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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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# Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

July 13, 2025



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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

To love the Lord your God with all your heart, soul, strength, and mind is to reflect God's mercy in responding to one's neighbor. That mercy found its most profound expression in the "gospel that has come to you"—namely the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ. That gospel mercy comes to us again today: at the font, at the table, and from the pulpit. It is very near to you.

*(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

*God Himself Is With Us*

*Edward Broughton*

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*(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,



## Prayer List

Please remember the following individuals in your prayers.

**For health & healing:** Ashley Gerber, Louie Gerber, Joan Kraft, 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:** JR Kidd, Carol Paulshock, Family of Allen Welch, Katherine Fliegel, Elaine Perzan, Debbie McWilliam, Wayne Maxwell, George Lotterer, Jenny Cavallero, Barb Distefano, Carol Kempske, Marilyn Baldwin, Wendy Kraft, 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:** Patricia Hurley, Michael Elligson, Andrew Hills

**For St. John's Caring Friends:** Patricia Becker, Agatha Biensach-Daniels, Barbara Conrad, Margaret Eubert, June Franz, Betty Glassband, Richard Hoerner, 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.

## Announcements & Upcoming Events

**Next Week— Sunday, July 20<sup>th</sup>—Sixth Sunday after Pentecost**


† 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 honor of Dennis and Peggy Buckless' 40<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary.

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

**Registration is open for our Music Camps.** Primary Music Campette 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).

### Counting our Blessings

Sun.	Attendance: 126	2025	
7/6	Offering: \$ 5,457	April Offering Income	\$ 31,766
	Homebound:14	April Other Income	\$ 3,678
		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

and through the power of the Holy Spirit,  
your sins are forgiven.  
Clothed with Christ, you are a new creation.  
**Amen.**

### GATHERING HYMN

*God Is Here!*

*ELW 526 (vv. 1-3)*

(Text: Fred Pratt Green, 1903-2000; Music: Cyril V. Taylor, 1907-1991; Text © 1979 Hope Publishing Company; Music © 1942, ren. 1970 Hope Publishing Company)

### 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 Lord God, your mercy delights us, and the world longs for your loving care. Hear the cries of everyone in need, and turn our hearts to love our neighbors with the love of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.  
**Amen.**

### CHILDREN'S SERMON

### WORD

### FIRST READING

**Deuteronomy 30:9-14**

*Moses calls the people who are about to enter the promised land to renew the covenant God made with their ancestors. Through this covenant God gives life and asks for obedience. God's commandment is neither burdensome nor too far off, but dwells in the people's hearts.*

<sup>9</sup> The LORD your God will make you abundantly prosperous in all your undertakings, in the fruit of your body, in the fruit of your livestock, and in the fruit of your soil. For the LORD will again take delight in prospering you, just as he delighted in prospering your ancestors, <sup>10</sup> when you obey the LORD your God by observing his commandments and decrees that are written in this book of the law, because you turn to the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul.

<sup>11</sup> "Surely, this commandment that I am commanding you today is not too hard for you, nor is it too far away. <sup>12</sup> It is not in heaven, that you should say, 'Who will go up to heaven for us and get it for us so that we may hear it and observe it?' <sup>13</sup> Neither is it beyond the sea, that you should say, 'Who will cross to the other side of the sea for us and get it for us so that we may hear it and observe it?' <sup>14</sup> No, the word is very near to you; it is in your mouth and in your heart for you to observe.

Word of God, word of life.

