

Welcome
In the name of
Jesus Christ

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Our Mission Is...

To Deliver Christ Crucified

Welcome -- In the name of the Lord, Jesus Christ, we welcome you to our church, to its blessings, to its comfort, and to its peace. If you are a visitor, we ask you to please sign our guest book located in the back of the church.

Our Communion Practice -- We celebrate the Sacrament of Holy Communion every Sunday here at St. John's. As we do so, we receive the body and blood of our Savior, Jesus Christ. (1 Corinthians 11:23-29). In this Sacrament, we also receive the forgiveness of sins and the strengthening of our faith. Since the Lord's Supper is an expression of our **common confession of the Christian faith (Acts 2:42, Rom. 16:17)**, we believe it is essential for those who commune today to have been instructed and confirmed in this congregation, or another congregation of the Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod, or, of a sister Lutheran Synod with whom we are in Altar and Pulpit fellowship. **You may come forward for a blessing even if you are not going to commune. Simply cross your arms at the communion rail to indicate you will not be receiving communion, but you would like to receive a blessing.** We ask our guests to please speak with Pastor Taylor with any questions regarding our communion practice.

+ In Nomine Jesu +

Prelude

Blessed Jesus, at Your Word

904

Stand and face the cross as it processes by your pew

The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

P In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son
and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

P Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C **who made heaven and earth.**

P If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord,
who could stand?

C **But with You there is forgiveness; therefore,
You are feared.**

P Since we are gathered to hear God's Word,
call upon Him in prayer and praise, and
receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus
Christ in the fellowship of this altar, let us first
consider our unworthiness and confess before
God and one another that we have sinned in
thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot
free ourselves from our sinful condition.
Together as His people let us take refuge in
the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly
Father, seeking His grace for the sake of
Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a
sinner.

C Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.

P Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

Service of the Word

Introit

Psalm 119:57–60, 64; antiphon: v. 105



Your word is a lamp | to my feet*
and a light | to my path.

The LORD is my portion;*

I promise to | keep your words.

I entreat your favor with | all my heart;*

be gracious to me according to your promise.

When I think | on my ways,*

I turn my feet to your testi- | monies;

I hasten and do not delay*

to keep your com- | mandments.

**The earth, O LORD, is full of your | steadfast
love;***

teach me your | statutes!

Glory be to the Father and | to the Son*

and to the Holy | Spirit;

as it was in the be- | ginning,*

is now, and will be forever. | Amen.
 Your word is a lamp | to my feet*
 and a light | to my path.

Kyrie

LSB 204



C Lord, have mer - cy; Christ, have mer-cy; Lord, have mer - cy.

Gloria in Excelsis

LSB 204



C 1 To God on high be glo - ry And peace to all the earth;
 2 To You, O sole-be - got - ten, The Fa - ther's Son, we pray;
 3 For You a - lone are ho - ly; You on - ly are the Lord.



Good-will from God in heav - en Pro-claimed at Je-sus' birth!
 O Lamb of God, our Sav - ior, You take our sins a - way.
 For - ev - er and for - ev - er, Be wor-shipped and a - dored;



We praise and bless You, Fa - ther; Your ho - ly name, we sing—
 Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus; Re - ceive our heart-felt cry,
 You with the Ho - ly Spir - it A - lone are Lord Most High,



Our thanks for Your great glo - ry, Lord God, our heav'n-ly King.
 Where You in pow'r are seat-ed At God's right hand on high—
 In God the Fa-ther's glo - ry. "A - men!" our glad re - ply.

Text: Stephen P. Starke

Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Let us pray.
O Lord, grant us the Spirit to hear Your Word and know the one thing needful that by Your Word and Spirit we may live according to Your will; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Sit

Old Testament Reading

Genesis 18:1–14

¹ The LORD appeared to [Abraham] by the oaks of Mamre, as he sat at the door of his tent in the heat of the day. ²He lifted up his eyes and looked, and behold, three men were standing in front of him. When he saw them, he ran from the tent door to meet them and bowed himself to the earth ³and said, “O Lord, if I have found favor in your sight, do not pass by your servant. ⁴Let a little water be brought, and wash your feet, and rest yourselves under the tree, ⁵while I bring a morsel of 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 went quickly into the tent to Sarah and said, “Quick! Three seahs of fine flour! Knead it, and make cakes.” ⁷And Abraham ran to the herd and took a calf, tender and good, and gave it to a young man, who prepared it quickly. 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 Sarah your wife?” And he said, “She is in the tent.” ¹⁰The LORD said, “I will surely return to you about this time next year, and Sarah your wife shall have a son.” And

