

Welcome to Worship

at

St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church
a reconciling in Christ congregation



Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

June 30, 2024

9:30 am

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Statement of Welcome

*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. — Galatians 3:28*

As a community of God striving to be open to all people, we at St. John's Lutheran Congregation believe that the gospel is God's gift to all people, to be shared unconditionally. We welcome all to join us as we struggle to better understand the mysteries of God's teachings. We are challenged by Christ to care for, to love, to understand, and to listen to each other, regardless of race, age, gender, marital status, physical and mental abilities, sexual/affectional orientation, national origin, or economic status. We celebrate together our unity as God's people.

St. John's Lutheran Congregation is a place for each person to shine in their own unique gifts.

Statement of Mission

St. John's Lutheran Church is a downtown, community-oriented, congregation of Christians. We worship God, strive to welcome, and wholly accept everyone, and reach out with and in God's love.

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Communion is a time we invite all baptized Christians who believe that our Lord Jesus is truly present in the bread and wine of the Sacrament. If this is your belief, there are instructions to follow at the time of Communion later in the bulletin.

Service Notes:

- (asterisk) indicates, please stand as you are able.
- Page # indicates the front of the hymnal is used . . .
- Hymn # indicates the back of the Hymnal is used . . .

Hymn Book Abbreviations:

ELW – Evangelical Lutheran Worship Book
WOV – With One Voice
ACS – All Creation Sings

Gathering

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

Welcome

Prelude

The Baptism of William Henry Jones III

Presentation

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P: In baptism our gracious heavenly Father frees us from sin and death by joining us to the death and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ. We are born children of a fallen humanity; by water and the Holy Spirit we are reborn children of God and made members of the church, the body of Christ. Living with Christ and in the communion of saints, we grow in faith, love, and obedience to the will of God.

P: Called by the Holy Spirit, trusting in the grace and love of God, do you desire to have *William Henry Jones III* baptized into Christ?

Parents / Sponsors: I do.

P: As you bring *William* to receive the gift of baptism, you are entrusted with responsibilities: to live with *him* among God's faithful people, bring *him* to the word of God and the holy supper, teach *him* the Lord's Prayer, the Creed, and the Ten Commandments,

place in *his* hands the holy scriptures, and nurture *him* in faith and prayer, so that *he* may learn to trust God, proclaim Christ through word and deed, care for others and the world God made, and work for justice and peace. Do you promise to help *him* grow in the Christian faith and life?

Parents / Sponsors: I do.

P: Parents & Sponsors, do you promise to nurture *William* in the Christian faith as you are empowered by God's Spirit, and to help them live in the covenant of baptism and in communion with the church?

Parents / Sponsors: I do.

P: People of God, do you promise to support *William Henry Jones III* and pray for *him* in *his* new life in Christ?

Congregation: We do.

Profession of Faith

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P: I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church. Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God, the powers of this world that rebel against God, and the ways of sin that draw you from God?

Congregation: I renounce them.

P: Do you believe in God the Father?

Congregation: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

P: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

Congregation: 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.

P: Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

Congregation: 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.

Thanksgiving at the Font

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P: The Lord be with you.

Congregation: And also with you.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

Congregation: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

P: We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters and by your Word you created the world, calling forth life in which you took delight. Through the waters of the flood you delivered Noah and his family, and through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery into freedom. At the river your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit. By the baptism of Jesus' death and resurrection you set us free from the power of sin and death and raise us up to live in you.

Pour out your Holy Spirit, the power of your living Word, that those who are washed in the waters of baptism may be given new life. To you be given honor and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

Congregation: Amen.

Baptism

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P: *William Henry Jones III*, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Congregation: Amen. Blessed be God, the source of all life, the word of salvation, the spirit of mercy.

P: Let us pray. We give you thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy Spirit you give your daughters and sons new birth, cleanse them from sin, and raise them to eternal life.

Sustain *William* with the gift of your Holy Spirit: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence, both now and forever.

