for 6 weeks and then be removed—unless otherwise specified. If at any time you would like to add or remove someone from the list, please contact the church office.

### This week's schedule

Today	10:00 am	Live & Online Worship
Mon.		
Tues.		
Wed.	9:30 am	Busy Bees (Smith Building)
Thurs.		
Fri.		
Sat.		

## Announcements & Upcoming Events

**Next Week— Sunday, July 13<sup>th</sup>—Fifth Sunday after Pentecost**

† 10 am—Worship in-person  
and livestreamed on our YouTube Channel  
† 11:30 am—Exec. Meeting (Music Room)  
Visit [stjohnsparkville.org](http://stjohnsparkville.org)



The beautiful flowers gracing our worship service today are given in honor of Edna Leonard's 90<sup>th</sup> birthday, with love from her family and friends.

We are taking altar flower dedications for 2025. 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. Dates available are August 31<sup>st</sup>, September 7<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup>, and December 28<sup>th</sup>.

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.



Faith & 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. Note—there will be no Faith & Fellowship in July.

Registration is open for our Music Camps. Primary Music Camp is July 28<sup>th</sup>—30<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 am —12:00 pm for students who have completed K through grade 2. Summer Musical Camp is August 11<sup>th</sup>—15<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 am —2:00 pm for students who have completed grades 3 through 8. Registration forms are on the third floor bulletin board, in the weekly email and on our website. Please tell your family, friends and neighbors about our wonderful camps!



Request from the Property Committee! We are in need of some new people to join our committee. If you are interested in joining and helping with some of the much needed projects at St. John's, please contact Bill Fliegel at [wfliegel@yahoo.com](mailto:wfliegel@yahoo.com).



your sins are forgiven.  
Clothed with Christ, you are a new creation.  
**Amen.**

**GATHERING HYMN**

*Give Me Jesus*

*ELW 770 (vv. 1-3)*

*(Text and music: African American Spiritual; arr. hymnal version; Arr. © 2006 Augsburg Fortress)*

**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**

O God, the Father of our Lord Jesus, you are the city that shelters us, the mother who comforts us. With your Spirit accompany us on our life's journey, that we may spread your peace in all the world, through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.  
**Amen.**

**CHILDREN'S SERMON**

**WORD**

**FIRST READING**

**Isaiah 66:10-14**

*Those who returned from the exile found that the hopes for the glorious restoration of Judah were not completely fulfilled. For these disappointed people, the prophet envisions salvation in the image of a nursing woman. Mother Jerusalem and a mothering God remind the community how they are sustained and supported.*

<sup>10</sup> Rejoice with Jerusalem, and be glad for her,  
all you who love her;  
rejoice with her in joy,  
all you who mourn over her—

<sup>11</sup> that you may nurse and be satisfied  
from her consoling breast,  
that you may drink deeply with delight  
from her glorious bosom.

<sup>12</sup> For thus says the LORD:

I will extend prosperity to her like a river  
and the wealth of the nations like an overflowing stream,  
and you shall nurse and be carried on her arm  
and bounced on her knees.

<sup>13</sup> As a mother comforts her child,  
 so I will comfort you;  
 you shall be comforted in Jerusalem.  
<sup>14</sup> You shall see, and your heart shall rejoice;  
 your bodies shall flourish like the grass,  
 and it shall be known that the power of the LORD is with his servants,  
 and his indignation is against his enemies.

Word of God, word of life.

**Thanks be to God.**

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

**Psalm 66:1-9**

<sup>1</sup> Be joyful in God, all you lands;  
 be joyful, all the earth.  
<sup>2</sup> **Sing the glory of God’s name;  
 sing the glory of God’s praise.**  
<sup>3</sup> Say to God, “How awesome are your deeds!  
 Because of your great strength your enemies cringe before you.  
<sup>4</sup> **All the earth bows down before you,  
 sings to you, sings out your name.”**  
<sup>5</sup> Come now and see the works of God,  
 how awesome are God’s deeds toward all people.  
<sup>6</sup> **God turned the sea into dry land, so that they went through the water on foot,  
 and there we rejoiced in God.**  
<sup>7</sup> Ruling forever in might, God keeps watch over the nations;  
 let no rebels exalt themselves.  
<sup>8</sup> **Bless our God, you peoples;  
 let the sound of praise be heard.**  
<sup>9</sup> Our God has kept us among the living  
 and has not allowed our feet to slip.

