

The Service of Holy Communion
The Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost
August 15, 2021 8:30 A.M.

The Announcements

The Prelude

Sonata in G Minor

Henri Eccles

Adagio Vivace

Alivia Bixby, Viola

The Ringing of the Bell

Confession and Forgiveness

L: In the name of the Father, and of the † Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

L: 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.

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.

Entrance Hymn

Ye Watchers and Ye Holy Ones

ELW #424

Greeting, 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

The Hymn of Praise pp. 149-150

L: This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia.

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: Ever-loving God, your Son gives himself as living bread for the life of the world. Fill us with such a knowledge of his presence that we may be strengthened and sustained by his risen life to serve you continually, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Lord

C: Amen.

Anthem

Precious Lord, Take My Hand George H. Allen, arr. Stan Pethei
Alivia Bixby, Viola; Abram Bixby, Cello

First Reading: Proverbs 9:1-6

¹Wisdom has built her house,
she has hewn her seven pillars.

²She has slaughtered her animals, she has mixed her wine,
she has also set her table.

³She has sent out her servant-girls, she calls
from the highest places in the town,

⁴"You that are simple, turn in here!"
To those without sense she says,

⁵"Come, eat of my bread
and drink of the wine I have mixed.

⁶Lay aside immaturity, and live,
and walk in the way of insight."

Psalm 34:9-14

L: ⁹Fear the LORD, you saints of the LORD,
for those who fear the LORD lack nothing.

C: ¹⁰**The lions are in want and suffer hunger,
but those who seek the LORD lack nothing that is good.**

L: ¹¹Come, children, and listen to me;
I will teach you reverence ¹ for the LORD.

C: ¹²**Who among you takes pleasure in life
and desires long life to enjoy prosperity?**

L: ¹³Keep your tongue from evil
and your lips from lying words.

C: ¹⁴**Turn from evil and do good;
seek peace ¹ and pursue it.**

Second Reading: Ephesians 5:15-20

¹⁵Be careful then how you live, not as unwise people but as wise, ¹⁶making the most of the time, because the days are evil. ¹⁷So do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is. ¹⁸Do not get drunk with wine, for that is debauchery; but be filled with the Spirit, ¹⁹as you sing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs among yourselves, singing and making melody to the Lord in your hearts, ²⁰giving thanks to God the Father at all times and for everything in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Anthem

In Christ Alone Keith Getty and Stuart Townend, arr. Stan Pethel

Alivia Bixby, Viola; Abram Bixby, Cello

Children Message

Gospel Acclamation *“Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go?...”* page 151

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

The Gospel: John 6:51-58

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

[Jesus said,] ⁵¹“I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Whoever eats of this bread will live forever; and the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh.”

⁵²The Jews then disputed among themselves, saying, “How can this man give us his flesh to eat?” ⁵³So Jesus said to them, “Very truly, I tell you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you have no life in you. ⁵⁴Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood have eternal life, and I will raise them up on the last day; ⁵⁵for my flesh is true food and my blood is true drink. ⁵⁶Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood abide in me, and I in them. ⁵⁷Just as the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so whoever eats me will live because of me. ⁵⁸This is the bread that came down from heaven, not like that which your ancestors ate, and they died. But the one who eats this bread will live forever.”

Sermon

Pastor Bryan Robertson

Confession of Faith

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.

The Offering Hymn

Shine, Jesus, Shine

ELW #671

The Offering Prayer

God of love, you call us beloved children and welcome us to your table. Receive our lives and the gifts we offer. Abide with us and send us in service to a suffering world; for the sake of your beloved Child, Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

The Prayers of the People

L: God, in your mercy,... **C: hear our prayer.**

The Words of Institution

The Lord's Prayer

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 Hymns *Soul, Adorn Yourself with Gladness* ELW #488 ; *Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence* ELW #490

The Post-Communion Prayer

P: Life-giving God, in the mystery of Christ's resurrection you send light to conquer darkness, water to give new life, and the bread of life to nourish your people. Send us forth as witnesses to your Son's resurrection so that we may show your glory to all the world; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **C: Amen.**

The Benediction

P: The God of life, who raised Jesus from the dead, who sends forth the Spirit to renew the face of the earth, be merciful to you, Almighty God, Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit bless you now and forever. Go in peace. Share the Good News! Alleluia!

C: Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!

The Hymn

Canticle of the Turning

ELW # 723

Ringing of the Bell

Postlude

Jesus Lifted Me

Tune: African American Spiritual; Piano Arrangement: John Helgen

Activities this Week at St. John's**August 15, 2021 to August 22, 2021**

Sunday, August 15	8:30am	Worship w/communion
Wednesday, August 18	8:45-noon	Mini Do Day
	9:00am-5:00pm	WIC
Sunday, August 22	8:30am	Worship
Sunday, August 29	8:30am	Worship
	9:30am	Special Congregational mtg

Scripture Reader	8:30am	Sarah Bieber
Acolyte	8:30am	Ushers
Ushers	8:30am	Wendy & Sadie Bucheit Bill & Becky Roe
Greeters	8:30am	Rudy & Marion Hesla Chester & Darlene Schlake
Comm Prep		Mary Jackson, Bonnie Roe
Comm Assistants		Dave & Wendy Sanderson Jon Payne
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 Sandra Hove's birthday on August 12; given by Scott & Brenda Houg family and Peggy & Monty Kuhn family. Thank you to everyone for your continuing support of this outreach ministry. Join us on Sunday mornings on KNEI 103.5 at 8:30am.

All of our women are invited to donate to the Pennies for Presents containers in the narthex today. We will have these containers available every third Sunday of each month through November. The money we gather will once again go toward Christmas gifts for three boys and three girls next December. You may also drop off your donation in the church office during the week. Thank you for caring for others.

The Church Council is calling a Special Congregational meeting on Sunday, August 29, after the 8:30am service to discuss & decide if we should acquire a neighboring property, with new information to be presented.