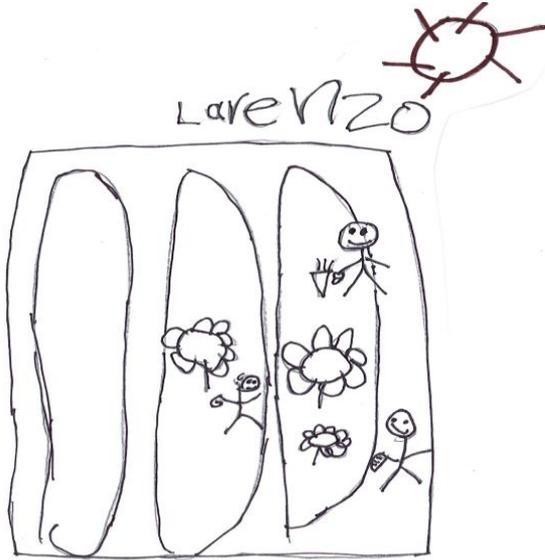


Welcome to Worship  
at  
St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church  
a reconciling in Christ congregation



## Fourth Sunday After Pentecost

July 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2022

9:30 am

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## Statement of Welcome

*There is no longer Jew or Greek, there is no longer slave or free, there is no longer male and female; for all of you are one in Christ Jesus.—Galatians 3:28*

As a community of God striving to be open to all people, we at St. John's Lutheran Congregation believe that the gospel is God's gift to all people, to be shared unconditionally. We welcome all to join us as we struggle to better understand the mysteries of God's teachings. We are challenged by Christ to care for, to love, to understand, and to listen to each other, regardless of race, age, gender, marital status, physical and mental abilities, sexual/affectional orientation, national origin or economic status. We celebrate together our unity as God's people. St. John's Lutheran Congregation is a place for each person to shine in their own unique gifts.

## Statement of Mission

St. John's Lutheran Church is a downtown, community-oriented, congregation of Christians. We worship God, strive to welcome and wholly accept everyone, and reach out with and in God's love.

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**Communion** is a time we invite all baptized Christians who believe that our Lord Jesus is truly present in the bread and wine of the Sacrament. If this is your belief, there are instructions to follow at the time of Communion later in the bulletin.

**Nursery** – A staffed nursery person is available in the nursery following Children's Chat . . .

**Service Notes** – \* (asterisk) indicates, please stand if you are able.

# Gathering

*The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.*

## Announcements

**Prelude**      “*O Christ, Our Light, O Radiance True*”  
(From *Gesangbuch*, Nürnberg, 1676)

## \*Confession and Forgiveness

A: Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, whose steadfast love endures forever.

**C: Amen.**

A: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another. Merciful God . . .

**C: We confess that we have not followed your path but have chosen our own way. Instead of putting others before ourselves we long to take the best seats at the table. When met by those in need, we have too often passed by on the other side. Set us again on the path of life. Save us from ourselves and free us to love our neighbors. Amen.**

A: Hear the good news! God does not deal with us according to our sins but delights in granting pardon and mercy. In the name of + Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. You are free to love as God loves.

**C: Amen**

**\*Gathering Hymn** *(please use your hymnals, sing quietly)*

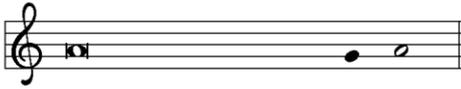
ELW # 576 **“We All Are One in Mission”**

**\*Greeting**

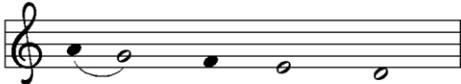
A: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: **And also with you.**

**\*Kyrie** *(Congregation sing parts in bold quietly . . .)* page 147



In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



**Lord, have mer - cy.**



For the peace from a-bove, and for our sal - vation, let us pray to the Lord.



