

ST. JOHN LUTHERAN CHURCH & SCHOOL

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***Large Print Bulletin***

(To Our Guests: The Lord's Supper is celebrated at St. John Lutheran Church in the confession and glad confidence that our Lord, as He says, gives not only bread and wine, but His very body and blood to eat and drink for the forgiveness of sin. In joyful obedience to the clear teaching of our Lord Jesus those are invited to His table who trust His words, repent of all sin, and set aside any refusal to forgive and love as He forgives and loves us. They show forth His death until He comes. Because Holy Communion is a confession of the faith which is confessed at this altar, any who are not yet instructed, in doubt, or who hold a confession differing from that of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod and so are unable to receive the Sacrament are invited to meditate on God's Word in the distribution hymn and pray for the day when divisions will have ceased. Please note that there is a cup of white grape juice in each tray which contains a drop of wine for those who prefer grape juice. Thank you!)

**AS WE GATHER...** "Whoever does the will of God, He is My brother and sister and mother," said Jesus. What is the will of the God? That all people would come to the knowledge of the truth in Christ and be saved by His mercy. Faith is the will of God and family is the fruit of this faith—a people united in Christ's death and resurrection by Baptism. A house divided cannot stand. We know this to be true in an earthly sense, but it is an eternal truth. We belong to the Lord, not just in part but in whole. God was even willing to own our sins to restore us from Satan and his dominion. What keeps us from this wonderful identity and this future is only this: our refusal of God's mercy and our rejection of His work to save us. The goal of God in all that He is doing is faith, for by this faith we are made one with Him and are united together as His family, the Church.

**CHILDREN'S WORSHIP HELPS...** Please know we have two children's worship bulletins available for young non-readers and older children. Both bulletins have activities that go along with the weekly theme. We also have activity bags for children hanging on the rear wall of the church for use throughout the worship service. If needed we have a cry room/nursery (with changing table) behind the organ in the southwest corner of the church.

## **PRE-SERVICE MUSIC**

## **RINGING OF THE BELLS**

## **WELCOME**

### **Confession and Absolution**

#### **657 A Mighty Fortress Is Our God**

*LSB 657 sts. 1–4*

- 1       A mighty fortress is our God,  
          A sword and shield victorious;  
He breaks the cruel oppressor's rod  
          And wins salvation glorious.  
The old satanic foe  
Has sworn to work us woe.  
          With craft and dreadful might  
          He arms himself to fight.  
On earth he has no equal.
  
- 2       No strength of ours can match his might.  
          We would be lost, rejected.  
But now a champion comes to fight,  
          Whom God Himself elected.  
You ask who this may be?  
The Lord of hosts is He,

Christ Jesus, mighty Lord,  
God's only Son, adored.  
He holds the field victorious.

3      Though hordes of devils fill the land  
        All threat'ning to devour us,  
We tremble not, unmoved we stand;  
        They cannot overpow'r us.  
Let this world's tyrant rage;  
In battle we'll engage.  
        His might is doomed to fail;  
        God's judgment must prevail!  
One little word subdues him.

4      God's Word forever shall abide,  
        No thanks to foes, who fear it;  
For God Himself fights by our side  
        With weapons of the Spirit.  
Were they to take our house,  
Goods, honor, child, or spouse,  
        Though life be wrenched away,  
        They cannot win the day.  
The Kingdom's ours forever!

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*The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their baptism.*

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 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** *Ps. 28:7–9; antiphon: Ps. 28:6*

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.**

The LORD is the strength of his people;  
he is the saving refuge of his anointed.

**Oh, save your people and bless your heritage!  
Be their shepherd and carry them forever.**

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son  
and to the Holy Spirit;  
as it was in the beginning,  
is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

Blessèd be the LORD!

For he has heard the voice of my pleas for mercy.

