

The Second Sunday after Pentecost
June 22, 2025, 8:30 A.M.
St. John's Lutheran Church

Announcements

Prelude

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

Glorious Things of You Are Spoken

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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: Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God's people on earth. **C: Lord God, heavenly king, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory. Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us; you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen**

Prayer of the Day: L: O Lord God, we bring before you the cries of a sorrowing world. In your mercy set us free from the chains that bind us, and defend us from everything that is evil, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. C: Amen.

First Reading: Isaiah 65:1-9

¹ I was ready to be sought out by those who did not ask, to be found by those who did not seek me. I said, "Here I am, here I am," to a nation that did not call on my name.

² I held out my hands all day long to a rebellious people, who walk in a way that is not good, following their own devices;

³ a people who provoke me to my face continually, sacrificing in gardens and offering incense on bricks;

⁴ who sit inside tombs, and spend the night in secret places; who eat swine's flesh, with broth of abominable things in their vessels;

⁵ who say, "Keep to yourself, do not come near me, for I am too holy for you." These are a smoke in my nostrils, a fire that burns all day long.

⁶ See, it is written before me: I will not keep silent, but I will repay; I will indeed repay into their laps

⁷ their iniquities and their ancestors' iniquities together, says the Lord; because they offered incense on the mountains and reviled me on the hills, I will measure into their laps full payment for their actions.

⁸ Thus says the Lord: As the wine is found in the cluster, and they say, "Do not destroy it, for there is a blessing in it," so I will do for my servants' sake, and not destroy them all.

⁹ I will bring forth descendants from Jacob, and from Judah inheritors of my mountains; my chosen shall inherit it, and my servants shall settle there.

Psalm 22:19-28

L: ¹⁹ But you, O Lord, be not far away; O my help, hasten to my aid.

C: ²⁰ Deliver me from the sword, my life from the power of the dog.

L: ²¹ Save me from the lion's mouth! From the horns of wild bulls you have rescued me.

C: ²² I will declare your name to my people; in the midst of the assembly I will praise you.

L: ²³ You who fear the Lord, give praise! All you of Jacob's line, give glory. Stand in awe of the Lord, all you offspring of Israel.

C: ²⁴ For the Lord does not despise nor abhor the poor in their poverty; neither is the Lord's face hidden from them; but when they cry out, the Lord hears them.

L: ²⁵ From you comes my praise in the great assembly; I will perform my vows in the sight of those who fear the Lord.

C: ²⁶ The poor shall eat and be satisfied, Let those who seek the Lord give praise! May your hearts live forever!

L: ²⁷ All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the Lord; all the families of nations shall bow before God.

C: ²⁸ For dominion belongs to the Lord, who rules over the nations.

Second Reading: Galatians 3:23-29 ²³ Now before faith came, we were imprisoned and guarded under the law until faith would be revealed. ²⁴ Therefore the law was our disciplinarian until Christ came, so that we might be justified by faith. ²⁵ But now that faith has come, we are no longer subject to a disciplinarian, ²⁶ for in Christ Jesus you are all children of God through faith. ²⁷ As many of you as were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ. ²⁸ There is no longer Jew or Greek, there is no longer slave or free, there is no longer male and female; for all of you are one in Christ Jesus. ²⁹ And if you belong to Christ, then you are Abraham's offspring, heirs according to the promise.

Special Music: *Spirit of God, Descend upon My Heart*
Randy Johnsen, Baritone Vocal Soloist

Children's Message

Gospel Acclamation *"Alleluia. Lord to whom shall we go?"* page 151

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

The Gospel: Luke 8:26-39

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

²⁶ Then [Jesus and his disciples] arrived at the country of the Gerasenes, which is opposite Galilee. ²⁷ As he stepped out on land, a man of the city who had demons met him. For a long time he had worn no clothes, and he did not live in a house but in the tombs. ²⁸ When he saw Jesus, he fell down before him and shouted at the top of his voice, "What have you to do with me, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I beg you, do not torment me" — ²⁹ for Jesus had commanded the unclean spirit to come out of the man. (For many times it had seized him; he was kept under guard and bound with chains and shackles, but he would break the bonds and be driven by the demon into the wilds.) ³⁰ Jesus then asked him, "What is your name?" He said, "Legion"; for many demons had entered him. ³¹ They begged him not to order them to go back into the abyss.

³² Now there on the hillside a large herd of swine was feeding; and the demons begged Jesus to let them enter these. So he gave them permission. ³³ Then the demons came out of the man and entered the swine, and the herd rushed down the steep bank into the lake and was drowned.

³⁴ When the swineherds saw what had happened, they ran off and told it in the city and in the country. ³⁵ Then people came out to see what had happened, and when they came to Jesus, they found the man from whom the demons had gone sitting at the feet of Jesus, clothed and in his right mind. And they were afraid. ³⁶ Those who had seen it told them how the one who had been possessed by demons had been healed. ³⁷ Then all the people of the surrounding country of the Gerasenes asked Jesus to leave them; for they were seized with great fear. So he got into the boat and returned. ³⁸ The man from whom the demons had gone begged that he might be with him; but Jesus sent him away, saying, ³⁹ "Return to your home, and declare how much God has done for you." So he went away, proclaiming throughout the city how much Jesus had done for him.

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

Strengthen for Service, Lord

ELW #497

The Offering Prayer: L: Blessed are you, O God, maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts: our selves, our time, and our possessions. Use us, and what we have gathered, in feeding the world with your love, through the one who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. C: Amen.

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

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.

Benediction

L: 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**

Closing Hymn

In the Cross of Christ I Glory

ELW #324

Postlude

Activities this Week at St. John's

Sun, June 22	8:30 & 10am
Tues, June 24	1pm
	2:30pm
	3pm
	4pm
Sun, June 29	8:30 & 10am

June 22, 2025 to June 29, 2025

Worship Services
 Northgate Care Center
 Evergreen Court
 Good Sam Center
 Trust Fund mtg in Lounge
 Worship Services w/comm

General Funds (undesigned)**Jan 1 – June 17, 2025**

Actual Income	\$ 96,011
Actual Expenses	86,423

Jan 1 – June 30, 2025

Budget Expenses	102,854
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Attendance

Last Sunday	76
2025 Average	100
2024 Average	90

Greeters	8:30am	Russ & Mary Jo Meyer
	10am	
Ushers	8:30am	Virgil & Deb Thorstenson
	10am	
Readers	8:30am	Linda Halvorson
	10am	Mary Jackson
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 Chester Schlake's birthday on June 23; 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.

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 donations of BIG cans of fruit, spaghetti sauce & garden produce. *These can be put on the pew in the Coat Room. Monetary donations can be sent to the office or places in the offering. Please make checks out to "Feed the Kids".*

Frankville Community Presbyterian Church Pie & Ice Cream Social on Wednesday, June 25, serving from 4:30pm to 7pm. Menu includes: maid-rites, potato salad, orange tapioca salad, pies, angel food cake, ice cream & toppings and beverages. \$12 per meal. All are welcome!

Volunteers for ***June 29 services:***

Ushers for June: 8:30am Virgil & Deb Thorstenson / 10am _____

Greeters: 8:30am Dave & Wendy Sanderson / 10am _____

Readers: 8:30am Mary Jo Meyer / 10am Jill Kistler

Comm Prep: 8:30am Nona Sawyer & Mary Jo Meyer / 10am Altar Guild

Comm Asst: 8:30am Rhonda Barr, Bev Haas, Chris Stuckman / 10am Karen Stamper