

MORE THAN CONQUERORS

“For your sake we face death all day,
we are considered as sheep to be
slaughtered.”^a

37No, in all these things we are more than
conquerors through him who loved us. 38For I
am convinced that neither death nor life, nei-
ther angels nor demons,^b neither the present
nor the future, nor any powers, 39neither
height nor depth, nor anything else in all cre-
ation, will be able to separate us from the love
of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

God's Sovereign Choice

Christ—I am not ly-

ST. JOHN LUTHERAN CHURCH, PULASKI, WI

THURSDAY, JULY 23RD & SUNDAY, JULY 26TH, 2020

EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

AS WE GATHER: Treasures are hard to find and even harder to hold on to. Jesus describes the kingdom of God as a great treasure hidden in a field, a pearl of great price, and a net full of fish. But this treasure is one of God's own making. He esteems us His treasured possession and delivers up His own Son that we might be His own and live under Him in His kingdom without end. On earth that treasure is hidden in the dirt, found side by side among cheap trinkets, and in nets that hold good and bad fish. But one day, it will all be clear. They will be set apart and the false treasures exposed. For now, it is enough to believe His Word and trust in His promise and hold steadfast to His Son.



OPENING HYMN

Built on the Rock

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1 Built on the Rock the Church shall stand E - ven when
2 Sure - ly in tem - ples made with hands God, the Most
3 We are God's house of liv - ing stones, Built for His
4 Here stands the font be - fore our eyes, Tell - ing how



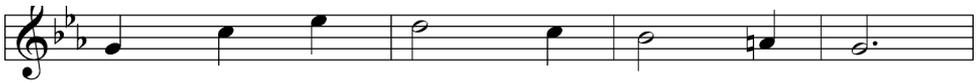
steeples are fall - ing. Crum - bled have spires in
High, is not dwell - ing; High a - bove earth His
own hab - i - ta - tion. He through bap - tis - mal
God has re - ceived us. The al - tar re - calls Christ's



ev - 'ry land; Bells still are chim - ing and call -
tem - ple stands, All earth - ly tem - ples ex - cel -
grace us owns Heirs of His won - drous sal - va -
sac - ri - fice And what His Sup - per here gives



ing, Call - ing the young and old to rest,
ling, Yet He who dwells in heav'n a - bove
tion. Were we but two His name to tell,
us. Here sound the Scrip - tures that pro - claim



But a - bove all the souls dis - tressed,
 Choos - es to live with us in love,
 Yet He would deign with us to dwell
 Christ yes - ter - day, to - day, the same,



Long - ing for rest ev - er - last - ing.
 Mak - ing our bod - ies His tem - ple.
 With all His grace and His fa - vor.
 And ev - er - more, our Re - deem - er.

INVOCATION

L In the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

CONFESSION & DECLARATION OF GRACE

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L 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.

L Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C who made heaven and earth.

L I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,

C and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

L Almighty God, our maker and redeemer, we poor sinners confess unto You that we are by nature sinful and unclean and that we have sinned against You by thought, word, and deed. Wherefore we flee for refuge to Your infinite mercy, seeking and imploring Your grace for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ.

C O most merciful God, who has given Your only-begotten Son to die for us, have mercy upon us and for His sake grant us remission of all our sins; and by Your Holy Spirit increase in us true knowledge of You and of Your will and true obedience to Your Word, to the end that by Your grace we may come to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

L Almighty God, our heavenly Father, has had mercy upon us and has given His only Son to die for us and for His sake forgives us all our sins. To those who believe on His name He gives power to become the children of God and has promised them His Holy Spirit. He that believes and is baptized shall be saved. Grant this, Lord, unto us all.

C Amen.

