ST. JOHN LUTHERAN CHURCH & SCHOOL

Wheatfield, New York

Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost August 20, 2023



We are a Christian community called to **worship** and sent to **serve**, welcoming all to **walk** with Christ and **grow** in faith.

AS WE GATHER

The Lord's words through the prophet Isaiah remind us of the purpose of the sacred space into which we have entered: "My house shall be called a house of prayer for all peoples" (Isaiah 56:7). Even from ancient times, the Lord God has invited all peoples—no matter who they are or where they have come from—to enter His presence and receive deliverance from their sin. In Christ Jesus, crucified and raised to life again for our salvation, we trust that the promises of God, offered to all, are also promises He makes personally to us. Jesus died for all, and Jesus died for you! Standing together as one, we, though many, form one family and belong to one everlasting kingdom. Together, we receive God's gifts. Together, we raise our united voice in prayers and praises. Together, we gather to experience the life God offers "for all peoples."

WELCOME & INVOCATION

Matthew 28:19b; 18:20

- **P** In the name of the Father and of the

 → Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.

WHEN MORNING GILDS THE SKIES

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CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Isaiah 56:1

- P Thus says the LORD: "Keep justice, and do righteousness,
- **G** for soon My salvation will come, and My deliverance be revealed."
- P The deliverance of the Lord comes to us today as we gather in this house of prayer, united as one with all people who trust in the name of Jesus. Let us search our hearts and minds, bowing before our gracious Father and confessing our sins to Him.

We take a moment of silence for prayer and meditation upon the Word of God.

- P Delivering Lord, You invite all people into Your holy house of prayer.
- We confess that we have not kept justice, choosing to go our own way instead of following Your direction. We admit that we have not lived righteously, breaking Your commands by what we think, say, and do.

- P Saving Lord, You invite all people to know Your mercy.
- At the cross of our Savior, Jesus Christ, You defeated our enemies of sin and death. Help us to live in this victory, trusting in Your promises, and gathering with all Your people to praise Your name forever. Amen.
- Deliverance has come to you! Salvation is yours! To both Jews and Gentiles, to those of every nation under heaven, the Good News of Jesus has been given! God has heard your prayer for mercy and has offered you a place in His kingdom. As a called and ordained servant of the Word, and by the authority of Jesus, my King, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the H Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.

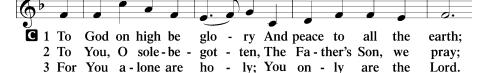
KYRIEMark 10:47 LSB 204



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



Luke 2:14; John 1:29 LSB 204







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

PRAYER OF THE DAY

- **P** The Lord be with you.
- **C** And also with you.
- **P** Let us pray together:
- We give thanks and praise to You, O God, for making Your house a place of prayer for all peoples. You have blessed us with Your grace and salvation! Through the Gospel, make us voices of invitation to all people that with us they may serve You with joy and gladness all our days. We pray this through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

¹Thus says the LORD:

"Keep justice, and do righteousness, for soon my salvation will come,

and my deliverance be revealed. . . . 6"And the foreigners who join themselves

to the LORD, to minister to him, to love the name

of the LORD,

and to be his servants, everyone who keeps the Sabbath and does not profane it,

L This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

C

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Romans 11:1-2a, 13-15, 28-32

Matthew 15:21-28

²⁸As regards the gospel, they are enemies of God for your sake. But as regards election, they are beloved for the sake of their forefathers. ²⁹For the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable. ³⁰Just as you were at one time disobedient to God but now have received mercy because of their disobedience, ³¹so they too have now been disobedient in order that by the mercy shown to you they also may now receive mercy. ³²For God has consigned all to disobedience, that he may have mercy on all.

and holds fast my covenant-

will be accepted on my altar:

"I will gather yet others to him

besides those already gathered."

for all peoples."

