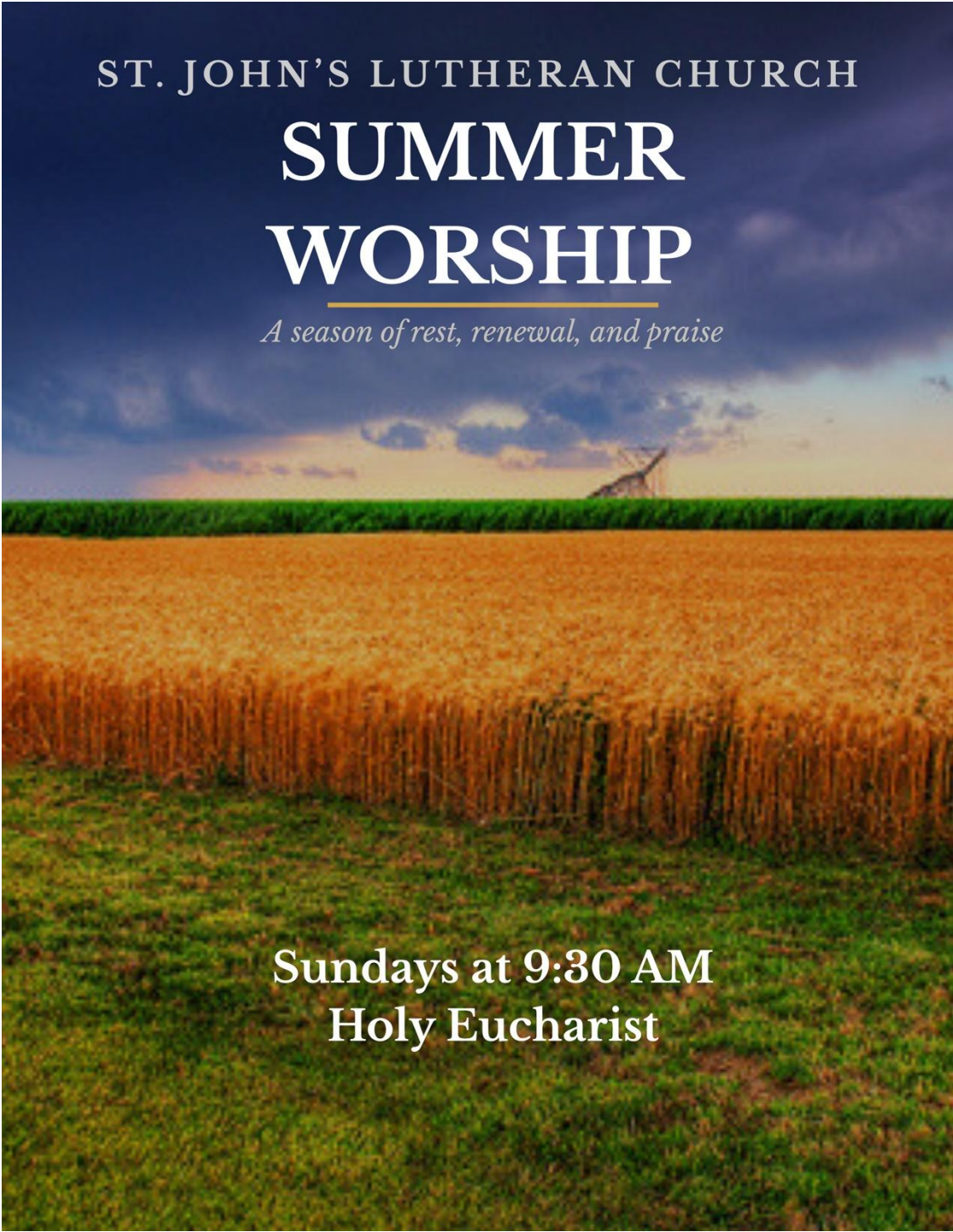




ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

SUMMER WORSHIP

A season of rest, renewal, and praise

Sundays at 9:30 AM
Holy Eucharist

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.



Join us for
Godly Play
Every Sunday at 10:30

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

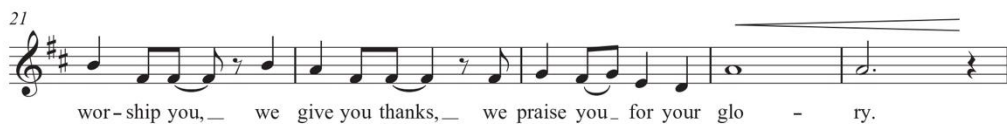
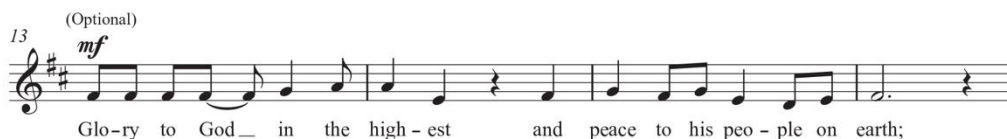
GREETING

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



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.

