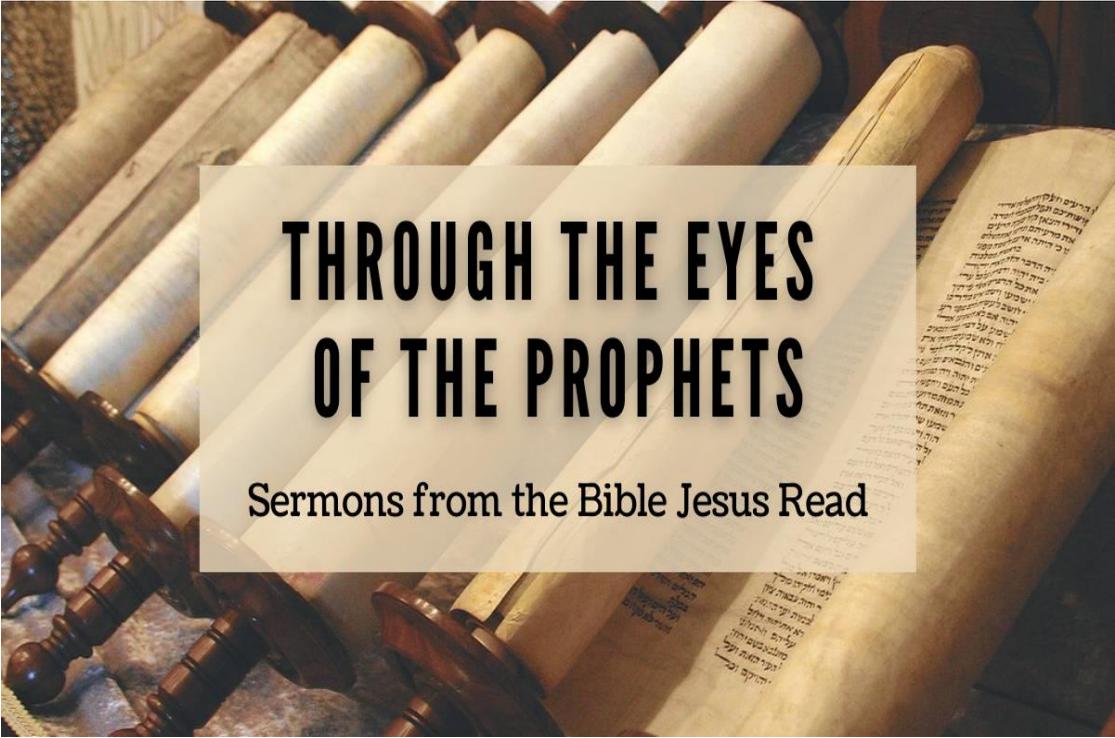




St. John's Lutheran Church

Rooted and Growing: In Christ. In Community.



**THROUGH THE EYES
OF THE PROPHETS**

Sermons from the Bible Jesus Read

Welcome to Worship!

This weekend, we continue our summer sermon series on the Minor Prophets with a focus on the prophet Joel.

Sometimes the small victories are the most meaningful: getting out the door on time in the morning, successfully navigating a challenging conversation at work or with a friend, making a dinner that everyone in the family enjoys. The book of Joel also speaks of victory, but this victory is anything but small. Devastation would come before this victory, both in the plague of locusts and the drought that would befall Israel. After this devastation, however, will come the great and glorious day of the LORD: a day where God will restore the fortunes of his people and reign supreme over the nations, a day of victory that we eagerly await as well.

Worship Notes

It is our hope and prayer that the message you hear today from God's Word will fill your heart with the peace that only God can offer and the joy we have in knowing that Jesus Christ is our Savior from sin.

If you need assistance with anything during worship—including large-print service folders and assisted listening devices—please ask one of our ushers. Restrooms are located at the far end of the entry area. Small children can be taken into the entry area, mother's room (at the back of the church), or nursery (lower level of church) as needed during the worship service. Changing tables are available in the mother's room and in the room adjacent to the nursery.

During the offering, all worshipers are asked to fill out a Connection Card (included with the service folder or located online at www.sjtosa.org/Connect). Completed cards may be placed in the baskets by the exit.

