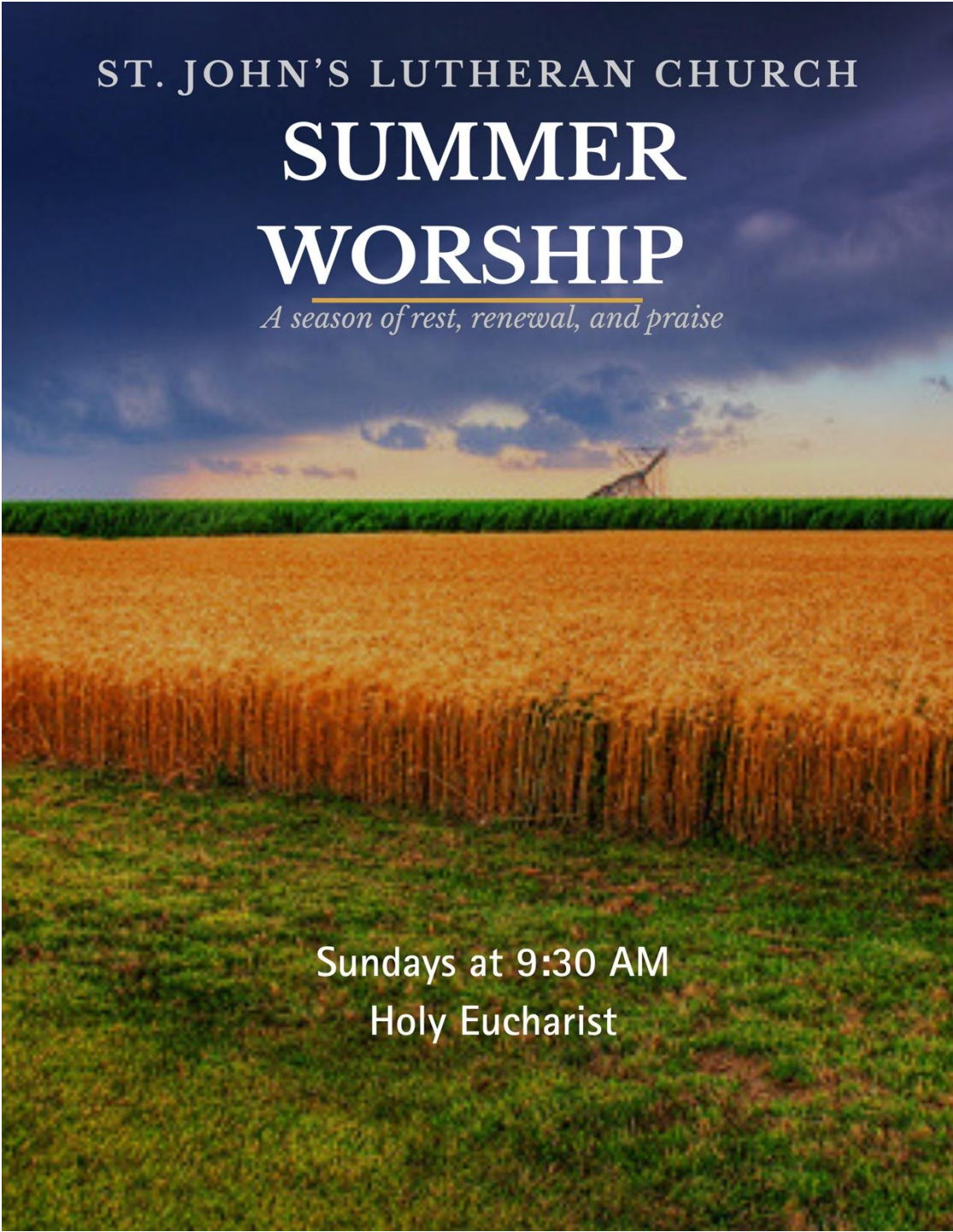




ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

SUMMER WORSHIP

A season of rest, renewal, and praise

Sundays at 9:30 AM
Holy Eucharist

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

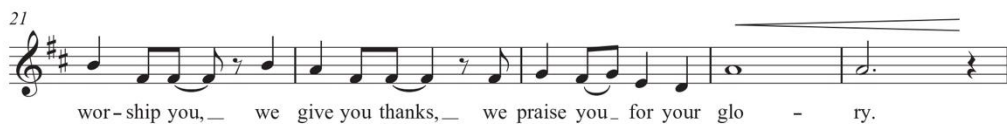
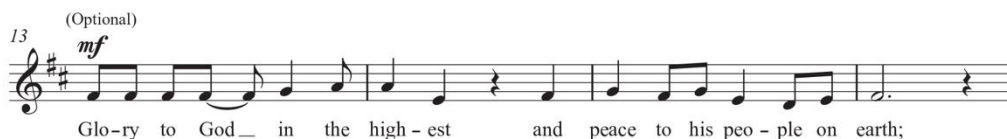
GREETING

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



Chorus



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.

molto rit.

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.

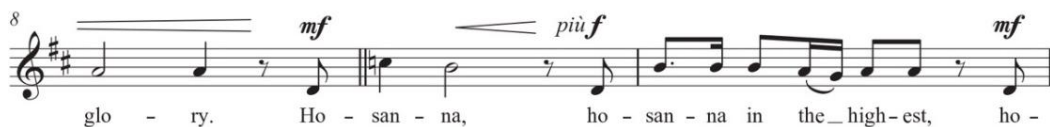
We lift them to the Lord.

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:

The musical notation is written on two staves in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The first staff begins with a treble clef, a key signature of one sharp (F#), and a 4/4 time signature. It contains a short instrumental introduction marked '(Org.)' followed by the lyrics 'Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Ho - ly, ho - ly,'. The melody is marked with a mezzo-piano (*mp*) dynamic. The second staff starts with a measure rest labeled '5' and continues the melody with the lyrics 'ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might, hea-ven and earth are full of your'. This section is marked with a crescendo and *poco a poco* (gradually) dynamic. The notation includes various musical symbols such as notes, rests, and dynamic markings.



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-fill 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.

We sit.

LAMB OF GOD

(Org.) *mp*

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

4 *p poco*

God, you take a-way the sin of the world. Have mer-cy on us, have

7 *mp p*

mer-cy on us, have_ mer - cy. Lamb of God, you take a-way the

10 *p*

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

13 *poco mp p*

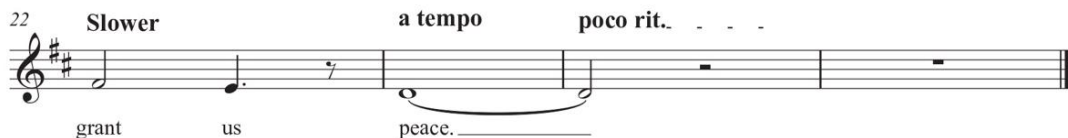
mer-cy on us, have mer-cy on us, have_ mer - cy. Lamb of

16 *mp*

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

19 *rit.*

sin of the world, grant us peace, grant us peace,



MUSIC AT THE DISTRIBUTION

HYMN

FOUND IN INSERT

We stand.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray.

