

# SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

July 11, 2021  
8:00am & 10:45am



**St. John Lutheran Church and School**  
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**WELCOME TO ST. JOHN!** We ask members and guests to fill out an attendance card located by the hymnals; indicate your attendance at Holy Communion. Cards may be placed in the offering plate. Note that there are two glasses in the center of each tray with diluted wine.

**SERVING TODAY - Preaching & Presiding:** Rev. Jeff Caithamer. **Organist:** Keith Williams.  
**Elders:** 8:00 – Bob, Andy, Kendall, Dan; 10:45 – John, Bob, Chris, Matt. **Ushers:** 8:00 – Nicholas & Makenzie; 10:45 – Bryce & Noah.  
**Greeter:** 8:00 – Joanie.

**ABOUT THE LORD’S SUPPER:** Our congregation is a member of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod, a family of congregations who pledge themselves to teach and to believe the same doctrines. We invite those persons who are members in good standing of a congregation of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod or of a church in fellowship with the LCMS to receive the sacrament. We want to express our sincere welcome to guests and to assure them that it is in their spiritual interest that we practice closed communion. Guests desiring to learn more about our beliefs are asked to make an appointment to speak with our pastor.

**OUR CONGREGATIONAL FAMILY** – The altar flowers are given today by Stephen and Donna in thankfulness for the July birthdays of Margaret (5<sup>th</sup>), Stephen (9<sup>th</sup>), and Donna (19<sup>th</sup>). We also remember the following people in our prayers: *in thanksgiving:* Brian following a successful surgery; *for healing and recovery:* Barb, Joyce, Rick, Susan, Cynthia, Sherry, Leslie, Larry, Teresa, Barbara, Maelynn, Lilly, Karla, Aidan, Whitney, Barbara, John, Tom, Hendricks, Maria, Merv, Judy, Rebecca, Roy, Dan, Todd, Brett; *for successful treatments:* Luke, Kendra (school parent), Cari (school parent), Nicole (school parent), Earl, Linda, Joan, Jeanette, Nancy; *for our college students:* Kyle, Joshua, Isabelle; *for those in the military:* Adam, Nick, Taylor, Andy, Brandon, Zachary; *for our homebound:* Gilbert, Mavis.

For requests for the prayer chain or to be added to the chain:

<http://stjohnmedia.org/church/PrayerList.html>

**Introit** – Everyone will sing the Antiphon together, and then Pastor will sing the first Psalm verse. The congregation will sing the second Psalm verse and we will continue in alternation until all the Psalm verses have been sung. Everyone then sings the *Gloria Patri* and Antiphon together.

**Door Offering** – There will be a door offering following both services to help support the Carr Family.

<p><b>Voter’s Meeting</b> – There will be a Voter’s Meeting Sunday, July 25, 2021 at 1:00pm in the Fellowship Hall.</p>
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## **OUR WEEK AHEAD**

**Today**      *7<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost*; 8:00 Holy Communion; 9:30 Adult Bible Class, Sunday School; 10:45 Holy Communion

**Monday**      5:30 Finance Board

**Tuesday**      6:00 Elders

**Wednesday**      10:00 Adult Bible Class; 7:15 Holy Communion

**Sunday**      *8<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost*; 8:00 Holy Communion; 9:30 Adult Bible Class, Sunday School; 10:45 Holy Communion

**Thank You** – Thank you for all of your prayers for my health and recent surgery. The surgery was very successful. Brian

**Prayers and Support** – If you have not yet heard the news, The Carr Family lost their home to a fire last weekend. The Carr's are all safe but most of their possessions have been lost. Their immediate needs are being met, but their future will require more help. If you are able, please consider donating to help them with their needs in the future. Currently they could use gift cards to stores and restaurants. If you would like to contribute, please bring donations to the church office from 10am-2pm, Monday-Friday. If interested, the school has Meijer and Applebee's gift cards available for purchase through Ram Rebate. Gifts and donations will be passed on to the family directly.

**Summer Sunday School** – K-7<sup>th</sup> will meet in the Sanctuary for opening before class. 3/4yrs will meet in their classroom for opening.

