

**The Sixth Sunday after Pentecost
July 20, 2025, 8:30 A.M.
St. John's Lutheran Church**

Announcements

Prelude *Children of the Heavenly Father* arr. Robert Hobby

Ringling of the Church Bell

Confession and Forgiveness page 116-117

L: Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever. **C: Amen.**

L: God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

L: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another. Most merciful God,

C: we confess that we are captive 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.

L: God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith.

C: Amen.

Gathering Hymn *Lord, Speak to Us, That We May Speak* ELW #676

Greeting and Kyrie *"In peace, let us pray..."* page 147-148

P: 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.

L: In peace, let us pray to the Lord. **C: Lord, have mercy.**

L: For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord. **C: Lord, have mercy.**

L: 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. **C: Lord, have mercy.**

L: For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord. **C: Lord, have mercy.**

L: Help, save, comfort and defend us gracious Lord. **C: Amen**

L: This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia. **C:** **Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be people of God. Power and riches and wisdom and strength, and honor and blessing and glory are his. This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia. Sing with all the people of God and join in the hymn of all creation: Blessing and honor and glory and might be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen. This is the feast of victory for our God, for the Lamb who was slain has begun his reign. Alleluia. Alleluia.**

Prayer of the Day: **L:** O Lord God, your mercy delights us, and the world longs for your loving care. Hear the cries of everyone in need, and turn our hearts to love our neighbors with the love of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **C:** Amen.

First Reading: Genesis 18:1-10a

18The Lord appeared to Abraham by the oaks of Mamre, as he sat at the entrance of his tent in the heat of the day. ²He looked up and saw three men standing near him. When he saw them, he ran from the tent entrance to meet them, and bowed down to the ground. ³He said, 'My lord, if I find favour with you, do not pass by your servant. ⁴Let a little water be brought, and wash your feet, and rest yourselves under the tree. ⁵Let me bring a little bread, that you may refresh yourselves, and after that you may pass on—since you have come to your servant.' So they said, 'Do as you have said.' ⁶And Abraham hastened into the tent to Sarah, and said, 'Make ready quickly three measures of choice flour, knead it, and make cakes.' ⁷Abraham ran to the herd, and took a calf, tender and good, and gave it to the servant, who hastened to prepare it. ⁸Then he took curds and milk and the calf that he had prepared, and set it before them; and he stood by them under the tree while they ate. ⁹They said to him, 'Where is your wife Sarah?' And he said, 'There, in the tent.' ¹⁰Then one said, 'I will surely return to you in due season, and your wife Sarah shall have a son.'

Second Reading: Colossians 1:15-28

15 He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; ¹⁶for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers—all things have been created through him and for him. ¹⁷He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. ¹⁸He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. ¹⁹For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, ²⁰and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross. ²¹And you who were once estranged and hostile in mind, doing evil deeds, ²²he has now reconciled in his fleshly body through death, so as to present you holy and blameless and irreproachable before him— ²³provided that you continue securely established and steadfast in the faith, without shifting from the hope promised by the gospel that you heard, which has been proclaimed to every creature under heaven. I, Paul, became a servant of this gospel. ²⁴I am now rejoicing in my sufferings for your sake, and in my flesh I am completing what is lacking in Christ's afflictions for the sake of his body, that is, the church. ²⁵I became its servant according to God's commission that was given to me for you, to make the word of God fully known, ²⁶the mystery that has been hidden throughout the ages and generations but has now been revealed to his saints. ²⁷To them God chose to make known how great among the Gentiles are the riches of the glory of this mystery, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory. ²⁸It is he whom we proclaim, warning everyone and teaching everyone in all wisdom, so that we may present everyone mature in Christ.

Gospel Acclamation

“Alleluia. Lord to whom shall we go?”

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Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia.

The Gospel: Luke 10:38-42

Glory to you, O Lord/Praise to you, O Christ.

