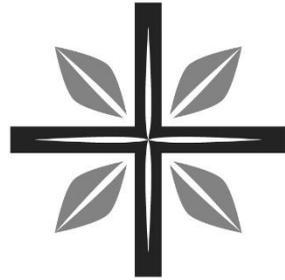


St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church



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.
- Large print service folders are available from an usher. Assisted listening devices, including both ear bud and loop receivers for digital hearing aids, are also available from an usher.
- Children's service folders and worship notes are available in the round tract rack in the entry area.
- 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.
- Restrooms are located at the far end of the entry area.
- 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.
- Please join us for Bible class at 9:15 AM.
Forgiveness: the Family Business for God's Children: Fellowship Hall, lower level of church
Bible Information Class: St. Matthew's Room, lower level of church
A staffed nursery is available during Bible class.

The Seventh Sunday After Pentecost

July 7 & 8, 2018

A Christian's Calling: Powerful through weakness

Prelude

Opening Hymn

Please stand to sing the final stanza

Lord Jesus Christ, the Church's Head

Christian Worship 536

M: The grace of our Lord ☩ Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

CONFESSION OF SINS

M: We have come into the presence of God, who created us to love and serve him as his dear children. But we have disobeyed him and deserve only his wrath and punishment. Therefore, let us confess our sins to him and plead for his mercy.

C: **Merciful Father in heaven, I am altogether sinful from birth. In countless ways I have sinned against you and do not deserve to be called your child. But trusting in Jesus, my Savior, I pray: Have mercy on me according to your unfailing love. Cleanse me from my sin, and take away my guilt.**

M: God, our heavenly Father, has forgiven all your sins. By the perfect life and innocent death of our Lord Jesus Christ, he has removed your guilt forever. You are his own dear child. May God give you strength to live according to his will.

C: **Amen.**

PRAAYER AND PRAISE

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

C: Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good. Bless - ed are
they who take ref - uge in him. Your Word, O Lord, is e -
ter - nal; it stands firm in the heav -
ens. Your faith - ful - ness con - tin - ues for -
ev - er. Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good.
Bless - ed are they who take ref - uge in him.

The musical score is written on six staves in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics printed below each staff. The piece concludes with a double bar line.

Prayer of the Day

M: Let us pray.

God of all power and might, you are the giver of all that is good. Help us love you with all our heart, strengthen us in true faith, provide us with all we need, and keep us safe in your care; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: A - men.

The musical score is written on a single staff in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of a simple melody for the word 'Amen' followed by a double bar line.

THE WORD

First Lesson

Ezekiel 2:1 – 3:4

In the face of opposition, Ezekiel is called to faithfully preach the Word.

He said to me, “Son of man, stand up on your feet and I will speak to you.” As he spoke, the Spirit came into me and raised me to my feet, and I heard him speaking to me.

He said: “Son of man, I am sending you to the Israelites, to a rebellious nation that has rebelled against me; they and their fathers have been in revolt against me to this very day. The people to whom I am sending you are obstinate and stubborn. Say to them, ‘This is what the Sovereign LORD says.’ And whether they listen or fail to listen – for they are a rebellious house – they will know that a prophet has been among them. And you, son of man, do not be afraid of them or their words. Do not be afraid, though briars and thorns are all around you and you live among scorpions. Do not be afraid of what they say or terrified by them, though they are a rebellious house. You must speak my words to them, whether they listen or fail to listen, for they are rebellious. But you, son of man, listen to what I say to you. Do not rebel like that rebellious house; open your mouth and eat what I give you.”

Then I looked, and I saw a hand stretched out to me. In it was a scroll, which he unrolled before me. On both sides of it were written words of lament and mourning and woe.

And he said to me, “Son of man, eat what is before you, eat this scroll; then go and speak to the house of Israel.” So I opened my mouth, and he gave me the scroll to eat.

Then he said to me, “Son of man, eat this scroll I am giving you and fill your stomach with it.” So I ate it, and it tasted as sweet as honey in my mouth.

He then said to me: “Son of man, go now to the house of Israel and speak my words to them.”

Psalm of the Day

Psalm 143 (see pg. 11)

In the face of dismay, David turns to the LORD and his Word.

Second Lesson

2 Corinthians 12:7-10

In the face of weakness, Paul remains strong and preaches the Word.

To keep me from becoming conceited because of these surpassingly great revelations, there was given me a thorn in my flesh, a messenger of Satan, to torment me. Three times I pleaded with the Lord to take it away from me. But he said to me, “My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness.” Therefore I will boast all the more gladly about my weaknesses, so that Christ’s power may rest on me. That is why, for Christ’s sake, I delight in weaknesses, in insults, in hardships, in persecutions, in difficulties. For when I am weak, then I am strong.

