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Divine Service IV

**stand as you are able*

OPENING HYMN *Come Thou Almighty King* **905**

1 Come, Thou almighty King, Help us Thy name to sing;
Help us to praise; Father all glorious, O'er all victorious,
Come and reign over us, Ancient of Days.

2 Come, Thou incarnate Word, Gird on Thy mighty sword;
Our prayer attend. Come and Thy people bless, And give Thy Word success,
And let Thy righteousness On us descend.

3 Come, holy Comforter, Thy sacred witness bear
In this glad hour! Thou, who almighty art, Now rule in ev'ry heart,
And ne'er from us depart, Spirit of pow'r.

Δ4 To Thee, great One in Three, Eternal praises be
Hence evermore! Thy sov'reign majesty May we in glory see,
And to eternity Love and adore.

***INVOCATION, CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION**

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

C **Amen.**

P Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C who made heaven and earth.

P If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?

C But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.

P Since we are gathered to hear God's Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, and receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

C Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.

P Almighty God, merciful Father, in Holy Baptism You declared us to be Your children and gathered us into Your one, holy Church, in which You daily and richly forgive us our sins and grant us new life through Your Spirit. Be in our midst, enliven our faith, and graciously receive our prayer and praise; through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C Amen.

P Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore 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; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy.

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

1 To God on high be glory And peace to all the earth;
Good-will from God in heaven Proclaimed at Jesus' birth!
We praise and bless You, Father; Your holy name we sing-
Our thanks for Your great glory, Lord God, our heav'nly King.

2 To You, O sole-begotten, The Father's Son, we pray;
O Lamb of God, our Savior, You take our sins away.
Have mercy on us, Jesus; Receive our heart-felt cry,
Where You in pow'r are seated At God's right hand on high—

3 For You alone are holy; You only are the Lord.
Forever and forever, Be worshiped and adored;
You with the Holy Spirit Alone are Lord Most High,
In God the Father's glory. "Amen!" our glad reply.

SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Let us pray.

C **Amen.**

OLD TESTAMENT READING: Isaiah 51:1-6

¹ "Listen to me, you who pursue righteousness,
you who seek the LORD:

look to the rock from which you were hewn,
and to the quarry from which you were dug.

² Look to Abraham your father
and to Sarah who bore you;
for he was but one when I called him,
that I might bless him and multiply him.

³ For the LORD comforts Zion;
he comforts all her waste places
and makes her wilderness like Eden,
her desert like the garden of the LORD;
joy and gladness will be found in her,
thanksgiving and the voice of song.

⁴ "Give attention to me, my people,
and give ear to me, my nation;
for a law will go out from me,
and I will set my justice for a light to the peoples.

⁵ My righteousness draws near,

my salvation has gone out,
and my arms will judge the peoples;
the coastlands hope for me,
and for my arm they wait.
⁶ Lift up your eyes to the heavens,
and look at the earth beneath;
for the heavens vanish like smoke,
the earth will wear out like a garment,
and they who dwell in it will die in like manner;
but my salvation will be forever,
and my righteousness will never be dismayed.”

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

EPISTLE READING: Romans 11:33-12:8

³³ Oh, the depth of the riches and wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable are his judgments and how inscrutable his ways!

³⁴ “For who has known the mind of the Lord,
or who has been his counselor?”

³⁵ “Or who has given a gift to him
that he might be repaid?”

³⁶ For from him and through him and to him are all things. To him be glory forever.
Amen.

¹ I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. ² Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect.

³ For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think, but to think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. ⁴ For as in one body we have many members, and the members do not all have the same function, ⁵ so we, though many, are one body in Christ, and individually members one of another. ⁶ Having gifts that differ according to the grace given to us, let us use them: if prophecy, in proportion to

our faith; ⁷ if service, in our serving; the one who teaches, in his teaching; ⁸ the one who exhorts, in his exhortation; the one who contributes, in generosity; the one who leads, with zeal; the one who does acts of mercy, with cheerfulness.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

***ALLELUIA and VERSE**

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. These things are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, The Son of God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

***HOLY GOSPEL**

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the thirteenth chapter.

C Glory to You, O Lord.

