

Preservice Music



Organists: JoAnn Gratz, Bunne Lu Johnston

Handbells: Directed by Ali Holien

“With Thanks and Praise” arranged by Douglas Wagner
“The Church’s One Foundation” arranged by Kevin McChesney

Adult Choir

Benjamin Strickland Micah Strickland

Erik Lilleberg Barb Lilleberg

Jeanna Lilleberg Hannah Lilleberg

Neal Jones Rosie Holien

JoAnn Gratz Chris Laue

Cindy Strickland



“Jesus Loves Me” arranged by Sandy W. Rogers (ASCAP)

Children’s Choir: Micah Strickland

Logan Holien

Pearl Holien

TJ Holien



Vocals: “Here I Am” sung by Kari Schultz & Karla Schultz

Violin: “Violin Sonata in D Major” (Schubert) played by Chris Laue

Vocals: “Cornerstone” sung by Cindy Strickland

12th Sunday after Pentecost
150th Anniversary of St. John Lutheran Church

August 15, 2021

Pastor J. Christian Strickland

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Elders: Mitchell Pickle, Erik Lilleberg & Kris Holien

Divine Service: Setting 3, Page 184

Preacher: Rev. Dr. Lucas Woodford

Liturgist: Pastor J. Christian Strickland

Sermon Text: Psalm 84; Luke 19:1-10

Sermon: "The Dwelling Place of God"

Ushers: Mitchell Pickle, Tasha Pickle, Duane Mensing,
Kevin Hedtke



OPENING HYMN #837 *Lift High the Cross*

Refrain:

Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim

Till all the world adore His sacred name.

1 Come, Christians, follow where our Captain trod,
Our king victorious, Christ, the Son of God. [Refrain]

2 Led on their way by this triumphant sign,
The hosts of God in conqu'ring ranks combine. [Refrain]

3 All newborn soldiers of the Crucified
Bear on their brows the seal of Him who died. [Refrain]

4 O Lord, once lifted on the glorious tree,
As Thou hast promised, draw us all to Thee. [Refrain]

5 Let ev'ry race and ev'ry language tell
Of Him who saves our lives from death and hell. [Refrain]

6 So shall our song of triumph ever be;
Praise to the Crucified for victory! [Refrain]

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

KYRIE

Lord, Have Mercy

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

Glory to God in the Highest

SALUTATION and COLLECT OF THE DAY

150th Anniversary Afternoon Session
1:45 pm—3:00pm

INTRODUCTION: Pastor J. Christian Strickland

HYMN: *Never Changing is His Word*
(Words by Rev. B. Prigge)

Through the years our God has blessed us,
Safely brought us to this day.
Halting trouble, fear and sadness,
God has kept us on Thy Way.
Ever-changing is this world,
Never-changing is His Word.

God is with us in the present,
Giving comfort through His grace.
Ev'ry morn we face new trials,
Still we see His glorious face.
Ever-changing is this world,
Never-changing is His Word.

See, the future stands before us,
Yet unknown, but still secure.
As we labor in His harvest,
Of this truth we can be sure;
Ever-changing is this world,
Never-changing is His Word.

(Stand)

Praise the Father who has made us,
Praise the Son who set us free.
Praise the recreating Spirit,
Three in One eternally.
Bold we face this changing world,
Strengthened by God's changeless Word. Amen.

SPEAKER: Rev. Dr. Lucas Woodford

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS: Pastor J. Christian Strickland

CLOSING HYMN #805
Praise God from Whom all Blessings Flow

(Stand) Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him all creatures here below; Praise Him above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

ENTRANCE HYMN *At St. John We Gather* Words by Rev. Bob Westad

At St. John we gather
To sing to You, Father,
To praise you together, to thank You and say,
'O Lord, strong and glorious,
In all things victorious,
Be in us and o'er us on this and each day!"
Great God, send your blessing as we, faith professing,
And our sin confessing, assemble this day.
Cause us in thanks-giving,
Thanks-saying, thanks-living
To be as forgiving as You are always!

Come, Jesus our Savior,
Direct our behavior;
Our faith's fickle fervor, Lord, fan into fire.
Give true education
For life and salvation.
And Your congregation to service inspire.
We would be thanks-giving
For all we're receiving
And firmly believing because of Your grade.
Your life-blood has bought us,
Your Word here has taught us.
Your providence brought us here singing Your praise.

Come, Spirit, to lead us
With grace and peace greet us,
Upon God's Word feed us and make our faith strong.
Because You restore us
Like those gone before us,
We raise You our chorus, we sing You our song.
Come, Spirit, and bless us,
Let no doubt distress us
Let no sin oppress us in this sacred hour.
Come lives to enlighten
And, where fears still frighten,
The darkness come lighten with life-giving power.