**Lord, have mer - cy.**



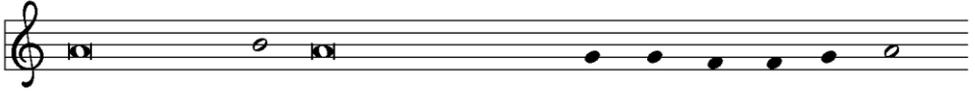
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For this holy house, and for all who offer here their wor-ship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord. Lord have mer - cy.



Help, save, comfort, and de-fend us, gra-cious Lord. A - men.

**\* Canticle of Praise** (Congregation sing quietly) page 149

*Refrain*  
Assisting minister



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia.

All



1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us



free to be peo - ple of God. Pow - er and rich - es and wis - dom and



strength, and hon - or and bless - ing and glo - ry are his.

*Refrain*



This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God. Al - le - lu - ia.



2 Sing with all the peo - ple of God and join in the



hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless - ing and hon - or and glo - ry and



might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.

*Final refrain*



This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God, for the Lamb who was slain



has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

## **\*Prayer of the Day**

A: Let us pray. O God, the Father of our Lord Jesus, you are the city that shelters us, the mother who comforts us. With your Spirit accompany us on our life's journey, that we may spread your peace in all the world, through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**C: Amen.**

## **Word**

*God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.*

### **First Reading**

**Isaiah 66:10-14**

<sup>10</sup>Rejoice with Jerusalem, and be glad for her, all you who love her; rejoice with her in joy, all you who mourn over her— <sup>11</sup>that you may nurse and be satisfied from her consoling breast; that you may drink deeply with delight from her glorious bosom.

<sup>12</sup>For thus says the LORD: I will extend prosperity to her like a river, and the wealth of the nations like an overflowing stream; and you shall nurse and be carried on her arm, and dandled on her knees.

<sup>13</sup>As a mother comforts her child, so I will comfort you; you shall be comforted in Jerusalem.

<sup>14</sup>You shall see, and your heart shall rejoice; your bodies shall flourish like the grass; and it shall be known that the hand of the LORD is with his servants, and his indignation is against his enemies.

A: The Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm 66:1-9**      *(please read responsively)*

<sup>1</sup>Be joyful in God, all you lands;  
be joyful, all the earth.

<sup>2</sup>**Sing the glory of God's name;  
sing the glory of God's praise.**

<sup>3</sup>Say to God, "How awesome are your deeds!  
Because of your great strength your enemies cringe before you.

<sup>4</sup>**All the earth bows down before you,  
sings to you, sings out your name."**

<sup>5</sup>Come now and see the works of God,  
how awesome are God's deeds toward all people.

<sup>6</sup>**God turned the sea into dry land, so that they went through  
the water on foot, and there we rejoiced in God.**

<sup>7</sup>Ruling forever in might, God keeps watch over the nations;  
let no rebels exalt themselves.

<sup>8</sup>**Bless our God, you peoples;  
let the sound of praise be heard.**

<sup>9</sup>Our God has kept us among the living and has not allowed  
our feet to slip.

[<sup>1</sup>My friends, if anyone is detected in a transgression, you who have received the Spirit should restore such a one in a spirit of gentleness. Take care that you yourselves are not tempted. <sup>2</sup>Bear one another's burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ. <sup>3</sup>For if those who are nothing think they are something, they deceive themselves. <sup>4</sup>All must test their own work; then that work, rather than their neighbor's work, will become a cause for pride. <sup>5</sup>For all must carry their own loads.

<sup>6</sup>Those who are taught the word must share in all good things with their teacher.]

<sup>7</sup>Do not be deceived; God is not mocked, for you reap whatever you sow. <sup>8</sup>If you sow to your own flesh, you will reap corruption from the flesh; but if you sow to the Spirit, you will reap eternal life from the Spirit. <sup>9</sup>So let us not grow weary in doing what is right, for we will reap at harvest time, if we do not give up. <sup>10</sup>So then, whenever we have an opportunity, let us work for the good of all, and especially for those of the family of faith.