INTROIT

- L** Oh give thanks to the LORD; call upon His name; make known His deeds among the peoples!
- C** Sing to Him, sing praises to Him; tell of all His wondrous works!
- L** Glory in His holy name; let the hearts of those who seek the LORD rejoice!
- C** Seek the LORD and His strength; seek His presence continually!
- L** Remember the wondrous works that He has done, His miracles, and the judgments He uttered,
- C** O offspring of Abraham, His servant, children of Jacob, His chosen ones!

GLORIA PATRI

LSB pg. 186

C Glo - ry be to the Fa - ther and to the Son and to the Ho - ly Ghost;
as it was in the be - gin - ning, is now, and ev - er shall be, world with - out end. A - men.

KYRIE

LSB pg. 186

C 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 pg. 187-189

P Glory be to God on high: **C** 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.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.

C And with thy spirit.

P Let us pray,

Almighty and everlasting God, give us an increase of faith, hope, and love, that, receiving what You have promised, we may love what You have commanded; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

(Because the Lord loves you, He has chosen you to be His treasured possession.)

⁶“For you are a people holy to the LORD your God. The LORD your God has chosen you to be a people for His treasured possession, out of all the peoples who are on the face of the earth. ⁷It was not because you were more in number than any other people that the LORD set His love on you and chose you, for you were the fewest of all peoples, ⁸but it is because the LORD loves you and is keeping the oath that He swore to your fathers, that the LORD has brought you out with a mighty hand and redeemed you from the house of slavery, from the hand of Pharaoh king of Egypt.

⁹Know therefore that the LORD your God is God, the faithful God who keeps covenant and steadfast love with those who love him and keep his commandments, to a thousand generations.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE (Nothing can separate us from the love of God in Christ our Savior.) **Romans 8:28–39**

²⁸We know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to His purpose. ²⁹For those whom He foreknew He also predestined to be conformed to the image of His Son, in order that He might be the firstborn among many brothers. ³⁰And those whom He predestined He also called, and those whom He called He also justified, and those whom He justified He also glorified.

³¹What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us?

³²He who did not spare His own Son but gave Him up for us all, how will He not also with Him graciously give us all things? ³³Who shall bring any charge against God’s elect? It is God who justifies. ³⁴Who is to condemn? Christ Jesus is the one who died—more than that, who was raised—who is at the right hand of God, who indeed is interceding for us. ³⁵Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or danger, or sword? ³⁶As it is written, “For your sake we are being killed all the day long; we are regarded as sheep to be slaughtered.”

³⁷No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through Him who loved us. ³⁸For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, ³⁹nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.



ALLELUIA



C Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia.

HOLY GOSPEL (The kingdom of God is like a hidden treasure.) St. Matthew 13:44–52

⁴⁴[Jesus said:] “The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which a man found and covered up. Then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field. ⁴⁵“Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls, ⁴⁶who, on finding one pearl of great value, went and sold all that he had and bought it.

⁴⁷“Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was thrown into the sea and gathered fish of every kind. ⁴⁸When it was full, men drew it ashore and sat down and sorted the good into containers but threw away the bad. ⁴⁹So it will be at the close of the age. The angels will come out and separate the evil from the righteous ⁵⁰and throw them into the fiery furnace. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

⁵¹“Have you understood all these things?” They said to Him, “Yes.” ⁵²And He said to them, “Therefore every scribe who has been trained for the kingdom of heaven is like a master of a house, who brings out of his treasure what is new and what is old.”

L This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

APOSTLES' CREED

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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.



1) Great is Thy faithfulness,
 O God my Father;
 There is no shadow of turning
 with Thee.
 Thou changest not:
 Thy compassions, they fail not;
 As Thou hast been,
 Thou forever wilt be. *Refrain*

Refrain

Great is Thy faithfulness!
 Great is Thy faithfulness!
 Morning by morning
 new mercies I see;
 All I have needed
 Thy hand hath provided;
 Great is Thy faithfulness,
 Lord, unto me!

