

>Welcome

**"MISSION OF GRACE"**

**JULY 7, 2024**



**ST. JOHN'S**

Lutheran Church

Grounded • Growing • Branching

## **Welcome to St. John's Lutheran Church**

Good morning and a blessed welcome to you! It is an honor to have you worshiping with us this morning and we pray that you find great comfort and peace in Jesus' Word of love, mercy, and forgiveness!

At St. John's we are pleased to offer two styles of worship services on Sunday morning. In our 8:30 a.m. traditional service, we offer familiar hymns and rich, traditional worship forms in a meaningful and inspirational setting. Our 11:00 a.m. contemporary service includes the same message as our 8:30 a.m. service, but in an informal style, enhanced with contemporary music. We encourage you to try both worship styles! Thank you for worshiping with us; we would love to have you join us again!

*(If you need assistance or need a hearing aid device, please see one of the ushers.)*

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### **The Lord's Supper**

Though we are eager for all to participate fully in the Lord's Supper, we do not want to compromise any portion of God's Word among us. Because Scripture states that the Lord's Supper can be taken to one's spiritual harm if not properly understood, we ask all visitors to refer to the following statement of belief regarding the Lord's Supper before communing:

*I am truly sorry for the sin in my life. I am struggling to die to my sin and to live in faith in Jesus. I am looking to Jesus to empower me to stop my sinning and to live a new life in Him. I believe when I receive the bread, I am receiving the true body of Christ, and when I receive the wine, I am receiving the true blood of Jesus. I believe that when I receive His true body and blood my sins are forgiven, I am given power over sin, death and the devil, and the gift of eternal life. My faith is completely in the words of Jesus.*

The Lord's Supper offers the two-fold gift of forgiveness and peace with God on the one hand, and unity and oneness among those who commune together on the other hand (Matt. 26:28; 1 Cor. 10:16-17). Those who receive the body and the blood of the Lord do so in terms of their relationship with God as well as with their fellow-communicants. Therefore, all baptized believers who understand and agree with the above Lutheran teaching of the Lord's Supper are welcome to attend. As always, we encourage you to speak with Pastor Ray or Pastor Aaron with any questions or concerns. Thank you.

Disabled – The pastor and lay minister will gladly commune anyone unable to come to the communion rail. Let the pastor or an usher know before the service begins.

# SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

July 7, 2024

*Grounded in Christ, Growing in Faith, Branching to Others*

## PRE-SERVICE MUSIC AND A TIME FOR PRAYER

## RINGING OF THE BELLS

## WELCOME & GREETING

## OPENING SONG

*Speak, O Lord, Your Servant Listens*

LSB 589

## INVOCATION

## CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

L: Our help is in the name of the LORD,

**C: who made heaven and earth.**

L: I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the LORD,"

**C: and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.**

**C: Almighty God, our maker and redeemer, we confess unto You that we are by nature sinful and unclean and that we have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed. Though You claim us as Your own in Baptism through water and the Word, we struggle to live as Your children. As You collect Your people together as Your church, we often fail to prioritize the work of Your kingdom and the mission You have set before us for the sake of others. We flee for refuge to Your infinite mercy seeking Your grace for the sake of our Lord, Jesus Christ, as we pray: Forgive us, Father. Amen.**

L: Gathered together as His church, be affirmed and assured that almighty God, our heavenly Father, has had mercy upon us and has given His only Son to die for us and for His sake forgives us all our sins. To those who believe on His name He gives the power to

become the children of God and has promised them His Holy Spirit. All of your sins are forgiven in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

## **SALUTATION**

### **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

#### **LISTENING TO GOD SPEAK TO US THROUGH HIS WORD**

*Ezekiel 2:1-5*

"Stand up, son of man," said the voice. "I want to speak with you." <sup>2</sup>The Spirit came into me as he spoke, and he set me on my feet. I listened carefully to his words. <sup>3</sup>"Son of man," he said, "I am sending you to the nation of Israel, a rebellious nation that has rebelled against me. They and their ancestors have been rebelling against me to this very day. <sup>4</sup>They are a stubborn and hard-hearted people. But I am sending you to say to them, 'This is what the Sovereign LORD says!' <sup>5</sup>And whether they listen or refuse to listen—for remember, they are rebels—at least they will know they have had a prophet among them. (NLT)