<sup>11</sup>See what large letters I make when I am writing in my own hand! <sup>12</sup>It is those who want to make a good showing in the flesh that try to compel you to be circumcised—only that they may not be persecuted for the cross of Christ. <sup>13</sup>Even the circumcised do not themselves obey the law, but they want you to be circumcised so that they may boast about your flesh. <sup>14</sup>May I never boast of anything except the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by which the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world. <sup>15</sup>For neither circumcision nor uncircumcision is anything; but a new creation is everything! <sup>16</sup>As for those who will follow this rule—peace be upon them, and mercy, and upon the Israel of God.

A: The Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

## \*Gospel Acclamation

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## \*Gospel

Luke 10:1-11, 16-20

A: The Holy Gospel according to Luke, the 10<sup>th</sup> chapter.

### C: Glory to you, O Lord.

<sup>1</sup>After this the Lord appointed seventy others and sent them on ahead of him in pairs to every town and place where he himself intended to go. <sup>2</sup>He said to them, “The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest. <sup>3</sup>Go on your way. See, I am sending you out like lambs into the midst of wolves. <sup>4</sup>Carry no purse, no bag, no sandals; and greet no one on the road. <sup>5</sup>Whatever house you enter, first say, ‘Peace to this house!’ <sup>6</sup>And if anyone is there who shares in peace, your peace will rest on that person; but if not, it will return to you. <sup>7</sup>Remain in the same house, eating and drinking whatever they provide, for the laborer deserves to be paid. Do not move about from house to house. <sup>8</sup>Whenever you enter a town and its people welcome you, eat what is set before you; <sup>9</sup>cure the sick who are there, and say to them, ‘The kingdom of God has come near to you.’ <sup>10</sup>But whenever you enter a town and they do not welcome you, go out into its streets and say, <sup>11</sup>‘Even the dust of

your town that clings to our feet, we wipe off in protest against you. Yet know this: the kingdom of God has come near.’”

<sup>16</sup>“Whoever listens to you listens to me, and whoever rejects you rejects me, and whoever rejects me rejects the one who sent me.”

<sup>17</sup>The seventy returned with joy, saying, “Lord, in your name even the demons submit to us!” <sup>18</sup>He said to them, “I watched Satan fall from heaven like a flash of lightning. <sup>19</sup>See, I have given you authority to tread on snakes and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy; and nothing will hurt you. <sup>20</sup>Nevertheless, do not rejoice at this, that the spirits submit to you, but rejoice that your names are written in heaven.”

A: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

**Sermon:** The Reverend Susan D. Ruggles

**\*Hymn of the Day** – *(please use your hymnals, sing quietly.)*

ELW # 546      ***“To Be Your Presence”***

***\*Apostles’ Creed***

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God’s 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 to the dead.\***

**On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

**\*Prayers of Intercession**

A: Let us Pray. Lord of the harvest, you send your church into the world to proclaim Christ's new creation to all. Renew the church as it carries out your mission of peace and healing. God of grace,

**C: Hear our prayer.**

A: Your creation abounds with flowing waters and diverse creatures. Guide the work those who develop and advocate ways to restore earth's natural balance. Motivate humankind to adopt lifestyles that protect and sustain the earth. God of grace,

**C: Hear our prayer.**

A: Mothering God, you care for all people in need. Nourish those who are hungry. Restore employment to those who have lost work. Heal those who are sick, and comfort all who are dying or grieving including those we mention on our prayer list, . . . and those we name aloud or in our hearts . . . God of grace,

**C: Hear our prayer.**

A: You desire abundant life for all. As we celebrate Independence Day, instill in us gratitude, generosity, and persistence in working toward freedom for all people. God of grace.

**C: Hear our prayer.**

*(Here other intercessions may be offered.)*

A: God of every time and place, in Jesus' name and filled with your Holy Spirit, we entrust these spoken prayers and those in our hearts into your holy keeping.

**C: Amen.**

### **\* The Sharing of the Peace**

*(please remain in your seats and gesture a sign of peace to those around you.)*

A: The Peace of the Lord be with you all.

