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Divine Service III

**stand as you are able*

OPENING HYMN *Open Now They Gates of Beauty*

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- 1 Open now thy gates of beauty; Zion, let me enter there,
Where my soul in joyful duty Waits for Him who answers prayer.
Oh, how bless-ed is this place, Filled with solace, light, and grace!
- 2 Gracious God, I come before Thee; Come Thou also unto me.
Where we find Thee and adore Thee, There a heav'n on earth must be.
To my heart, O enter Thou; Let it be Thy temple now!
- 3 Here Thy praise is gladly chanted; Here Thy seed is duly sown.
Let my soul. where it is planted, Bring forth precious sheaves alone,
So that all I hear may be Fruitful unto life in me.
- 4 Thou my faith increase and quicken; Let me keep Thy gift divine,
How-so-e'er temptations thicken; May Thy Word still o'er me shine
As my guiding star through life, As my comfort in all strife.
- 5 Speak, O God, and I will hear Thee; Let Thy will be done indeed.

May I undisturbed draw near Thee While Thou dost Thy people feed.
Here of life the fountain flows; Here is balm for all our woes.

***INVOCATION, CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION**

P In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

P Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

P Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C who made heaven and earth.

P I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,

C and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

P O almighty God, merciful Father,

C I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.

P Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

SERVICE OF THE WORD

***INTROIT**

***KYRIE**

Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us.

***GLORIA IN EXCELSIS**

P Glory be to God on high;

C **and on earth peace, good-will toward men. We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we worship Thee, we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory. O Lord God, heav'nly King, God the Father Almighty. O Lord, the only begotten Son, Jesus Christ; O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us. Thou that takest away the sin of the world, receive our prayer. Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us. For Thou only art holy; Thou only art the Lord. Thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost, art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

*SALUTATION and COLLECT OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.

C **And with thy spirit.**

P Let us pray...

C **Amen.**

Old Testament Reading: Isaiah 56:1, 6-8

¹ Thus says the LORD:

“Keep justice, and do righteousness,
for soon my salvation will come,
and my righteousness be revealed.

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to minister to him, to love the name of the LORD,
and to be his servants,

everyone who keeps the Sabbath and does not profane it,
and holds fast my covenant—

⁷ these I will bring to my holy mountain,
and make them joyful in my house of prayer;
their burnt offerings and their sacrifices
will be accepted on my altar;
for my house shall be called a house of prayer
for all peoples.”

⁸ The Lord GOD,
who gathers the outcasts of Israel, declares,

“I will gather yet others to him
besides those already gathered.”

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Epistle Reading: Romans 11:1-2a, 13-15, 28-32

¹ I ask, then, has God rejected his people? By no means! For I myself am an Israelite, a descendant of Abraham, a member of the tribe of Benjamin. ² God has not rejected his people whom he foreknew....

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*Alleluia and Verse

Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.

*Holy Gospel

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the fifteenth chapter. (21-28)

C Glory be to Thee, O Lord.

²¹ Jesus went away from there and withdrew to the district of Tyre and Sidon. ²² And behold, a Canaanite woman from that region came out and was crying, “Have mercy on me, O Lord, Son of David; my daughter is severely oppressed by a demon.” ²³ But he did not answer her a word. And his disciples came and begged him, saying, “Send her away, for she is crying out after us.” ²⁴ He answered, “I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel.” ²⁵ But she came and knelt before him, saying, “Lord,

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P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

***NICENE CREED**

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible. And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

HYMN OF THE DAY *When in the Hour of Deepest Need*

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- 1 When in the hour of deepest need We know not where to look for aid;
When days and nights of anxious thought No help or counsel yet have brought,
- 2 Then is our comfort this alone That we may meet before Your throne;
To You, O faithful God, we cry For rescue in our misery.
- 3 For You have promised, Lord, to heed Your children's cries in time of need
Through Him whose name alone is great, Our Savior and our advocate.

4 And so we come, O God, today And all our woes before You lay;
For sorely tried, cast down, we stand, Perplexed by fears on ev'ry hand.

5 O from our sins, Lord, turn Your face; Absolve us through Your boundless grace.
Be with us in our anguish still; Free us at last from ev'ry ill.

6 So we with all our hearts each day To You our glad thanksgiving pay,
Then walk obedient to Your Word, And now and ever praise You, Lord.

SERMON "*Children and Dogs*" Matthew 15:21-28

P The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in
Christ Jesus.

C Amen.

*OFFERTORY

Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.
Cast me not away from Thy presence, and take not Thy Holy Spirit from me.
Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation, and uphold me with Thy free spirit. Amen.

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

*PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

*LORD'S PRAYER

*COLLECT

*SALUTATION AND BENEDICAMUS

P The Lord be with you.

C And with thy spirit.

P Bless we the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

*BENEDICTION

P The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you. The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace.

C Amen, amen, amen.