L: This is the Word of our Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

#### **NEW TESTAMENT**

*2 Corinthians 12:1-10*

<sup>1</sup>This boasting will do no good, but I must go on. I will reluctantly tell about visions and revelations from the Lord. <sup>2</sup>I was caught up to the third heaven fourteen years ago. Whether I was in my body or out of my body, I don't know—only God knows. <sup>3</sup>Yes, only God knows whether I was in my body or outside my body. But I do know <sup>4</sup>that I was caught up to paradise and heard things so astounding that they cannot be expressed in words, things no human is allowed to tell. <sup>5</sup>That experience is worth boasting about, but I'm not going to do it. I will boast only about my weaknesses. <sup>6</sup>If I wanted to boast, I would be no fool in doing so, because I would be telling the truth. But I won't do it, because I don't want anyone to give me credit beyond what they can see in my life or hear in my message, <sup>7</sup>even

though I have received such wonderful revelations from God. So to keep me from becoming proud, I was given a thorn in my flesh, a messenger from Satan to torment me and keep me from becoming proud. <sup>8</sup> Three different times I begged the Lord to take it away. <sup>9</sup> Each time he said, "My grace is all you need. My power works best in weakness." So now I am glad to boast about my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ can work through me. <sup>10</sup> That's why I take pleasure in my weaknesses, and in the insults, hardships, persecutions, and troubles that I suffer for Christ. For when I am weak, then I am strong. (NLT)

L: This is the Word of our Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

## **COMMON ALLELUIA AND VERSE**

### **HOLY GOSPEL**

*Mark 6:1-13*

L: The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the sixth chapter.

**C: Glory to You, O Lord.** (*sung*)

<sup>1</sup> Jesus left that part of the country and returned with his disciples to Nazareth, his hometown. <sup>2</sup> The next Sabbath he began teaching in the synagogue, and many who heard him were amazed. They asked, "Where did he get all this wisdom and the power to perform such miracles?" <sup>3</sup> Then they scoffed, "He's just a carpenter, the son of Mary and the brother of James, Joseph, Judas, and Simon. And his sisters live right here among us." They were deeply offended and refused to believe in him. <sup>4</sup> Then Jesus told them, "A prophet is honored everywhere except in his own hometown and among his relatives and his own family." <sup>5</sup> And because of their unbelief, he couldn't do any miracles among them except to place his hands on a few sick people and heal them. <sup>6</sup> And he was amazed at their unbelief. Then Jesus went from village to village, teaching the people. <sup>7</sup> And he called his twelve disciples together and began sending them out two by two, giving them authority to cast out evil spirits. <sup>8</sup> He told them to take nothing for their journey except a walking stick—no food, no traveler's bag, no money. <sup>9</sup> He allowed them to

wear sandals but not to take a change of clothes.<sup>10</sup> “Wherever you go,” he said, “stay in the same house until you leave town.<sup>11</sup> But if any place refuses to welcome you or listen to you, shake its dust from your feet as you leave to show that you have abandoned those people to their fate.”<sup>12</sup> So the disciples went out, telling everyone they met to repent of their sins and turn to God.<sup>13</sup> And they cast out many demons and healed many sick people, anointing them with olive oil. (NLT)

L: This is the Gospel of our Lord

**C: Praise to You, O Christ.** *(sung)*

## **SERMON**

*“Mission of Grace”*

*Mark 6:1-13*

*Pastor Adam Ray*

## **NICENE CREED**

## **OFFERING**

*Tithes and gifts may be placed in the collection plate or given at  
[www.stjohnsdecatour.com/giving](http://www.stjohnsdecatour.com/giving).*