8The Lord GOD,

⁷these I will bring to my holy mountain,

their burnt offerings and their sacrifices

and make them joyful in my house of prayer;

for my house shall be called a house of prayer

who gathers the outcasts of Israel, declares,

NEW TESTAMENT READING

¹I ask, then, has God rejected his people? By no means! For I myself am an Israelite, a descendant of Abraham, a member of the tribe of Benjamin. ²God has not rejected his people whom he foreknew. . . .

¹³Now I am speaking to you Gentiles. Inasmuch then as I am an apostle to the Gentiles, I magnify my ministry ¹⁴in order somehow to make my fellow Jews jealous, and thus save some of them. ¹⁵For if their rejection means the reconciliation of the world, what will their acceptance mean but life from the dead? . . .

L This is the Word of the Lord.

HOLY GOSPEL

²¹Jesus went away from there and withdrew to the district of Tyre and Sidon. ²²And behold, a Canaanite woman from that region came out and was crying, "Have mercy on me, O Lord, Son of David; my daughter is severely oppressed by a demon." ²³But he did not answer her a word. And his disciples came and begged him, saying, "Send her away, for she is crying out after us." ²⁴He answered, "I was sent only to the lost sheep

P This is the Gospel of our Lord.

Thanks be to God.

of the house of Israel." ²⁵But she came and knelt before him, saying, "Lord, help me." ²⁶And he answered, "It is not right to take the children's bread and throw it to the dogs." ²⁷She said, "Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters' table." ²⁸Then Jesus answered her, "O woman, great is your faith! Be it done for you as you desire." And her daughter

Praise to You, O Christ.

was healed instantly.

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I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

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And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life + of the world to come. Amen.



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TEACHING FROM GOD'S WORD

Message Notes

Main Points:	
One thing NEW I learned:	What can I apply to my life?

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Let us pray for all the people of God, the Church, those who have been called out of the darkness of sin and death and into the light and life of the kingdom that is eternal.

Gracious King, we praise You as the Creator and sustainer of life. From the womb to the tomb, and at every stage of life, Your hand is upon Your own, giving us all that we need to support our daily lives. United as one, we praise You, O Father. Lord, in Your mercy,

- C hear our prayer.
- Saving King, we praise You as the Savior and redeemer of life. Your nail-scarred hands and pierced side give evidence of the lengths to which You have journeyed in order to seek and save the lost. Made right with You by the shedding of Your innocent blood, we are recipients of what we could never earn nor deserve. United as one, we praise You, Lord Jesus. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C hear our prayer.
- P Holy Spirit, we praise You as the restorer and renewer of life. You claim Your family through the outpouring of mercy that we experience in Holy Baptism. You enable our hearts to receive Your Word and our mouths to confess Your truth before our world. United as one, we praise You, Holy Spirit. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C hear our prayer.

- P Sovereign King, You see all things in heaven and on earth. Nothing is outside Your watch and reign. Bless our families, our workplaces, our schools, and our church. Sustain the life of our community and guide the leaders who labor among us for the blessing of all. Protect those in harm's way, especially the members of our military, that they may rest in Your promises. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C hear our prayer.
- Mighty King, Your strength is unmatchable and Your power unfathomable. Break down any barrier of heart and mind that would distract us from seeing Your work in our midst. Draw unto Yourself for restoration those who hunger and thirst, those in need of food and shelter, those who experience loss of employment, and all who struggle to find purpose in their lives. Cause Your Word to reach to the ends of the earth, bringing Your saving Gospel to bear on the lives of all peoples and granting salvation to all who confess Jesus as Lord and God. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C hear our prayer.
- P Healing King, You stooped down from Your heavenly throne to dwell among us in Christ. As You continue to bind up the brokenhearted and heal their wounds, we pray for all who are sick and suffering in any way, [especially...]. Help these and all others whom we name in our hearts to know the love You have for all peoples. Lord, in Your mercy,
- **C** hear our prayer.
- P Into Your hands we commend ourselves and all those for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.
- C Amen.