3/4yrs	Room 4C	6 <sup>th</sup> -7 <sup>th</sup>	Conference Room
K-2 <sup>nd</sup>	Room 6B (Art Room)	High School	Youth Room
3 <sup>rd</sup> -5 <sup>th</sup>	Room 5B (Computer Lab)		

We are still looking for teachers. Please sign up on the bulletin board across from the fellowship hall. Materials for the lessons are supplied. Questions call or email Cindy .

**Office Hours** – The Church Office's summer hours will be 10am-2pm. The School Office will be closed for the summer. Please call the school and leave a message (217) 359-1714 or email Kim Schmidt at [kschmidt - at - stjohns.com](mailto:kschmidt@stjohns.com) for any questions. Messages will be checked regularly.

**Greeters** – The greeters are returning. If you would like to be a greeter before either service, please sign-up. The sign-up is located in the overflow by the flower chart.

**Workday** – On Saturday, July 31<sup>st</sup> from 8 until noon come and help complete projects around the church and school. These are easy projects from cleaning to yardwork. The whole family can come out and help or just one or two of you. There is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board outside the fellowship hall. Even if you don't sign-up you can come and help. We will start in the fellowship hall on the 31<sup>st</sup>. If you have questions, please contact Faith.

**E.A.T. Nights** are returning this August. Mark your calendars for August 9<sup>th</sup>, 2021 to join us for our E.A.T. Night at Culver's. More information coming soon.

**Old Testament Reading: Amos 7:7-15**

<sup>7</sup> This is what he showed me: behold, the Lord was standing beside a wall built with a plumb line, with a plumb line in his hand. <sup>8</sup> And the LORD said to me, "Amos, what do you see?" And I said, "A plumb line." Then the Lord said, "Behold, I am setting a plumb line in the midst of my people Israel; I will never again pass by them; <sup>9</sup> the high places of Isaac shall be made desolate, and the sanctuaries of Israel shall be laid waste, and I will rise against the house of Jeroboam with the sword." <sup>10</sup> Then Amaziah the priest of Bethel sent to Jeroboam king of Israel, saying, "Amos has conspired against you in the midst of the house of Israel. The land is not able to bear all his words. <sup>11</sup> For thus Amos has said, "'Jeroboam shall die by the sword, and Israel must go into exile away from his land.'" <sup>12</sup> And Amaziah said to Amos, "O seer, go, flee away to the land of Judah, and eat bread there, and prophesy there, <sup>13</sup> but never again prophesy at Bethel, for it is the king's sanctuary, and it is a temple of the kingdom." <sup>14</sup> Then Amos answered and said to Amaziah, "I was no prophet, nor a prophet's son, but I was a herdsman and a dresser of sycamore figs. <sup>15</sup> But the LORD took me from following the flock, and the LORD said to me, 'Go, prophesy to my people Israel.'

**Epistle Reading: Ephesians 1:3-14**

<sup>3</sup> Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, <sup>4</sup> even as he chose us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and blameless before him. In love <sup>5</sup> he predestined us for adoption to himself as sons through Jesus Christ, according to the purpose of his will, <sup>6</sup> to the praise of his glorious grace, with which he has blessed us in the Beloved. <sup>7</sup> In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace, <sup>8</sup> which he lavished upon us, in all wisdom and insight <sup>9</sup> making known to us the mystery of his will, according to his purpose, which he set forth in Christ <sup>10</sup> as a plan for the fullness of time, to unite all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth. <sup>11</sup> In him we have obtained an inheritance, having been predestined according to the purpose of him who works all things according to the counsel of his will, <sup>12</sup> so that we who were the first to hope in Christ might be to the praise of his glory. <sup>13</sup> In him you also, when you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and believed in him, were sealed with the promised Holy Spirit, <sup>14</sup> who is the guarantee of our inheritance until we acquire possession of it, to the praise of his glory.