We give you thanks, **almighty God**, that you have refreshed us through the healing power of this gift of life; and we pray that in your mercy you would strengthen us, through this gift, in faith toward you and in fervent love toward one another; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

SENDING

BLESSING

Almighty God, Father, ✠ Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

Amen.

HYMN AT THE PROCESSION

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DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SEPTEMBER 13

Rally Sunday

Return to 2 services

5:00pm Evensong

TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

August 16 | 9:30am

Hymn of the Day: Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing ELW 886

Communion Hymn: One Bread, One Body ELW 496

Closing Hymn: Jesus Shall Reign ELW 434

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Almighty God, you have given your only Son to be for us a sacrifice for sin, and also an example of godly life: Give us grace to receive thankfully the fruits of his redeeming work, and to follow daily in the blessed steps of his most holy life; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

FIRST READING

Isaiah 56:1, 6-8

A reading from Isaiah

Thus says the Lord:
Maintain justice, and do what is right,
for soon my salvation will come,
and my deliverance be revealed.
And the foreigners who join themselves to the Lord,
to minister to him, to love the name of the Lord,
and to be his servants,
all who keep the sabbath, and do not profane it,
and hold fast my covenant--
these I will bring to my holy mountain,
and make them joyful in my house of prayer;
their burnt offerings and their sacrifices
will be accepted on my altar;
for my house shall be called a house of prayer
for all peoples.
Thus says the Lord God,
who gathers the outcasts of Israel,
I will gather others to them
besides those already gathered.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 67

1 May God be merciful to us and bless us, *
show us the light of his countenance and come to us.
2 Let your ways be known upon earth, *
your saving health among all nations.
3 Let the peoples praise you, O God; *
let all the peoples praise you.
4 Let the nations be glad and sing for joy, *
for you judge the peoples with equity
and guide all the nations upon earth.