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SECOND LESSON

FOUND IN THE INSERT

We stand.

GOSPEL

FOUND IN THE INSERT

We sit.

SERMON

We stand.

HYMN OF THE DAY

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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



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-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*

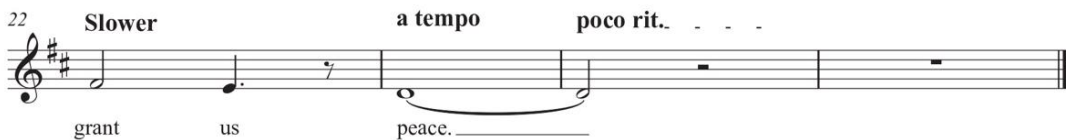
mer-cy on us, have mer-cy on us, have_ mer - cy. Lamb of

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

THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

August 23 | 9:30am

Hymn of the Day: The Church's One Foundation ELW 654

Communion Hymn: Built on a Rock ELW 652

Closing Hymn: Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation ELW 645

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Grant, O merciful God, that your Church, being gathered together in unity by your Holy Spirit, may show forth your power among all peoples, to the glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

FIRST READING

Isaiah 51:1-6

A reading from Isaiah

Listen to me, you that pursue righteousness,
you that seek the Lord.
Look to the rock from which you were hewn,
and to the quarry from which you were dug.
Look to Abraham your father
and to Sarah who bore you;
for he was but one when I called him,
but I blessed him and made him many.
For the Lord will comfort Zion;
he will comfort all her waste places,
and will make her wilderness like Eden,
her desert like the garden of the Lord;
joy and gladness will be found in her,
thanksgiving and the voice of song.

Listen to me, my people,
and give heed to me, my nation;
for a teaching will go out from me,
and my justice for a light to the peoples.
I will bring near my deliverance swiftly,
my salvation has gone out
and my arms will rule the peoples;
the coastlands wait for me,
and for my arm they hope.
Lift up your eyes to the heavens,
and look at the earth beneath;
for the heavens will vanish like smoke,
the earth will wear out like a garment,
and those who live on it will die like gnats;
but my salvation will be for ever,
and my deliverance will never be ended.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 138

¹ I will give thanks to you, O Lord, with my whole heart; *
before the gods I will sing your praise.
² I will bow down toward your holy temple
and praise your Name, *
because of your love and faithfulness;
³ For you have glorified your Name *
and your word above all things.
⁴ When I called, you answered me; *
you increased my strength within me.
⁵ All the kings of the earth will praise you, O Lord, *
when they have heard the words of your mouth.

⁶ They will sing of the ways of the Lord, *
that great is the glory of the Lord.
⁷ Though the Lord be high, he cares for the lowly; *
he perceives the haughty from afar.
⁸ Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you keep me
safe; *
you stretch forth your hand against the fury of my
enemies;
your right hand shall save me.
⁹ The Lord will make good his purpose for me; *
O Lord, your love endures for ever;
do not abandon the works of your hands.

SECOND READING

Romans 12:1-8

A reading from Romans

I appeal to you therefore, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God-- what is good and acceptable and perfect.

For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of yourself more highly than you ought to think, but to think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. For as in one body we have many members, and not all the members have the same function, so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another. We have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us: prophecy, in proportion to faith; ministry, in ministering; the teacher, in teaching; the exhorter, in exhortation; the giver, in generosity; the leader, in diligence; the compassionate, in cheerfulness.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL

Matthew 16:13-20

The holy gospel according to Matthew

Glory to you, O Lord.

When Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that the Son of Man is?" And they said, "Some say John the Baptist, but others Elijah, and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets." He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?" Simon Peter answered, "You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God." And Jesus answered him, "Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father in heaven. And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven." Then he sternly ordered the disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah.

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ

Worship Leaders Today

Celebrant	The Rev Martha McCreight
Organist & Musicians	Jan Lucie
Worship Assistant	Michele Effren
Reader	Michele Effren
Communion Assistant	Marie Sweglar
Altar Committee	Pam Bartlett, Cathy Mahler
Counters	J. Geils, Janet Halpin, Cathy Mahler
Fellowship Time	
Little Free Pantry	Cathy & Mike Mahler

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Wednesday, August 26

12:00 noon Weekly Eucharist - Chapel

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunday, August 30

9:30 am Worship
Blessing of the Backpacks

Wednesday, September 2

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.