Bible Study

Our Sunday morning Bible study on the Book of Daniel wraps up today. As we close out our look at this Old Testament prophet, we will once again be reminded of the battle that rages between those who are on God's side and those who oppose him. The outcome, however, is certain: God wins, the forces of darkness lose, and Daniel's longed-for Messiah is only "seventy sevens" away.

After a one-week hiatus for the July 4 holiday weekend, our Sunday morning Bible study will resume on July 10. Watch for more information coming soon on this new Bible study!

The Third Sunday After Pentecost

June 25 & 26, 2022

The Book of Joel: God is Victorious

Prelude

Opening Hymn

Please stand to sing the final stanza

Lift High the Cross
Christian Worship 900

In the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

Confession

Blessed are they whose transgressions are forgiven, whose sins are covered.
Blessed are they whose sin the Lord does not count against them.

Let us confess our sins to the Lord.

Almighty and merciful Father,

we have strayed from your ways like lost sheep.

We have followed what we have devised and desired in our hearts.

We have offended you and sinned against your holy law.

**We have done those things that we should not have done,
and we have not done those things that we should have done.**

Have mercy on us, Lord!

**Spare us, forgive us, and restore us,
according to your promises in Christ Jesus.**

Silence for meditation and reflection

God, our merciful Father, has forgiven all our sins. He sent his Son, Jesus Christ, to be our Redeemer and Savior. Jesus paid the penalty for our guilt by his death on the cross and freed us from death by his resurrection from the grave. We have peace with God now and forever.
Amen.

Lord, Have Mercy

In peace let us pray to the Lord.

For the peace from above and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

Amen.

In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord.

Glory to God in the Highest

Gloria in Excelsis



Glo - ry to God in the high - est and peace to his peo - ple on earth.



Lord God, heav - en - ly King, al - might - y God and Fa - ther. We



wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your



glo - ry. Glo - ry to God in the high - est and peace to his

peo - ple on earth. Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly

Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, you

take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy on

us; you are seat - ed at the right hand of the

Fa-ther: re - ceive our prayer, re - ceive our prayer.

Glo - ry to God in the high - est and peace to his peo - ple on

earth. For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the

Lord, you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the

Ho - ly Spir - it in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther.



Glo - ry to God in the high - est and peace to his peo - ple on earth.



Glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God.

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The Word

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray.

O God, you have prepared joys beyond understanding for those who love you. Pour into our hearts such love for you that, loving you above all things, we may obtain your promises, which exceed all that we can desire; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Be seated

First Reading

1 Kings 19:19–21

Elisha leaves family and wealth behind to fully commit himself to the LORD's work.

So Elijah went from there and found Elisha son of Shaphat. He was plowing with twelve yoke of oxen, and he himself was driving the twelfth pair. Elijah went up to him and threw his cloak around him. Elisha then left his oxen and ran after Elijah. "Let me kiss my father and mother goodbye," he said, "and then I will come with you."

"Go back," Elijah replied. "What have I done to you?"

So Elisha left him and went back. He took his yoke of oxen and slaughtered them. He burned the plowing equipment to cook the meat and gave it to the people, and they ate. Then he set out to follow Elijah and became his servant.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Psalm of the Day

Psalm 62

Refrain



Rest in God a - lone, rest in God a - lone, my soul.

Tone



Truly my soul finds / rest in God;
my salvation / comes from him.
Truly he is my rock and my sal- / vation;
he is my fortress, I will never be / shaken.
Yes, my soul, find / rest in God;
my hope / comes from him. *Refrain*

Though your rich- / es increase,
do not set your / heart on them.
My salvation and my honor de- / pend on God;
he is my mighty rock, my / refuge.
Trust in him at all times, you / people;
pour out your hearts to him, for God is our / refuge.

**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. *Refrain***

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Second Reading

2 Corinthians 11:21b–30

In spite of all the hardships he faced, Paul remained fully committed to Christ.

Whatever anyone else dares to boast about—I am speaking as a fool—I also dare to boast about. Are they Hebrews? So am I. Are they Israelites? So am I. Are they Abraham’s descendants? So am I. Are they servants of Christ? (I am out of my mind to talk like this.) I am more. I have worked much harder, been in prison more frequently, been flogged more severely, and been exposed to death again and again. Five times I received from the Jews the forty lashes minus one. Three times I was beaten with rods, once I was pelted with stones, three times I was shipwrecked, I spent a night and a day in the open sea, I have been constantly on the move. I have been in danger from rivers, in danger from bandits, in danger from my fellow Jews, in danger from Gentiles; in danger in the city, in danger in the country, in danger at sea; and in danger from false believers. I have labored and toiled and have often gone without sleep; I have known hunger and thirst and have often gone without food; I have been cold and naked. Besides everything else, I face daily the pressure of my concern for all the churches. Who is weak, and I do not feel weak? Who is led into sin, and I do not inwardly burn?

