

**Welcome**  
**In the name of**  
**Jesus Christ**

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**8<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**

## **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

#### Son of God, Eternal Savior

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*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.*

### Invocation

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

**C** Amen.

### Exhortation

LSB 184

**P** Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a  
true heart and confess our sins unto God our  
Father, beseeching Him in the name of our  
Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

**P** Our help is in the name of the Lord,

**C** **who made heaven and earth.**

**P** I said, I will confess my transgressions unto  
the Lord,

**C** **and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.**

*Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.*

### Confession of Sins

LSB 184

**P** O almighty God, merciful Father,

**C** **I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You  
all my sins and iniquities with which I have  
ever offended You and justly deserved Your  
temporal and eternal punishment. But I am  
heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent  
of them, and I pray You of Your boundless**

**mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent,  
bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved  
Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful  
to me, a poor, sinful being.**

## **Absolution**

*LSB 185*

**P** Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I 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**

*Psalms 49:7–8, 13–14a, 15; antiphon: vv. 1–2*



Hear this, all | peoples!\*

Give ear, all inhabitants | of the world,

**both | low and high,\***

**rich and poor to- | gether!**

Truly no man can ransom an- | other,\*

or give to God the price | of his life,

**for the ransom of their life is | costly\***

**and can nev- | er suffice.**

This is the path of those who have foolish |  
confidence;\*

yet after them people approve | of their boasts.

**Like sheep they are appointed | for Sheol;\***

**death shall be their | shepherd.**

But God will ransom my soul from the power | of  
Sheol,\*

for he will re- | ceive me.  
**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.**  
Hear this, all | peoples!\*  
Give ear, all inhabitants | of the world,  
both | low and high,\*  
rich and poor to- | gether!

## Kyrie

LSB 186

Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up - on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

## Gloria in Excelsis

LSB 187

Glory be to God on high: and on earth peace, good - will toward men. We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we wor - ship Thee, we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory. O Lord God, heav'n - ly King, God the Fa - ther Al - mighty. O Lord, the only begotten Son, Je - sus Christ; O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,

that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy up-on us.

Thou that takest away the sin of the world, re-ceive our prayer.

Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy up-

on us. For Thou only art holy; Thou on-ly art the Lord.

Thou only, O Christ, with the Ho - ly Ghost,

art most high in the glory of God the Father. A - men.

## Salutation and Collect of the Day

**P** The Lord be with you.



**C** And with thy spir - it.

**P** Let us pray.

O Lord, grant us wisdom to recognize the treasures You have stored up for us in heaven, that we may never despair but always rejoice and be thankful for the riches of Your grace; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



*Sit*

## Old Testament Reading

*Ecclesiastes 1:2, 12-14; 2:18-26*

<sup>2</sup>Vanity of vanities, says the Preacher,  
vanity of vanities! All is vanity. . . .

<sup>12</sup>I the Preacher have been king over Israel in Jerusalem. <sup>13</sup>And I applied my heart to seek and to search out by wisdom all that is done under heaven. It is an unhappy business that God has given to the children of man to be busy with. <sup>14</sup>I have seen everything that is done under the sun, and behold, all is vanity and a striving after wind. .

. .

<sup>18</sup>I hated all my toil in which I toil under the sun, seeing that I must leave it to the man who will come after me, <sup>19</sup>and who knows whether he will be wise or a fool? Yet he will be master of all for which I toiled and used my wisdom under the sun. This also is vanity. <sup>20</sup>So I turned about and gave my heart up to despair over all the toil of my labors under the sun, <sup>21</sup>because sometimes a person who has toiled with wisdom and knowledge and skill must leave everything to be enjoyed by someone who did not toil for it. This also is vanity and a great evil. <sup>22</sup>What has a man from all the toil and striving of heart with which he toils beneath the sun? <sup>23</sup>For all his days are full of sorrow, and his work is a vexation. Even in the night his heart does not rest. This also is vanity.

<sup>24</sup>There is nothing better for a person than that he should eat and drink and find enjoyment in his toil. This also, I saw, is from the hand of God, <sup>25</sup>for apart from him who can eat or who can have enjoyment? <sup>26</sup>For to the one who pleases him God

has given wisdom and knowledge and joy, but to the sinner he has given the business of gathering and collecting, only to give to one who pleases God. This also is vanity and a striving after wind.

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

## Epistle

*Colossians 3:1–11*

<sup>1</sup>If then you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. <sup>2</sup>Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth. <sup>3</sup>For you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. <sup>4</sup>When Christ who is your life appears, then you also will appear with him in glory.

<sup>5</sup>Put to death therefore what is earthly in you: sexual immorality, impurity, passion, evil desire, and covetousness, which is idolatry. <sup>6</sup>On account of these the wrath of God is coming. <sup>7</sup>In these you too once walked, when you were living in them. <sup>8</sup>But now you must put them all away: anger, wrath, malice, slander, and obscene talk from your mouth. <sup>9</sup>Do not lie to one another, seeing that you have put off the old self with its practices <sup>10</sup>and have put on the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge after the image of its creator. <sup>11</sup>Here there is not Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave, free; but Christ is all, and in all.

