



Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

July 20, 2025 | 11 am



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WELCOME TO ST. JOHN'S!

We're so glad God has brought you here!

A reminder that **our nursery** is available during the 11 am worship service in our education building. Please see an usher for assistance.

Bible Study – Thursdays at **5:30 pm, through Aug. 21 in Ritchie Hall**. Taught by Dr. Bradley R. Trick, join us as we learn the How (and why) to unify in an age of division as we study the book of Galatians. Sign up with QR code here or on our website.



Lutheridge 75th Birthday Capital Campaign – Beginning this week and continuing over the next three weeks, you'll receive a series of handouts that highlighting how your generous gifts can help sustain Lutheridge's camp ministry - as they pass the faith to children and adults for generations to come. Today's handout is titled, "*Giving Thanks for 75 Years of Ministry*". Be sure to pick up a copy from one of our ushers.

Rainbow Makers Back-to-School Supply Drive – Sponsoring STJ Kindergarten and Child Development Center. As you pick up items for your children, please consider also picking up extra supplies for the CDC and Kindergarten. Boxes will be in Peeler Hall and the Sanctuary Narthex on July 20 & 27, and August 3 & 10. Please check out the supply wishlist in the last Eagle's View edition.

Troop 443 Celebrates 100 Years of Scouting! – Sat., July 26 at 6 pm in Ritchie Hall. To celebrate this historic achievement, we invite all current and former Scouts, leaders, family members, and supporters to join us for a special 100th Anniversary Celebration Banquet. Contact crystal.ryerson@rccc.edu to purchase your ticket.

Meet & Greet - Aug. 2, from 3-5 pm in Ritchie Hall. We hope you will join us as we offer this opportunity to meet our primary candidate for the Minister of Worship and the Arts.

Congregational Meeting – Aug. 3 at 10:15 am in the Faith Center. We will vote to call the primary candidate for Minister of Worship and the Arts.

Church-wide Retreat – Sept. 12-14 at Lutheridge. The registration deadline is **Mon., Aug. 18 at 5 pm** (subject to change if we sell out). To secure your spot, submit your registration and non-refundable \$50 deposit early - only 150 spots available! Registration forms and total payment in full are due by the registration deadline. To register, scan QR Code here or locate a paper form, available in all our literature racks. Contact Donna Groce with any questions at Dwgroce93@icloud.com.



Altar Flowers – Given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of my parents, Roy Augusta Agner, Jr., MD and Martha Mary Withers Agner, by Rosemary Agner Wood and family.

WORSHIP NAVIGATION

The Congregation is invited to respond where words are in **Bold**.

* = **Please stand as you are able** + = **Face the Cross**

✝ = You are invited to make the sign of the Cross.

Hymns are found by number in the red worship books located in each pew.



GATHERING

The Holy Spirit gathers us as the people of God

PRELUDE

O God, Beyond All Praising

arr. by David Lasky

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS*+

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

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.

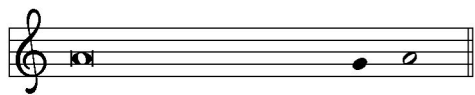
You belong to Christ Jesus and you are God's children through faith.
In the cross of + Christ, and through the power of the Holy Spirit,
your sins are forgiven. Clothed with Christ, you are a new creation.
Amen.

ENTRANCE HYMN 858* *Praise to the Lord, the Almighty* LOBE DEN HERREN

APOSTOLIC 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.**

KYRIE* *A centering prayer asking for God's mercy and peace as we gather for worship.*



In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For the peace from a-bove, and for our sal - vation, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.

For this holy house, and for all who offer here their wor-ship and praise,
let us pray to the Lord. Lord have mer - cy.
Help, save, comfort, and de-fend us, gra-cious Lord. A - men.

HYMN OF PRAISE*

This is the Feast

from Revelation 5

Cantor

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia.

All

1 Wor-thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us
free to be peo-ple of God. Pow - er and rich - es and wis - dom and
strength, and hon - or and bless-ing and glo - ry are his.

Refrain

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia.

2 Sing with all the peo - ple of God and join in the

hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless - ing and hon - or and glo - ry and

might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.

Final refrain

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God, for the Lamb who was slain

has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

PRAYER OF THE DAY*

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Let us pray.

Eternal God, you draw near to us in Christ, and you make yourself our guest. Amid the cares of our lives, make us attentive to your presence, that we may treasure your word above all else, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

Please be seated

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS



WORD

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching and song.

READING:

Genesis 18:1-10a

The Lord visits Abraham and Sarah to tell them that the long-awaited promise of the birth of a child will be fulfilled for them in their old age.

