

**The Third Sunday after Pentecost**  
**June 29, 2025, 8:30 A.M.**  
**St. John's Lutheran Church**

**Announcements**

**Prelude**      *Con Brio from Sonata No. 50—Franz Joseph Haydn; Swan Lake—Peter Tchaikovsky*  
Jocelyn Berges—Piano Duit

**Ringling of the Church Bell**

**Confession and Forgiveness**

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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.**

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**

*All Are Welcome*

ELW #641, vss. 1-4

**Greeting and Kyrie**

*"In peace, let us pray..."*

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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: Sovereign God, ruler of all hearts, you call us to obey you, and you favor us with true freedom. Keep us faithful to the ways of your Son, that, leaving behind all that hinders us, we may steadfastly follow your paths, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. C: Amen.

### First Reading: 1 Kings 19:15-16, 19-21

<sup>15</sup> Then the Lord said to [Elijah,] "Go, return on your way to the wilderness of Damascus; when you arrive, you shall anoint Hazael as king over Aram. <sup>16</sup> Also you shall anoint Jehu son of Nimshi as king over Israel; and you shall anoint Elisha son of Shaphat of Abel-meholah as prophet in your place."

<sup>19</sup> So he set out from there, and found Elisha son of Shaphat, who was plowing. There were twelve yoke of oxen ahead of him, and he was with the twelfth. Elijah passed by him and threw his mantle over him. <sup>20</sup> He left the oxen, ran after Elijah, and said, "Let me kiss my father and my mother, and then I will follow you." Then Elijah said to him, "Go back again; for what have I done to you?" <sup>21</sup> He returned from following him, took the yoke of oxen, and slaughtered them; using the equipment from the oxen, he boiled their flesh, and gave it to the people, and they ate. Then he set out and followed Elijah, and became his servant.

### Psalm 16

L: <sup>1</sup> Protect me, O God, for I take refuge in you;

I have said to the Lord, "You are my Lord, my good above all other."

**C: <sup>2</sup> All my delight is in the godly that are in the land,  
upon those who are noble among the people.**

L: <sup>3</sup> But those who run after other gods  
shall have their troubles multiplied.

**C: <sup>4</sup> I will not pour out drink offerings to such gods,  
never take their names upon my lips.**

L: <sup>5</sup> O Lord, you are my portion and my cup;  
it is you who uphold my lot.

**C: <sup>6</sup> My boundaries enclose a pleasant land;  
indeed, I have a rich inheritance.**

L: <sup>7</sup> I will bless the Lord who gives me counsel;  
my heart teaches me night after night.

**C: <sup>8</sup> I have set the Lord always before me;  
because God is at my right hand, I shall not be shaken.**

L: <sup>9</sup> My heart, therefore, is glad, and my spirit rejoices;  
my body also shall rest in hope.

**C: <sup>10</sup> For you will not abandon me to the grave,  
nor let your holy one see the pit.**

L: <sup>11</sup> You will show me the path of life; in your presence there is fullness of joy, and in your right hand are pleasures forevermore.

## Second Reading: Galatians 5:1, 13-25

<sup>1</sup> For freedom Christ has set us free. Stand firm, therefore, and do not submit again to a yoke of slavery.

<sup>13</sup> For you were called to freedom, brothers and sisters; only do not use your freedom as an opportunity for self-indulgence, but through love become slaves to one another. <sup>14</sup> For the whole law is summed up in a single commandment, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." <sup>15</sup> If, however, you bite and devour one another, take care that you are not consumed by one another.

<sup>16</sup> Live by the Spirit, I say, and do not gratify the desires of the flesh. <sup>17</sup> For what the flesh desires is opposed to the Spirit, and what the Spirit desires is opposed to the flesh; for these are opposed to each other, to prevent you from doing what you want. <sup>18</sup> But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not subject to the law. <sup>19</sup> Now the works of the flesh are obvious: fornication, impurity, licentiousness, <sup>20</sup> idolatry, sorcery, enmities, strife, jealousy, anger, quarrels, dissensions, factions, <sup>21</sup> envy, drunkenness, carousing, and things like these. I am warning you, as I warned you before: those who do such things will not inherit the kingdom of God.

