

The Fourth Sunday after Pentecost
July 6, 2025, 8:30 A.M.
St. John's Lutheran Church

Announcements

Prelude

Turn Your Radio On; The Star Bangled Banner

Men's Choir

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

O Beautiful for Spacious Skies

ELW #888

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: O God, the Father of our Lord Jesus, you are the city that shelters us, the mother who comforts us. With your Spirit accompany us on our life's journey, that we may spread your peace in all the world, through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. C: Amen.

First Reading: Isaiah 66:10-14

¹⁰ Rejoice with Jerusalem, and be glad for her, all you who love her; rejoice with her in joy, all you who mourn over her—

¹¹ that you may nurse and be satisfied from her consoling breast; that you may drink deeply with delight from her glorious bosom.

¹² For thus says the Lord: I will extend prosperity to her like a river, and the wealth of the nations like an overflowing stream; and you shall nurse and be carried on her arm, and dandled on her knees.

¹³ As a mother comforts her child, so I will comfort you; you shall be comforted in Jerusalem.

¹⁴ You shall see, and your heart shall rejoice; your bodies shall flourish like the grass; and it shall be known that the hand of the Lord is with his servants, and his indignation is against his enemies.

Psalms 66:1-9

L: ¹ Be joyful in God, all you lands; be joyful, all the earth.

C: ² Sing the glory of God's name; sing the glory of God's praise.

L: ³ Say to God, "How awesome are your deeds! Because of your great strength your enemies cringe before you.

C: ⁴ All the earth bows down before you, sings to you, sings out your name."

L: ⁵ Come now and see the works of God, how awesome are God's deeds toward all people.

C: ⁶ God turned the sea into dry land, so that they went through the water on foot, and there we rejoiced in God.

L: ⁷ Ruling forever in might, God keeps watch over the nations; let no rebels exalt themselves.

C: ⁸ Bless our God, you peoples; let the sound of praise be heard.

L: ⁹ Our God has kept us among the living and has not allowed our feet to slip.

Second Reading: Galatians 6:1-16

¹ My friends, if anyone is detected in a transgression, you who have received the Spirit should restore such a one in a spirit of gentleness. Take care that you yourselves are not tempted. ² Bear one another's burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ. ³ For if those who are nothing think they are something, they deceive themselves. ⁴ All must test their own work; then that work, rather than their neighbor's work, will become a cause for pride. ⁵ For all must carry their own loads.

⁶ Those who are taught the word must share in all good things with their teacher.

⁷ Do not be deceived; God is not mocked, for you reap whatever you sow. ⁸ If you sow to your own flesh,

you will reap corruption from the flesh; but if you sow to the Spirit, you will reap eternal life from the Spirit.⁹ So let us not grow weary in doing what is right, for we will reap at harvest time, if we do not give up.¹⁰ So then, whenever we have an opportunity, let us work for the good of all, and especially for those of the family of faith.¹¹ See what large letters I make when I am writing in my own hand!¹² It is those who want to make a good showing in the flesh that try to compel you to be circumcised—only that they may not be persecuted for the cross of Christ.¹³ Even the circumcised do not themselves obey the law, but they want you to be circumcised so that they may boast about your flesh.¹⁴ May I never boast of anything except the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by which the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world.¹⁵ For neither circumcision nor uncircumcision is anything; but a new creation is everything!¹⁶ As for those who will follow this rule—peace be upon them, and mercy, and upon the Israel of God.

Special Music

Just a Little Talk with Jesus
Mens' Choir

Children's Message & Noisy Offering

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 10:1-11, 16-20

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

¹ After this the Lord appointed seventy others and sent them on ahead of him in pairs to every town and place where he himself intended to go. ² He said to them, "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest. ³ Go on your way. See, I am sending you out like lambs into the midst of wolves. ⁴ Carry no purse, no bag, no sandals; and greet no one on the road. ⁵ Whatever house you enter, first say, 'Peace to this house!' ⁶ And if anyone is there who shares in peace, your peace will rest on that person; but if not, it will return to you. ⁷ Remain in the same house, eating and drinking whatever they provide, for the laborer deserves to be paid. Do not move about from house to house. ⁸ Whenever you enter a town and its people welcome you, eat what is set before you; ⁹ cure the sick who are there, and say to them, 'The kingdom of God has come near to you.' ¹⁰ But whenever you enter a town and they do not welcome you, go out into its streets and say, ¹¹ 'Even the dust of your town that clings to our feet, we wipe off in protest against you. Yet know this: the kingdom of God has come near.' " ¹⁶ "Whoever listens to you listens to me, and whoever rejects you rejects me, and whoever rejects me rejects the one who sent me."

¹⁷ The seventy returned with joy, saying, "Lord, in your name even the demons submit to us!" ¹⁸ He said to them, "I watched Satan fall from heaven like a flash of lightning. ¹⁹ See, I have given you authority to tread on snakes and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy; and nothing will hurt you. ²⁰ Nevertheless, do not rejoice at this, that the spirits submit to you, but rejoice that your names are written in heaven."

Sermon

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 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:

Will You Let Me Be Your Servant ELW #659;

Spread, Oh, Spread, Almighty Word ELW #663

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

Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ

ELW #674

Postlude

Linstead

arr. Anne Krentz Organ

Activities this Week at St. John's

Sun, July 6	8:30 & 10am 7pm
Sun, July 13	8:30 & 10am 7pm

July 6, 2025 to July 13, 2025

Worship Services w/comm
Mens Choir
Worship Services on lawn
Mens Choir

General Funds (undesignated)**Jan 1 – July 2, 2025**

Actual Income	\$103,008
Actual Expenses	93,057

Jan 1 – July 31, 2025

Budget Expenses	118,091
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Attendance

Last Sunday	65
2025 Average	97
2024 Average	90

Greeters	8:30am 10am	Gary & Marlene Houg Nancy Brandt
Ushers	8:30am 10am	Randy Hesse
Readers	8:30am 10am	Mary Jo Meyer Linda Groe
Comm Prep	8:30am 10am	Cindy Barness, Mary Jo Meyer Evonne & Jill Kistler
Comm Asst	8:30am 10am	Bill & Sue Blagsvedt, Chris Stuckman Linda Groe
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 Paul Selberg's 90th birthday on July 4. Given by family. 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".

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*.

Volunteers for **July 13 services**:

Usher for July 13: 8:30am Rhonda Barr

Greeter: 8:30am Geralyn Smith