## **PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH**

*The Leader will conclude every prayer with: “Lord, in Your mercy”*

***People respond with: “hear our prayer”***

## **LORD’S PRAYER**

**PREFACE** *(responses sung)*

## **PROPER PREFACE**

**SANCTUS** *(sung)*

## **WORDS OF OUR LORD**

## **PAX DOMINI**

**AGNUS DEI** *(sung)*

**DISTRIBUTION**

**DISTRIBUTION HYMNS**

<i>I Am Trusting Thee, Lord Jesus</i>	LSB 729
<i>Your Table I Approach</i>	LSB 628
<i>The Church's One Foundation</i>	LSB 644

**GODSPEED FOR MALINDA STANDERFER**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**BLESSING**

**SENDING HYMN**

<i>What a Friend We Have in Jesus</i>	LSB 770
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**POSTLUDE**

**Last Week's Giving**

Weekly Needed.....	\$12,403.85
General Fund.....	\$4,937.00
Online Giving .....	\$2,601.91
Total Giving.....	\$7,538.91

**Last Week's Attendance**

8:30 a.m. ....	128
11:00 a.m. ....	50
Total .....	178

**SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

*July 7, 2024 | 11:00 A.M.*

**OPENING SONGS**

*This Is Our God*

*Good Grace*

**WELCOME & GREETING**

**CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION PRAYER**

**SHARING THE PEACE**

**OFFERING**

**SCRIPTURE READING**

*Mark 6:1-13*

**SERMON**

*"Mission of Grace"*

*Mark 6:1-13*

*Pastor Adam Ray*

**APOSTLES' CREED**

**PRAYERS**

**LORD'S PRAYER**

**COMMUNION**

*Trust In God*

**GODSPEED FOR MALINDA STANDERFER**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**BLESSING**

**SENDING SONG**

*Goodness of God*



## SUNDAY SERVANTS

Preacher .....	Pastor Adam Ray
Worship Leader .....	Pastor Aaron Bird
Reader .....	AJ Clapp
Communion Helper .....	Dan Harrison
Lay Minister .....	8:30 – Troy Harrison 11:00 – Mark Langston
Organist .....	Sharon Cripe
Ushers .....	8:30 – David Munson 11:00 – Tom Schollenbruch/Dan Murphey
Computer .....	8:30 – Ted Hesse 11:00 – Zach Hesse
Live Stream .....	8:30 – Matt Cushing
Camera .....	8:30 – Eric Brown
Sound .....	8:30 – Brandon Patzwitz 11:00 – Steve Wright
Vocals.....	Melissa Saurman, Pam Saurmann, Ted Hesse
Acoustic Guitar .....	Wendy Salefski
Drums .....	Julia Cushing
Piano.....	Angela Cushing

**OUR MISSION** We are restored to God through the death and resurrection of Jesus. As a family of Christians, we are dedicated to the love and forgiveness of Christ as we reach out, preach and teach the truth of God's Word to each other, our community and the world.

**IN NEED OF PRAYER:** If you would like to be added to the prayer list or the prayer chain, please contact the church office. Please call the prayer chain with an update of your prayer request.

**IN THE MILITARY:** Laura Byers, Bryon Chaney, Kimberly Chaney, Kristel Chaney, Travis Chaney, Dan Cheney, Tristin Comer, Randy Edwards, Caleb Goodson, Austin Highcock, Braden Highcock, Destiny Little, Noah Lung, Nathan Lung, Andrew Nailer, Jared Pinney, Caitlin Goodson, Tyler Salefski, Jacob Thornell

## CONGREGATION NEWS

**Sunday Morning Bible Study** will start today, as we kick off the next installment of our *Songs of Summer* Bible Study series. During the months of July and August we will explore different songs of the faith that help instruct us and enliven us in the Christian faith. All ages are invited!

**Reception for Malinda:** Please join us for a reception for Malinda after the 11:00 a.m. service. Hope to see everyone there.

**#lifetogether meals are back!** Why stay home and cook? You could come and join us this Wednesday, July 10<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 p.m., for a cookout, fun games, and fellowship.

**A Memorial Service** for Lloyd & Patsy Schumacher is this Friday, July 12<sup>th</sup>. Visitation is 1:00 p.m. and the service is at 2:00 p.m., at St. John's.