Now as they went on their way, he entered a certain village, where a woman named Martha welcomed him into her home. ³⁹She had a sister named Mary, who sat at the Lord's feet and listened to what he was saying. ⁴⁰But Martha was distracted by her many tasks; so she came to him and asked, 'Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me to do all the work by myself? Tell her then to help me.' ⁴¹But the Lord answered her, 'Martha, Martha, you are worried and distracted by many things; ⁴²there is need of only one thing. Mary has chosen the better part, which will not be taken away from her.'

Sermon

Do You Choose the Better Part?

Pr. Darrell D. Golnitz

The Sacrament of Holy Baptism

Annelise Katherine Hanson and Hattie Joanna Rottink

Our Promises to God and the Baptized

People of God, do you promise to support Annelise and Hattie and their families, to pray for them, and help them in his new life in Christ? If so answer, We do! **Congregation: We do!**

OUR PROFESSION OF FAITH

L: Do you believe in God the Father? **C: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth**

L: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God **C: I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, was born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended into Hell. 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.**

L: Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit? **C: I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen**

OUR WELCOME TO ANNELISE AND HATTIE:

L: Through baptism Annelise and Hattie and have been received into the household of God. Let us welcome them into our fellowship. **Congregation: We welcome you into the body of Christ and the common mission we share. Join us as we give thanks and praise to God. Amen**

Offering Hymn

A Time to Serve

(Sung to **ELW 781** "Children of the Heavenly Father")

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| 1. Jesus hears his children crying.
Sees them hungry, lost, and dying;
Who will comfort all their sorrows?
Who will brighten their tomorrows? | 2. When we aid the poor and lonely,
We're not caring for them only;
When our love some suffering eases,
We have done the same for Jesus. | 3. When we join our Savior's service,
He will strengthen and preserve us;
He will guide our daily living,
And He'll bless the love we're giving. |
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(vss. 4-5 on next page)

4. Jesus pleads with us to reach them
With our gifts of love, and teach them
That the kindness we are giving
Is the Christian's way of living.

5. Rise and follow! He will lead us;
Heed the cries of those who need us!
And when life has ended for us.
Heaven's glories lie before us.

Offering Prayer

L: Holy God, gracious and merciful, you bring forth food from the earth and nourish your whole creation. Turn our hearts toward those who hunger in any way, that all may know your care; and prepare us now to feast on the bread of life, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **C: Amen**

Prayers of the Church: L: God of grace,... **C: ,...hear our prayer.**

The Words of Institution

The Lord's Prayer

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Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

Communion Songs:

O Master, Let Me Walk with You ELW #818;

O Savior, Precious Savior ELW #820

Prayer Following Communion L: We give you thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us through the healing power of this gift of life. In your mercy, strengthen us through this gift, in faith toward you and in fervent love toward one another; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. **C: Amen**

Benediction

P: May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the gifts of his body and blood, strengthen, keep, and unite us, now and forever. The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord's face shine upon you with grace and mercy. The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Go in peace. Serve the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God.**

Closing Hymn

The Spirit Sends Us Forth to Serve

ELW #551

Postlude

Praise Him! Praise Him!

Charles Calahan

Activities this Week at St. John's

Sun, July 20	8:30 & 10am
	8:30am
	7pm
Tues, July 22	1pm
	2:30pm
	3pm
Sun, July 27	8:30 & 10am
	7pm

July 20, 2025 to July 27, 2025

Worship Services w/comm
 Baptisms
 Mens Choir
 Northgate Care Ctr
 Evergreen Court
 Good Sam Ctr
 Worship Services
 Mens Choir

General Funds (undesignated)**Jan 1 – July 15, 2025**

Actual Income	\$106,927
Actual Expenses	99,520

Jan 1 – July 31, 2025

Budget Expenses	118,091
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Attendance