2) Summer and winter
 and springtime and harvest,
 Sun, moon, and stars
 in their courses above
 Join with all nature
 in manifold witness
 To Thy great faithfulness,
 mercy, and love. *Refrain*

3) Pardon for sin and
 a peace that endureth,
 Thine own dear presence
 to cheer and to guide;
 Strength for today
 and bright hope for tomorrow,
 Blessings all mine,
 with ten thousand beside! *Refrain*

SERMON

More Than Conquerors

Deacon Jobson

Text: Romans 8:28-39

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Each Prayer will end with: . . . *Lord, in Your mercy,*
 Reply with: . . . **hear our prayer.**

LORD'S PRAYER*Matthew 6:9-13*

A 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.

SALUTATION & BENEDICAMUS

LSB pg. 201-202

L The Lord be with you.**C** And with thy spirit.**L** Bless we the Lord.**C** Thanks be to God.

BENEDICTION

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 ✠ give you peace.

C Amen.

CLOSING HYMN O Jesus, King Most Wonderful Public Domain LSB 554



1 O Je - sus, King most won - der - ful!
2 When once You vis - it dark - ened hearts,
3 O Je - sus, light of all be - low,
4 May ev - 'ry heart con - fess Your name,
5 Oh, may our tongues for - ev - er bless,



O Con - quer - or re - nowned! O Source of peace in -
Then truth be - gins to shine, Then earth - ly van - i -
The fount of life and fire, Sur - pass - ing all the
For - ev - er You a - lone, And, seek - ing You, it -
May we love You a - lone And ev - er in our



ef - fa - ble, In whom all joys are found:
ty de - parts, Then kin - dles love di - vine.
joys we know, All that we can de - sire:
self in - flame To seek You more and more!
lives ex - press The im - age of Your own!

Soli Deo Gloria



REMEMBERING IN PRAYER

those in need of God's grace & mercy especially ...

Those in need of our prayers:

Hazel Brassfield, Doug Clements, Bill Folkman, Linda Kolzow, Kevin Kraemer, Riley Lestrud, Rick Minor, Bob Townsend & Bev Wagner

Our Shut-Ins:

Bill & Willie Burmeister, Shirley Folkman, Juliana Gerrits, and Cheryl Szczepanski

Those Grieving:

Our thoughts and prayers are with Steven Anderson & family as they mourn the passing of his mom, Irene.

Our Military:

We pray for **Jaidon Novinska** (Army), **Zach Marohnic** (Marine Reserves) and for the men and women who serve our country and for the sacrifices their families make so that we can all enjoy the blessing of freedom. May God's peace & protection be with them.

Those Celebrating...

Birthdays: **July 27:** Juliana Gerrits **July 28:** Sam Reed (dad)

July 29: Harley Prevost **July 30:** Charlotte Frelich **Aug. 1:** Ashley Carlson

Anniversaries: **Aug. 1:** David & Ruth Rynish



ANNOUNCEMENTS

ST. JOHN RUMMAGE SALE

Aug. 14th from 8:00-4:00 & Aug. 15th from 8:00-2:00

St. John will once again be hosting their annual Rummage Sale with all proceeds to benefit a local need. **BUT WE NEED YOUR HELP!!**

Items can be dropped off at anytime at the church—**please place items in the garage if possible.**

WE NEED YOUR STUFF!! WE ALSO NEED HELPERS!!

We are looking for people to help set up and work the Rummage Sale, and maybe serve some treats. **Set up will be from 4-8pm on Wednesday, August 12th and begin again on Thursday, August 13th @ 8am until done.**

This would be a great opportunity for our youth to help out.

Please contact Marian Schmitz to assist. If you have any questions or need access to the garage, please contact the church office.

CAMP LUTHER FUNDRAISER

Camp Luther has been around since 1946 and serves as the premiere camp of the North Wisconsin District of the Lutheran Church. Members at St. John have been attending Camp Luther since 1957. For nearly 40+ years St. John has sent kids to confirmation camps, summer camps and winter retreats, while adult members have attended men, women, or couple retreats. In addition, members have gone to Worker-bee weekends and various other retreats and trips at camp. On average, St. John sends around 15-20 kids to camp each summer.