**Thrivent Members:** Many of our St. John's family have Thrivent Choice Dollars. Our Ministry Teams would benefit from using the Choice Dollars for upcoming church events. Please contact the church office if you are willing to let the Ministry Teams use your Choice Dollars. Thank you.

**Nancy Koopman Memorial Scholarship:** If you could use a little financial help and blessing for your child/ren attending Unity Christian School, please complete a form inside one of the brochures...called The Nancy Koopman Memorial Scholarship. The brochures are located on the table in the back of the Sanctuary or in the church office. Please complete and return to the church office before July 19<sup>th</sup>.

**What colors are on the Olympic rings?** Join us at the LWML annual trivia night to answer more questions like these. Snacks and drinks will be provided. The cost is \$10/member or up to eight members per team. The event will take place July 27 at 6pm in the Fellowship Hall. Register at the back of the sanctuary or email Brenda Salogga at [dnbsal@comcast.net](mailto:dnbsal@comcast.net). (Answer: blue, yellow, black, green, red)

**St. John's Cemetery** has a new entrance. Turn onto E. Harrison Ave. (north of the cemetery), continue past the Pepsi building, turn right to cemetery.

**Bus Trips:** Tickets for the performance of "Grease" on August 1<sup>st</sup> are sold out but you can still get on a waiting list. Tickets are available for the Aug. 21<sup>st</sup> performance of "Nunsense". Make your reservations with Jerry Pelz (217-433-2961) or the church office. Cost is \$36.00 per ticket, and we will be leaving from the church at 12:45 p.m.

**4th Annual St. John's Golf Scramble Fun-Raiser** to be held September 22, at 1:30 at the Moweaqua Golf Course. Cost is \$400 per team. Includes golf, prizes, and dinner afterwards. Proceeds go back to the church through various needs and governed by Lay Ministry Board. Sign-up sheets will be available in a few weeks. Please mark your calendars.

Beginning July 1, the **LSA ReSale Shop** will celebrate **Christmas in July**. The merchandise will continually change throughout the entire month. If you have never shopped at the LSA, this may be the time for your first visit. If you are thinking of purging your own Christmas decorations, we would love to have them. Normal donation times are Mondays and Tuesdays from 9am to 1pm and Thursdays from 2pm to 6pm. P.S. The ReSale Shop is closed on July 4th.

**St. Paul's Early Learning Center** is hiring for full time infant co-teacher! To start mid-July to work on trainings, physical, TB and background check! Insurance and benefit package after 60 days. Tuition discount for children at Unity Christian School. Tuition discount for children to attend the daycare. Hourly pay will depend on your education or previous daycare experience. Serious inquiries only! Contact Jamie Stanizone at [jamie@spldecat.org](mailto:jamie@spldecat.org) or 217-424-9183.

## THIS WEEK AT ST. JOHN'S

### SUNDAY, JULY 7

8:30 A.M. .... Traditional Service  
9:45 A.M. .... Fellowship in the Lounge  
11:00 A.M. .... Contemporary Service  
11:45 A.M. .... Reception for Malinda

### MONDAY, JULY 8

6:30 P.M. .... Boy Scouts (FH)

### TUESDAY, JULY 9

1:00 P.M. .... Staff Meeting (Conference Room)  
6:30 P.M. .... Lay Ministry Meeting (FH)

### WEDNESDAY, JULY 10

10:00 A.M. .... Adult Bible Study (FH)  
5:30 P.M. .... #lifetogether

### THURSDAY, JULY 11

5:30 P.M. .... TOPS (FH)  
7:00 P.M. .... Worship Practice

### FRIDAY, JULY 12

1:00 P.M. .... Visitation for Lloyd & Patsy Schumacher  
2:00 P.M. .... Memorial Service for Lloyd & Patsy Schumacher

### SATURDAY, JULY 13

10:00-4:00 P.M. .... Fellowship Hall & Kitchen Reserved

### SUNDAY, JULY 14

8:30 A.M. .... Traditional Service  
9:45 A.M. .... Education Hour (FH)  
11:00 A.M. .... Contemporary Service