**C: And also with you.**

## **Meal**

*God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.*

*(Ushers now proceed forward to receive the offering plates from the Altar, and begin to pass them through the pews.)*

### **Offertory**

*"I've Got Peace Like a River"*  
(African American spiritual)

### **\*Presentation of Gifts**

*(Ushers now bring the offering plates forward.)*

# \*Offertory Hymn

ELW #172 *“Halle, Halle, Hallelujah”*

Hal-le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le, hal - le, hal -  
- le - lu - jah. Hal - le, hal - le, hal - le -  
lu - jah. Hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le - lu - jah.

# \*Offering Prayer

A: Let us pray. God of abundance: you have set before us a plentiful harvest. As we feast on your goodness, strengthen us to labor in your field, and equip us to bear fruit for the good of all, in the name of Jesus.

C: Amen

**\*Great Thanksgiving**    (*congregation sing responses in bold.*)

The Lord be with you. **And al - so with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

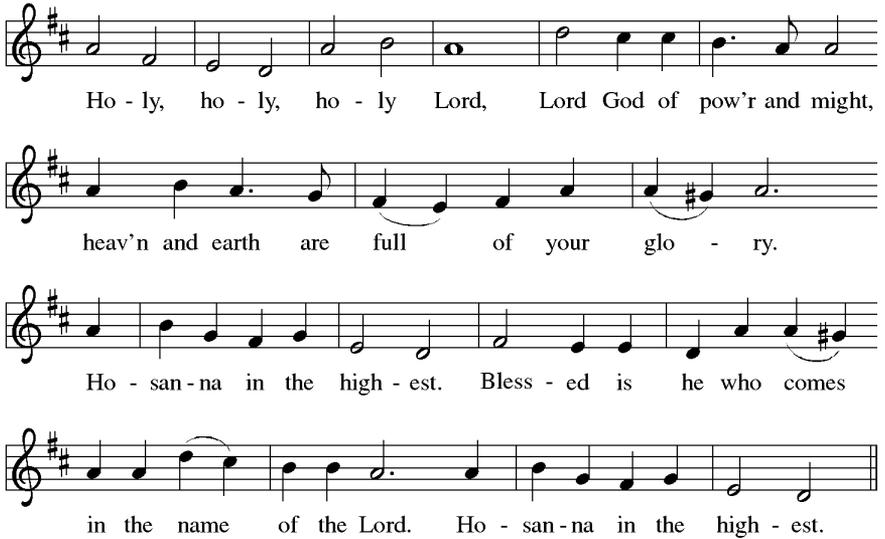
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

**\* Preface**    (*Pastor continues . . .*)

## \*Holy, Holy, Holy

C: (please sing quietly)

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Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might,  
heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.  
Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes  
in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

## \*Communion Form

(Pastor continues ... )

## \*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.  
Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours,  
now and forever. Amen.**

# \*Lamb of God

C:

*(please sing quietly)*

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**Communion Hymns** *(Please use your hymnal, and sing quietly.)*

ELW # 481 ***“Come to the Table”***

ELW # 479 ***“We Come to the Hungary Feast”***

ELW # 468 ***“Around You, O Lord Jesus”***

**\*Prayer after Communion**

A: Let us pray. Life-giving God, through this meal you have bandaged our wounds and fed us with your mercy. Now send us forth to live for others, both friend and stranger, that all may come to know your love. This we pray in the name of Jesus.

**C: Amen.**

**Sending**

*God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.*

**\*Blessing**

A: The God of peace, Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you, comfort you, and show you the path of life this day and always.