¹The Lord appeared to Abraham by the oaks of Mamre, as he sat at the entrance of his tent in the heat of the day. ²He looked up and saw three men standing near him. When he saw them, he ran from the tent entrance to meet them and bowed down to the ground. ³He said, “My lord, if I find favor with you, do not pass by your servant. ⁴Let a little water be brought, and wash your feet, and rest yourselves under the tree. ⁵Let me bring a little bread, that you may refresh yourselves, and after that you may pass on—since you have come to your servant.” So they said, “Do as you have said.” ⁶And Abraham hastened into the tent to Sarah and said, “Make ready quickly three measures of choice flour, knead it, and make cakes.” ⁷Abraham ran to the herd and took a calf, tender and good, and gave it to the servant, who hastened to prepare it. ⁸Then he took curds and milk and the calf that he had prepared and set it before them, and he stood by them under the tree while they ate.

⁹They said to him, “Where is your wife Sarah?” And he said, “There, in the tent.”

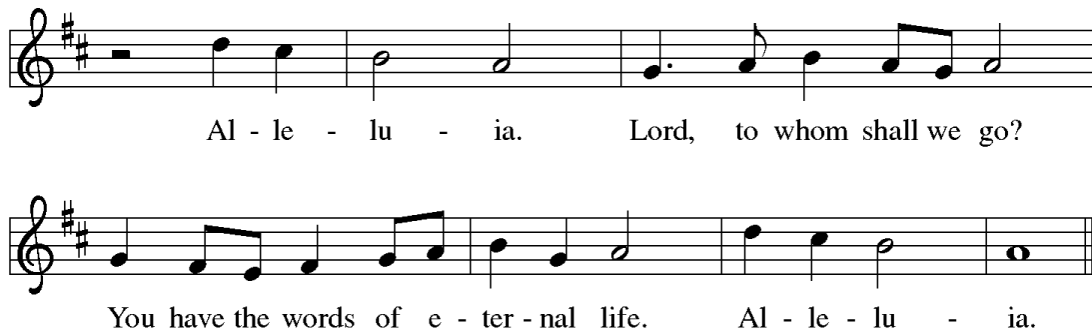
^{10a}Then one said, “I will surely return to you in due season, and your wife Sarah shall have a son.”

Word of God. Word of Life. **Thanks be to God!**

INVITATION TO CHILDREN’S WORSHIP—All elementary-aged children are invited to Children’s Worship. Please gather at the Baptismal Font.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION*

Alleluia!



THE HOLY GOSPEL ACCORDING TO LUKE*

Luke 10:38-42



During his visit to the home of Mary and Martha, Jesus reminds Martha that her concern for her many tasks distracts from the one thing that precedes all else: abiding in the presence of God.

³⁸ Now as [Jesus and his disciples] went on their way, he entered a certain village where a woman named Martha welcomed him. ³⁹ She had a sister named Mary, who sat at Jesus's feet and listened to what he was saying. ⁴⁰ But Martha was distracted by her many tasks, so she came to him and asked, "Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me to do all the work by myself? Tell her, then, to help me." ⁴¹ But the Lord answered her, "Martha, Martha, you are worried and distracted by many things, ⁴² but few things are needed—indeed only one. Mary has chosen the better part, which will not be taken away from her."

The Gospel of the Lord.



SERMON

Pastor Dan Joyner Miller

APOSTLES' CREED* *Gathered as God's people across time and space, let us confess our faith using the words of the 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 INTERCESSION *Each petition ends: "God of grace, **hear our prayer.**"*

PEACE*

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

Please be seated

COLLECTION OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Sing for Joy

by Henry Purcell
arr. Hal Hopson

Sing for joy, all earth sing for joy.
Sing for joy, all earth sing for joy.
Praise the Lord; bless His name;
Come before Him with a song;
For He is God, and we are His,
The sheep of His own flock.

Go with songs, and enter His courts.
Go with songs, and enter His courts.
Go with thanksgiving,
O come before Him with a song;
For He is God, and we are His,
The sheep of His own flock.

Praise the Lord; bless His name;
Come before Him with a song;
For He is God and we are His,
The sheep of His own flock.
The Lord is good,
His love and truth endure forevermore.



MEAL

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

OFFERTORY HYMN 184* *Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful, Lord*

NELSON

Let the vine-yards be fruit-ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of
bless-ing. Gath-er a har-vest from the seeds that were sown, that
we may be fed with the bread of life. Gath-er the hopes and dreams of
all; u-nite them with the prayers we of-fer. Grace our ta-ble
with your pres-ence, and give us a fore-taste of the feast to come.

