

**Week of  
May 31, 2020**



Join the  
**St. John's Lutheran  
Ministries**  
Facebook group for news,  
updates and daily  
encouragement!

## Welcome in the name of the Lord !

As God serves us today in Word and Sacrament, may we rejoice in His gifts of forgiveness, life and salvation.

1) Please complete either a Guest (blue) or Member (white) card found in the hymnal rack of the pews. You may place this card in the offering plate as it is passed during the service.

2) To parents of small children, we love the sound of children in worship. Thank you for bringing your child to worship; they belong here! If your child is actively crying, we have a cry room with service audio and video near the restrooms.

3) Regarding the Lord's Supper today: If you are not a confirmed member of this congregation or a congregation of The Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod, please speak to the pastor before communing. Pastor is readily available in the narthex before worship for this conversation. For those with

medical need, the center section of the individual cup trays is filled with cups of grape juice (lighter color). For those that have a gluten intolerance, gluten-free wafers are available. Share your need as you come forward to the altar.

4) Children are invited to come forward to the altar while the Lord's Supper is distributed; encourage them to bow their heads and fold their hands. While there, they will receive a Baptismal blessing from the Pastor.

5) We ask that if you have a mobile device, please silence it during the worship service.

6) Our elders, greeters, and ushers are here to help with any of your worship needs today.

Thanks for worshipping with us!

### Please Pray

Thanksgiving (birth, baptisms, weddings, recovery):

Milestone (birthdays, anniversaries):

Medical:

*Tim Raimer, and David Hornischer*

Long-term Illness/Treatment

Mourning:

The family of *Rita Fenske*

The family of *Sally Moe*

Other:

#### How Do I Get Someone on the Prayer List?

If you, or someone you know, would like to have a name added to the prayer list, please contact the church office. Prayer requests for Thanksgiving, Milestone, Medical, and Mourning will remain on the list for a two-weeks. Prayer requests for Long-term Illness/Treatment will remain for one month unless the church office is notified with an update on the individual. Please be sure that you have the permission of the individual before contacting the church office to add them to the public prayer list.

***\*Please notify the church office when one of our church family members is in the hospital, so that a pastoral visit may be made or arranged.***

*Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your request to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.*

*-Philippians 4:6-7*

### Weekly Offerings

Unified Received: \$20,143.76

Other Contributions: \$1,001.38

TOTAL: \$21,145.14

**Weekly Unified Needed: \$14,230.77**

### Worship Times

+ Wednesdays 5:30 p.m. \*with online reservations

+ Saturdays 5:30 p.m.

+ Sundays 8:00 a.m.

+ Sundays 9:15 a.m. \*with online reservations

+ Sundays 10:30 a.m.

\*The link for reservations is on the church website at [stjohnsportage.com](http://stjohnsportage.com).

Online Worship will continue to be on our Facebook pages and YouTube. A link to the service outline for the online worship service will be available on the church webpage along with the online worship schedule.

Individual/household communion at the front of the sanctuary will continue to be offered at these new times:

+ Wednesdays 3:00 p.m. to 4:15 p.m.

+ Saturdays 3:00 p.m. to 4:15 p.m.

Masks will be encouraged, but not required. We have a limited quantity of disposable masks and gloves available. We will be disinfecting common areas and pews between each service. Please practice social distancing and good hygiene habits.

### Daily Lectionary

This week's readings comes from the Daily Lectionary found in the Lutheran Service Book page 299.

Sunday, Numbers 21:10–35 and Luke 21:20–38

Monday, Numbers 22:1–20 and Luke 22:1–23

Tuesday, Numbers 22:21–23:3 and Luke 22:24–46

Wednesday, Numbers 23:4–28 and Luke 22:47–71

Thursday, Numbers 24:1–25 and Luke 27:12–23

Friday, Numbers 27:12–23 and Luke 11:1–13

Saturday, Numbers 32:1–6, 16–27 and Luke 24:1–27



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**The deadline is June 26, 2020.**



# VBS

Vacation Bible School  
in the comfort of your home.

Starting Monday, June 15, 2020

VBS stories and activities will be uploaded weekly  
to [stjohnsportage.com](http://stjohnsportage.com).

Each Monday, you will find a teacher, a volunteer,  
or a whole group share a Bible story  
with you online.

May you grow closer to God this summer!