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

**C** Thanks be to God.



Stand

## Alleluia

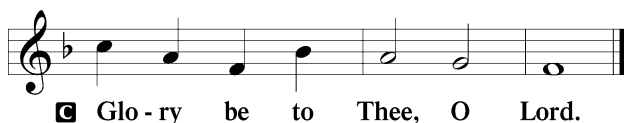
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## Holy Gospel

Luke 12:13–21

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



<sup>13</sup>Someone in the crowd said to [Jesus], “Teacher, tell my brother to divide the inheritance with me.” <sup>14</sup>But he said to him, “Man, who made me a judge or arbitrator over you?” <sup>15</sup>And he said to them, “Take care, and be on your guard against all covetousness, for one’s life does not consist in the abundance of his possessions.” <sup>16</sup>And he told them a parable, saying, “The land of a rich man produced plentifully, <sup>17</sup>and he thought to himself, ‘What shall I do, for I have nowhere to store my crops?’ <sup>18</sup>And he said, ‘I will do this: I will tear down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. <sup>19</sup>And I will say to my soul, Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry.’ <sup>20</sup>But God said to him, ‘Fool! This night your soul is required of you, and the things you have prepared, whose will they be?’ <sup>21</sup>So is the one who lays up treasure for himself and is not rich toward God.”

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.



## 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*

**What Is the World to Me**

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**Sermon**

**Offering**

**C** Create in me a clean heart, O God, and  
renew a right spirit within me.  
Cast me not away from Thy presence, and  
take not Thy Holy Spirit from me.  
Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation, and  
uphold me with Thy free spirit. Amen.

## Prayer of the Church

## Service of the Sacrament

### Preface

LSB 194

**P** The Lord be with you.



**C** And with thy spir - it.

**P** Lift up your hearts.



**C** We lift them up un - to the Lord.

**P** Let us give thanks unto the Lord, our God.



**C** It is meet and right so to do.

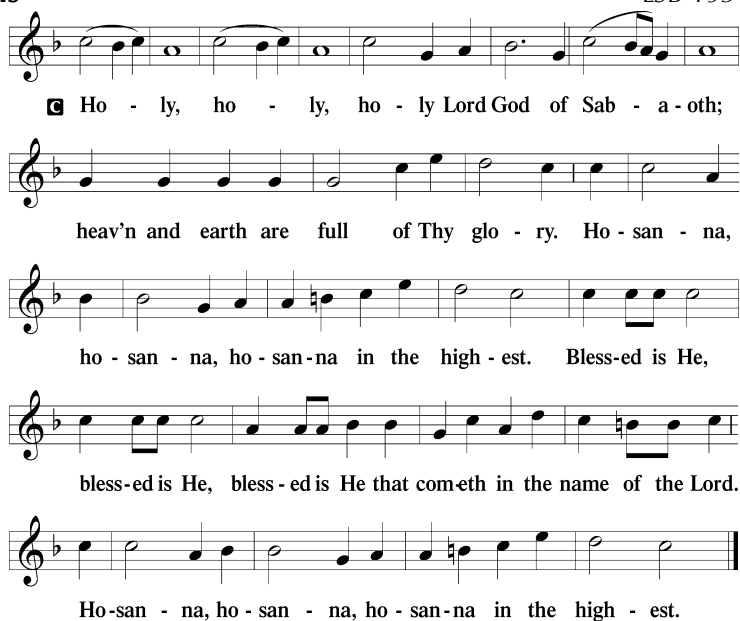
### Proper Preface

**P** It is truly meet, right, and salutary that we  
should at all times and in all places give  
thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father,  
everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our  
Lord, who, out of love for His fallen creation,

humbled Himself by taking on the form of a servant, becoming obedient unto death, even death upon a cross. Risen from the dead, He has freed us from eternal death and given us life everlasting. 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

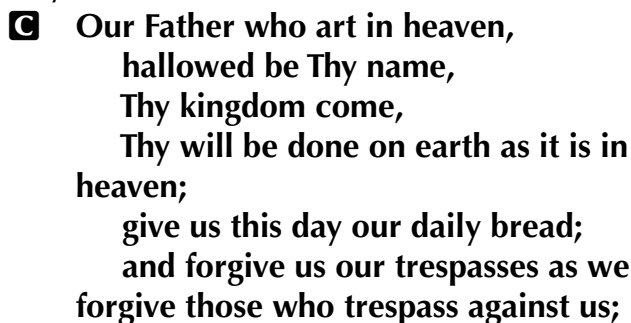
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Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth;  
 heav'n and earth are full of Thy glo - ry. Ho - san - na,  
 ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless-ed is He,  
 bless-ed is He, bless - ed is He that com-eth in the name of the Lord.  
 Ho-san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