Sarah was listening at the tent door behind him. ¹¹Now Abraham and Sarah were old, advanced in years. The way of women had ceased to be with Sarah. ¹²So Sarah laughed to herself, saying, "After I am worn out, and my lord is old, shall I have pleasure?" ¹³The LORD said to Abraham, "Why did Sarah laugh and say, 'Shall I indeed bear a child, now that I am old?' ¹⁴Is anything too hard for the LORD? At the appointed time I will return to you about this time next year, and Sarah shall have a son."

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Epistle

Colossians 1:21–29

²¹You, who once were alienated and hostile in mind, doing evil deeds, ²²he has now reconciled in his body of flesh by his death, in order to present you holy and blameless and above reproach before him, ²³if indeed you continue in the faith, stable and steadfast, not shifting from the hope of the gospel that you heard, which has been proclaimed in all creation under heaven, and of which I, Paul, became a minister.

²⁴Now I rejoice in my sufferings for your sake, and in my flesh I am filling up what is lacking in Christ's afflictions for the sake of his body, that is, the church, ²⁵of which I became a minister according to the stewardship from God that was given to me for you, to make the word of God fully known, ²⁶the mystery hidden for ages and generations but now revealed to his saints. ²⁷To them God chose to make known how great among the Gentiles are the riches of the glory of this mystery, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory.

²⁸Him we proclaim, warning everyone and teaching everyone with all wisdom, that we may present everyone mature in Christ. ²⁹For this I toil, struggling with all his energy that he powerfully works within me.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Stand

Alleluia and Verse



Holy Gospel

Luke 10:38–42

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the tenth chapter.

C Glory to You, O Lord.

³⁸Now as they went on their way, Jesus entered a village. And a woman named Martha welcomed him into her house. ³⁹And she had a sister called Mary, who sat at the Lord's feet and listened to his

teaching. ⁴⁰But Martha was distracted with much serving. And she went up to him and said, "Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me to serve alone? Tell her then to help me." ⁴¹But the Lord answered her, "Martha, Martha, you are anxious and troubled about many things, ⁴²but one thing is necessary. Mary has chosen the good portion, which will not be taken away from her."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

Apostles' Creed

C 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.

Sit

One Thing's Needful

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Sermon

Offering

Stand

Prayer of the Church

Service of the Sacrament

Stand

Preface

LSB 208

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Lift up your hearts.

C **We lift them to the Lord.**

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

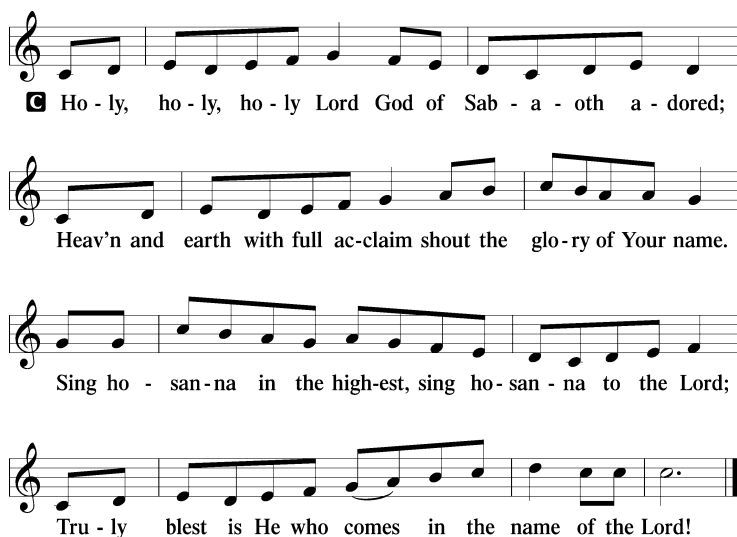
C **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

P It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, for the countless blessings You so freely bestow on us and all creation. Above all, we give thanks for Your boundless love shown to us when You sent Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, into our flesh and laid on Him our sin, giving Him into

death that we might not die eternally. Because He is now risen from the dead and lives and reigns to all eternity, all who believe in Him will overcome sin and death and will rise again to new life. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

Sanctus

LSB 208



C Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth a - dored;
 Heav'n and earth with full ac-claim shout the glo-ry of Your name.
 Sing ho - san-na in the high-est, sing ho-san - na to the Lord;
 Tru - ly blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord!