**Kyrie** *LSB 204*

**C Lord, have mercy.  
Christ, have mercy.  
Lord, have mercy.**

**Gloria in Excelsis** *LSB 204*

**C To God on high be glory  
And peace to all the earth;**

**Goodwill 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.**

**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 heartfelt cry,  
Where You in pow'r are seated  
At God's right hand on high—**

**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.

**All Almighty and eternal God, Your Son Jesus triumphed over the prince of demons and freed us from bondage to sin. Help us to stand firm against every assault of Satan, and enable us always to do Your will; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

**Old Testament Reading** *Genesis 3:8–15 (God addresses Adam and Eve with the promise of One to come who would restore them to Him.)*

<sup>8</sup>And they heard the sound of the LORD God walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the LORD God among the trees of the garden.

<sup>9</sup>But the LORD God called to the man and said to him, "Where are you?" <sup>10</sup>And he said, "I heard the

sound of you in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked, and I hid myself.” <sup>11</sup>He said, “Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten of the tree of which I commanded you not to eat?”

<sup>12</sup>The man said, “The woman whom you gave to be with me, she gave me fruit of the tree, and I ate.”

<sup>13</sup>Then the LORD God said to the woman, “What is this that you have done?” The woman said, “The serpent deceived me, and I ate.”

<sup>14</sup>The LORD God said to the serpent,

“Because you have done this,  
cursed are you above all livestock  
and above all beasts of the field;  
on your belly you shall go, and dust you shall eat  
all the days of your life.

<sup>15</sup>I will put enmity between you and the woman,  
and between your offspring and her offspring;  
he shall bruise your head,  
and you shall bruise his heel.”

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm Psalm 130 (antiphon: v. 7) (Congregation speaks bold verses)**

<sup>1</sup>Out of the depths I cry to you, O LORD!

**<sup>2</sup>O Lord, hear my voice!  
Let your ears be attentive  
to the voice of my pleas for mercy!**

<sup>3</sup>If you, O LORD, should mark iniquities,  
O Lord, who could stand?

**<sup>4</sup>But with you there is forgiveness,  
that you may be feared.**

<sup>5</sup>I wait for the LORD, my soul waits,  
and in his word I hope;

**<sup>6</sup>my soul waits for the Lord  
more than watchmen for the morning,  
more than watchmen for the morning.**

<sup>7</sup>O Israel, hope in the LORD!  
For with the LORD there is steadfast love,  
and with him is plentiful redemption.

**<sup>8</sup>And he will redeem Israel  
from all his iniquities.**

**Epistle 2 Corinthians 4:13—5:1** (*"We have a building from God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens."*)

<sup>13</sup>Since we have the same spirit of faith according to what has been written, "I believed, and so I spoke," we also believe, and so we also speak, <sup>14</sup>knowing that he who raised the Lord Jesus will raise us also with Jesus and bring us with you into his presence. <sup>15</sup>For it is all for your sake, so that as grace extends to more and more people it may increase thanksgiving, to the glory of God.

<sup>16</sup>So we do not lose heart. Though our outer nature is wasting away, our inner nature is being renewed day by day. <sup>17</sup>For this slight momentary affliction is preparing for us an eternal weight of glory beyond all comparison, <sup>18</sup>as we look not to the things that are seen but to the things that are unseen. For the things that are seen are transient, but the things that are unseen are eternal.

<sup>1</sup>For we know that if the tent, which is our earthly home, is destroyed, we have a building from God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

**Alleluia and Verse**

C **Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

C **These things are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God.**

C **Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

**Holy Gospel Mark 3:20–35** (*"Who are my mother and my brothers?"*)

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the third chapter.

C **Glory to You, O Lord.**

<sup>20</sup>Then [Jesus] went home, and the crowd gathered again, so that they could not even eat.

<sup>21</sup>And when his family heard it, they went out to seize him, for they were saying, "He is out of his mind."

<sup>22</sup>And the scribes who came down from Jerusalem were saying, "He is possessed by Beelzebul," and "by the prince of demons he casts out the demons." <sup>23</sup>And he called them to him and said to them in parables, "How can Satan cast out Satan? <sup>24</sup>If a kingdom is divided against itself, that kingdom cannot stand. <sup>25</sup>And if a house is divided against itself, that house will not be able to stand.

<sup>26</sup>And if Satan has risen up against himself and is divided, he cannot stand, but is coming to an end.