## Lord's Prayer

LSB 196



**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

LSB 197

## Pax Domini

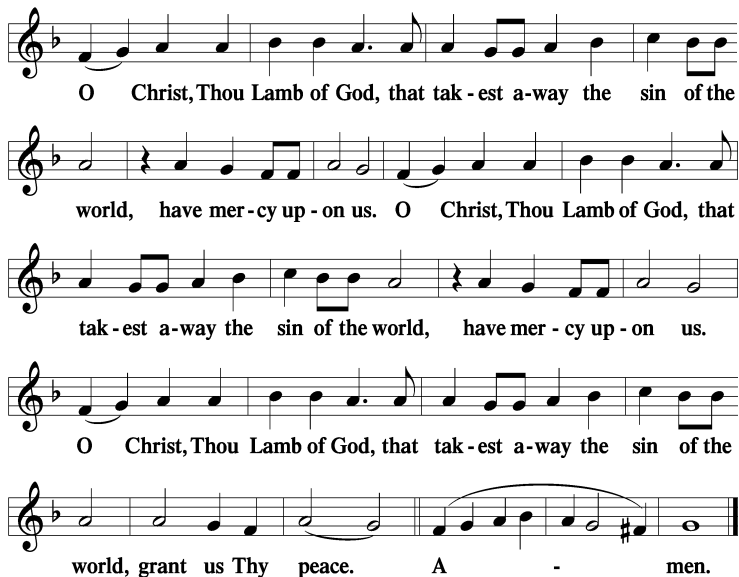
LSB 197

**P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.



## Agnus Dei

LSB 198



*Sit*

**I Come, O Savior, to Thy Table**

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## Renew Me, O Eternal Light

704

## O God, My Faithful God

696

*Stand*

### Nunc Dimittis

*LSB 199*

**C** Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant de - part in peace ac -  
cord - ing to Thy word, for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation,  
which Thou hast pre - pared be - fore the face of all people,  
a light to light - en the Gen - tiles and the glo - ry of Thy  
peo - ple Is - ra - el. Glo - ry be to the Father and  
to the Son and to the Ho - ly Ghost; as it was in the beginning,  
is now, and ev - er shall be, world with - out end. A - men.

## Thanksgiving

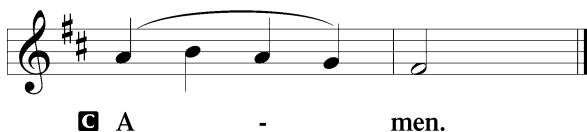
*LSB 200*

**P** O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,



## Post-Communion Collect

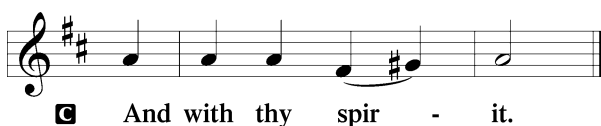
**P** Let us pray.  
 We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



## Salutation

*LSB 201*

**P** The Lord be with you.



## Benedicamus

*LSB 202*

**P** Bless we the Lord.



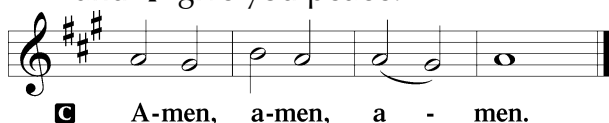
## Benediction

*LSB 202*

**P** The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine upon you and  
be gracious unto you.

The Lord lift up His countenance upon you  
and ✠ give you peace.



## Voices Raised to You We Offer

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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.....George Leitner  
Live Stream Technology.....Katie Johnston  
Altar Care.....Ladies of St. Johns

**The flowers on the altar** were given to the glory of  
God.

**We remember in our prayers** those who are ill or  
recovering from illness, Diane Stone, Jacque VanCamp,  
Anna Linnemeyer, Deborah Wesse, Cassi Neasham  
(friend of Mary Jean), Frank Lee, Jr., Rich Seleznov  
(friend of Leesa Hutcherson), 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). **We pray for the Bobbie Krumm** at the passing of her father, Bill Krumm.

**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 40<sup>th</sup> St. Thank you for your contributions in honor of Myles and Fran.

**The fall choir season will begin with rehearsal** on Wednesday, August 27, at 6:30pm in the Fellowship Hall. If you’re interested in singing with the choir, please plan to join us then.

**Our Offerings...**

|                   | Last Sunday   | July         | YTD         |
|-------------------|---------------|--------------|-------------|
| Offering          | 2,031         | 30,891       | 130,413     |
| Special Services  | 0             | 0            | 5,850       |
| Lease Income      | 0             | 195          | 2,325       |
| Budgeted Exp.     | (4,550)       | (18,200)     | (137,150)   |
|                   | <hr/> (2,519) | <hr/> 12,886 | <hr/> 1,438 |
| Recovery Funds *  | 100           | 100          | 25,560      |
| Knapé Pavillion** | 0             | 0            | 14,153      |

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

\*\* **The Myles and Fran Knape Pavillion.** Funds contributed for fencing the lots on 40<sup>th</sup> 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<br>(Fellowship Hall)         |
| Wednesday | 8:00am  | Men’s Breakfast<br>(Ihop, Seawall Blvd.) |
| Sunday    | 9:00am  | Bible Class & SS<br>(Fellowship Hall)    |
|           | 10:15am | Divine Service<br>(Sanctuary)            |

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