If I must boast, I will boast of the things that show my weakness.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Please stand

Gospel Acclamation

Mark 8:34

Alleluia, alleluia. Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. Alleluia.

Gospel

Luke 9:51–62

Jesus calls us to leave this world behind and be fully committed to him.

As the time approached for him to be taken up to heaven, Jesus resolutely set out for Jerusalem. And he sent messengers on ahead, who went into a Samaritan village to get things ready for him; but the people there did not welcome him, because he was heading for Jerusalem. When the disciples James and John saw this, they asked, “Lord, do you want us to call fire down from heaven to destroy them?” But Jesus turned and rebuked them. Then he and his disciples went to another village.

As they were walking along the road, a man said to him, “I will follow you wherever you go.” Jesus replied, “Foxes have dens and birds have nests, but the Son of Man has no place to lay his head.”

He said to another man, “Follow me.”

But he replied, "Lord, first let me go and bury my father."

Jesus said to him, "Let the dead bury their own dead, but you go and proclaim the kingdom of God."

Still another said, "I will follow you, Lord; but first let me go back and say goodbye to my family."

Jesus replied, "No one who puts a hand to the plow and looks back is fit for service in the kingdom of God."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to you, O Christ!

Be seated

Hymn of the Day

Take My Life and Let It Be
Christian Worship 695

Sermon

Joel 2:12-18

Locusts, Repentance, and the Day of the LORD

"Even now," declares the LORD,

"return to me with all your heart, with fasting and weeping and mourning."

Rend your heart and not your garments.

Return to the LORD your God, for he is gracious and compassionate,

slow to anger and abounding in love, and he relents from sending calamity.

Who knows? He may turn and relent and leave behind a blessing—

grain offerings and drink offerings for the LORD your God.

Blow the trumpet in Zion, declare a holy fast, call a sacred assembly.

Gather the people, consecrate the assembly;

bring together the elders, gather the children, those nursing at the breast.

Let the bridegroom leave his room and the bride her chamber.

Let the priests, who minister before the LORD, weep between the portico and the altar.

Let them say, "Spare your people, LORD.

Do not make your inheritance an object of scorn, a byword among the nations.

Why should they say among the peoples, 'Where is their God?' "

Then the LORD was jealous for his land and took pity on his people.

Please stand

Apostles' Creed

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth.**

**I believe 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 is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.
From there 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

O Lord our God, you are wise and powerful, good and gracious. Your mercies are new every morning. Each day you open your hand and provide for the needs of your children on earth.
We praise you for every grace and blessing.

Strengthen your Church in all the world. Let your comforting message of salvation in Christ Jesus be proclaimed to troubled souls everywhere.

Use our ministries and offerings to extend your healing and your hope.

We bring you our requests for the various structures of our society. Bless our national, state, and local governments.

Grant us civil servants who are worthy of honor and respect.

Grant prosperity to our businesses and industries. Give employers a sense of fairness toward their workers and employees a feeling of joy and pride in their workmanship.

Help us find satisfaction in all work well done.

Invigorate the schools of our land. Give success to every effort that helps students read, think, and communicate in ways that will promote an informed and responsible citizenry. Arouse curious minds to discover the wonders of your created order.

Give us teachers and students who pursue excellence.

Strengthen the families of our country. Give fathers and mothers a renewed commitment to be good parents. Give children and young people the wisdom to regard their parents as your representatives.

Lead us to love one another as you have loved us.

Special prayers and intercessions may follow

Gracious Father, we pray boldly as Jesus taught, with the confidence that you will hear and with the faith that you will respond for our welfare.

Amen.

Be seated

Adult Confirmation (10:30 a.m.)

Offering

Members of St. John's give offerings to support the Lord's work in our community and around the world. Visitors are welcome but not obligated to give an offering. All worshipers are asked to fill out a Connection Card (included with the service folder). Physical offerings and Connection Cards can be left in the basket on your way out of church. To submit your offering or fill out a Connection Card online, scan the QR code or visit www.sjtosa.org/offering.



