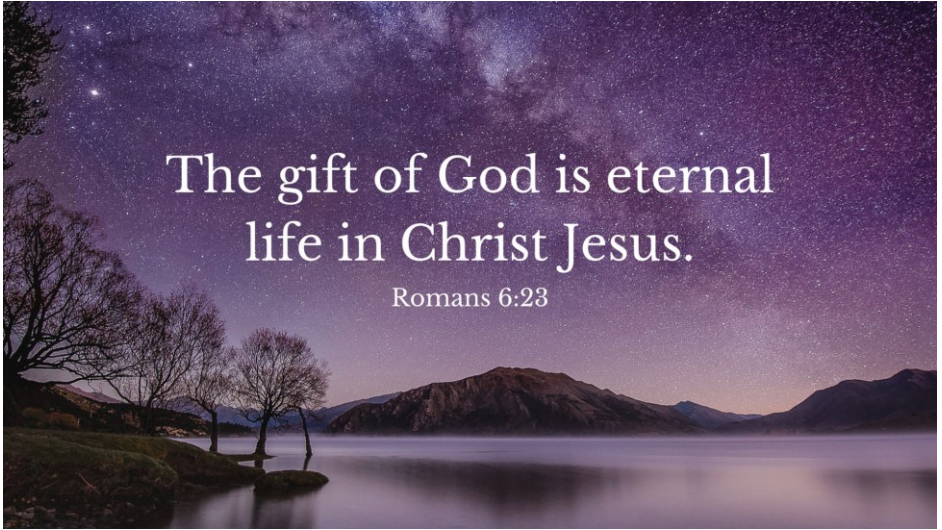




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The gift of God is eternal  
life in Christ Jesus.

Romans 6:23

***July 26, 2025***

# Welcome

to St. John Lutheran Church and our Contemporary Worship Service. We are so glad you have chosen to join us today and we pray your time with us will fill you with the love our Lord has for you.

Today's service includes the Lord's Supper. If you are a first-time visitor and wish to receive Holy Communion, please speak with one of our Elders or myself prior to service .

May God bless your worship with us today,

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***Compelled by the Love of Christ to Live, Learn,  
Share, and Serve'***

*Our Vision is to inspire the vibrant experience of Christian faith in our community, to all generations, wherever they may be'*

## **Seventh Sunday after Pentecost**

### **Preludes**

### **"We Praise You"**

Let praise be a weapon that silences the enemy

Let praise be a weapon that conquers all anxiety

Let it rise let praise arise

We sing Your name in the dark And it changes ev'rything

We sing with all we are and we claim Your victory

Let it rise let praise arise

We'll see you break down ev'ry wall We'll watch the giants fall

For fear cannot survive when we praise You

The God of breakthrough's on our side Forever lift Him high

With all creation cry God we praise You Oh we praise You oh

Let faith be the song That overcomes the raging sea

Let faith be the song That calms the storm inside of me

Let it rise let faith arise

We'll see you break down ev'ry wall We'll watch the giants fall

For fear cannot survive when we praise You

The God of breakthrough's on our side Forever lift Him high

With all creation cry God we praise You

Oh we praise You oh we praise You Oh we praise You oh we praise You

This is what living looks like This is what freedom feels like

This is what Heaven sounds like We praise You We praise You

This is what living looks like This is what freedom feels like

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With all creation cry God we praise You