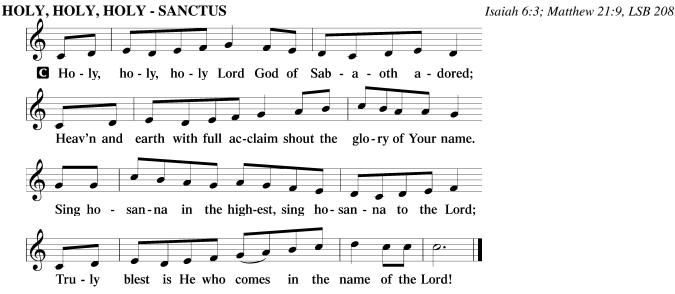
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THE LORD'S SUPPER

- **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 You have blessed us, gracious God, with the invitation to come to Your holy house

To our visitors: The Lord's Supper is celebrated at St. John in the confession that not only bread and wine, but Jesus Christ's very body and blood are given to us to eat and to drink for the forgiveness of our sins and to strengthen our faith in Him and our union (comm*union*) with one another. Our Lord invites to His table all those who believe His words, repent of all sin, and set aside all refusal to forgive and love as He forgives and loves us, that they may show forth His death until He comes. If this is your first time at St John or have not been instructed about the Lord's Supper, we ask that you speak to the Pastor before participating in the Lord's Supper

as a place of prayer for all peoples. You gather us from the ends of the earth—from every nation, tribe, people, and language—that we may feast at the Table of Him who was crucified and then raised to life again for our salvation. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:



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LORD'S PRAYER

Matthew 6:9–13

- P Taught by our LORD and trusting His promises, we are bold to pray:
- 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

Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My + body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My + blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

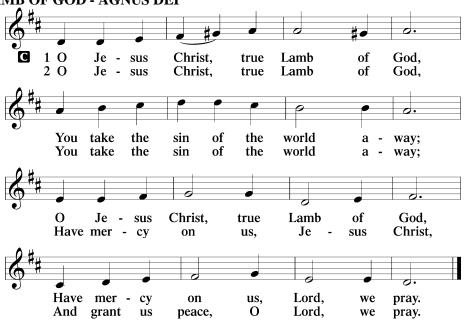
PEACE OF THE LORD - PAX DOMINI

John 20:19

- **P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.
- **C** Thanks be to God.

LAMB OF GOD - AGNUS DEI

John 1:29, LSB 210

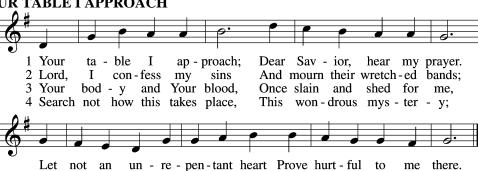


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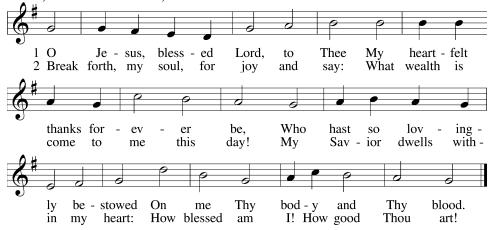
con-trite heart is sure to find For - give-ness at Your hands. at Your ta - ble, Lord, In blest re - al - i - ty. Are tak - en God can ac - com-plish vast - ly more Than what we think could be.

- O grant, most blessèd Lord, That earth and hell combined May not about this sacrament Raise doubt within my mind.
- 6 Oh, may I never fail To thank You day and night For Your true body and true blood, O God, my peace and light.

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O JESUS, BLESSED LORD, TO THEE

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POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

- Let us pray. We give thanks to You, our good and gracious King, that You have refreshed us through this sacred Meal, and we implore You that of Your mercy You continue to make Your deliverance known to us and to all peoples so that we may live 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.

BENEDICTION

- Isaiah 56:1; Numbers 6:24–26
- Thus says the LORD: "Keep justice, and do righteousness,
- for soon My salvation will come, and My deliverance be revealed." C
- 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.
- \mathbf{C} Amen.



LIFT HIGH THE CROSS



- 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

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