<sup>22</sup> By contrast, the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, <sup>23</sup> gentleness, and self-control. There is no law against such things. <sup>24</sup> And those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. <sup>25</sup> If we live by the Spirit, let us also be guided by the Spirit.

**Special Music** *Little David, Play on Your Harp*—Traditional Spiritual; *Michael Row Your Boat Ashore*—Traditional  
Emma Berges, Piano; Jocelyn Berges, Vocal

**Children's Message**

**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 9:51-62**

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

<sup>51</sup> When the days drew near for [Jesus] to be taken up, he set his face to go to Jerusalem. <sup>52</sup> And he sent messengers ahead of him. On their way they entered a village of the Samaritans to make ready for him; <sup>53</sup> but they did not receive him, because his face was set toward Jerusalem. <sup>54</sup> When his disciples James and John saw it, they said, "Lord, do you want us to command fire to come down from heaven and consume them?" <sup>55</sup> But he turned and rebuked them. <sup>56</sup> Then they went on to another village. <sup>57</sup> As they were going along the road, someone said to him, "I will follow you wherever you go." <sup>58</sup> And Jesus said to him, "Foxes have holes, and birds of the air have nests; but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay his head." <sup>59</sup> To another he said, "Follow me." But he said, "Lord, first let me go and bury my father." <sup>60</sup> But Jesus said to him, "Let the dead bury their own dead; but as for you, go and proclaim the kingdom of God." <sup>61</sup> Another said, "I will follow you, Lord; but let me first say farewell to those at my home." <sup>62</sup> Jesus said to him, "No one who puts a hand to the plow and looks back is fit for the kingdom of God."

**Confession of Faith**

*The Apostles' Creed*

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I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. 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. 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.

**Offering Hymn**

*O Master, Let Me Walk with You*

ELW#818

## 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:

*Be Now My Vision* ELW #793;

*Will You Come and Follow Me* ELW #798

**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

*Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation*

ELW #645

### Postlude

*Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation*

Robert Hobby

**Activities this Week at St. John's**

Sun, June 29	8:30 & 10am
Sun, July 6	8:30 & 10am
	9:30am
	7pm

**June 29, 2025 to July 6, 2025**

Worship Services w/comm  
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Bd Deacons mtg  
Mens Choir

**General Funds** (undesignated)**Jan 1 – June 24, 2025**

Actual Income	\$ 99,846
Actual Expenses	87,650

**Jan 1 – June 30, 2025**

Budget Expenses	102,854
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**Attendance**

Last Sunday	49
2025 Average	98
2024 Average	90

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Greeters	8:30am 10am	Dave & Wendy Sanderson
Ushers	8:30am 10am	Virgil & Deb Thorstenson
Readers	8:30am 10am	Brenda Dougherty Jill Kistler
Comm Prep	8:30am 10am	Nona Sawyer, Bailey Benson Altar Guild
Comm Asst	8:30am  10am	Rhonda Barr, Bev Haas & Chris Stuckman Karen Stamper
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 honor of Steve Welper's 70<sup>th</sup> birthday by his grandchildren & great grandchildren. 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.***

***Ice Cream Social at Waterloo Ridge Lutheran Church*** on Sunday, July 13 with worship service at 10am and Social from 11am – 1pm. Menu includes: BBQ, coney dogs, hot dogs, potato salad, chips, pie, desserts, ice cream and beverages. Free Will Offering. Carryout's available.

***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".

Volunteers for ***July 6 services:***

Ushers for July 6: 8:30am Randy Hesse / 10am \_\_\_\_\_

Greeters: 8:30am Gary & Marlene Houg / 10am Nancy Brandt

Readers: 8:30am Mary Jo Meyer / 10am Linda Groe

Comm Prep: 8:30am Cindy Barness, Mary Jo Meyer / 10am Evonne Kistler, Jill Kistler

Comm Asst: 8:30am Chris Stuckman, Bill & Sue Blagsvedt / 10am Linda Groe