

EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

July 18, 2021
8:00am & 10:45am



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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 – Dan, Dave, Bob, Rex; 10:45 – John, Chris, Jim, Mark. **Ushers:** 8:00 – Charlie & Jack; 10:45 – Jordan & Peter.

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 in honor of God’s blessings for Jay & Stephanie 28th wedding anniversary. We also remember the following people in our prayers: *for healing and recovery:* Karen, Michael, Barb, Joyce, Rick, Susan, Cynthia, 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:* Erin, Sophie, Connor; *for those in the military:* Adam, Nick, Taylor, Andy, Brandon, Zachary; *for our homebound:* Esther, Gaylord.

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.

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

OUR WEEK AHEAD

Today *8th Sunday after Pentecost*; 8:00 Holy Communion; 9:30 Adult Bible Class, Sunday School; 10:45 Holy Communion
Tuesday 10:00 Adult Bible Class; 6:00 Council
Wednesday 7:15 Holy Communion
Thursday *Newsletter Deadline*
Sunday *9th Sunday after Pentecost*; 8:00 Holy Communion; 9:30 Adult Bible Class, Sunday School; 10:45 Holy Communion; 1:00 Voter's Meeting

Thank You – Thank you for all of your thoughts, prayers, food and cards following my surgery. Everything was greatly appreciated. Sherry

LWML is collecting school supplies this year for Orphan Grain Train instead of LWR. The school supplies are sent where needed around the world, but school supplies do not need to be pack in back backs. Supplies needed: crayons (24pack), new pens, new pencils, loose-leaf paper and notebooks, spiral notebooks, glue sticks, construction paper, rulers, scissors, washable markers (8-10 pack), and new coloring books. Extra copies of the list are in the coatroom. Please put your School Supplies in the LWML box in the coatroom. Now is a great time to purchase while school supply sales going. Any questions contact: Linda. Thanks for helping Children here and around the world. - St. John LWML

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

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

Please sign up to help teach on the bulletin board across from the fellowship hall. Materials for the lessons are supplied. Questions contact Cindy.

Custodial Help – The church is looking for individual(s) who may be willing to serve in helping with the custodial duties for weddings, funerals and special events that may take place when our staff is unavailable (i.e. weekends). Pay would be \$125 per event. Please contact Rick for more information.

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 for any questions. Messages will be checked regularly.

Workday – On Saturday, July 31st 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 31st. If you have questions, please contact Faith Block.

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

Old Testament Reading: Jeremiah 23:1-6

¹“Woe to the shepherds who destroy and scatter the sheep of my pasture!” declares the LORD.
²Therefore thus says the LORD, the God of Israel, concerning the shepherds who care for my people:
“You have scattered my flock and have driven them away, and you have not attended to them. Behold, I will attend to you for your evil deeds, declares the LORD. ³Then I will gather the remnant of my flock out of all the countries where I have driven them, and I will bring them back to their fold, and they shall be fruitful and multiply. ⁴I will set shepherds over them who will care for them, and they shall fear no more, nor be dismayed, neither shall any be missing, declares the LORD. ⁵“Behold, the days are coming, declares the LORD, when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch, and he shall reign as king and deal wisely, and shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. ⁶In his days Judah will be saved, and Israel will dwell securely. And this is the name by which he will be called: ‘The LORD is our righteousness.’”

Epistle Reading: Ephesians 2:11-22

¹¹Therefore remember that at one time you Gentiles in the flesh, called “the uncircumcision” by what is called the circumcision, which is made in the flesh by hands— ¹²remember that you were at that time separated from Christ, alienated from the commonwealth of Israel and strangers to the covenants of promise, having no hope and without God in the world. ¹³But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ. ¹⁴For he himself is our peace, who has made us both one and has broken down in his flesh the dividing wall of hostility ¹⁵by abolishing the law of commandments expressed in ordinances, that he might create in himself one new man in place of the two, so making peace, ¹⁶and might reconcile us both to God in one body through the cross, thereby killing the hostility. ¹⁷And he came and preached peace to you who were far off and peace to those who were near. ¹⁸For through him we both have access in one Spirit to the Father. ¹⁹So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God, ²⁰built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Christ Jesus himself being the cornerstone, ²¹in whom the whole structure, being joined together, grows into a holy temple in the Lord. ²²In him you also are being built together into a dwelling place for God by the Spirit.

Holy Gospel: Mark 6:30-44

³⁰The apostles returned to Jesus and told him all that they had done and taught. ³¹And he said to them, “Come away by yourselves to a desolate place and rest a while.” For many were coming and going, and they had no leisure even to eat. ³²And they went away in the boat to a desolate place by themselves. ³³Now many saw them going and recognized them, and they ran there on foot from all the towns and got there ahead of them. ³⁴When he went ashore he saw a great crowd, and he had compassion on them, because they were like sheep without a shepherd. And he began to teach them many things. ³⁵And when it grew late, his disciples came to him and said, “This is a desolate place, and the hour is now late. ³⁶Send them away to go into the surrounding countryside and villages and buy themselves something to eat.” ³⁷But he answered them, “You give them something to eat.” And they said to him, “Shall we go and buy two hundred denarii worth of bread and give it to them to eat?” ³⁸And he said to them, “How many loaves do you have? Go and see.” And when they had found out, they said, “Five, and two fish.” ³⁹Then he commanded them all to sit down in groups on the green grass. ⁴⁰So they sat down in groups, by hundreds and by fifties. ⁴¹And taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven and said a blessing and broke the loaves and gave them to the disciples to set before the people. And he divided the two fish among them all. ⁴²And they all ate and were satisfied. ⁴³And they took up twelve baskets full of broken pieces and of the fish. ⁴⁴And those who ate the loaves were five thousand men.

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.

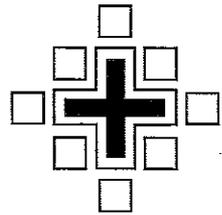
What does this mean? This means that I should be certain that these petitions are pleasing to our Father in heaven, and are heard by Him; for He Himself has commanded us to pray in this way and has promised to hear us. Amen, amen means “yes, yes, it shall be so.”

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

Psalm 136:1-9, 23-26

Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

July 25, 2021



INTROIT *Ps. 145:1–3, 6–7; antiphon: Ps. 145:5*

On the glorious splendor of your | majesty,*
and on your wondrous works, I will | meditate.

I will extol you, my | God and King,*
and bless your name forever and | ever.

Every day I will | bless you*
and praise your name forever and | ever.

Great is the LORD, and greatly | to be praised,*
and his greatness is un- | searchable.

They shall speak of the might of your | awesome deeds,*
and I will declare your | greatness.

They shall pour forth the fame of your abundant | goodness*
and shall sing aloud of your | righteousness.

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.

On the glorious splendor of your | majesty,*
and on your wondrous works, I will | meditate.

COLLECT OF THE DAY

Almighty and most merciful God, the protector of all who trust in You, strengthen our faith and give us courage to believe that in Your love You will rescue us from all adversities; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, 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 25: 1 Sam. 9:1–27; Acts 21:37–22:16; **26:** 1 Sam. 10:1–27; Acts 22:17–29; **27:** 1 Sam. 12:1–25; Acts 22:30–23:11; **28:** 1 Sam. 13:1–18; Acts 23:12–35; **29:** 1 Sam. 14:47–15:9; Acts 24:1–23; **30:** 1 Sam. 15:10–35; Acts 24:24–25:12; **31:** 1 Sam. 16:1–23; Acts 25:13–27.

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