Verse of the Day

M: Alleluia, alleluia. Happy are they who hear the Word, hold it fast in an honest and good heart, and bring forth fruit with patience. Alleluia.

C: Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

These words are writ - ten that we may be - lieve that

Je - sus is the Christ, the Son of God.

Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

Please stand

Gospel

Mark 6:1-6

In the face of lack of faith, Jesus continues to teach and preach the Word.

Jesus left there and went to his hometown, accompanied by his disciples. When the Sabbath came, he began to teach in the synagogue, and many who heard him were amazed.

“Where did this man get these things?” they asked. “What’s this wisdom that has been given him, that he even does miracles! Isn’t this the carpenter? Isn’t this Mary’s son and the brother of James, Joseph, Judas and Simon? Aren’t his sisters here with us?” And they took offense at him.

Jesus said to them, “Only in his hometown, among his relatives and in his own house is a prophet without honor.” He could not do any miracles there, except lay his hands on a few sick people and heal them. And he was amazed at their lack of faith.

C: Praise be to you, O Christ!

Be seated

Hymn of the Day[†]

Preach You the Word
Christian Worship 544

Sermon

2 Corinthians 12:7-10

Thankful for Thorns

Please stand

Apostles' Creed

**C: 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.**

† Hymn of the Day: The hymn of the day is generally viewed as the “teaching” or “liturgical” hymn of the worship service. This hymn usually has the deepest theological text as compared to the rest of the hymns in the service. It is most closely connected to the Gospel and is specifically chosen to reinforce the congregation’s understanding of the Gospel which was just read. For more information on the hymn of the day, see pg. 18 of *Understanding Lutheran Worship*, found in the hymnal rack.

Be seated

THANKSGIVING

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

- M:** Father, we thank you that you have released us from the law and that we now belong to Christ.
- C:** **Help us to always serve you in the new life of the Spirit and bear fruit for you.**
- M:** Father, we thank you for all that you do to provide us with our daily bread. Be with those who work to grow the fruits of the earth that you have given us for food.
- C:** **Give them favorable weather and a successful harvest. Allow the fruits of their labor to provide for the needs of the many who rely on them.**
- M:** Father, we thank you for our nation and the many freedoms that you have provided for us here. Guide our leaders to serve us with integrity.
- C:** **Be with those who defend our freedoms in the armed forces, as well as those who protect our freedoms closer to home.**
- M:** Father, we thank you for the seasons and the means to travel the earth that you have given us. Keep safe all who journey, whether by land, sea, or air.
- C:** **Bring them safely to their destinations and see them safely home again.**

Special prayers and intercessions may follow.

M: Father, we thank you for the great cloud of witnesses that surrounds us. We join our prayer with their unending prayers before your throne.

C: **Bring us one day with them to the feast of joy that has no end in the kingdom of your Son. 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.**

Be seated

Hymn

I Know My Faith Is Founded

Christian Worship 403

Please stand

M: 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.



M: Brothers and sisters, go in peace. Live in harmony with one another. Serve the Lord with gladness.

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: A - men. A - men. A - men.

Be seated

Closing Hymn

Consider How the Birds Above (see pg. 12)

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Announcements

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Postlude

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

Psalm 143

Refrain



Lord, let your mer-cy be on us, as we place our trust in you.

Psalm tone



O LORD, hear my prayer, listen to my cry for mercy;
in your faithfulness and righteousness come to my relief.

Do not bring your servant into judgment,
for no one living is righteous before you.

My spirit grows faint within me;
my heart within me is dismayed.

Refrain

Answer me quickly, O LORD;
do not hide your face from me.

Let the morning bring me word of your unfailing love,
for I have put my trust in you.

Teach me to do your will, for you are my God;
may your good Spirit lead me on level 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.**

Refrain

Consider How the Birds Above



1 Con - si - der how the birds a - bove
 2 The li - lies grow; they do not toil.
 3 Set not your heart on food or drink,
 4 Be on your guard a - gainst all greed,
 5 Be not a - fraid to suf - fer loss
 6 Seek first God's reign, his bound - less grace,



Feed day by day with care - free ease—
 How fair is their fra - gil - i - ty—
 Nor be weighed down by world - ly care;
 For life is more than what we own.
 Of all the things for which you pray;
 His ho - ly name in all you do:



Does God not keep them in his love?
 If God clothes these, which quick - ly spoil,
 A - bout such things the god - less think,
 Our Fa - ther knows our ev - 'ry need
 For he who faced for you the cross
 Christ first and last in ev - 'ry place;



Are we not worth much more than these?
 Will he not clothe both you and me?
 Yet nev - er thank the Lord in prayer.
 Be - fore our needs to us are known.
 Will give you strength to live each day.
 All else will then be giv - en you.