**Thanks be to God.**

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

**Psalm 25:1-10**

- <sup>1</sup> To you, O LORD,  
I lift up my soul.
- <sup>2</sup> **My God, I put my trust in you; let me not be put to shame,  
nor let my enemies triumph over me.**
- <sup>3</sup> Let none who look to you be put to shame;  
rather let those be put to shame who are treacherous.
- <sup>4</sup> **Show me your ways, O LORD,  
and teach me your paths.**
- <sup>5</sup> Lead me in your truth and teach me,  
for you are the God of my salvation; in you have I trusted all the day long.
- <sup>6</sup> **Remember, O LORD, your compassion and love,  
for they are from everlasting.**
- <sup>7</sup> Remember not the sins of my youth and my transgressions;  
remember me according to your steadfast love and for the sake of your goodness, O LORD.
- <sup>8</sup> **You are gracious and upright, O LORD;  
therefore you teach sinners in your way.**
- <sup>9</sup> You lead the lowly in justice  
and teach the lowly your way.
- <sup>10</sup> **All your paths, O LORD, are steadfast love and faithfulness  
to those who keep your covenant and your testimonies.**

**SECOND READING**

**Colossians 1:1-14**

*The letter to the Colossians was written to warn its readers of various false teachings. The first part of the letter is an expression of thanks for the faith, hope, and love that mark this community, including a prayer for strength and courage.*

- <sup>1</sup> Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and Timothy our brother,
- <sup>2</sup> To the saints and faithful brothers and sisters in Christ in Colossae:  
Grace to you and peace from God our Father.

<sup>3</sup> In our prayers for you we always thank God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, <sup>4</sup> for we have heard of your faith in Christ Jesus and of the love that you have for all the saints, <sup>5</sup> because of the hope laid up for you in heaven. You have heard of this hope before in the word of the truth, the gospel <sup>6</sup> that has come to you. Just as it is bearing fruit and growing in the whole world, so it has been bearing fruit among yourselves from the day you heard it and truly comprehended the grace of God. <sup>7</sup> This you learned from Epaphras, our beloved fellow servant. He is a faithful minister of Christ on our behalf, <sup>8</sup> and he has made known to us your love in the Spirit.

<sup>9</sup> For this reason, since the day we heard it, we have not ceased praying for you and asking that you may be filled with the knowledge of God's will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding, <sup>10</sup> so that you may walk worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing to him, as you bear fruit in every good work and as you grow in the knowledge of God. <sup>11</sup> May you be made strong

**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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**Bartolomé de Las Casas, missionary to the Indies, died 1566  
Thursday, July 17, 2025**

A native of Spain, Las Casas first came to the Western hemisphere while serving in the military. Upon arriving in the West, Las Casas was granted a large estate with Indigenous enslaved people whom he freed after he was ordained a priest. He worked in the Caribbean and Central America to improve the lives of the native peoples.  
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This week's schedule		
Today	10:00 am	Live & Online Worship
	11:30 am	Exec Meeting (Music Room)
Mon.	9 am-12:30 pm	Vacation Bible School
Tues.	9 am-12:30 pm	Vacation Bible School
Wed.	9 am-12:30 pm	Vacation Bible School
	9:30 am	Busy Bees (Smith Building)
Thurs.	9 am-12:30 pm	Vacation Bible School
Fri.	9 am-12:30 pm	Vacation Bible School
		<b>Newsletter Articles Due</b>
Sat.		



**The congregation is invited to attend our end of the week  
Vacation Bible School Celebration on Friday, July 18<sup>th</sup>.  
Please arrive at 12:15 pm as the fun begins at 12:30 pm.**

## 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.**

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

## SENDING

## BLESSING OF VBS PARTICIPANTS

## BLESSING

The love of God abound in you;  
 the grace of our Savior Jesus Christ fill your hearts;  
 And the life of the Spirit  
 ✠ bless you and give you peace.  
**Amen.**