**SECOND READING**

**Galatians 6:1-16**

*In the close of his letter to the Galatians, Paul encourages them to live as people made right with God through faith in Jesus Christ. Here Paul offers practical advice about how believers exercise common concern for one other in “the family of faith.” The translation below is from the Common English Bible.*

<sup>1</sup> Brothers and sisters, if a person is caught doing something wrong, you who are spiritual should restore someone like this with a spirit of gentleness. Watch out for yourselves so you won’t be tempted too. <sup>2</sup> Carry each other’s burdens and so you will fulfill the law of Christ. <sup>3</sup> If anyone thinks they are important when they aren’t, they’re fooling themselves. <sup>4</sup> Each person should test their own work and be happy with doing a good job and not compare themselves with others. <sup>5</sup> Each person will have to carry their own load.

**Commemorations**

*When we are baptized, we are baptized into the body of Christ. We understand this body to be the communion of saints, a diverse witness of people across time and space. Throughout its history, the church has sought to lift up Christians who have been unique, exemplary people of faith. It is not that these people are perfect, as we are all both saint and sinner. Our faith in God working in them can be a reminder of God’s grace working in all of our lives. “The saints are to be remembered so that we may strengthen our faith when we see how they experienced grace and how they were helped by faith.”*  
 (Augsburg Confession)  
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**Jan Hus, martyr, died 1415**

**Sunday, July 6, 2025**

Hus was a Bohemian (present-day Czech Republic) priest who spoke against abuses in the church, and was seen by Martin Luther as his predecessor in the reforming movement. He was found guilty of heresy by a council of the church, and burned at the stake.

**Benedict of Nursia, Abbot of Monte Cassino, died around 540**

**Friday, July 11, 2025**

Benedict is known as the father of the Western monastic movement. Educated in Rome, he went to live as a hermit, and eventually gathered a community of monks around him. He wrote a rule for living in monasteries that is used by Benedictines and adapted by others.

**Nathan Söderblom, Bishop of Uppsala, died 1931**

**Saturday, July 12, 2025**

A winner of the Nobel Prize for peace for his efforts to unite peoples after the First World War, Söderblom also called attention to the revival of early church worship principles, and helped to lay the groundwork for the World Council of Churches.  
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**Counting our Blessings**

		<b>2025</b>	
Sun. 6/29	Attendance:108	April Offering Income	\$ 31,766
	Offering: \$ 3,910	April Other Income	\$ 3,678
	Homebound:15	April Total Income	\$ 35,444
		April Expenses	\$ 49,145
		YTD Offering Income	\$132,727
		YTD Other Income	\$ 20,814
		YTD Total Income	\$153,541
	YTD Expenses	\$151,774	

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**SENDING**

**BLESSING**

**SENDING HYMN**

*Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ*

*ELW 674*

*(Text: Fred Kaan, 1929-2009; Music: Jamaican folk tune, adapt. Doreen Potter, 1925-1980; Text and music © 1975 Hope Publishing Company)*

**DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. Live by the Spirit.  
**Thanks be to God.**

**POSTLUDE**

*Recessional on "Materna"*

*Douglas E. Wagner*

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**Don't forget to stop in the Fellowship Hall  
for Apple Pie and Ice Cream after worship today.**