Congregation: Amen.

P: *William*, child of God, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever.

Congregation: Amen.

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A lighted candle is given . . .

Assistant: Let your light so shine before others that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.

P: Let us welcome the newly baptized.

Congregation: We welcome you into the body of Christ and into the mission we share join us in giving thanks and praise to God and bearing God's creative and redeeming word to all the world.

***Gathering Hymn**

ELW # 881 *“Let All Things Now Living”*

***Greeting**

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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.

***Kyrie**

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***Canticle of Praise**

“This is the Feast . . .”

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***Prayer of the Day**

A: Let us pray. Almighty and merciful God, we implore you to hear the prayers of your people. Be our strong defense against all harm and danger, that we may live and grow in faith and hope, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen

Children’s Chat

Word

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.

First Reading

Lamentations 3:22-33

²²The steadfast love of the LORD never ceases, his mercies never come to an end; ²³they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness.

²⁴“The LORD is my portion,” says my soul, “therefore I will hope in him.”

²⁵The LORD is good to those who wait for him, to the soul that seeks him.

²⁶It is good that one should wait quietly for the salvation of the LORD.

²⁷It is good for one to bear the yoke in youth, ²⁸to sit alone in silence when the Lord has imposed it, ²⁹to put one's mouth to the dust (there may yet be hope), ³⁰to give one's cheek to the smiter, and be filled with insults.

³¹For the Lord will not reject forever.

³²Although he causes grief, he will have compassion according to the abundance of his steadfast love; ³³for he does not willingly afflict or grieve anyone.

A: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Responsive Reading:

Psalm 30

¹I will exalt you, O LORD, because you have lifted me up and have not let my enemies triumph over me.

**²O LORD my God, I cried out to you,
and you restored me to health.**

³You brought me up, O LORD, from the dead;
you restored my life as I was going down to the grave.

**⁴Sing praise to the LORD, all you faithful;
give thanks in holy remembrance.**

⁵God's wrath is short; God's favor lasts a lifetime.
Weeping spends the night, but joy comes in the morning.

**⁶While I felt secure, I said,
"I shall never be disturbed.**

⁷You, LORD, with your favor, made me as strong as the mountains.”

Then you hid your face, and I was filled with fear.

⁸**I cried to you, O LORD;
I pleaded with my Lord, saying,**

⁹“What profit is there in my blood, if I go down to the pit?
Will the dust praise you or declare your faithfulness?

¹⁰**Hear, O LORD, and have mercy upon me;
O LORD, be my helper.”**

¹¹You have turned my wailing into dancing;
you have put off my sackcloth and clothed me with joy.

¹²**Therefore my heart sings to you without ceasing;
O LORD my God, I will give you thanks forever.**

Second Reading

2 Corinthians 8:7-15

⁷Now as you excel in everything—in faith, in speech, in knowledge, in utmost eagerness, and in our love for you—so we want you to excel also in this generous undertaking.

⁸I do not say this as a command, but I am testing the genuineness of your love against the earnestness of others. ⁹For you know the generous act of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor, so that by his poverty you might become rich. ¹⁰And in this matter I am giving my advice: it is appropriate for you who began last year not only to do something but even to desire to do something—¹¹now finish doing it, so that your eagerness may be matched by completing it according to your means. ¹²For if the eagerness is there, the gift is acceptable according to what one has—not according to what one does not have. ¹³I do not mean that there should be relief for others

and pressure on you, but it is a question of a fair balance between
¹⁴your present abundance and their need, so that their abundance
may be for your need, in order that there may be a fair balance.

¹⁵As it is written,

“The one who had much did not have too much,
and the one who had little did not have too little.”