<sup>27</sup>But no one can enter a strong man's house and plunder his goods, unless he first binds the strong man. Then indeed he may plunder his house.

<sup>28</sup>“Truly, I say to you, all sins will be forgiven the children of man, and whatever blasphemies they utter, <sup>29</sup>but whoever blasphemes against the Holy Spirit never has forgiveness, but is guilty of an eternal sin” — <sup>30</sup>for they had said, “He has an unclean spirit.”

<sup>31</sup>And his mother and his brothers came, and standing outside they sent to him and called him. <sup>32</sup>And a crowd was sitting around him, and they said to him, “Your mother and your brothers are outside, seeking you.” <sup>33</sup>And he answered them, “Who are my mother and my brothers?” <sup>34</sup>And looking about at those who sat around him, he said, “Here are my mother and my brothers!” <sup>35</sup>Whoever does the will of God, he is my brother and sister and mother.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise to You, O Christ.**

## Nicene Creed

LSB 206

C **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.**

## **Children's Message**

### **744 Amazing Grace**

- 1       Amazing grace—how sweet the sound—  
          That saved a wretch like me!  
I once was lost but now am found,  
          Was blind but now I see!
  
- 2       The Lord has promised good to me,  
          His Word my hope secures;  
He will my shield and portion be  
          As long as life endures.
  
- 3       Through many dangers, toils, and snares  
          I have already come;  
His grace has brought me safe thus far,  
          His grace will lead me home.
  
- 4       Yes, when this flesh and heart shall fail  
          And mortal life shall cease,  
Amazing grace shall then prevail  
          In heaven's joy and peace.
  
- 5       When we've been there ten thousand years,  
          Bright shining as the sun,  
We've no less days to sing God's praise  
          Than when we'd first begun.

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## **Sermon "God's Grace is Still Amazing"**

### **Prayer of the Church**

P:       Having heard the call of God's grace, let us come near to His throne of grace with prayers on behalf of ourselves and all people according to their needs.

Make Your Church one family, a people born again of Your promise in baptismal water, who believe in You and who delight in Your mercies, and sustain them in faith until that day when we shall dwell in Your presence forevermore. Lord, in Your mercy,

**P:** **hear our prayer.**

P: Give courage and strength to all pastors and church workers who serve Your people in Your name, grant success to the proclamation of the Gospel, and guide Your Church through the Holy Spirit to be faithful amid persecution and steadfast against temptation. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C:** **hear our prayer.**

P: Bless our president, Congress, governor, legislature, and all who make, administer, and judge our laws, that they lead with wisdom and serve with integrity on behalf of all people, and particularly for the unborn. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C:** **hear our prayer.**

P: Rally the nations to peace that all peoples enjoy the protection of law, the gift of liberty, and the freedom to live fruitful, upright, and godly lives; bring an end to all oppression, acts of terror, and violence. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C:** **hear our prayer.**

P: Deliver the sick from the burdens of the flesh and grant them healing according to Your will, give peace to those troubled in mind, deliver the dying into Your everlasting arms, and comfort the grieving with hope, [*especially . . . and those we name in our hearts . . .*]. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C:** **hear our prayer.**

P: Prepare us to receive Your blessed gifts in this Holy Communion that we eat the bread of Christ's flesh and drink the cup of His blood with faith and repentance and show forth its fruits in our daily lives. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C:** **hear our prayer.**

P: All these things we would ask of You, O Lord, trusting in Your mercy to grant us only what is best for us. Give us faith, trusting in Your mercy, that we may abide in Your presence in peace, in the name of our Savior Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**C:** **Amen.**

## **Service of the Sacrament**

### **Preface** *LSB 208*

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Lift up your hearts.