<sup>6</sup> Those who are taught the word should share all good things with their teacher. <sup>7</sup> Make no mistake, God is not mocked. A person will harvest what they plant. <sup>8</sup> Those who plant only for their own benefit will harvest devastation from their selfishness, but those who plant for the benefit of the Spirit will harvest eternal life from the Spirit. <sup>9</sup> Let's not get tired of doing good, because in time we'll have a harvest if we don't give up. <sup>10</sup> So then, let's work for the good of all whenever we have an opportunity, and especially for those in the household of faith. <sup>11</sup> Look at the large letters I'm making with my own handwriting! <sup>12</sup> Whoever wants to look good by human standards will try to get you to be circumcised, but only so they won't be harassed for the cross of Christ. <sup>13</sup> Those who are circumcised don't observe the Law themselves, but they want you to be circumcised, so they can boast about your physical body. <sup>14</sup> But as for me, God forbid that I should boast about anything except for the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ. The world has been crucified to me through him, and I have been crucified to the world. <sup>15</sup> Being circumcised or not being circumcised doesn't mean anything. What matters is a new creation. <sup>16</sup> May peace and mercy be on whoever follows this rule and on God's Israel.

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.

<b>Those Serving Today</b>	
Assisting Minister	Lee Smith
Crucifer	Olivia S.
Acolyte (s)	Jack W.
Lector	Susan Handley
Communion Assistant	Susan Handley
Dismissal Assistant	Devon W.

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## GOSPEL

Luke 10:1-11, 16-20

Jesus commissions harvesters and laborers to go where he would go and do what he would do. Risking hardship and danger in exchange for the experience of great joy, they offer peace and healing as signs that the reign of God is near.

The holy gospel according to Luke.

Glory to you, O Lord.

<sup>1</sup> After this the Lord appointed seventy-two others and sent them on ahead of him in pairs to every town and place where he himself intended to go. <sup>2</sup> He said to them, "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest." <sup>3</sup> Go on your way; I am sending you out like lambs into the midst of wolves. <sup>4</sup> Carry no purse, no bag, no sandals, and greet no one on the road. <sup>5</sup> Whatever house you enter, first say, 'Peace to this house!' <sup>6</sup> And if a person of peace is there, your peace will rest on that person, but if not, it will return to you. <sup>7</sup> Remain in the same house, eating and drinking whatever they provide, for the laborer deserves to be paid. Do not move about from house to house. <sup>8</sup> Whenever you enter a town and its people welcome you, eat what is set before you; <sup>9</sup> cure the sick who are there, and say to them, 'The kingdom of God has come near to you.' <sup>10</sup> But whenever you enter a town and they do not welcome you, go out into its streets and say, <sup>11</sup> 'Even the dust of your town that clings to our feet, we wipe off in protest against you. Yet know this: the kingdom of God has come near.'

<sup>16</sup> "Whoever listens to you listens to me, and whoever rejects you rejects me, and whoever rejects me rejects the one who sent me."

<sup>17</sup> The seventy-two returned with joy, saying, "Lord, in your name even the demons submit to us!" <sup>18</sup> He said to them, "I watched Satan fall from heaven like a flash of lightning. <sup>19</sup> Indeed, I have given you authority to tread on snakes and scorpions and over all the power of the enemy, and nothing will hurt you. <sup>20</sup> Nevertheless, do not rejoice at this, that the spirits submit to you, but rejoice that your names are written in heaven."