## SENDING HYMN

*Jesus Calls Us; o'er the Tumult*

*ELW 696*

*(Text: Cecil Frances Alexander, 1818-1895; Music: William H. Jude, 1851-1922)*

## DISMISSAL

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

## POSTLUDE

*Let Us With a Gladsome Mind*

*Robert J. Powell*

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Those Serving Today	
Assisting Minister	Lee Smith
Crucifer	Gabby G.
Acolyte (s)	Alec B.
Lector	JoAnn Weiland
Communion Assistant	JoAnn Weiland
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with all the strength that comes from his glorious power, so that you may have all endurance and patience, joyfully<sup>12</sup> giving thanks to the Father, who has enabled you to share in the inheritance of the saints in the light.<sup>13</sup> He has rescued us from the power of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of his beloved Son,<sup>14</sup> in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

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

**Luke 10:25-37**

*Jesus is challenged to explain what is involved in obeying the greatest commandment. He tells a parable rich in surprises: those expected to show pity display hard hearts while the lowly give and receive unexpected and lavish mercy.*

The holy gospel according to Luke.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>25</sup> An expert in the law stood up to test Jesus. “Teacher,” he said, “what must I do to inherit eternal life?”<sup>26</sup> He said to him, “What is written in the law? What do you read there?”<sup>27</sup> He answered, “You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind and your neighbor as yourself.”<sup>28</sup> And he said to him, “You have given the right answer; do this, and you will live.”

<sup>29</sup> But wanting to vindicate himself, he asked Jesus, “And who is my neighbor?”<sup>30</sup> Jesus replied, “A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho and fell into the hands of robbers, who stripped him, beat him, and took off, leaving him half dead.<sup>31</sup> Now by chance a priest was going down that road, and when he saw him he passed by on the other side.<sup>32</sup> So likewise

a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. <sup>33</sup> But a Samaritan while traveling came upon him, and when he saw him he was moved with compassion. <sup>34</sup> He went to him and bandaged his wounds, treating them with oil and wine. Then he put him on his own animal, brought him to an inn, and took care of him. <sup>35</sup> The next day he took out two denarii, gave them to the innkeeper, and said, 'Take care of him, and when I come back I will repay you whatever more you spend.' <sup>36</sup> Which of these three, do you think, was a neighbor to the man who fell into the hands of the robbers?' <sup>37</sup> He said, "The one who showed him mercy." Jesus said to him, "Go and do likewise."

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**

*Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love*

**ELW 708**

*(Text: Tom Colvin, 1925-2000, alt.; Music: Ghanaian folk tune, adapt. Tom Colvin; Text and music © 1969 Hope Publishing Company)*

**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**

*Prayer*

*Robert Lau*

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**COMMUNION HYMNS**

*What Is the World Like*


**ACS 1047**



1 What is the world like when God's will is  
2 What is the world like when God's will is  
3 What is the world like when God's will is  
4 What is the world like when God's will is  
5 These are the stories that Jesus im -



done? Mus - tard seeds grow more than  
done? Wit - ness the wan - der - ing  
done? No more is neigh - bor - just  
done? Read - y for feast - ing, we  
parts, filled with the Spir - it who



we can con - ceive: roots thread the  
child com - ing home; watch as the  
al - ly or friend; peace thrives in  
watch through the night, tend - ing our  
joins us as one. Born through our



soil; branch - es reach for the sun.  
par - ent breaks in - to a run.  
plac - es where once there was none.  
lamps till the new day's be - gun.  
voic - es, our hands, and our hearts,



This is how God moves us each to be - lieve.  
This is how God longs for us when we roam.  
This is how God works when ri - val - ries end.  
This is how God read - ies us for the light.  
this is a new world where God's will is done.

Text: Adam M. L. Tice, b. 1979  
Music: NEW WORLD, Sally Ann Morris, b. 1952  
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***Spirit of God, Descend upon My Heart***

**ELW 800**

*(Text: George Croly, 1780-1860; Music: Frederick C. Atkinson, 1841-1897)*

*(The assembly remains seated.)*

**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**

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

**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.

*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.)*

**OFFERING HYMN**

***Goodness Is Stronger than Evil***

***ELW 721***

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.

Text: From *An African Prayer Book*, Desmond Tutu, b. 1931  
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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;  
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.

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