¹³ Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, “Who do people say that the Son of Man is?” ¹⁴ And they said, “Some say John the Baptist, others say Elijah, and others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.” ¹⁵ He said to them, “But who do you say that I am?” ¹⁶ Simon Peter replied, “You are the Christ, the Son of the living God.” ¹⁷ And Jesus answered him, “Blessed are you, Simon Bar-Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father who is in heaven. ¹⁸ And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it. ¹⁹ I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven.” ²⁰ Then he strictly charged the disciples to tell no one that he was the Christ.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

***APOSTLES’ CREED**

I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth.
And in Jesus Christ, His 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 into hell.

The third day He rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.
From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy Christian Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.

HYMN OF THE DAY *Built on the Rock*

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- 1** Built on the Rock the Church shall stand Even when steeples are falling.
Crumbled have spires in ev'ry land; Bells still are chiming and calling,
Calling the young and old to rest, But above all the souls distressed,
Longing for rest everlasting.
- 2** Surely in temples made with hands God, the Most High, is not dwelling;
High above earth His temple stands, All earthly temples excelling.
Yet He who dwells in heav'n above Chooses to live with us in love,
Making our bodies His temple.
- 3** We are God's house of living stones, Built for His own habitation.
He through baptismal grace us owns Heirs of His wondrous salvation.
Were we but two His name to tell, Yet He would deign with us to dwell
With all His grace and His favor.
- 4** Here stands the font before our eyes, Telling how God has received us.
The altar recalls Christ's sacrifice And what His Supper here gives us.
Here sound the Scriptures that proclaim Christ yesterday, today, the same,
And evermore, our Redeemer.
- 5** Grant, then, O God, Your will be done, That, when the church bells are ringing,
Many in saving faith may come Where Christ His message is bringing:
"I know My own; My own know Me. You, not the world, My face shall see.
My peace I leave with you. Amen."

SERMON "*Identifying the Christ*" Matthew 16:13-20

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

*PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

*COLLECT

*POST-COMMUNION COLLECT

*BENEDICAMUS and BENEDICTION

P Let us bless the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

P The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.

C **Amen.**

CLOSING HYMN *Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation* **909**

1 Christ is made the sure foundation, Christ, our head and cornerstone,
Chosen of the Lord and precious, Binding all the Church in one;
Holy Zion's help forever And our confidence alone.

2 To this temple, where we call You, Come, O Lord of hosts, and stay;
Come with all Your loving kindness, Hear Your people as they pray;
And Your fullest benediction Shed within these walls today.

3 Grant, we pray, to all Your faithful All the gifts they ask to gain;
What they gain from You, forever With the bless-ed to retain;
And hereafter in Your glory Evermore with You to reign.

Δ4 Praise and honor to the Father, Praise and honor to the Son,
Praise and honor to the Spirit, Ever three and ever one:
One in might and one in glory While unending ages run!

Preaching: Rev. Jeff Caithamer

Organist: Keith Williams

Videographer: Lou Ann

OUR CONGREGATIONAL FAMILY – The altar flowers are given by Elton in loving memory of wife Lea. We also remember the following people in our prayers: *for peace and comfort:* Patty at the death of brother Stan; *upcoming surgery:* Kendra (school parent); *for healing and recovery:* Paul, Barbara-friend of the congregation, 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), 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:* Esther, Geneice, Lavina.

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

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

OUR WEEK AHEAD

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| Today | <i>Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost;</i> 8:00 Holy Communion; 9:30 Rally Day; 10:45 Holy Communion; 12:00 Church Picnic |
| Monday | <i>1st Day of Little Lamb; Newsletter Deadline</i> |
| Tuesday | 10:00 Adult Bible Class; 6:00 Parish Ed; 7:00 Youth Board |
| Wednesday | 7:15 Holy Communion |
| Sunday | <i>Thirteenth Sunday After Pentecost;</i> 8:00 Holy Communion; 9:30 Adult Bible Class, Sunday School; 10:45 Holy Communion |

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.

Today is 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.