However, due to COVID-19 and the many restrictions, Camp Luther had to make the hard decision to cancel their youth camps this summer which will have a negative impact on their budget this year.

Since Camp Luther has played such an important part in St. John's ministry through the years, we have decided to do a fundraiser to help them meet their current budget needs. We are seeking to raise up to \$5,000+ for camp. With each "special" dollar mark we hit, you get to torture pastor along the way.

- ✘ \$2,000 ... Pastor will wear a Packer Jersey
- ✘ \$3,000 ... Pastor will do a Polar Plunge into ice water
- ✘ \$5,000 ... Pastor will dye his hair Packer Green
- ✘ \$6,000+ .. Pastor will shave a Packer "G" into his head. (or maybe his hair)

In addition to the funds that you donate, the Voters' Assembly voted on June 28th to match dollar for dollar all donations made to Camp Luther through the church, up to \$5,000. We are hoping to reach our goal by Thursday, August 6th. (End of VBS)

Your donations will help ensure that Camp Luther will not only be around to have an impact on the members of St. John in years to come, but will continue to enrich and share the Gospel of Christ through outdoor ministry for many years to many people.

As of this printing we are at: \$2120 donated.

Donations can be made online - www.stjohnpulaskiwi.org or mail a check payable to St. John Lutheran; memo Camp Luther Fund 2020

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL: AUG. 3RD - 6TH FROM 5:15 -8:00 PM

At *Rainforest Explorers*, we'll discover that Jesus, our Savior, leads the way to the treasure of eternal life with Him through Bible stories, songs, crafts, games, and support of St. John's - Camp Luther Fundraiser. Come for a light meal, do fun activities, sing great songs, and more! It's going to be fun, but it would be more fun with you there (socially distanced of course).

Not sure in-person gathering is right for you? We understand. We are also offering a Digital option. Pick-up your supplies and participate from home. Care to join me? Complete the registration form on back of the bulletin) or online www.stjohnpulaskiwi.org/vbs

VBS 2020 REGISTRATION

PARENT PERSONAL INFORMATION

First Name _____ Last Name _____

Address _____

Email _____

Cell Phone _____

Other Phone _____

ATTENDING: In-Person Digital

Home Church (if applicable) _____

EMERGENCY CONTACT

First Name _____ Last Name _____

Cell Phone _____

Alternate Phone _____

Alternate Pick-up First Name _____

Last Name _____

Alternate Pick-up Phone _____

STUDENT PERSONAL INFORMATION

First Name _____ Last Name _____

Grade child entering in Fall: _____

Allergies/Medical Issues/Special Needs:

PARTICIPATING IN MEAL: Yes _____ No _____

Tentative Food Menu: Hot Dogs & Chips, Pizza,
Mac & Cheese, Mostaccioli with Spaghetti Sauce

PHOTO RELEASE: _____ (Initial)

I hereby grant St. John Lutheran Church permission to copyright and use photos /videos taken at VBS of the minor designated above in any manner or form for any purpose lawful at any time.

I waive any right that I may have to inspect or approve the finished product or written copy, that may be used in conjunction therewith, or the use to which it

BY SIGNING THIS FORM YOU'VE AGREED TO THE FOLLOWING:

MEDICAL RELEASE: I give my permission for the VBS staff to administer basic first aid to my child (named above) in the event of an injury. I understand that the VBS staff will contact emergency services in the event of a significant injury and all expenses for such emergency services will be paid by me.

PERMISSION TO ATTEND: I give permission for my child (named above) to attend the Vacation Bible School (VBS) listed above. I understand that the information I give for this registration will only be used by the VBS hosting church.

PARENT SIGNATURE: _____ **DATE:** _____