OLD TESTAMENT **1 Kings 8:22-30**

²² Then Solomon stood before the altar of the Lord in the presence of all the assembly of Israel and spread out his hands toward heaven,²³ and said, "O Lord, God of Israel, there is no God like you, in heaven above or on earth beneath, keeping covenant and showing steadfast love to your servants who walk before you with all their heart; ²⁴ you have kept with your servant David my father what you declared to him. You spoke with your mouth, and with your hand have fulfilled it this day. ²⁵ Now therefore, O Lord, God of Israel, keep for your servant David my father what you have promised him, saying, 'You shall not lack a man to sit before me on the throne of Israel, if only your sons pay close attention to their way, to walk before me as you have walked before me.'

²⁶ Now therefore, O God of Israel, let your word be confirmed, which you have spoken to your servant David my father. ²⁷ “But will God indeed dwell on the earth? Behold, heaven and the highest heaven cannot contain you; how much less this house that I have built! ²⁸ Yet have regard to the prayer of your servant and to his plea, O Lord my God, listening to the cry and to the prayer that your servant prays before you this day, ²⁹ that your eyes may be open night and day toward this house, the place of which you have said, ‘My name shall be there,’ that you may listen to the prayer that your servant offers toward this place. ³⁰ And listen to the plea of your servant and of your people Israel, when they pray toward this place. And listen in heaven your dwelling place, and when you hear, forgive.

Psalm 84

How lovely is your dwelling place,
O Lord of hosts!

² My soul longs, yes, faints
for the courts of the Lord;
my heart and flesh sing for joy
to the living God.

³ Even the sparrow finds a home,
and the swallow a nest for herself,
where she may lay her young,
at your altars, O Lord of hosts,
my King and my God.

⁴ Blessed are those who dwell in your house,
ever singing your praise! *Selah*

⁵ Blessed are those whose strength is in you,
in whose heart are the highways to Zion.

⁶ As they go through the Valley of Baca
they make it a place of springs;
the early rain also covers it with pools.

⁷ They go from strength to strength;
each one appears before God in Zion.

⁸ O Lord God of hosts, hear my prayer;
give ear, O God of Jacob! *Selah*

⁹ Behold our shield, O God;
look on the face of your anointed!

¹⁰ For a day in your courts is better
than a thousand elsewhere.

I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God
than dwell in the tents of wickedness.

¹¹ For the Lord God is a sun and shield;
the Lord bestows favor and honor.

No good thing does he withhold
from those who walk uprightly.

¹² O Lord of hosts,
blessed is the one who trusts in you!

MEMBERS MARRIED 60 YEARS & OVER

Bernard and Charlotte Gratz	11/14/58	(62 years)
Elden and Dorothy Pickle	8/16/59	(61 years)
Bob and Audrey Kregel	7/23/60	(61 years)
Ralph and Sandie Behm	6/10/61	(60 years)

MEMBERS 90 YEARS OF AGE AND OLDER

Clifford Hedtke	DOB: 09/26/1930
Marilyn Stoffers	DOB: 01/16/1930
Gertrude Hemingway *	DOB: 08/17/1925 or 1926



Cliff



Marilyn



Gertrude “Trudy”

* Honorary Church Member

THIS WEEK AT ST. JOHN

Today	9:30am	Pre-Service Music
	10:00am	Worship
	11:30am	Pictures
	12:00—1:30pm	Lunch
	1:45pm—2:30pm	Rev. Dr. Lucas Woodford Acknowledgements/
Reminiscing		
Sunday	9:00am	Bible Study
	10:00am	Worship w/Holy Communion



Announcements

SPECIAL THANK YOU ... to Karen Westad, Sandy Behm, & Carmen Hanson for making the alter cloth and paraments for this special day at St. John Lutheran Church.

FLOWERS ... on the alter were given by Paw's Floral in honor of the 150th Anniversary of St. John.

ORGAN FLOWERS ... are in memory of Wm & Mary (Mahn) Fick who were the first couple married at St. John on May 21, 1872 and Johann & Caroline (Diekman) Mahn who were married at St. John on June 8, 1882.

THANK YOU ... to the committee members who worked for months to make today a successful event. Please don't forget to take some memoirs of today's event located at the table near the entrance of the church.

REMEMBER ... There is a display of old pictures, articles, and artifacts from 1871 - today in the south room of the school. Please feel free to check it out anytime during the day.