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

*We All Are One in Mission*

ELW 576

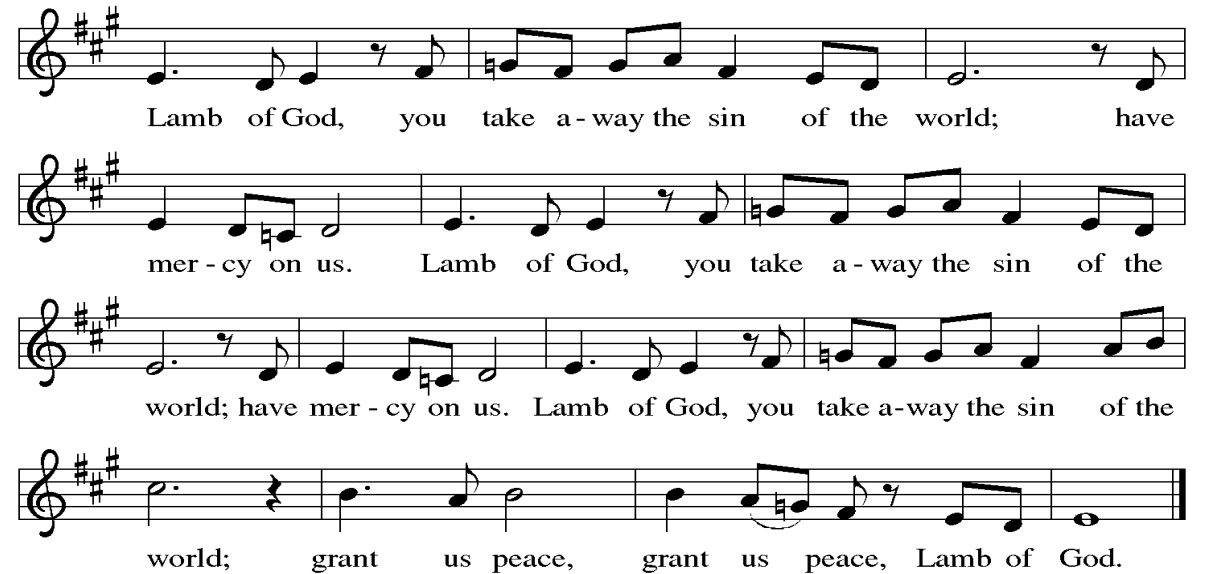
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## COMMUNION

*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 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 HYMNS

*Will You Let Me Be Your Servant*

ELW 659

*(Text and music: Richard Gillard, b. 1953; arr. Betty Pulkingham, b. 1928; Text and music © 1977 Scripture In Song, admin. Integrity Music)*

*Spirit of Gentleness*

ELW 396

*(Text and music: James K. Manley, b. 1940; Text and music © 1978 James K. Manley)*

*(The assembly remains seated.)*

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Mothering God,  
you gathered us to your table  
and we drank deeply of your grace.  
Send us out by your Spirit  
to love our neighbors as ourselves  
and proclaim your love in Jesus' name.  
**Amen.**

beside the sinner;  
among the poor;  
with us now.  
We thank you, O God.  
**We thank you, O God.**

In the night in which he was betrayed...

Remembering his love for us  
on the way,  
at the table,  
and to the end,  
we proclaim the mystery of faith:  
**Christ has died.**  
**Christ is risen.**  
**Christ will come again.**

We pray for the gift of your Spirit:  
in our gathering;  
within this meal;  
among your people;  
throughout the world.

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.

*(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

The kingdom of God is set before you.  
Eat and rejoice.

## 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 of grace.  
**Hear our prayer.**

**PEACE**      The peace of Christ be with you always.  
**And also with you.**

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

## MEAL

**OFFERTORY MUSIC**  
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*He Leadeth Me*

*Jason D. Payne*

*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. You may also donate via venmo @stjohnsparkville*



*(Please stand as you are able.)*



Good -ness is stron-ger than e - vil; love is stron-ger than hate;



light is stron-ger than dark - ness; life is stron-ger than death; vic-t'ry is



ours, vic-t'ry is ours, through God who loves us. Vic-t'ry is



ours, vic-t'ry is ours, through God who loves us.

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## OFFERING PRAYER

Creator God,  
 in your wisdom you bring forth all that is good  
 and the harvest is plentiful.  
 Strengthen us at your table with these gifts of the earth  
 and our labor,  
 that we may work for the good of all;  
 through Jesus Christ, our Savior.  
**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

*You Are Holy (See insert)*

ELW 525

## THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

Holy God,  
 you alone are holy,  
 you alone are God.

The universe declares your praise:  
 beyond the stars;  
 beneath the sea;  
 within each cell;  
 with every breath.  
 We praise you, O God.  
**We praise you, O God.**

Generations bless your faithfulness:  
 through the water;  
 by night and day;  
 across the wilderness;  
 out of exile;  
 into the future.  
 We bless you, O God.  
**We bless you, O God.**

We give you thanks for your dear Son:  
 at the heart of human life;  
 near to those who suffer;