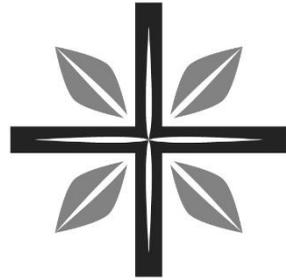


St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church



Welcome to our visitors!

- 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.
- Restrooms are located at the far end of the entry area.
- Large print service folders, assisted listening devices, children's service folders, and children's worship notes are available from the ushers.
- Parents may take small children into the entry area, mother's room (at the back of the church), or nursery (lower level of church) as needed and follow the worship service on the TV monitor. Changing tables are available in the mother's room and in the room adjacent to the nursery.
- As the offering is received, members and guests are asked to sign the Friendship Register. Please pass the register to your neighbor and then return it to the center aisle. Visitors are also asked to fill out a guest card and give it to an usher.
- The Lord's Supper will be celebrated in our worship today. Scripture tells us that the Lord's Supper is an expression of unity in God's Word and a privilege reserved for those who have publicly confessed their oneness in faith. Therefore, we ask guests who are not members of WELS or ELS congregations to refrain from communion until such oneness can be established. We do not intend to be exclusive and unloving. Rather, we desire to faithfully carry out the teaching of Scripture and further explore God's Word with you in the hope that we may eventually enjoy such "communion fellowship" together. For more information, please speak with one of our pastors.

The Eighth Sunday After Pentecost

July 14 & 15, 2018

A Christian's Calling: Adopted sons and daughters

Prelude

Opening Hymn

Please stand to sing the final stanza

Not Unto Us
Christian Worship 392

M: In the name of the Father and of the Son ☩ and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen.**

CONFESSION OF SINS

M: Dear friends, let us approach God with a true heart and confess our sins, asking him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to forgive us.

Please kneel

C: **Lord of life, I confess that I am by nature dead in sin. For faithless worrying and selfish pride, for sins of habit and sins of choice, for the evil I have done and the good I have failed to do, you should cast me away from your presence forever. O Lord, I am sorry for my sins. Forgive me, for Jesus' sake.**

M: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again. In his great mercy, God made us alive in Christ even when we were dead in our sins. Hear the word of Christ through his called servant: I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son ☩ and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen.**

Please stand

PRAYER AND PRAISE

M: In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

For the well-being of all people everywhere, that they may receive from you all they need to sustain body and life, hear our prayer, O Lord.

C: **Lord, have mercy.**

M: For the spread of your life-giving gospel throughout the world, that all who are lost in sin may be brought to faith in you, hear our prayer, O Christ.

C: **Christ, have mercy.**

M: For patience and perseverance in this life, that we may not lose the hope of heaven as we await your return, hear our prayer, O Lord.

C: **Lord, have mercy.**

M: Lord of life, live in us that we may live for you.

C: **Amen.**



1 All glo - ry be to God on high!
2 Our grate - ful thanks to you we bring,
3 O Lamb of God, to you we pray.
4 You, Christ, are ho - ly— Lord a - lone;



Your name, O Lord, we glo - ri - fy;
For your great glo - ry, heav'n - ly King,
You take all hu - man sin a - way.
The Fath - er's glo - ry you made known.



We praise you for your peace and grace,
 For all, O Father, you have done
 Have mercy, Lord; receive our prayer;
 We by your Spirit sing a gain:



Your favor toward our fallen race.
 Through Jesus Christ, your only Son.
 From God's right hand, your mercy share.
 "All glory be to God!" Amen.

Prayer of the Day

M: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

M: Let us pray:

Almighty God, we thank you for planting in us the seed of your Word. By your Holy Spirit, help us to receive it with joy and to bring forth fruits in faith and hope and love; through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

Be seated

THE WORD

First Lesson

Amos 7:10-17

The LORD took Amos from tending the flock and prepared him to preach the Word.

Then Amaziah the priest of Bethel sent a message to Jeroboam king of Israel: "Amos is raising a conspiracy against you in the very heart of Israel. The land cannot bear all his words. For this is what Amos is saying:

"Jeroboam will die by the sword, and Israel will surely go into exile, away from their native land."