Last Sunday	74
2025 Average	82
2024 Average	90

Greeters	8:30am	Nona Sawyer
	10am	
Ushers	8:30am	Ron & Linda Dahlstrom
	10am	
Readers	8:30am	Nona Sawyer Wendy Bucheit
	10am	
Comm Prep	8:30am	Dave & Cindy Wuebker Altar Guild
	10am	
Comm Asst	8:30am	Bonnie Roe, Sherry Knudtson, Matt Teslow Wendy Bucheit
	10am	
Secretary		Rhonda Barr
Custodians		John & Sharon Roe
Organist/Director of Music		James H. Bieber
Pastor		Bryan Robertson

Radio Broadcast Ministry –Today's radio broadcast is given in loving memory of Marvin Petersen's 84th birthday on July 17. Thank you for your continuing support of this outreach ministry. Join us on Sunday mornings on KNEI 103.5 at 8:30am. **Note: you have the option of selecting a hymn of your choice for the service you sponsor.**

We thank God for the gift of Baptism and Annelise Katherine Hanson, daughter of Connor & Katherine Hanson, who will be received today at our 8:30am service. Annelise's sponsors are Michael & Scotti Hagensick, Ryan Hanson & Mia Strub.

We thank God for the gift of Baptism and Hattie Joanna Rottink, daughter of Matthew & Allison Rottink, who will be received today at our 8:30am service. Hattie's sponsors are Connor & Katherine Hanson & Cassanda Rottink.

Flowers on the plant stands are given in honor of Hattie Rottink and Annelise Hanson's baptisms today. Given by their respective families.

Scholarships: Handed out On Sunday, August 10 at 8:30am service only. We will be awarding scholarships to the children of parishioners who enrolled in an institution of higher learning. The amount of the award is \$500. If the child is enrolled in a Lutheran College, he/she will be eligible for a matching EPIC of \$500. In order to receive the scholarship, please indicate your interest to the Church Office by ***July 20th***.

We are accepting pledges toward the Solar Project. Pledges may be made by calling the Church Office or talking to Pastor Bryan.

Position: Church Secretary, part-time ***Summary:*** responsible for day-to-day operations of Church Office. ***Duties*** include: general reception, answering phone, preparing weekly bulletin inserts, preparing monthly newsletters & assisting Pastor & others with day-to-day requests & preparing various reports. Contact Matt Teslow, Donna Wood or Pastor Bryan with questions.

Newsletters are available for pickup for those who requested printed correspondence from the Church.

We have the opportunity to be a part of our area churches Feed the Kids Program *during the month of July*. We are looking for volunteers for July 21-25. Please sign up for the date/dates that *might* work for you in the Narthex. Be sure to put your email address and t-shirt size. A schedule will be sent at a later date to confirm dates.

We are also looking for ***Monetary donations*** that can be sent to the office or placed in the offering. Please make checks out to "Feed the Kids".

Wednesday, July 23 at 7pm at Spring Grove Cinema, hosted by Giants of the Earth Heritage Center. Pastor, author & adventurer Dave Ellingson will present his film *Coming Home*, share stories from his kayak adventures, lead a Q and A and sign books. Open to friends, family & anyone who loves stories of faith, adventure & creation care. *Freewill donation appreciated.*

Food For The Poor does much more than feed the millions of individuals. We drill life-giving water for those who otherwise wouldn't have clean drinking water; we provide life-saving medical care; we build homes for families without adequate shelter; we provide skills training and microenterprise opportunities that enable the poor to work; and we give children an education that will enable them to break free from the cycle of poverty that has ensnared generations. ***Today*** Pr. Darrell D. Golnitz will deliver the Message: *"Do You Choose The Better Part?"* ***You*** will be invited to participate in this ministry through a special offering.

Volunteers for July 27 services:

Ushers for July: 8:30am Ron & Linda Dahlstrom / 10am:

Greeter: 8:30am Cindy Wuebker family/ 10am

Readers: 8:30am Joan Moody/ 10am Vickie Larson

Comm Prep: 8:30am / 10am

Comm Asst: 8:30am / 10am