5 Let the peoples praise you, O God; *
let all the peoples praise you.
6 The earth has brought forth her increase; *
may God, our own God, give us his blessing.
7 May God give us his blessing, *
and may all the ends of the earth stand in awe of him.

SECOND READING

Romans 11:11-2a, 29-32

A reading from Romans

I ask, then, has God rejected his people? By no means! I myself am an Israelite, a descendant of Abraham, a member of the tribe of Benjamin. God has not rejected his people whom he foreknew.

For the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable. Just as you were once disobedient to God but have now received mercy because of their disobedience, so they have now been disobedient in order that, by the mercy shown to you, they too may now receive mercy. For God has imprisoned all in disobedience so that he may be merciful to all.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL

Matthew 15: (10-20), 21-28

The holy gospel according to Matthew

Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus called the crowd to him and said to them, "Listen and understand: it is not what goes into the mouth that defiles a person, but it is what comes out of the mouth that defiles." Then the disciples approached and said to him, "Do you know that the Pharisees took offense when they heard what you said?" He answered, "Every plant that my heavenly Father has not planted will be uprooted. Let them alone; they are blind guides of the blind. And if one blind person guides another, both will fall into a pit." But Peter said to him, "Explain this parable to us." Then he said, "Are you also still without understanding? Do you not see that whatever goes into the mouth enters the stomach, and goes out into the sewer? But what comes out of the mouth proceeds from the heart, and this is what defiles. For out of the heart come evil intentions, murder, adultery, fornication, theft, false witness, slander. These are what defile a person, but to eat with unwashed hands does not defile."]

Jesus left that place and went away to the district of Tyre and Sidon. Just then a Canaanite woman from that region came out and started shouting, "Have mercy on me, Lord, Son of David; my daughter is tormented by a demon." But he did not answer her at all. And his disciples came and urged him, saying, "Send her away, for she keeps shouting after us." He answered, "I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel." But she came and knelt before him, saying, "Lord, help me." He answered, "It is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs." She said, "Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters' table." Then Jesus answered her, "Woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish." And her daughter was healed instantly.

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ

Worship Leaders Today

Celebrant	The Rev Marjo E. Anderson
Organist & Musicians	Jan Lucie
Worship Assistant	Michele Effren
Reader	Michele Effren
Communion Assistant	
Altar Committee	Pam Bartlett, Cathy Mahler
Counters	J. Geils, Janet Halpin, Cathy Mahler
Fellowship Time	Carla Haugen and John Dexheimer
Little Free Pantry	

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Wednesday, August 19

12:00 noon Weekly Eucharist - Chapel

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunday, August 23

9:30 am Worship

Wednesday, August 26

12:00 noon Weekly Eucharist - Chapel

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!



**WE'LL MEET YOU WHERE YOU ARE...
AND BRING YOU WHERE YOU BELONG**

Need a ride to Sunday worship? St. John's Lutheran wants to make sure that getting here is never a reason to miss out on gathering together in God's presence. Our volunteer drivers are happy to pick you up and bring you home - free of charge, with a friendly face along the way. This is a trial program at this time to determine how much interest and need there is for transportation. To request a ride for Sunday worship, please contact the church office no later than Wednesday at 10:00 AM. For rides to special services (such as holidays), please give us at least 5 days advance notice.

Call the office at (203) 322-0066 or email stjohnelcaoffice@gmail.com.

"And let us not neglect our meeting together, as some people do, but encourage one another." - Hebrews 10:25



It's that time of year again. If you would like to contribute to helping local students with their school supplies, please drop them off at the church office Monday-Thursday between 8:00 am - Noon or leave them in the narthex on Sunday morning. All contributions are greatly appreciated. We will be putting these in the Little Free Pantry for families in need. Thank you.