CLOSING HYMN *Go, My Children, with My Blessing*

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- 1 Go, My children, with My blessing, Never alone.
Waking, sleeping, I am with you; You are My own.
In My love's baptismal river I have made you Mine forever.
Go, My children, with My blessing – You are My own.
 - 2 Go, My children, sins forgiven, At peace and pure.
Here you learned how much I love you, What I can cure.
Here you heard My dear Son's story; Here you touched Him, saw His glory.
Go, My children, sins forgiven, At peace and pure.
 - 3 Go, My children, fed and nourished, Closer to Me;
Grow in love and love by serving, Joyful and free.
Here My Spirit's power filled you; Here His tender comfort stilled you.
Go, My children, fed and nourished, Joyful and free.
 - 4 I the Lord will bless and keep you And give you peace;
I the Lord will smile upon you And give you peace:
I the Lord will be your Father, Savior, Comforter, and Brother.
Go, My children; I will keep you And give you peace.
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SERVING:

Preaching: Rev. Jeff Caithamer

Organist: Keith Williams

Videographer: Lou Ann

OUR CONGREGATIONAL FAMILY – The altar flowers are given by Neil & Traci in celebration of their 16th wedding anniversary. We also remember the following people in our prayers: *for peace and comfort*: Lavina and family at the death of daughter Mary; Makenzie & Lexi on their recent engagement; *for healing and recovery*: Ashlyn-infant relative of Joyce, John, Lee, Tom, Linda, Deb-sister of Pam, Jan, Opal, Hendricks-grandson of Dan & Joanie, Jacob-great grandson of Bob & Joan, Maria, Brett-cousin of the Kindts’, Merv, Jessica-granddaughter of Bob & Joan, Joan-mother of Bill, Judy-mother of Rochelle, Rebecca-daughter of Marvin & Esther, Roy-father of Anne, Dan-brother of Bonnie, Todd; *for successful treatments*: Cari (school parent), Kendra (school parent), Earl, Jayne, Linda, Roxy, Joan, Jeanette, Nancy; *for those in the military*: Roberto, Adam, Joshua, Nick, Taylor, Andy, Brandon, Ben, Allyson, Zachary; *for our homebound*: Phyllis, Walt, Mavis.

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

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

OUR WEEK AHEAD

Today *Eleventh Sunday After Pentecost*; 8:00 Holy Communion; 9:30 Adult Bible Class; 10:45 Holy Communion
Tuesday 10:00 Adult Bible Class; 6:00 Council
Wednesday *1st Day of School*; 7:15 Holy Communion
Sunday *Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost*; 8:00 Holy Communion; 9:30 Rally Day; 10:45 Holy Communion; 12:00 Church Picnic

Fellowship will be providing refreshments in honor of the Installation of Day School Teachers following the 8:00 service.

Upcoming dates from Parish Ed – August 23rd will be our Sunday School Rally Day, and the church picnic. The picnic will be after the late service and it will be BYO food. Cold water will be provided but each family will bring their own food for the picnic.

Thank you to everyone for your cards and words of blessing in my new Call. It was such a wonderful package. I was blessed to serve the children and their families with the support the St John members for seven years. I pray for God’s continued blessings for the church and school. Thank you again for your love and support both during my time there and now in my new Call. God’s richest blessings, Elizabeth Crawford

This Summer, Our Sunday School Students will explore 3 in 1: Discovering Our Triune God. Each of the weekly Bible stories helps students discover something about our triune God. The Holy spirit renewed the life of the sinful woman, enabling her to show love for Jesus in this week's Sunday School lesson. "The Spirit Renews Us: Mary Shows her Love for Jesus." As a family, discuss, "How does the Holy Spirit renew your life?"

Sign Up for Church Services: Please contact the church office 359-1123 between the hours of 10am and 2pm, Monday through Friday, to sign up for Sunday's services. Or you can email pmartin - at - stjoh-lcms.org. You can also sign up anytime by emailing Pastor (revcaithamer - at - stjoh-lcms.org). Thank you to those who sign up ahead of time for church services. It does make the task of preparing for the Lord's Supper easier and in allowing enough space for everyone in the sanctuary. We do know that circumstances do not always allow for everyone to sign up ahead of time, so we will still welcome those who may come otherwise unannounced.

Church Directory - Lifetouch has begun taking church member's photos. If you haven't registered for a time yet, go to the church website, <https://www.stjohn-lcms.org/>, and click on the link. It will direct you to the registration site. You can set your appointment. We will have stations set up after the church services to help with registration if you need help. You can also call the church office 359-1123 for assistance. The dates of the photo sessions are August 18, 19, 20, 31 and September 1. The session times are 2pm -9pm. Photos will be taken in the gym wing. LifeTouch is requiring the use of face masks. You will need to wear a mask while waiting to take the photo and while you are reviewing the photo. You will not wear the mask while taking the photo. Thank you for being understanding. If you have questions, contact Faith at fblock - at - stjohlns.com. If you bring a food item for our food pantry to your photo session, you will receive a coupon towards the cost of any photos you choose to purchase. While getting your photos taken, we are requesting an information sheet to be completed. We want to update phone numbers, addresses and email addresses. We will have extra information sheets on the table in the narthex. If you are unable to get your photo taken, please consider completing a form and placing it in the offering plate or in the church office.