**C: Amen.**

**\*Sending Hymn** *(Please use your hymnals, sing quietly)*

ELW # 537 ***“On Our Way Rejoicing”***

## \*Dismissal

A: Go in peace. Love your neighbor.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

## Postlude

*Improvisations on “Engelberg”*

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**Worship Assistant** – Chris Orem

**Ushers** – Barbara Horinko / Joyce Petty

**Reader** – Bob Black

**Altar Guild** – Judi Kalapay / Linda Kalapay

**This Week at St. John's: July 3<sup>rd</sup> – July 10<sup>th</sup>**

**Today** (7/3/22) –Fourth Sunday after Pentecost, 9:30 am

**Today** (7/3/22) –Finance Meeting, following worship, Office

**Monday** (7/4/22) – July 4<sup>th</sup> Holiday, Church Office Closed

**Wednesday** (7/6/22) – Council Reports Due

**Sunday** (7/10/22) – Heritage Day Worship @ Riverside Park

**Monday** (7/11/22) – VBS, 6:00-8:30 - @ United Fellowship  
(formerly - Good Shepherd)

*Flowers today are dedicated in honor of our Daughter and Son-in-law, Katie & Jeff Hunsicker on their 8th Wedding Anniversary on July 4, 2022 - Love June & Bill Smith*



**Attendance:** 6/26/22 – 50 people

Last Sunday's Envelope / Plate Offering:	\$1,618.00
Weekly amount needed to reach our Budget:	\$2,270.00
Year to Date Envelope / Plate Offering:	\$50,539.00
Year to Date amount needed to reach our Budget:	\$59,020.00

*(These totals do not include special envelopes.)*

~ ATTENTION ALL MEMBERS OF ST. JOHN'S ~  
~ YOU ARE INVITED TO PARTICIPATE IN ~  
**“GALLERY APPRECIATION MONTH”**

SUNDAY JULY 17<sup>TH</sup> – AUGUST 21<sup>ST</sup>

**THIS SHOW... IS FOR EVERYONE !**

It's a time to Share something unique By OUR Members,  
for OUR Members and with OUR Members!

Examples: Hobbies, Favorite Recipes, Old Family  
Photos, Knitting, Crocheting, Collections, Artwork,  
Crafts, Poetry,  
Old Toys, Games, Dolls, Model Cars, Vintage Clothes,  
Records, Nostalgic Tools, etc . . .

SHOW AND TELL OR Something to Sell !

Drop off date will be July 12<sup>th</sup> from 11a.m. – 1 p.m.

\*If you can't make that date and time please contact:  
Charlie Hanson at 610-905-1767 to make other  
arrangements.

**PLEASE JOIN US!**

**Currently in the Gallery at St. John's . . .**

The art of Stewart P. Lewis,  
the grandfather of members Chuck and Howard Lewis.  
He created a cartoon character in the 1920's-1930's  
called, 'Father Easton' who appeared weekly in the  
Easton newspaper during that time. The Gallery is  
showcasing his art work, and will be open to view after  
worship and during Heritage Day.

*Heritage Day is Sunday, July 10<sup>th</sup>,*

*On this day, we will be worshipping with the community  
at the Riverside Park Amphitheatre at 9:30 am.*

*Please join us.*

*This is an opportunity to Worship with our neighbors.*

*\*For those not wishing to worship outdoors, a prayer  
service will be available at 8:30 am in the Sanctuary.*



*Summer is here, and with  
vacations the church office may be  
left unattended from time to time.  
To make sure you don't make a  
wasted trip, please call ahead.  
Phone messages and e-mails  
will be checked regularly.*



**After the service**, please join us in the Gallery for  
fellowship and light refreshments.

# We are a Praying Church !

**Prayer Concerns:** Alyssa & Family, Chuck, Marge, Deanna, Jack, Nancy, Rebecca, Lois Anne, David, Kara, Barbara, Joan, Pastor Steve, Walter, Jim, Shirley, Karen, Tom, our Homebound Family and Friends, and the Family and Friends of Douglas Powell and Frank Kutch.

*If you have any prayer requests or needs, please let us know, and let us pray for you.*

**\*We invite you to take this prayer list home and pray.**

*Prayer Requests can be added by contacting the church office at 610-258-6119 or email [Admin@stjohnseaston.org](mailto:Admin@stjohnseaston.org), or by filling out a request from the pew cards.*

**(Requested will be removed at the beginning of the following month unless notified.)**