Text: Stephen P. Starke

Lord's Prayer

C 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.

The Words of Our Lord

Pax Domini

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C Amen.

Agnus Dei

LSB 210

1 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,
2 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,
You take the sin of the world a - way;
You take the sin of the world a - way;
O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,
Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus Christ,
Have mer - cy on us, Lord, we pray.
And grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.

Text: Stephen P. Starke

Sit

My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less

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Lord of All Hopefulness

738

My Soul Rejoices

933

Stand

Nunc Dimittis

LSB 211

1 O Lord, now let Your ser - vant De -
2 All glo - ry to the Fa - ther, All
part in heav'n - ly peace, For I have seen the
glo - ry to the Son, All glo - ry to the
glo - ry Of Your re - deem - ing grace:
Spir - it, For - ev - er Three in One;
A light to lead the Gen - tiles Un -
For as in the be - gin - ning, Is
to Your ho - ly hill, The glo - ry of Your
now, shall ev - er be, God's tri - une name re -
peo - ple, Your cho - sen Is - ra - el.
sound - ing Through all e - ter - ni - ty.

Post-Communion Collect

P Let us pray.
We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You
have refreshed us through this salutary gift,

and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Benedicamus

LSB 212

P Let us bless the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Benediction

P 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 ✠
give you peace.

C Amen.

When Peace, like a River

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Postlude

+ Soli Deo Gloria +

Assisting in the service...

Pastor.....Rev. Alan Taylor
Organist/ Choir Director.....Mary Jean Sargent
Elder of the Day.....Brett Johnston
Live Stream Technology.....Katie Johnston
Altar Care.....Ladies of St. Johns

The flowers on the altar were given to the glory of God and in honor of Carol Black’s birthday by James Black.

We remember in our prayers those who are ill or recovering from illness, Diane Stone, Jacque VanCamp, Anne Stone, Anna Linnemeyer, Deborah Wesse, Bill Sargent, Frank Lee, Jr., Michael Howard (Mary Jean’s uncle), Michael Cleary (family of George Leitner), Corrie Baumgartner (Friend of David, Claudean’s son), Phillip (friend of Bill & Jean Sargent), Lyla (friend of Lori Arnold), Ludwig Solski (friend of Claudean), EJ (Steve Stone’s uncle), Steve Rowe, Lynda & Ray Koon (friends of Norb & Beth), Andrew Brown, Aaron (friend of Stan), and Linda (Claudean’s daughter).

Please note that our worship bulletin for Sunday mornings is always available on your device (phone, Ipad, etc.). Simply scan the QR code on the sign located on the table in the back of the church.

If you would like to give a gift to the Myles & Fran Knapé Memorial Fund, please mark in the memo section of your check “Knapé Memorial.” These funds will be used to build the fence and outdoor pavilion on our property bordering 40th St. Thank you for your contributions in honor of Myles and Fran.

We will collect a door offering today to help those in Central Texas who have been affected by the recent floods. Checks may be made to “St. John Lutheran,” with the word ‘floods’ in the memo. We will make one donation to LCMS Disaster Relief. 100% of donations will go directly to those who are in need.

Our Offerings...

	Last Sunday	July	YTD
Offering	18,949	25,574	125,096
Special Services	0	0	5,850
Lease Income	0	195	2,325
Budgeted Exp.	(4,550)	(9,100)	(128,050)
	<hr/> 14,399	<hr/> 16,669	<hr/> 5,221
Recovery Funds *		260	25,460
Knape Pavillion**	12,500	12,500	

* **Recovery funds** are dollars given to help “pay back” the money we borrowed from our Insurance Contingency Account to purchase the playground lot on 40th St. The goal is \$50,000.

** **The Myles and Fran Knape Pavillion.** Funds contributed for fencing the lots on 40th St. and adding a pavilion for picnic tables in honor of Myles & Fran Knape.

This week at St. John’s...

Tuesday	9:30am	Bible Study (Fellowship Hall)
Wednesday	8:00am	Men’s Breakfast (Ihop, Seawall Blvd.)
Sunday	9:00am	Bible Class & SS (Fellowship Hall)
	10:15am	Divine Service (Sanctuary)

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