Email Addresses – Pastor Caithamer has compiled a list of members’ email addresses to communicate with the congregation. If you are not receiving these email communications, please call the church office with your email address so we can add you to the list. If we have your email address and you are not getting them, please check your spam folder.

LWML is collecting School Supplies for Lutheran World Relief. Please place the LWR School Kit items in the bag in the box in the coatroom. School supplies are on sale now, a great time to purchase for the school kits. Please return school supplies before October 19, 2020 (packing date). The following items in each LWR School Kit: 4 - 70-sheet notebooks of wide- or college-ruled paper approximately 8” X 10½”; no loose-leaf paper, 1 - 30-centimeter ruler, or a ruler with centimeters on one side and inches on the other, 1 - pencil sharpener, 1 - blunt scissors (safety scissors with embedded steel blades work well), 5 - unsharpened #2 pencils with erasers; secure together with a rubber band, 5 - black or blue ballpoint pens (no gel ink); secure together with a rubber band, 1 - box of 16 or 24 crayons, 1 - 2½” eraser. Do not add other items or leave out any of the items listed. All items should be new and in good condition. Thank You.

The church Keys and Fobs – Please turn your keys and fobs into the church office if your serving time has concluded so we have enough to distribute to incoming officers.

Available – If you are in need, several home-made masks have been donated to the church and school and can be found on the narthex table. Adult and children sizes are available.

St. John Golf Outing – U of I Golf Course, Saturday, September 26th. We will have more information, including registration forms, available in August.

St. John Arts & Crafts Fair – 2nd Annual, coming October 24th, 2020. More information about reserving booth space and other details will be available soon. Contact the school office with any questions.

Essential Exercise for the Christian Mind – Issues, Etc. is a radio talk show and podcast produced by Lutheran Public Radio in Collinsville, IL and hosted by LCMS Pastor Todd Wilken. This week's teachings include: Online Political Conversations, 17th Century Lutheran Theologian Johann Gerhard, 11th Century Hymnwriter Bernard of Clairvaux, Old Testament Judge Samuel and more. You can listen at your convenience at issuesetc.org, the LPR mobile app and your favorite podcast provider.

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 Seventh Petition - But deliver us from evil.

What does this mean? We pray in this petition, in summary, that our Father in heaven would rescue us from every evil of body and soul, possessions and reputation, and finally, when our last hour comes, give us a blessed end, and graciously take us from this valley of sorrow to Himself in heaven.

The Conclusion - For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

What does this mean? This means that I should be certain that these petitions are pleasing to our Father in heaven, and are heard by Him; for He Himself has commanded us to pray in this way and has promised to hear us. Amen, amen means "yes, yes, it shall be so."

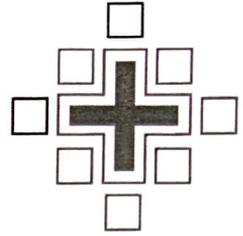
Psalm 136:1-9, 23-26

Bible Passage: So shall my word be that goes out from my mouth; it shall not return to me empty, but it shall accomplish that which I purpose, and shall succeed in the thing for which I sent it.

Isaiah 55:11

Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

August 16, 2020



INTROIT *Ps. 28:1–2, 6–7; antiphon: Ps. 28:8*

The LORD is the strength of his | people;*
he is the saving refuge of his a- | nointed.
To you, O LORD, I call; my rock, be not | deaf to me,*
lest, if you be silent to me, I become like those who go down | to the pit.
Hear the voice of my pleas for mercy, when I cry to | you for help,*
when I lift up my hands toward your most holy sanctu- | ary.

Blessèd | be the LORD!*

for he has heard the voice of my pleas for | mercy.
The LORD is my strength and my shield; in him my heart trusts, and | I am helped;*
my heart exults, and with my song I give | thanks to him.

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.

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COLLECT OF THE DAY

Almighty and everlasting Father, You give Your children many blessings even though we are undeserving. In every trial and temptation grant us steadfast confidence in Your loving-kindness and mercy; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

GRADUAL *Ps. 34:9, 19, alt.*

Fear the LORD, | you his saints,*
for those who fear him lack | nothing!
Many are the afflictions of the | righteous,*
but the LORD delivers him out | of them all.

DAILY READINGS

August 16: 2 Sam. 6:1–19; 1 Cor. 9:1–23; **17:** 2 Sam. 7:1–17; 1 Cor. 9:24–10:22; **18:** 2 Sam. 7:18–29; 1 Cor. 10:23–11:16; **19:** 2 Sam. 11:1–27; 1 Cor. 11:17–34; **20:** 2 Sam. 12:1–25; 1 Cor. 12:1–13; **21:** 1 Kings 1:1–4, 15–35; 1 Cor. 12:14–31; **22:** 1 Kings 2:1–27; 1 Cor. 13:1–13.

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Epistle:

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