



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

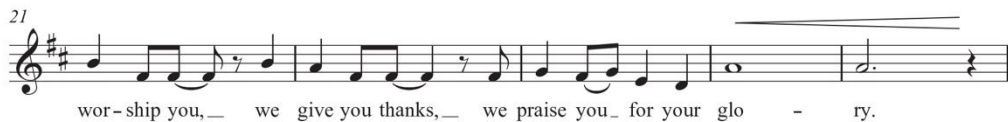
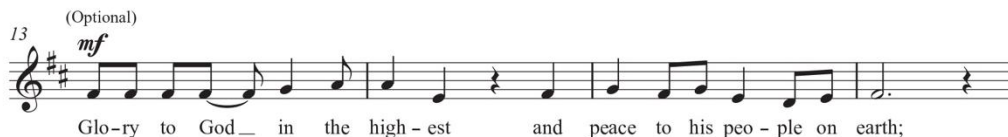
GREETING

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



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.

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 a single staff in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The first measure is marked with a fermata and the instruction '(Org.)'. The second measure is marked with a fermata and the instruction 'mp'. The lyrics are: 'Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might, hea - ven and earth are full of your'. The notation includes various rhythmic values such as quarter, eighth, and sixteenth notes, as well as rests and fermatas. The final measure is marked with a fermata and the instruction 'cresc. poco a poco'.

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.

THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

June 14 | 9:30am

Hymn of the Day: Lord, You Give the Great Commission ELW 579

Communion Hymn: I Love to Tell the Story ELW 661

Closing Hymn: O Christ, Your Heart, Compassionate ELW 722

FIRST READING

Exodus 19:2-8a

A reading from Exodus

The Israelites had journeyed from Rephidim, entered the wilderness of Sinai, and camped in the wilderness; Israel camped there in front of the mountain. Then Moses went up to God; the Lord called to him from the mountain, saying, “Thus you shall say to the house of Jacob, and tell the Israelites: You have seen what I did to the Egyptians, and how I bore you on eagles’ wings and brought you to myself. Now therefore, if you obey my voice and keep my covenant, you shall be my treasured possession out of all the peoples. Indeed, the whole earth is mine, but you shall be for me a priestly kingdom and a holy nation. These are the words that you shall speak to the Israelites.”

So Moses came, summoned the elders of the people, and set before them all these words that the Lord had commanded him. The people all answered as one: “Everything that the Lord has spoken we will do.”

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 100

1 Be joyful in the Lord, all you lands; *
serve the Lord with gladness

and come before his presence with a song.

2 Know this: The Lord himself is God; *

he himself has made us, and we are his;

we are his people and the sheep of his pasture.

3 Enter his gates with thanksgiving;

go into his courts with praise; *

give thanks to him and call upon his Name.

4 For the Lord is good;

his mercy is everlasting; *

and his faithfulness endures from age to age.

SECOND READING

Romans 5:1-8

A reading from Romans

Since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. And not only that, but we also boast in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us. For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. Indeed, rarely will anyone die for a righteous person-- though perhaps for a good person someone might actually dare to die. But God proves his love for us in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The holy gospel according to Matthew
Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues, and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom, and curing every disease and every sickness. When he saw the crowds, he had compassion for them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. Then he said to his disciples, “The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest.”

Then Jesus summoned his twelve disciples and gave them authority over unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to cure every disease and every sickness. These are the names of the twelve apostles: first, Simon, also known as Peter, and his brother Andrew; James son of Zebedee, and his brother John; Philip and Bartholomew; Thomas and Matthew the tax collector; James son of Alphaeus, and Thaddaeus; Simon the Cananaean, and Judas Iscariot, the one who betrayed him.

These twelve Jesus sent out with the following instructions: “Go nowhere among the Gentiles, and enter no town of the Samaritans, but go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel. As you go, proclaim the good news, ‘The kingdom of heaven has come near.’ Cure the sick, raise the dead, cleanse the lepers, cast out demons. You received without payment; give without payment. [Take no gold, or silver, or copper in your belts, no bag for your journey, or two tunics, or sandals, or a staff; for laborers deserve their food. Whatever town or village you enter, find out who in it is worthy, and stay there until you leave. As you enter the house, greet it. If the house is worthy, let your peace come upon it; but if it is not worthy, let your peace return to you. If anyone will not welcome you or listen to your words, shake off the dust from your feet as you leave that house or town. Truly I tell you, it will be more tolerable for the land of Sodom and Gomorrah on the day of judgment than for that town.

“See, I am sending you out like sheep into the midst of wolves; so be wise as serpents and innocent as doves. Beware of them, for they will hand you over to councils and flog you in their synagogues; and you will be dragged before governors and kings because of me, as a testimony to them and the Gentiles. When they hand you over, do not worry about how you are to speak or what you are to say; for what you are to say will be given to you at that time; for it is not you who speak, but the Spirit of your Father speaking through you. Brother will betray brother to death, and a father his child, and children will rise against parents and have them put to death; and you will be hated by all because of my name. But the one who endures to the end will be saved. When they persecute you in one town, flee to the next; for truly I tell you, you will not have gone through all the towns of Israel before the Son of Man comes.”]

The gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ

Worship Leaders Today

Celebrant & Preacher	The Rev. Martha M. McCreight
Musicians	Nathan K. Lively-Greyling, Tom & Nanette Jordan
Worship Assistant	
Reader	
Communion Assistant	
Usher	
Altar Committee	Cheryl Milukas, Eva Jacubek
Counters	Noel Bartels, David Hendrickson
Fellowship Time	Pam Bartlett, Michele Effren, Cathy Mahler
Little Free Pantry	Shirley Schulz

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Wednesday, June 17

12:00 noon Weekly Eucharist - Chapel

Thursday, June 18

12:00 noon OWLS Annual Cookout

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunday, June 20

9:30 am Summer Worship

2:00 pm Swedish Midsummer Celebration

Wednesday, June 24

12:00 noon Weekly Eucharist - Chapel



Undie Sunday Underwear and Socks Collection

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 June 28**, 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 or 203-515-0843. Thank you.