Then Amaziah said to Amos, "Get out, you seer! Go back to the land of Judah. Earn your bread there and do your prophesying there. Don't prophesy anymore at Bethel, because this is the king's sanctuary and the temple of the kingdom."

Amos answered Amaziah, “I was neither a prophet nor a prophet’s son, but I was a shepherd, and I also took care of sycamore-fig trees. But the LORD took me from tending the flock and said to me, ‘Go, prophesy to my people Israel.’ Now then, hear the word of the LORD. You say, ‘Do not prophesy against Israel, and stop preaching against the house of Isaac.’

“Therefore this is what the LORD says:

‘Your wife will become a prostitute in the city,
and your sons and daughters will fall by the sword.
Your land will be measured and divided up,
and you yourself will die in a pagan country.
And Israel will certainly go into exile,
away from their native land.’ ”

Psalm of the Day

Psalm 78

The LORD taught his people and prepared them to preach the Word.

Refrain



Your Word is a lamp to my feet and a light for my path.

Psalm tone



O my people, hear my teaching;
listen to the words of my mouth.

I will utter things from of old,
what we have heard and what our fathers have told us.

We will not hide them from our children;
we will tell the next generation the praiseworthy deeds of the LORD.

Refrain

The LORD decreed statutes for Jacob
and established the law in Israel,

so the next generation would know them,
and they in turn would tell their children.

Then they would put their trust in God
and would not forget his deeds but would keep his commands.

**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.**

Refrain

Second Lesson

Ephesians 1:3-14

God adopted us into his family and prepared us to preach the Word.

Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in the heavenly realms with every spiritual blessing in Christ. For he chose us in him before the creation of the world to be holy and blameless in his sight. In love he predestined us to be adopted as his sons through Jesus Christ, in accordance with his pleasure and will – to the praise of his glorious grace, which he has freely given us in the One he loves. In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, in accordance with the riches of God’s grace that he lavished on us with all wisdom and understanding. And he made known to us the mystery of his will according to his good pleasure, which he purposed in Christ, to be put into effect when the times will have reached their fulfillment – to bring all things in heaven and on earth together under one head, even Christ.

In him we were also chosen, having been predestined according to the plan of him who works out everything in conformity with the purpose of his will, in order that we, who were the first to hope in Christ, might be for the praise of his glory. And you also were included in Christ when you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation. Having believed, you were marked in him with a seal, the promised Holy Spirit, who is a deposit guaranteeing our inheritance until the redemption of those who are God’s possession – to the praise of his glory.

Verse of the Day

M: Alleluia, alleluia. The Word is very near you; it is in your mouth and in your heart so you may obey it. Alleluia.

Please stand

Gospel

Mark 6:7-13

Jesus gave the Twelve instructions and prepared them to preach the Word.

Calling the Twelve to him, he sent them out two by two and gave them authority over evil spirits.

These were his instructions: “Take nothing for the journey except a staff – no bread, no bag, no money in your belts. Wear sandals but not an extra tunic. Whenever you enter a house, stay there until you leave that town. And if any place will not welcome you or listen to you, shake the dust off your feet when you leave, as a testimony against them.”

They went out and preached that people should repent. They drove out many demons and anointed many sick people with oil and healed them.

M: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: **Praise be to you, O Christ.**

Be seated

Hymn of the Day

The Son of God, Our Christ
Christian Worship 525

Sermon

The Christian Long View

Ephesians 1:3-14

Please stand

Nicene Creed

**C: We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,
begotten, not made, of one being with the Father.
Through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation,
he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary,
and became fully human.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate.
He suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures.
He ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who in unity with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

Be seated

Offering

*The members of St. John's have joined together to do the Lord's work
in our community and around the world, and our offerings are
a joyful response of our faith. To submit your offering electronically,
scan the QR code or visit www.sjtosa.org/giving. If you are a visitor today,
you are welcome but not obligated to give an offering.*



Please stand

Prayer of the Church

The minister says the Prayer of the Church.