A: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

***Gospel Acclamation** *“Alleluia”* - page 151

*** Gospel** **Mark 5:21-43**

P: The Holy Gospel according to Mark, the 5th chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

²¹When Jesus had crossed again in the boat to the other side, a great crowd gathered around him; and he was by the sea. ²²Then one of the leaders of the synagogue named Jairus came and, when he saw him, fell at his feet ²³and begged him repeatedly, “My little daughter is at the point of death. Come and lay your hands on her, so that she may be made well, and live.” ²⁴So he went with him.

And a large crowd followed him and pressed in on him. ²⁵Now there was a woman who had been suffering from hemorrhages for twelve years. ²⁶She had endured much under many physicians, and had spent all that she had; and she was no better, but rather grew worse. ²⁷She had heard about Jesus, and came up behind him in the crowd and touched his cloak, ²⁸for she said, “If I but touch his clothes, I will be made well.” ²⁹Immediately her hemorrhage stopped; and she felt in her body that she was healed of her

disease. ³⁰Immediately aware that power had gone forth from him, Jesus turned about in the crowd and said, “Who touched my clothes?” ³¹And his disciples said to him, “You see the crowd pressing in on you; how can you say, ‘Who touched me?’” ³²He looked all around to see who had done it. ³³But the woman, knowing what had happened to her, came in fear and trembling, fell down before him, and told him the whole truth. ³⁴He said to her, “Daughter, your faith has made you well; go in peace, and be healed of your disease.”

³⁵While he was still speaking, some people came from the leader’s house to say, “Your daughter is dead. Why trouble the teacher any further?” ³⁶But overhearing what they said, Jesus said to the leader of the synagogue, “Do not fear, only believe.” ³⁷He allowed no one to follow him except Peter, James, and John, the brother of James. ³⁸When they came to the house of the leader of the synagogue, he saw a commotion, people weeping and wailing loudly. ³⁹When he had entered, he said to them, “Why do you make a commotion and weep? The child is not dead but sleeping.” ⁴⁰And they laughed at him. Then he put them all outside, and took the child’s father and mother and those who were with him, and went in where the child was. ⁴¹He took her by the hand and said to her, “Talitha cum,” which means, “Little girl, get up!” ⁴²And immediately the girl got up and began to walk about (she was twelve years of age). At this they were overcome with amazement. ⁴³He strictly ordered them that no one should know this, and told them to give her something to eat.

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon — The Reverend Mike Button

*Hymn of the Day –

ELW # 617 “*We Come to You for Healing, Lord*”

*Prayers of Intercession

A: Let us pray. God of abundance, you fill your church with a multitude of gifts. Sustain those among us who feel they are not valued. Open our hearts to the wondrous breadth of all who call upon your name. In your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer.

A: God of creation, your goodness abounds. Multiply the fruits of the earth and rescue it from our wastefulness. In your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer.

A: God of justice, you reign in steadfast love. Bring peace between nations ravaged by war or strife and illumine paths of justice and freedom for those who lead them. In your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer.

A: God of compassion, your touch brings healing, and your word revives us for life. Hear our prayers for *those we mention on our prayer list . . . and those we name aloud or in our hearts . . .* all who are in need, and for doctors, nurses, and health care workers who provide care. Turn wailing into dancing and weeping into joy. In your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer.

A: God of community, you gather us at your table of plenty. Where there is hunger among us, open our hands. Where we are indifferent to the needs of others, open our hearts. In your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

A: God of the ages, great is your faithfulness. We remember in thanksgiving our beloved dead who with all the saints sing without ceasing in your realm of glory. In your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer.

A: Holy God, holy and merciful: into your outstretched arms we commend ourselves and all for whom we pray, trusting in the one who is the way, the truth, and the life, Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

* *The Sharing of the Peace*

P: The peace of Christ be with you always.

C: And also with you.

Meal

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

(Ushers now proceed to the Altar to receive the offering plates...)

Offertory

*Presentation of Gifts

(Ushers now bring the offering plates forward.)

*Offertory Hymn

ELW# 185

“Create in me . . .”

Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re - new a right
spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a - way from your
pres - ence, and take not your Ho - ly Spir - it from me.
Re - store to me the joy of your sal - va - tion, and up - hold me
with your free Spir - it. Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God,
and re - new a right spir - it with - in me.

The musical score is written in a single system with six staves. Each staff begins with a treble clef and a key signature of two flats (B-flat and E-flat). The music is in a 4/4 time signature. The lyrics are placed below the notes, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across multiple notes. The final note of the sixth staff is a whole note, followed by a double bar line.

***Offertory Prayer**

A: Let us pray. Jesus, Bread of life, you have set this table with your very self, and called us to the feast of plenty. Gather what has been sown among us and strengthen us in this meal. Make us to be what we receive here, your body for the life of the world.

C: Amen

***Great Thanksgiving** - page 152

*** Preface** (*Leader continues . . .*)

***Holy, Holy, Holy** - page 153

***Thanksgiving at the Table** (*Leader continues . . .*)

***Lord's Prayer** - page 154

***Lamb of God** - page 154

***Invitation to Communion** - page 154

Holy Communion - *If you are baptized and believe that it is the real blood and body of Christ, we welcome you at the Lord's table.*

**At the invitation of the usher, please proceed to the front to receive communion. Communion is also available in your pew, please let an usher know. Gluten free wafers and grape juice are available upon request.*

Communion Hymns

ELW #470 ***“Draw Us in the Spirit's Tether”***

ELW #483 ***“Here Is Bread”***

ELW #484 ***“You Satisfy the Hungry Heart: Gift of Finest Wheat ”***

***Table Blessing**

***Post Communion Hymn** “Now Lord . . .” - Page 113

Now, Lord, you let your ser-vant go in peace: your word has been ful -
filled. My own eyes have seen the sal - va - tion which you have pre-pared in the
sight of ev - 'ry peo - ple: a light to re-veal you to the na - tions
and the glo - ry of your peo - ple Is - ra - el.
Now, Lord, you let your ser - vant go in peace.

***Prayer after Communion**

A: Let us pray. Jesus, Bread of life, we have received from your table more than we could ever ask. As you have nourished us in this meal, now strengthen us to love the world with your own life. In your name we pray.

C: Amen.

Sending

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

Announcements

*Blessing

P: The blessing of God, who provides for us, feeds us, and journeys with us, † be upon you now and forever.

C: Amen.

*Sending Hymn

ELW # 886 *“Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing”*

*Dismissal

L: Go in peace. You are the body of Christ.

C: Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

Postlude

Thank you to our Worship Volunteers . . .

Worship Assistant– Jim Heck

Ushers – Barbara Horinko / Lois Anne Calloway

Reader – Larry Transue

Altar Guild – Sue Glenn / Sharon Rabuck

Video Team – Brad Thomas

This Week at St. John's June 30th - July 7th

Today (6/30/24) – Sixth Sunday after Pentecost, 9:30 am

Today (6/30/24) – Gallery Open – 11:00 -2:00 pm

Tuesday (7/1/24) – Bible Study, 11:00 am - Hospitality Rm.

Wednesday (7/2/24) – Council Reports Due

Thursday (7/4/24) – Office Closed for the 4th of July Holiday

Sunday (7/7/24) – Seventh Sunday after Pentecost, 9:30 am

Sunday (7/7/24) – Following Worship: Finance, Office

Sunday (7/7/24) – Gallery Open, 11:00 – 2:00 pm

Monday (7/8/24) – Council Meeting, 7:00 pm

Prayer Concerns: Chuck, Deanna, Joe, Kara, Christine, Steve, Rhemy, Paul, Chris, Michael, Shelly, Jan, Maria, Carolyn, Sarah, Bob, Rita, Terry, Jim, Shirley, Jeff, Debbie, Charlie, Peggy, Tony, Mike, Arlene, Our Homebound Family and Friends, and the St. John's Call Committee and our Future Pastor . . .