## Reminders

**Pastor Hovland's** cell number is (608) 571-3360. Program it into your phone before you need it. Text him your prayer requests. Call him in times of spiritual distress or needed pastoral care. The only way your pastor knows that you want or need help is when you ask. Remember: hospitals CANNOT give your information to pastor by HIPAA regulation. You or a family member needs to do it. Please reserve evening and nighttime calls/texts for emergency situations that are occurring at that moment. (Note: text messages received after 8pm are reviewed the next morning. Call in an emergency.)

### **Did you miss Pastor's sermon?**

Did you know that you can listen to his sermon on our website? Visit [www.stjohnsportage.com](http://www.stjohnsportage.com). Click Resources, Sermon and Worship Podcasts.

### **Sunday Morning Radio Broadcast**

Our Sunday morning broadcast of the previous Sunday service continues at 10:00 a.m. on WPDR 1350 AM. Broadcasts (\$50) as well as the order of service booklets (\$30) may be sponsored in honor, or in memory, of a special person or occasion.

## Invocation

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

**C** Amen.

## Exhortation

*LSB 151*

**P** If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

**C** **But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

## Confession of Sins

*LSB 151*

**P** Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

**C** **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.**

## Absolution

*LSB 151*

**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.

## Introit

*Psalm 104:24, 27–28, 30; antiphon: Liturgical Text*

Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of the faithful,  
**and kindle in them the fire of your love. Alleluia.**

O LORD, how manifold are your works! In wisdom have you made them all;  
**the earth is full of your creatures.**

These all look to you,  
**to give them their food in due season.**

When you give it to them, they gather it up;  
**when you open your hand, they are filled with good things.**

When you send forth your Spirit, they are created,  
**and you renew the face of the ground.**

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son  
and to the Holy Spirit;**

**as it was in the beginning,  
is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of the faithful,  
**and kindle in them the fire of your love. Alleluia.**

## Salutation and Collect of the Day

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** **And also with you.**

**P** Let us pray. O God, on this day You once taught the hearts of Your faithful people by sending them the light of Your Holy Spirit. Grant us in our day by the same Spirit to have a right understanding in all things and evermore to rejoice in His holy consolation; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

## Old Testament Reading

*Numbers 11:24–30*

Moses went out and told the people the words of the LORD. And he gathered seventy men of the elders of the people and placed them around the tent. Then the LORD came down in the cloud and spoke to him, and took some of the Spirit that was on him and put it on the seventy elders. And as soon as the Spirit rested on them, they prophesied. But they did not continue doing it.

Now two men remained in the camp, one named Eldad, and the other named Medad, and the Spirit rested on them. They were among those registered, but they had not gone out to the tent, and so they prophesied in the camp. And a young man ran and told Moses, “Eldad and Medad are prophesying in the camp.” And Joshua the son of Nun, the assistant of Moses from his youth, said, “My lord Moses, stop them.” But Moses said to him, “Are you jealous for my sake? Would that all the LORD’s people were prophets, that the LORD would put his Spirit on them!” And Moses and the elders of Israel returned to the camp.

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.      **C** Thanks be to God.

## Second Reading

*Acts 2:1–21*

When the day of Pentecost arrived, they were all together in one place. And suddenly there came from heaven a sound like a mighty rushing wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. And divided tongues as of fire appeared to them and rested on each one of them. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance.

Now there were dwelling in Jerusalem Jews, devout men from every nation under heaven. And at this sound the multitude came together, and they were bewildered, because each one was hearing them speak in his own language. And they were amazed and astonished, saying, “Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? And how is it that we hear, each of us in his own native language? Parthians and Medes and Elamites and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabians—we hear them telling in our own tongues the mighty works of God.” And all were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, “What does this mean?” But others mocking said, “They are filled with new wine.”

But Peter, standing with the eleven, lifted up his voice and addressed them, “Men of Judea and all who dwell in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and give ear to my words. For these men are not drunk, as you suppose, since it is only the third hour of the day. But this is what was uttered through the prophet Joel:

“And in the last days it shall be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit on all flesh,  
and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions,  
and your old men shall dream dreams; even on my male servants and female servants  
in those days I will pour out my Spirit, and they shall prophesy.

And I will show wonders in the heavens above and signs on the earth below,  
blood, and fire, and vapor of smoke;

the sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood,

before the day of the Lord comes, the great and magnificent day.