THE SACRAMENT

M: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

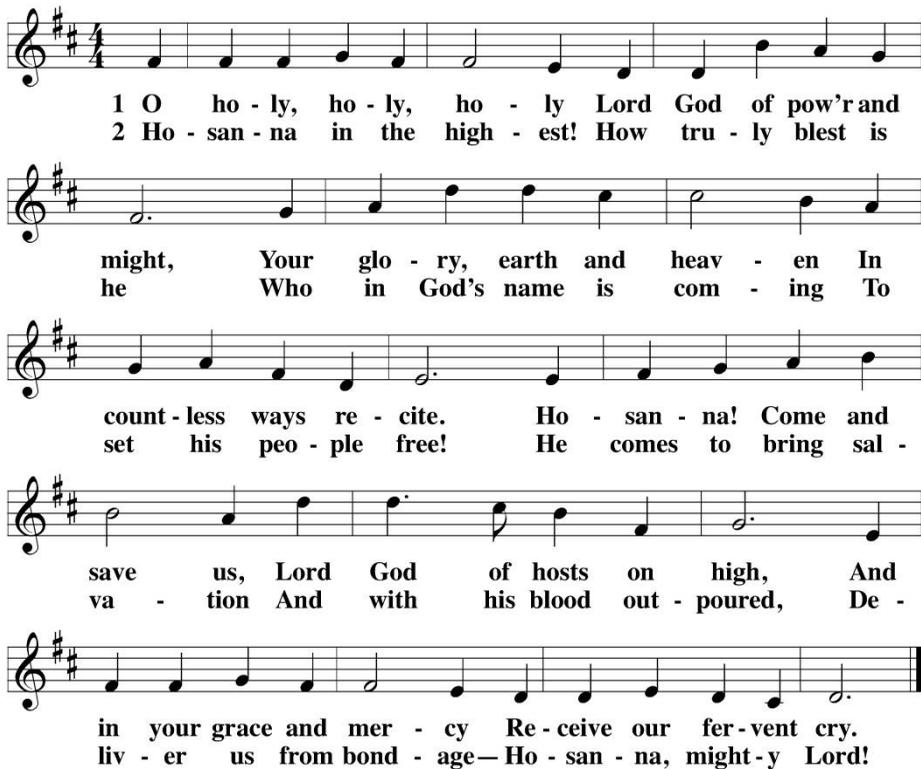
M: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them up to the Lord.

M: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: It is good and right so to do.

M: It is truly good and right that we should at all times and in all places give you thanks, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who has called us to be his own so that we may live under him in his kingdom and serve him in everlasting righteousness, innocence, and blessedness. Therefore with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:



1 O ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of pow'r and
2 Ho - san - na in the high - est! How tru - ly blest is
might, Your glo - ry, earth and heav - en In
he Who in God's name is com - ing To
count - less ways re - cite. Ho - san - na! Come and
set his peo - ple free! He comes to bring sal -
save us, Lord God of hosts on high, And
va - tion And with his blood out - poured, De -
in your grace and mer - cy Re - ceive our fer - vent cry.
liv - er us from bond - age—Ho - san - na, might - y Lord!

Prayer of Thanksgiving

M: Blessed are you, O Lord of heaven and earth. We praise and thank you for sending your Son, Jesus Christ, and we remember the great acts of love through which he has ransomed us from sin, death, and the devil's power. By his incarnation, he became one with us. By his perfect life, he fulfilled your holy will. By his innocent death, he overcame hell. By his rising from the grave, he opened heaven.

Invited by your grace and instructed by your Word, we approach your table with repentant and joyful hearts. Strengthen us through Christ's body and blood, and preserve us in the true faith until we feast with him and all his ransomed people in glory everlasting.

C: **Amen.**

Lord's Prayer

C: **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.**

Words of Institution

M: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: **Amen.**

Lamb of God, you take a - way the

sin of the world; have mer - cy on us.

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the

world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God,

you take a - way the sin of the world;

grant us your peace. A - men.

Be seated

*To receive communion, please proceed down the center aisle and exit via the side aisles.
Grape juice is available in the center of the individual cup tray for those unable to receive wine.
Personal prayers for communion can be found on pg. 16 of the service folder.*

Distribution Hymns

Let Children Hear the Mighty Deeds
Christian Worship 512

Good News of God Above
Christian Worship 568

O Lord, We Praise You
Christian Worship 317

Please stand

The musical score is written in G minor (three flats) and 4/4 time. It consists of five staves of music with lyrics underneath. The lyrics are: "O Lord, now let your serv - ant De - part in peace, as -
sured: For I have seen your prom - ised In -
car - nate, sav - ing Word— A Light that will en -
light - en All gloom where Gen - tiles dwell; The bril - liant,
crown - ing glo - ry Of those in Is - ra - el!"

