



ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

SUMMER WORSHIP

A season of rest, renewal, and praise

Sundays at 9:30 AM
Holy Eucharist

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**ALL ARE
WELCOME!**



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We are delighted to have you with us today! To help us keep track of our cherished visitors, we kindly ask that you sign the visitor book located in the Narthex. This small gesture allows us to connect with you and offer any assistance you may need. Additionally, our ushers are more than happy to provide guidance and answer any questions you might have during worship. Whether you're here for the first time or returning, we hope you feel welcomed.



Busy bags are in the Narthex for your little ones to enjoy. These bags are thoughtfully prepared to keep children engaged during the service. Additionally, we invite you to explore and make use of the Godly Play area at the back of the Nave, designed to provide a welcoming and enriching environment for our young attendees. We hope these resources help create a meaningful and enjoyable experience for your family.

MISSION STATEMENT

All are welcome! We share Christ's love, grow in faith, and serve others.

PRELUDE

We stand.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

In the name of the Father,
and of the ✚ Son,
and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

We kneel or stand.

Silence for reflection and self-examination.

Most merciful God,
we confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. 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. 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

Almighty God, in his mercy, has given his Son to die for us and, for his sake, forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the ✚ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen

GREETING

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

GLORIA



26 *f*
Glo - ry, glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God_ in the high - est,

30
Glo - ry, glo-ry to God,_ glo-ry to God_ in the high - est,

34 *mf*
Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son_____ of the_ Fa - ther,

38
Lord God,_ Lamb of God, you take a - way the_ sin of the

41 *mp*
world. Have mer - cy on us; You are seat - ed at_ the right

45
hand of the Fa - ther; re - ceive_ our prayer. _____

Chorus
CONGREGATION

49 *f*
Glo - ry, glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God_ in the high - est,

53 (Optional)
Glo - ry, glo-ry to God,_ glo-ry to God_ in the high - est. For

57 *mf*
you a - lone_ are the Ho - ly One,_ You a - lone_____ are the_ Lord;

61

You a - lone_ are the Most_ High,_ Je - sus_ Christ. With the

65

Ho - ly Spi - rit, in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther.

Final Chorus

CONGREGATION

70

Glo - ry, glo-ry to God,_ glo-ry to God_ in the high - est, Glo - ry,

75

glo-ry to God,_ glo-ry to God_ in the high - est. A - men.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.
 Let us pray. . . .

We sit.

WORD

FIRST LESSON

FOUND IN THE INSERT

PSALM

Said responsively by verse.

FOUND IN THE INSERT

SECOND LESSON

FOUND IN THE INSERT

We stand.

GOSPEL

FOUND IN THE INSERT

We sit.

SERMON

We stand.

HYMN OF THE DAY

FOUND IN THE INSERT

APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended into hell.* *Or, He descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again.
He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again 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

We kneel or sit for the prayers.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Each intercession ends with these words:

Lord, in your mercy,
Hear our prayer.

We stand.

PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.
And also with you.

We sit.

GREETINGS



MEAL

OFFERING

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Sung by the St. John's Summer Choir

We stand.

HYMN AT THE PRESENTATION

WE GIVE THEE BUT THINE OWN

We give thee but thine own,
whate'er the gift may be;
all that we have is thine alone,
a trust, O Lord, from thee.
Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also 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 him thanks and praise.

It is indeed right and salutary that we should at all times and in all places offer thanks and praise to you, O Lord, holy Father, through Christ our Lord; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. And so, with the Church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Musical notation for the first line of the hymn. It is in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody begins with a half note G, followed by quarter notes A and B, then a half note C. A double bar line follows. The second measure starts with a half note G, followed by quarter notes A and B, then a half note C. The third measure starts with a half note G, followed by quarter notes A and B, then a half note C. The fourth measure starts with a half note G, followed by quarter notes A and B, then a half note C. The fifth measure starts with a half note G, followed by quarter notes A and B, then a half note C. The sixth measure starts with a half note G, followed by quarter notes A and B, then a half note C. The seventh measure starts with a half note G, followed by quarter notes A and B, then a half note C. The eighth measure starts with a half note G, followed by quarter notes A and B, then a half note C. The ninth measure starts with a half note G, followed by quarter notes A and B, then a half note C. The tenth measure starts with a half note G, followed by quarter notes A and B, then a half note C. The eleventh measure starts with a half note G, followed by quarter notes A and B, then a half note C. The twelfth measure starts with a half note G, followed by quarter notes A and B, then a half note C. The thirteenth measure starts with a half note G, followed by quarter notes A and B, then a half note C. The fourteenth measure starts with a half note G, followed by quarter notes A and B, then a half note C. The fifteenth measure starts with a half note G, followed by quarter notes A and B, then a half note C. The sixteenth measure starts with a half note G, followed by quarter notes A and B, then a half note C. The seventeenth measure starts with a half note G, followed by quarter notes A and B, then a half note C. The eighteenth measure starts with a half note G, followed by quarter notes A and B, then a half note C. The nineteenth measure starts with a half note G, followed by quarter notes A and B, then a half note C. The twentieth measure starts with a half note G, followed by quarter notes A and B, then a half note C. The notation includes a dynamic marking of *mp* above the second measure. The lyrics are: (Org.) Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Ho - ly, ho - ly,