LAST WEEK ... There was a General Fund/Loose Offering of \$1,778.88, Missions \$120, Refunds and Dividends \$168.38, Lanka Lutheran Mission \$3,000, Church Basement/Sunday School Classrooms \$2,000, Madagascar Mission \$25 and MN South District Missions \$50. There was a total deposit of \$7,142.26.

ISSUES, ETC. ... This week's topics include: Christianity & Wokeness; The Persecution of Finnish Lutheran Leaders; Defending the Christian Faith Like the Early Church; Fighting Critical Race Theory and more. You can listen on-demand at issuesetc.org, the LPR mobile app and your favorite podcast provider.

NEWSLETTER ... is available in digital form. If you would like to receive the church newsletter via email please email Ali at the email address below.

Deadline for bulletin or newsletter announcements is 12pm Thursdays. Please send to Pastor or Ali (706) 284-0646, secretaryst.john@outlook.com

EPISTLE

Revelation 21:1-5

21 Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. ² And I saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. ³ And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "Behold, the dwelling place of God is with man. He will dwell with them, and they will be his people, and God himself will be with them as their God." ⁴ He will wipe away every tear from their eyes, and death shall be no more, neither shall there be mourning, nor crying, nor pain anymore, for the former things have passed away."

⁵ And he who was seated on the throne said, "Behold, I am making all things new." Also he said, "Write this down, for these words are trustworthy and true."

ALLELUIA and VERSE

HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 19:1-10

19 He entered Jericho and was passing through. ² And behold, there was a man named Zacchaeus. He was a chief tax collector and was rich. ³ And he was seeking to see who Jesus was, but on account of the crowd he could not, because he was small in stature. ⁴ So he ran on ahead and climbed up into a sycamore tree to see him, for he was about to pass that way. ⁵ And when Jesus came to the place, he looked up and said to him, "Zacchaeus, hurry and come down, for I must stay at your house today." ⁶ So he hurried and came down and received him joyfully. ⁷ And when they saw it, they all grumbled, "He has gone in to be the guest of a man who is a sinner." ⁸ And Zacchaeus stood and said to the Lord, "Behold, Lord, the half of my goods I give to the poor. And if I have defrauded anyone of anything, I restore it fourfold." ⁹ And Jesus said to him, "Today salvation has come to this house, since he also is a son of Abraham. ¹⁰ For the Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost."

APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His 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 into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

(This hymn was sung at the dedication of the church)

1 Just as I am, without one plea
But that Thy blood was shed for me
And that Thou bidd'st me come to Thee,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

2 Just as I am and waiting not
To rid my soul of one dark blot,
To Thee, whose blood can cleanse each spot,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

3 Just as I am, though tossed about
With many a conflict, many a doubt,
Fightings and fears within, without,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

4 Just as I am, poor, wretched, blind;
Sight, riches, healing of the mind,
Yea, all I need, in Thee to find,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

5 Just as I am, Thou wilt receive,
Wilt welcome, pardon, cleanse, relieve;
Because Thy promise I believe,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

6 Just as I am; thy love unknown
Has broken ev'ry barrier down;
Now to be Thine, yea, Thine alone,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

SERMON*Rev. Dr. Lucas Woodford***HYMN #537****Beautiful Savior**

1 Beautiful Savior,
King of creation,
Son of God and Son of Man!
Truly I'd love Thee,
Truly I'd serve Thee,
Light of my soul, my joy, my crown.

2 Fair are the meadows,
Fair are the woodlands,
Robed in flow'rs of blooming spring;
Jesus is fairer,
Jesus is purer,
He makes our sorr'wing spirit sing.

3 Fair is the sunshine,
Fair is the moonlight,
Bright the sparkling stars on high;
Jesus shines brighter,
Jesus shines purer
Than all the angels in the sky.

4 Beautiful Savior,
Lord of the nations,
Son of God and Son of Man!
Glory and honor,
Praise, adoration
Now and forevermore be Thine!

OFFERING**PRAYER OF THE CHURCH****THE LORD'S PRAYER**

sung by Eric Kalkbrenner

BENEDICTION**CLOSING HYMN**#912 **Christ Is Our Cornerstone**

1 Christ is our cornerstone,
On Him alone we build;
With His true saints alone
The courts of heav'n are filled.
On His great love
Our hopes we place
Of present grace
And joys above.

2 Here may we gain from heav'n
The grace which we implore,
And may that grace, once giv'n,
Be with us evermore
Until that day
When all the blest
To endless rest
Are called away.

3 Oh, then, with hymns of praise
These hallowed courts shall ring;
Our voices we will raise
The Three in One to sing
And thus proclaim
In joyful song,
Both loud and long,
That glorious name.