Oh we praise You oh we praise You Oh we praise You oh give Him all your praise

## Welcome, Sharing of the Peace and Call To Worship

### Opening Song

### "The Father's House"

Sometimes on this journey I get lost in my mistakes.  
What looks to me like weakness is a canvas for Your strength.  
My story isn't over; my story's just begun.  
Failure won't define me, 'cause that's what my Father does.  
Failure won't define me, 'cause that's what my Father does.  
Oo, lay your burdens down, Oo, here in the Father's house.  
Check your shame at the door, 'cause it ain't welcome anymore.  
Oo, you're in the Father's house.  
Arrival's not the endgame; the journey's where You are.  
You never wanted perfect; You just wanted my heart.  
And the story isn't over if the story isn't good.  
Failure's never final when the Father's in the room.  
Failure's never final when the Father's in the room.  
Oo, lay your burdens down, Oo, here in the Father's house.  
Check your shame at the door, cause it ain't welcome anymore.  
Oo, you're in the Father's house.  
Prodigals come home, the helpless find hope;  
Love is on the move when the Father's in the room.  
Prison doors fling wide, the dead come to life;  
Love is on the move when the Father's in the room.  
Miracles take place, the cynical find faith;  
Love is breaking through when the Father's in the room.  
Jericho walls are quaking, strongholds now are shaking;  
Love is breaking through when the Father's in the room.  
Love is breaking through When the Father's in the room.  
Oo, lay your burdens down, Oo, here in the Father's house.  
Check your shame at the door, 'cause it ain't welcome anymore.  
Oo, you're in the Father's house.

## Confession and Forgiveness

### Song of Praise

### "Great Things"

Come let us worship our King Come let us bow at His feet  
He has done great things  
See what our Savior has done See how His love overcomes  
He has done great things He has done great things

O Hero of Heaven You conquered the grave  
You free every captive and break every chain  
O God You have done great things  
We dance in Your freedom awake and alive  
O Jesus our Savior Your name lifted high  
O God You have done great things

You've been faithful through every storm You'll be faithful forevermore  
You have done great things  
And I know You will do it again For Your promise is yes and amen  
You will do great things God You do great things

O Hero of Heaven You conquered the grave  
You free every captive and break every chain  
O God You have done great things  
We dance in Your freedom awake and alive  
O Jesus our Savior Your name lifted high  
O God You have done great things

Hallelujah God above it all Hallelujah God unshakable  
Hallelujah You have done great things  
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Hallelujah You have done great things  
You've done great things

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## First Reading

Colossians 2:6-15

<sup>6</sup>Therefore, as you received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk in him, <sup>7</sup>rooted and built up in him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving.<sup>8</sup>See to it that no one takes you captive by philosophy and empty deceit, according to human tradition, according to the elemental spirits of the world, and not according to Christ. <sup>9</sup>For in him the whole fullness of deity dwells bodily, <sup>10</sup>and you have been filled in him, who is the head of all rule and authority. <sup>11</sup>In him also you were circumcised with a circumcision made without hands, by putting off the body of the flesh, by the circumcision of Christ, <sup>12</sup>having been buried with him in baptism, in which you were also raised with him through faith in the powerful working of God, who raised him from the dead. <sup>13</sup>And you, who were dead in your trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made alive together with him, having forgiven us all our trespasses, <sup>14</sup>by canceling the record of debt that stood against us with its legal demands. This he set aside, nailing it to the cross. <sup>15</sup>He disarmed the rulers and authorities and put them to open shame, by triumphing over them in him.

**L** This is the Word of the Lord.

**G Thanks be to God.**

## Gospel Reading

Luke 11:5-13

<sup>5</sup>And he said to them, "Which of you who has a friend will go to him at midnight and say to him, 'Friend, lend me three loaves, <sup>6</sup>for a friend of mine has arrived on a journey, and I have nothing to set before him'; <sup>7</sup>and he will answer from within, 'Do not bother me; the door is now shut, and my children are with me in bed. I cannot get up and give you anything'? <sup>8</sup>I tell you, though he will not get up and give him anything because he is his friend, yet because of his impudence he will

rise and give him whatever he needs. <sup>9</sup> And I tell you, ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you. <sup>10</sup> For everyone who asks receives, and the one who seeks finds, and to the one who knocks it will be opened. <sup>11</sup> What father among you, if his son asks for a fish, will instead of a fish give him a serpent; <sup>12</sup> or if he asks for an egg, will give him a scorpion? <sup>13</sup> If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!"

📖 This is the Gospel of the Lord.

🙏 Thanks be to God.

## Children's Message

### Message Song

**"He Is"**

If you're troubled, heavy hearted, come to Jesus and find your peace.