Musical notation for the second line of the hymn. It is in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody begins with a half note G, followed by quarter notes A and B, then a half note C. The second measure starts with a half note G, followed by quarter notes A and B, then a half note C. The third measure starts with a half note G, followed by quarter notes A and B, then a half note C. The fourth measure starts with a half note G, followed by quarter notes A and B, then a half note C. The fifth measure starts with a half note G, followed by quarter notes A and B, then a half note C. The sixth measure starts with a half note G, followed by quarter notes A and B, then a half note C. The seventh measure starts with a half note G, followed by quarter notes A and B, then a half note C. The eighth measure starts with a half note G, followed by quarter notes A and B, then a half note C. The ninth measure starts with a half note G, followed by quarter notes A and B, then a half note C. The tenth measure starts with a half note G, followed by quarter notes A and B, then a half note C. The eleventh measure starts with a half note G, followed by quarter notes A and B, then a half note C. The twelfth measure starts with a half note G, followed by quarter notes A and B, then a half note C. The thirteenth measure starts with a half note G, followed by quarter notes A and B, then a half note C. The fourteenth measure starts with a half note G, followed by quarter notes A and B, then a half note C. The fifteenth measure starts with a half note G, followed by quarter notes A and B, then a half note C. The sixteenth measure starts with a half note G, followed by quarter notes A and B, then a half note C. The seventeenth measure starts with a half note G, followed by quarter notes A and B, then a half note C. The eighteenth measure starts with a half note G, followed by quarter notes A and B, then a half note C. The nineteenth measure starts with a half note G, followed by quarter notes A and B, then a half note C. The twentieth measure starts with a half note G, followed by quarter notes A and B, then a half note C. The notation includes a dynamic marking of *cresc. poco a poco* above the second measure. The lyrics are: ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might, hea-ven and earth are full of your

8 *mf* *più f* *mf*
 glo - ry. Ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est, ho -

11 *più f* *attacca*
 san - na. ho - san - na in the high - est.

14 *mp*
 Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord,

16 *p* *mf*
 Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord, ho -

19 *più f* *mf*
 san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est, Ho -

21 *più f* *rit.*
 san - na. ho - san - na in the high - est.

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

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,
 and gave it for all to drink, saying:
 This cup is the new covenant in my blood,
 shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.
 Do this for the remembrance of me.

Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.

1 Our Fa - ther in heav - en, we hal - low your Name! Most
2 Our dai - ly bread give us, ful - fil ev - ery need; grant
3 Then, from all temp - ta - tion, come lead us a - way; from
ho - ly and glo - ri - ous, ev - er the same! Es -
food for both spir - it and bod - y, we plead. As
on - slaught of e - vil, de - liv - er, we pray! For
tab - lish your king - dom, your pur - pose ful - fill. On
we for - give oth - ers, our debts please for - give; with
yours is the king - dom, the glo - ry and power in
earth as in heav - en, may all do your will!
all re - con - ciled and at peace may we live.
past and in fu - ture, this day and this hour!

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
Therefore, let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

All who believe that Jesus is present in the bread and wine, forgiving sin and promising eternal life, are welcome to the Table of the Lord. Gluten-free wafers are available if requested.

SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

July 12 | 9:30am

Hymn of the Day: As Rain from the Clouds ELW 508

Communion Hymn: We Plow the Fields and Scatter (WIR PFLÜGEN) ELW 681

Closing Hymn: Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty ELW 533

FIRST READING

Isaiah 55:10-13:9-12

A reading from Isaiah

As the rain and the snow come down from heaven,
and do not return there until they have watered the earth,
making it bring forth and sprout,
giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater,
so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth;
it shall not return to me empty,
but it shall accomplish that which I purpose,
and succeed in the thing for which I sent it.
For you shall go out in joy,
and be led back in peace;
the mountains and the hills before you
shall burst into song,
and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands.
Instead of the thorn shall come up the cypress;
instead of the brier shall come up the myrtle;
and it shall be to the Lord for a memorial,
for an everlasting sign that shall not be cut off.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 65:(1-8), 9-14

8 The Lord is gracious and full of compassion, *
slow to anger and of great kindness.
9 The Lord is loving to everyone *
and his compassion is over all his works.
10 All your works praise you, O Lord, *
and your faithful servants bless you.
11 They make known the glory of your kingdom *
and speak of your power;
12 That the peoples may know of your power *
and the glorious splendor of your kingdom.
13 Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom; *
your dominion endures throughout all ages.
14 The Lord is faithful in all his words *
and merciful in all his deeds.
15 The Lord upholds all those who fall; *
he lifts up those who are bowed down.

SECOND READING

Romans 8:1-11

A reading from Romans

There is no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has set you free from the law of sin and of death. For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do: by sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and to deal with sin, he condemned sin in the flesh, so that the just requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit. For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit set their minds on the things of the Spirit. To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. For this reason the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God's law-- indeed it cannot, and those who are in the flesh cannot please God.

But you are not in the flesh; you are in the Spirit, since the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. But if Christ is in you, though the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness. If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through his Spirit that dwells in you.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.**GOSPEL**

Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

The holy gospel according to Matthew

Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the sea. Such great crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat there, while the whole crowd stood on the beach. And he told them many things in parables, saying: "Listen! A sower went out to sow. And as he sowed, some seeds fell on the path, and the birds came and ate them up. Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil, and they sprang up quickly, since they had no depth of soil. But when the sun rose, they were scorched; and since they had no root, they withered away. Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. Other seeds fell on good soil and brought forth grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. Let anyone with ears listen!"

"Hear then the parable of the sower. When anyone hears the word of the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what is sown in the heart; this is what was sown on the path. As for what was sown on rocky ground, this is the one who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy; yet such a person has no root, but endures only for a while, and when trouble or persecution arises on account of the word, that person immediately falls away. As for what was sown among thorns, this is the one who hears the word, but the cares of the world and the lure of wealth choke the word, and it yields nothing. But as for what was sown on good soil, this is the one who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and yields, in one case a hundredfold, in another sixty, and in another thirty."

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ

Worship Leaders Today

Celebrant	The Rev Martha McCreight
Organist	Nathan K. Lively-Greyling
Worship Assistant	Michele Effren
Reader	
Communion Assistant	Marie Sweglar
Usher	
Altar Committee	Sheila Koch
Counters	David Hendrickson, Michele Taylor, Shirley Schulz
Fellowship Time	
Little Free Pantry	Shirley Schulz

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Wednesday, July 15

12:00 noon Weekly Eucharist - Chapel

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunday, July 19

9:30 am Summer Worship

Wednesday, July 22

12:00 noon Weekly Eucharist - Chapel



Undie Sunday Underwear and Socks Collection - Deadline Extended to July 13

We at St. John's are excited to again join a multi-church drive organized by Saint Andrew's Episcopal Church that will benefit several shelters and organizations in Stamford. It's called, "Undie Sunday." From now until July 13, we will collect donations of new underwear and socks of all sizes for men, women, and children. Suggested and accepted items include: bras, long john/thermal underwear, socks (cotton and/or thermal), t-shirts, tank tops/undershirts, underwear/briefs/boxers, feminine hygiene products (e.g. tampons, pads). Please note: All items must be new and in their original packaging. Donations can be brought to Sunday worship or to the church during office hours Mon-Thurs, 9am-12noon. Any questions, please contact Michele Effren at meffren0703@gmail.com or 203-515-0843.

GIVING AT ST. JOHN'S

As summer takes us to new places, our faith travels with us! A gentle reminder - whether you're enjoying a vacation with family or exploring somewhere new, your continued generosity keeps St. John's strong and our ministry thriving.

Did you know you can give anytime, anywhere? Online giving via our Vanco portal makes it easy to stay connected to God's work here at home — even when you're miles away. Not on Vanco? a check mailed to the church office works just as well! Or, use this QR code.



Every gift, large or small, is a seed of faithfulness that blooms in our community.

"Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver." — 2 Corinthians 9:7

Thank you for your faithful partnership in ministry. May God richly bless your summer adventures!