Hymn

If Your Beloved Son, O God
Christian Worship 559

Please stand

Almighty God, we thank you for teaching us the things you want us to believe and do. Help us by your Holy Spirit to keep your Word in pure hearts that we may be strengthened in faith, guided in holiness, and comforted in life and in death, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Lord's Prayer

**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done
on earth as in heaven.**

Give us today our daily bread.

**Forgive us our sins,
as we forgive those
who sin against us.**

**Lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.**

**For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours
now and forever. Amen.**

Blessing

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look on you with favor and + give you peace.

Amen.

Be seated

Closing Hymn

Glory Be to God the Father (sts. 1 & 4)

Christian Worship 608

Announcements

Postlude

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Serving at Worship

Minister

Pastor Eric Schroeder

Musicians

Mandy Treder, organ

Worship Notes

- The flowers are placed by Dan and Mary Schmal in celebration of their 46th wedding anniversary.
- We welcome Cam Olson into membership today by adult confirmation.

In Our Prayers

- Dale Journey, recovering from a recent pulmonary embolism and contending with autoimmune issues.
- Rev. Joel Gerlach, recovering at home after a recent fall.
- Lois Gleason, who began a four-week radiation regimen this past week as a follow-up to her cancer surgery last month.

Parents' Preview for July 3

The Parents' Preview highlights an aspect of next week's service: a liturgical song, a Psalm refrain, or a hymn stanza. Our hope and prayer is that parents will teach this portion of the service to their children at home during the week so that children can participate more fully in the worship service.

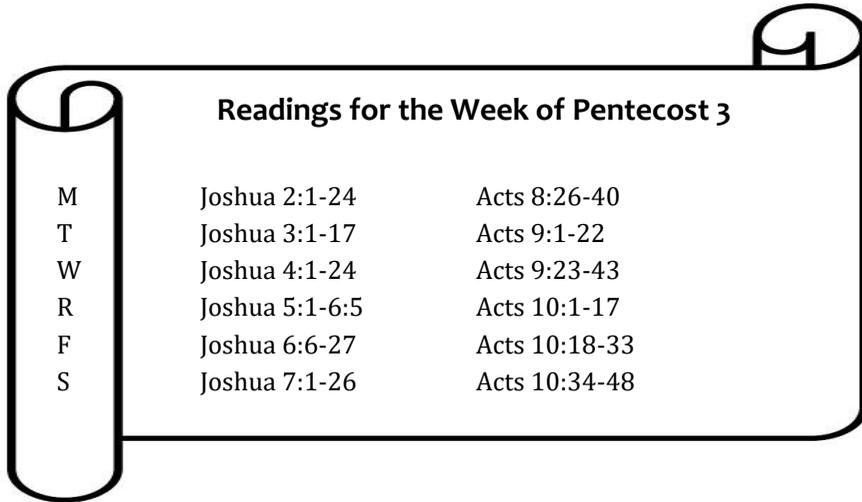
Day by Day (stanza 1)

Christian Worship 803



1 Day by day, your mer - cies, Lord, at - tend me, bring - ing com - fort
to my anx - ious soul. Day by day, the bless - ings, Lord, you
send me draw me near - er to my heav'n - ly goal.
Love di - vine, be - yond all mor - tal mea - sure, brings to naught the
bur - dens of my quest; Sav - ior, lead me to the home I
treas - ure, where at last I'll find e - ter - nal rest.

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Readings for the Week of Pentecost 3

M	Joshua 2:1-24	Acts 8:26-40
T	Joshua 3:1-17	Acts 9:1-22
W	Joshua 4:1-24	Acts 9:23-43
R	Joshua 5:1-6:5	Acts 10:1-17
F	Joshua 6:6-27	Acts 10:18-33
S	Joshua 7:1-26	Acts 10:34-48

The Mission of our Church

As God's people gathered together at St. John's, we live to declare the praises of our Savior God who called us out of the darkness of sin into the light of his grace.

As 21st century disciples of Jesus, we reflect the light of God's love by:



Making worship of our Savior the top priority in our lives



Growing in our faith through daily contact with God's Word



Fostering Christian friendships for mutual encouragement and support



Using our unique gifts to glorify God and serve God's people



Sharing the good news of God's forgiving love with others

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Saturdays at 5:30 p.m.

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