If you're run down, empty handed, Come to Jesus and find your strength

He is hope for the hopeless, rest for the weary, help for the hurting.

He is, He is mending the broken, bearing the burdens.

All that you're needing He is.

If you're wandering in the darkness, come to Jesus and find your way.

If you want freedom, need forgiveness, just come to Jesus and find His grace.

He is hope for the hopeless, rest for the weary, help for the hurting.

He is, He is mending the broken, bearing the burdens.

All that you're needing He is.

Comforter, Counselor, Prince of Peace, Author and Maker of everything,

Defender, Deliverer, King of kings, He is, He is.

Helper and Healer forevermore, Savior and Shelter through every storm,

my Refuge, Redeemer and Lord of Lords, He is, He is.

Child of Heaven and Son of Man, Provider, Protector, the great I AM,

Alpha, Omega, Beginning and End, He is, He is.

Hope for the hopeless, rest for the weary, help for the hurting.

He is, He is mending the broken, bearing the burdens.

All that you're needing He is.

All that you're needing He is.

## Message

## "Growing Pains"

## Offering

*Would you like to give online? Scan the QR code and it will take you directly to our donation site.*



## Prayer of the Church

## 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.**

## Sacrament

## The Words of Our Lord

## Distribution of the Holy Sacrament

*The Lord gave this Holy Sacrament to His Church so that His followers might receive His love and forgiveness in a visible, tangible way. When the Church celebrates this Sacrament, believers are also making a public declaration of their faith in the Lord Jesus Christ (1 Cor. 11:26). Holy Communion is offered every Sunday at St. John Lutheran, but because it is possible to receive the Lord's Supper to one's detriment (1 Cor. 11:27-29), we ask all who wish to partake of it to examine themselves as follows:*

- 1. Do I believe that I am a sinner and therefore deserve God's punishment?*
- 2. Am I truly sorry that by my sins I have offended God?*
- 3. Do I believe that God accepts the death of Jesus as payment for my sins and therefore forgives my sins for Jesus' sake alone and not because of any goodness or effort on my part?*
- 4. Do I intend, with the help of the Holy Spirit, to turn from my sins?*
- 5. Do I seek to forgive others as God has forgiven me?*

6. *Do I believe Christ's own Word that His body and blood are truly given and received in and with the bread and wine (Matt. 26:26-28)?*

*If you have been baptized into the Christian faith and can answer "yes" to the above questions, you are invited to receive Holy Communion with the assurance of all the blessings Scripture promises.*

## **Distribution Song**

*Instrumental*

## **Blessing**

- L** The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.  
The Lord look upon you with favor and T give you peace.  
**G** Amen.

## **Sending Song**

**"Rescuer"**

He's our Rescuer, He's our Rescuer.  
We are free from sin forevermore.  
Oh, how sweet the sound! Oh, how grace abounds!  
We will praise the Lord our Rescuer.

There is good news for the captive, good news for the shamed.  
There is good news for the one who walked away.  
There is good news for the doubter, the one religion failed,  
for the good Lord has come to seek and save.

He's our Rescuer, He's our Rescuer.  
We are free from sin forevermore.  
Oh, how sweet the sound! Oh, how grace abounds!  
We will praise the Lord our Rescuer.

He is beauty for the blind man, riches for the poor.  
He is friendship for the one the world ignores.  
He is pasture for the weary, rest for those who strive.  
Oh, the good Lord is the way the truth the life.  
Yes, the good Lord is the way the truth the life.

He's our Rescuer, He's our Rescuer.



We are free from sin forevermore.  
Oh, how sweet the sound! Oh, how grace abounds!  
We will praise the Lord our Rescuer.  
So come and be chainless. Come and be fearless.  
Come to the foot of Calvary.  
There is redemption for every affliction  
here at the foot of Calvary.  
He's our Rescuer, He's our Rescuer.  
We are free from sin forevermore.  
Oh, how sweet the sound! Oh, how grace abounds!  
We will praise the Lord our Rescuer.  
We will praise the Lord our Rescuer.

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