Serving at Worship

Minister	Pastor Eric Schroeder
Musicians	Dan Schmal, organ (Saturday) Dr. William Braun, organ (Sunday)
Head Ushers	Kerry Kuehn (8:00 AM) Rick Yahn (10:30 AM)
Greeters	Paul Katzer, Kathryn Hendee, Mark/Mary Gaub (8:00 AM) Matt/Jenny Bahr, Holly Curtis (10:30 AM)

Worship Notes

- The flowers on the altar are given by Jeff and Yvonne Quint in celebration of their 45th wedding anniversary and blessings received.
- The flowers on the standards are given by Ben and Dorothee Haferman in celebration of their 2nd wedding anniversary, daughter Thea's 1st birthday on July 20 and blessings received.

In Our Prayers

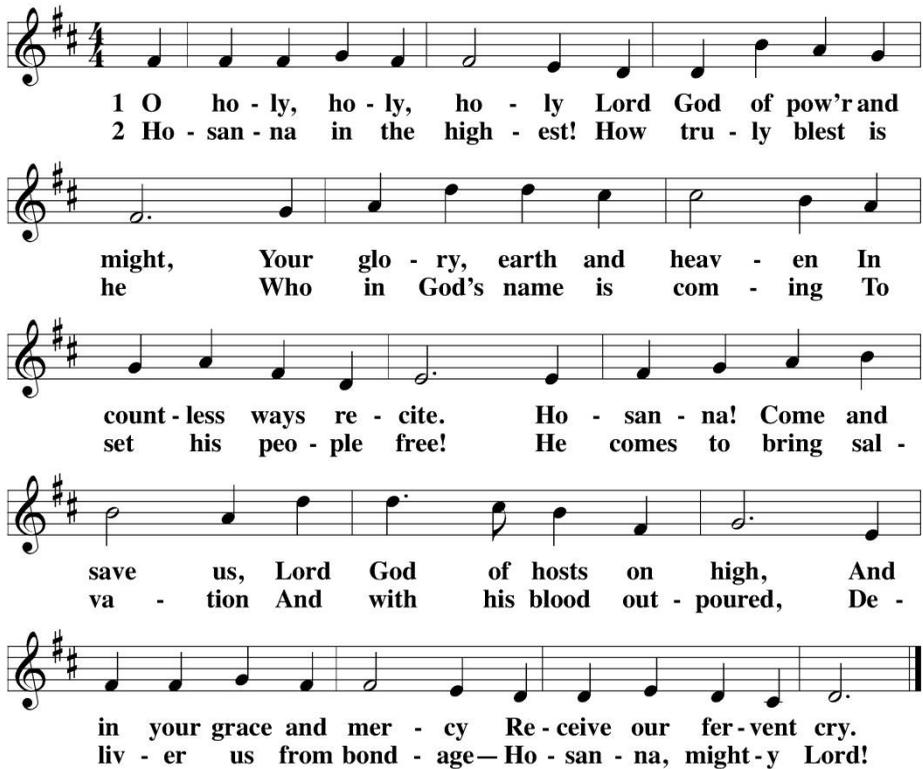
- Mary Heins, scheduled for knee-replacement surgery on Monday, July 9.
- Elsie Meckstroth, newborn daughter of Mike and Emily Meckstroth, hospitalized at Children's.
- St. John's youth and chaperones away on mission trips to Mississauga, Ontario and Rock Hill, South Carolina.
- Pastor Schroeder and family, deliberating a divine call to St. Paul's Lutheran, Appleton.

Parents' Preview for July 15

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.

“Holy, Holy, Holy”

This song of praise, sung immediately before the Words of Institution, echoes the words of the seraphim in Isaiah 6:3. It reminds us that one day, we will sing perfect praises to our God in heaven.



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!

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Readings for the Week of Pentecost 7

M	Titus 3:3-7.....	Isaiah 45:9-13
T	1 Peter 3:18-22.....	1 Corinthians 6:9-11
W	Galatians 3:26-29.....	Mark 10:13-16
TH	Mark 16:14-18.....	Acts 10:34-48a
F	Matthew 3:13-17.....	Colossians 2:6-10a 12, 13a
S	Ephesians 3:14-21.....	Revelation 3:1-6