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 - stjohn-lcms.org . You can also sign up anytime by emailing Pastor. 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 - We have two dates left for photos to be taken; August 31 and September 1. You can register for a time by going to the church website, <https://www.stjohn-lcms.org> and click on the link. The link is on the left hand side under a family picture. If you come with a food donation for our food pantry, you will receive a \$5 coupon off the purchase of any photos. Photos are taken in the gym wing. Please use the gym doors when you come. If you were unable to attend a photo session, you can submit a photo to be included. Send your photos to block - at - stjohnls.com. The photos in the directory will be vertical. However if you submit a horizontal photo, we will include it in the directory. Images should be sent in jpg format. They need to be at least 2x 2.5" and 250 – 300 DPI resolution. Include the names of everyone in the picture. Please submit photos by September 16. There is a cost to submit extra photos. If you are able, we are asking for a \$5 donation to help cover the cost.

Missing – 9x11 Tupperware clear container has been missing since the Day School Teacher Appreciation Reception on Sunday, August 16th. If you have seen this item or took it home by mistake, please let the church office know. Thank you.

Trustees are looking for any members with gardening interest or experience to help plan the landscaping of the church property. Please contact Rick richardcraig26 - at - yahoo.com.. Thank you.

Lifelight is back. Join us for The Life of David, a 9-week Bible study. We'll follow David's journey from shepherd to soldier to refugee to king – from God's faithful servant

to adulterer and murderer to forgiven penitent sinner. You can join us Wednesday evenings at 5:45, Thursday mornings at 9:00, or Thursday evenings at 6:30. Social distancing will be practiced. Classes start September 16th and 17th. To sign up, look for our table at Rally Day August 23rd or in the overflow afterward, or contact Neil, Matt, Eunice or Donna.

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

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.

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.

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.

Camp CILCA's Chicken Dinner, Sun Sept 6, 2020, 11:30am - 2:00pm. Meals are \$10 each and include a 1/2 roasted chicken, green beans, mashed potatoes, rolls, desserts, and drinks. Meals must be ordered in advance by September 1. You can call the camp office or order online at <https://nelsonscatering.com/camp-cilca/>. Due to COVID, the annual Camp CILCA Auction Fundraiser, usually held on the same day as the Chicken Fry, will be conducted a little differently this year. It will be online on facebook only. You do not need to be a facebook user to participate in the Auction. The list of items available at the Auction will be posted by August 17. Along with that list will be instructions as to how to bid, etc. The ending date for bidding will be announced soon. Visit Camp CILCA (www.cilca.org), Events/Retreats, Auction Items. Keep checking the list of Auction items (new gifts will continue being added) and keep bidding.

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:

Baptism

What is Baptism? Baptism is not just plain water, but it is the water included in God's command and combined with God's word.

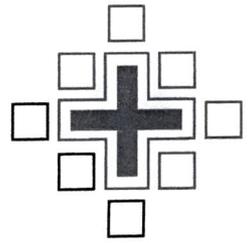
Which is that word of God? Christ our Lord says in the last chapter of Matthew: "Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit." [Matt. 28:19]

Psalm 28

Bible Passage: One thing have I asked of the LORD, that will I seek after: that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life, to gaze upon the beauty of the LORD and to inquire in his temple. Psalm 27:4

Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

August 23, 2020



INTROIT *Ps. 2:6–7; Ps. 117; antiphon: Ps. 115:18*

But we will | bless the LORD*

from this time forth and forevermore. | Praise the LORD!

As for me, I have | set my King*

on Zion, my | holy hill.

I will tell of | the decree:*

The LORD said to me, “You are my Son; today I have be- | gotten you.”

Praise the LORD, all | nations!*

Extol him, all | peoples!

For great is his steadfast | love toward us,*

and the faithfulness of the LORD endures forever. | Praise the LORD!

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 God, whom to know is everlasting life, grant us to know Your Son, Jesus, to be the way, the truth, and the life that we may boldly confess Him to be the Christ and steadfastly walk in the way that leads to life eternal; through the same Jesus Christ, 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 23: 1 Kings 3:1–15; 2 Cor. 1:1–22; **24:** 1 Kings 5:1–18; 2 Cor. 1:23–2:17; **25:** 1 Kings 7:51–8:21; 2 Cor. 3:1–18; **26:** 1 Kings 8:22–30, 46–63; 2 Cor. 4:1–18; **27:** 1 Kings 9:1–9; 10:1–13; 2 Cor. 5:1–21; **28:** 1 Kings 11:1–26; 2 Cor. 6:1–18; **29:** 1 Kings 11:42–12:19; 2 Cor. 7:1–16.

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