M: We give you thanks, O Lord, for the foretaste of the heavenly banquet that you have given us to eat and to drink in this sacrament. Through this gift you have fed our faith, nourished our hope, and strengthened our love. By your Spirit help us to live as your holy people until that day when you will receive us as your guests at the wedding supper of the Lamb, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

M: 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.

C: **Amen.**

Be seated

Closing Hymn

Hark! The Church Proclaims Her Honor (stanzas 1 & 2)

Christian Worship 530

Announcements

Postlude

If you do not wish to take your service folder home, please place it in the basket so it can be reused.

Serving at Worship

Preacher	Pastor Joel Leyrer
Presiding Minister	Pastor Eric Schroeder
Musician	Lisa Eggebrecht, organ Suzanne Swenson, oboe
Communion Assistants	Bill Dittman, Dan Ebeling, Greg Martin (8:00 AM) Adam Goede, Keith Hackbarth, Mike Swenson (10:30 AM)
Greeters	Adam & Jenny Greggs, Barbara Weihing and Mary Rindfleisch (8:00 AM) Ron & Judy Felsing, Jessica Gromacki and Kaathryn Hendee (10:30 AM)
Head Ushers	Kerry Kuehn (Saturday) Tom Wessel (8:00 AM) Doug Knuth (10:30 AM)

Worship Notes

- The flowers on the altar are given by Barbara J. Weihing in memory of her mother, Linda (Rahmlow) Weihing and sister Helen M. Weihing and blessings received.
- The flowers on the standards are placed by Barb Bergquist in celebration of her birthday and thanksgiving for faithful family and God's blessings.

In Our Prayers

- Mary Heins, thanksgiving for successful knee replacement surgery last week.
- Elsie Lynn Meckstroth, daughter of Mike and Emily, hospitalized for health issues since her birth on June 28.

Personal Prayer for Before Communion

Merciful Lord, I come here to your table trusting in your measureless grace and not in my own goodness. Even though I am not worthy to eat the crumbs under your table, you are always rich in mercy. Gracious Lord, grant pardon and peace through the body and blood of this sacrament. Amen.

Personal Prayer for After Communion

Faithful God, in baptism you have adopted me as your child and made me a member of the body of Christ. I thank you for the forgiveness of sins present in this Sacrament. As I leave the table, empower me by your Spirit to witness and serve in your name. Amen.

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Parents' Preview for July 22

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.

Gospel Acclamation

These responses are sung after the announcement of the Gospel (first music line) and after its reading (second music line). We praise our crucified and risen Lord whose words we hear in the Gospel.



Glo-ry be to you, O Lord! Glo-ry be to you, O Lord!



Praise be to you, O Christ! Praise be to you, O Christ!

Sunday Bible Classes

New Sunday Bible Classes and Sunday School begin **today** at 9:15 AM.

A staffed nursery is available during Bible class.

The Journey of Grief

Taught by Pastor Joseph Radsek

(Wisconsin Lutheran Institutional Ministries) in the Fellowship Hall

July 15, 22, and 29

In Psalm 23, King David talks about walking "through the valley of the shadow of death" and being unafraid because of the Lord's presence. These words of David are especially comforting and reassuring during the life-threatening challenges we face. But these familiar words also speak to our journey of grief when a loved one dies. It's been said that life is a journey rather than a destination, and this is also true of grief. Grief is a journey on which we come to terms with the "new normal" that is now our life following the loss of someone we love. And while virtually everyone makes this journey (and most of us several times over), the road that each of us travels through our grief is unique, and so is the comfort, strength, and peace that our Savior supplies along the way.

Readings for the Week of Pentecost 8

M	Mark 8:13-21.....	Colossians 3:18-23
T	James 3:1-10.....	Romans 6:12-18
W	1 Corinthians 6:19,20.....	Luke 11:34-36
TH	Mark 9:43-50.....	Galatians 4:12-20
F	Romans 12:1, 2.....	Matthew 10:26-33
S	1 Corinthians 9:24-27.....	1 Corinthians 15:35-45