And it shall come to pass that everyone who calls upon the name of the Lord shall be saved.”

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.      **C** Thanks be to God.

## Holy Gospel

*John 7:37–39*

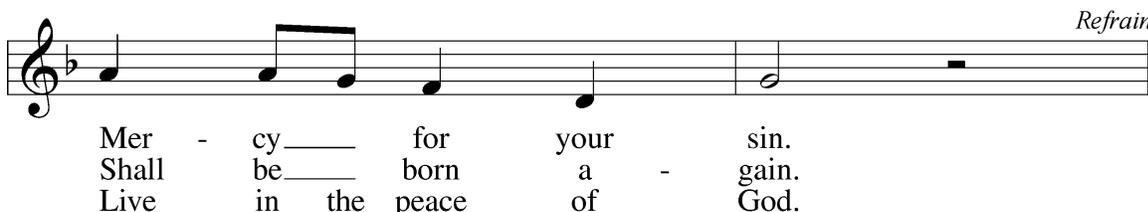
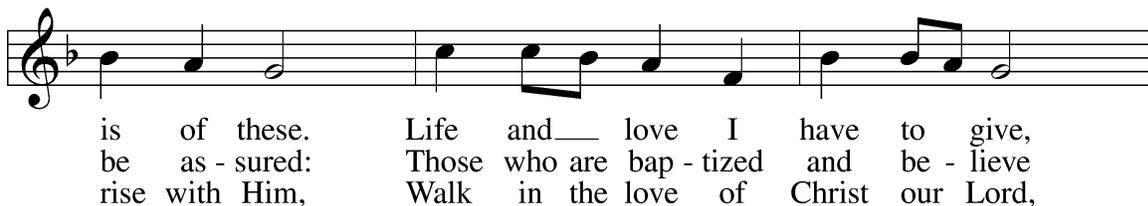
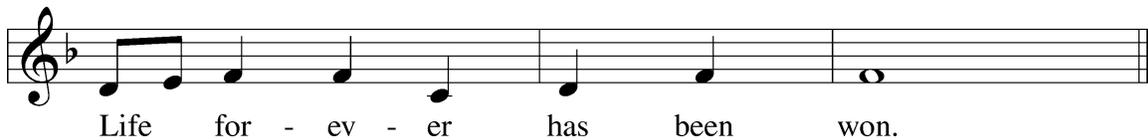
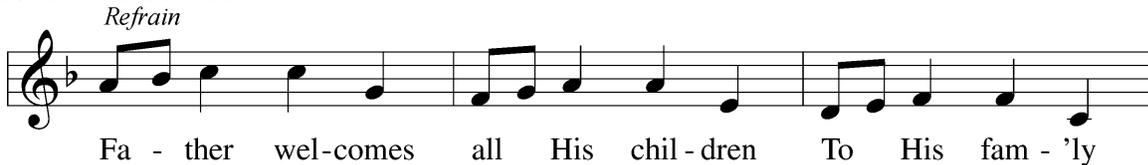
**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the seventh chapter.

**C** Glory to You, O Lord.

On the last day of the feast, the great day, Jesus stood up and cried out, “If anyone thirsts, let him come to me and drink. Whoever believes in me, as the Scripture has said, ‘Out of his heart will flow rivers of living water.’” Now this he said about the Spirit, whom those who believed in him were to receive, for as yet the Spirit had not been given, because Jesus was not yet glorified.

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

**C** Praise to You, O Christ.



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## Sermon

### 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.**

## Prayer of the Church

- P** Lord, in Your mercy  
**C** hear our prayer.

## Lord's Prayer

LSB 162

- P** Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:  
**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

LSB 163

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

### Distribution

### Post-Communion Collect

- A** Let us pray. ...one God, now and forever.  
**C** Amen.

### Benediction

LSB 166

- 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.

### Almighty Father, Bless the Word

LSB 923

1 Al - might - y Fa - ther, bless the Word Which through Your  
2 We praise You for the means of grace As home - ward  
△ 3 Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow; Praise Him, all  
grace we now have heard. Oh, may the pre - cious  
now our steps we trace. Grant, Lord, that we who  
crea - tures here be - low; Praise Him a - bove, ye  
seed take root, Spring up, and bear a - bun - dant fruit!  
wor - shipped here May all at last in heav'n ap - pear.  
heav'n - ly host: Praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost.

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