**Holy Gospel: Mark 6:14-29**

<sup>14</sup> King Herod heard of it, for Jesus' name had become known. Some said, "John the Baptist has been raised from the dead. That is why these miraculous powers are at work in him." <sup>15</sup> But others said, "He is Elijah." And others said, "He is a prophet, like one of the prophets of old." <sup>16</sup> But when Herod heard of it, he said, "John, whom I beheaded, has been raised." <sup>17</sup> For it was Herod who had sent and seized John and bound him in prison for the sake of Herodias, his brother Philip's wife, because he had married her. <sup>18</sup> For John had been saying to Herod, "It is not lawful for you to have your brother's wife." <sup>19</sup> And Herodias had a grudge against him and wanted to put him to death. But she could not, <sup>20</sup> for Herod feared John, knowing that he was a righteous and holy man, and he kept him safe. When he heard him, he was greatly perplexed, and yet he heard him gladly. <sup>21</sup> But an opportunity came when Herod on his birthday gave a banquet for his nobles and military commanders and the leading men of Galilee. <sup>22</sup> For when Herodias's daughter came in and danced, she pleased Herod and his guests. And the king said to the girl, "Ask me for whatever you wish, and I will give it to you." <sup>23</sup> And he vowed to her, "Whatever you ask me, I will give you, up to half of my kingdom." <sup>24</sup> And she went out and said to her mother, "For what should I ask?" And she said, "The head of John the Baptist." <sup>25</sup> And she came in immediately with haste to the king and asked, saying, "I want you to give me at once the head of John the Baptist on a platter." <sup>26</sup> And the king was exceedingly sorry, but because of his oaths and his guests he did not want to break his word to her. <sup>27</sup> And immediately the king sent an executioner with orders to bring John's head. He went and beheaded him in the prison <sup>28</sup> and brought his head on a platter and gave it to the girl, and the girl gave it to her mother. <sup>29</sup> When his disciples heard of it, they came and took his body and laid it in a tomb.

**LEARN BY HEART**  
***THE FAMILY ALTAR***

The families of St. John are encouraged to learn these words from the Small Catechism by heart this week:

**The Lord's Prayer**

The Fifth Petition – And forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us.

*What does this mean?* We pray in this petition that our Father in heaven would not look at our sins, or deny our prayer because of them. We are neither worthy of the things for which we pray, nor have we deserved them, but we ask that He would give them all to us by grace, for we daily sin much and surely deserve nothing but punishment. So we too will sincerely forgive and gladly do good to those who sin against us.

The Sixth Petition – And lead us not into temptation.

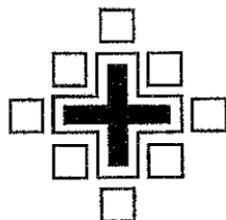
*What does this mean?* God tempts no one. We pray in this petition that God would guard and keep us so that the devil, the world, and our sinful nature may not deceive us or mislead us into false belief, despair, and other great shame and vice. Although we are attacked by these things, we pray that we may finally overcome them and win the victory.

Bible Passage: Whoever feeds on my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life, and I will raise him up on the last day. John 6:54

Psalm 119:129-136

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**INTROIT**      *Ps. 143:1–2, 8a; antiphon: Ps. 143:11*

For your name's sake, O LORD, pre- | serve my life!\*

In your righteousness bring my soul out of | trouble!

Hear my prayer, O LORD; give ear to my pleas for | mercy!\*

In your faithfulness answer me, in your | righteousness!

Enter not into judgment with your | servant,\*

for no one living is righteous be- | fore you.

Let me hear in the morning of your | steadfast love,\*

for in | you I trust.

**Glory be to the Father and | to the Son\***

**and to the Holy | Spirit;**

**as it was in the be- | ginning,\***

**is now, and will be forever. | Amen.**

For your name's sake, O LORD, pre- | serve my life!\*

In your righteousness bring my soul out of | trouble!

## COLLECT OF THE DAY

O Lord, You granted Your prophets strength to resist the temptations of the devil and courage to proclaim repentance. Give us pure hearts and minds to follow Your Son faithfully even into suffering and death; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**GRADUAL**      *Rom. 11:33, 36*

Oh, the depth of the riches and wisdom and knowl- | edge of God!\*

How unsearchable are his judgments and how inscrutable | his ways!

For from him and through him and to him are | all things.\*

To him be glory forever. | Amen.

## DAILY READINGS

**July 11:** Judg. 6:25–40; Acts 15:6–21; **12:** Judg. 7:1–23; Gal. 1:1–24; **13:** Judg. 13:1–25; Gal. 2:1–21; **14:** Judg. 14:1–20; Gal. 3:1–22; **15:** Judg. 15:1–16:3; Gal. 3:23–4:11; **16:** Judg. 16:4–30; Gal. 4:12–31; **17:** 1 Sam. 1:1–20; Gal. 5:1–26.

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