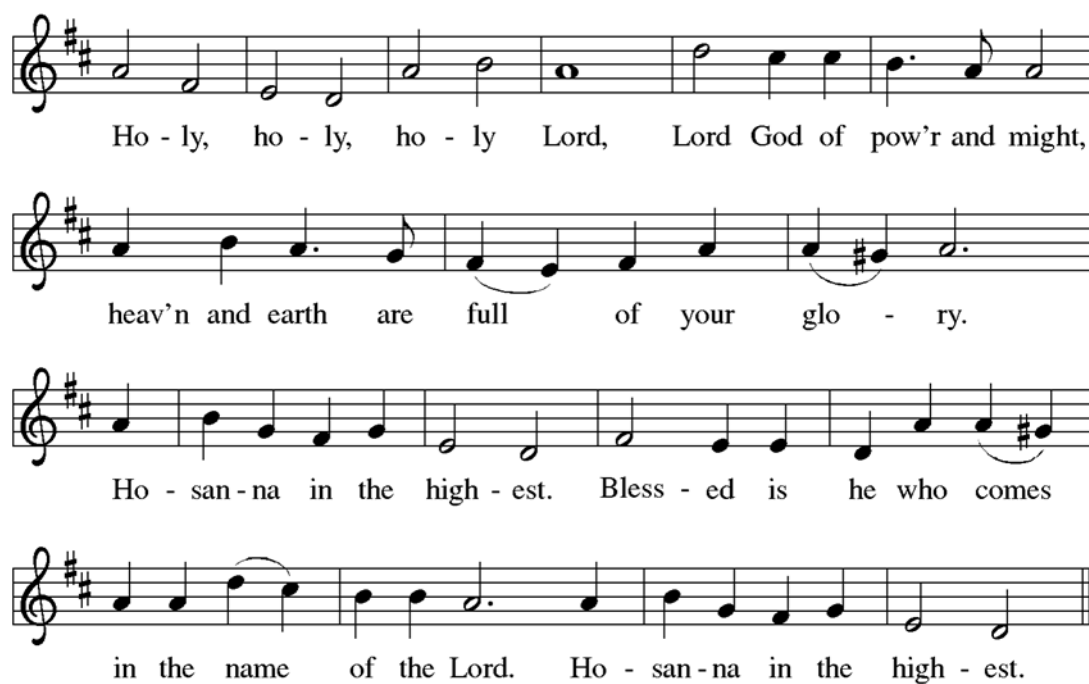
OFFERTORY PRAYER*

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.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING*

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.**

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise. ... And join their unending hymn:



EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER*

THE LORD'S PRAYER*

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.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION*

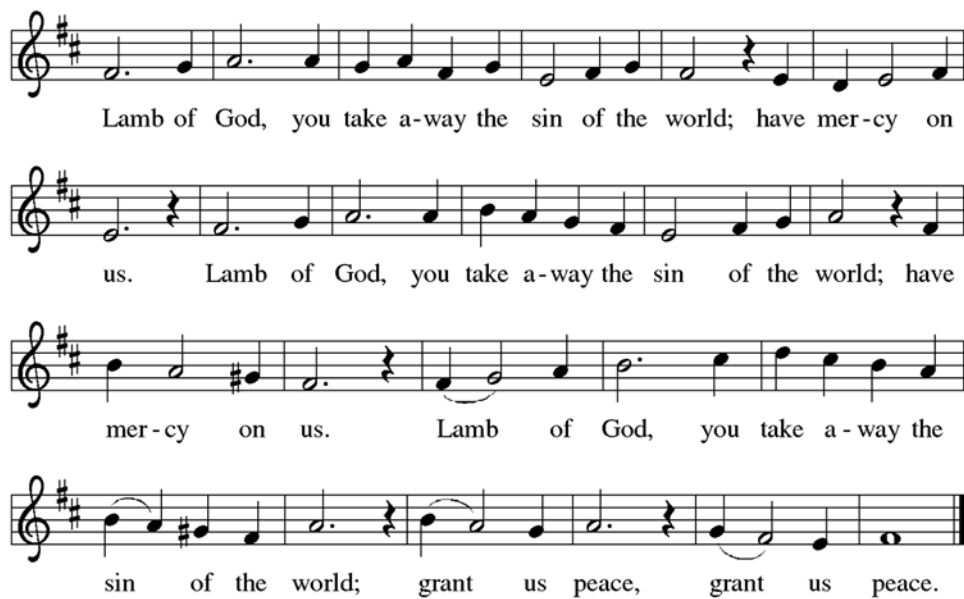
The kingdom of God is set before you.
Eat and rejoice.

Please be seated

DISTRIBUTION OF HOLY COMMUNION. *All baptized and communing Christians are welcome to receive God's gift of grace through the sacrament of Holy Communion at the altar. Follow the usher's instructions. Wine is served in individual cups. Grape juice and non-gluten wafers are available upon request. Please indicate your preference to the pastor. Those not receiving the sacrament, are invited forward to receive a blessing. Please cross your arms across your chest as a sign to the pastor. **If you need Communion brought to you in the pew, please signal the servers when they come down from the chancel.***

COMMUNION HYMNS

Lamb of God



Organ Meditation

Sinfonia from Cantata BWV 156

J.S. Bach

Piano Meditation

Polichinelle

by Sergei Rachmanioff

Emmett Stephenson, Piano

Hymn 676

Lord, Speak to Us, that We May Speak

POST COMMUNION BLESSING*

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in His grace. **Amen.**

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.



SENDING

Forgiven and nourished, we are now sent into the world to share God's love.

BENEDICTION*

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 796*

How Firm a Foundation

FOUNDATION

DISMISSAL*

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

POSTLUDE

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Let's connect faith and life. *Together.*