C **We lift them to the Lord.**

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

P It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, for the countless blessings You so freely bestow on us and all creation. Above all, we give thanks for Your boundless love shown to us when You sent Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, into our flesh and laid on Him our sin, giving Him into death that we might not die eternally. Because He is now risen from the dead and lives and reigns to all eternity, all who believe in Him will overcome sin and death and will rise again to new life. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and singing:

### **Sanctus** *LSB 208*

C **Holy, holy, holy Lord God of Sabaoth adored;  
Heav'n and earth with full acclaim shout the glory of Your name.  
Sing hosanna in the highest, sing hosanna to the Lord;  
Truly blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord.**

### **Lord's Prayer** *LSB 209*

C **Our Father who art in heaven  
hallowed be Thy name,  
Thy kingdom come,  
Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven;  
give us this day our daily bread;  
and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us;  
and lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.**

### **The Words of Our Lord**

### **Pax Domini** *LSB 209*

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C **Amen.**

### **Agnus Dei** *LSB 210*

**C O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God,  
You take the sin of the world away;  
O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God,  
Have mercy on us, Lord, we pray.**

**O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God,  
You take the sin of the world away;  
Have mercy on us, Jesus Christ,  
And grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.**

## **Distribution Hymns**

### **424 O Christ, You Walked the Road**

- 1 O Christ, You walked the road  
Our wand'ring feet must go.  
You faced with us temptation's pow'r  
And fought our ancient foe.
- 2 No bread of earth alone  
Can fill our hung'ring hearts.  
Lord, help us seek Your living Word,  
The food Your grace imparts.
- 3 No blinding sign we ask,  
No wonder from above.  
Lord, help us place our trust alone  
In Your unswerving love.
- 4 When lures of easy gain  
With promise brightly shine,  
Lord, help us seek Your kingdom first;  
Our wills with Yours align.
- 5 O Christ, You walked the road  
Our wand'ring feet must go.  
Stay with us through temptation's hour  
To fight our ancient foe.

## 628 Your Table I Approach

- 1        Your table I approach;  
          Dear Savior, hear my prayer.  
Let not an unrepentant heart  
          Prove hurtful to me there.
- 2        Lord, I confess my sins  
          And mourn their wretched bands;  
A contrite heart is sure to find  
          Forgiveness at Your hands.
- 3        Your body and Your blood,  
          Once slain and shed for me,  
Are taken at Your table, Lord,  
          In blest reality.
- 4        Search not how this takes place,  
          This wondrous mystery;  
God can accomplish vastly more  
          Than what we think could be.
- 5        O grant, most blessèd Lord,  
          That earth and hell combined  
May not about this sacrament  
          Raise doubt within my mind.
- 6        Oh, may I never fail  
          To thank You day and night  
For Your true body and true blood,  
          O God, my peace and light.

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## Nunc Dimittis *LSB 211*

- C    O Lord, now let Your servant  
      Depart in heav'nly peace,  
      For I have seen the glory  
      Of Your redeeming grace:  
      A light to lead the Gentiles**

**Unto Your holy hill,  
The glory of Your people,  
Your chosen Israel.**

**All glory to the Father,  
All glory to the Son,  
All glory to the Spirit,  
Forever Three in One;  
For as in the beginning,  
Is now, shall ever be,  
God's triune name resounding  
Through all eternity.**

### **Post-Communion Collect**

P Let us pray.

We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

### **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 T give you peace.

C **Amen.**

### **850 God of Grace and God of Glory**

1 God of grace and God of glory,  
On Your people pour Your pow'r;  
Crown Your ancient Church's story;  
Bring its bud to glorious flow'r.  
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage  
For the facing of this hour,  
For the facing of this hour.

2       Lo, the hosts of evil round us  
           Scorn the Christ, assail His ways!  
 From the fears that long have bound us  
           Free our hearts to faith and praise.  
 Grant us wisdom, grant us courage  
           For the living of these days,  
           For the living of these days.

3       Cure Your children's warring madness;  
           Bend our pride to Your control;  
 Shame our wanton, selfish gladness,  
           Rich in things and poor in soul.  
 Grant us wisdom, grant us courage  
           Lest we miss Your kingdom's goal,  
           Lest we miss Your kingdom's goal.

4       Save us from weak resignation  
           To the evils we deplore;  
 Let the gift of Your salvation  
           Be our glory evermore.  
 Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,  
           Serving You whom we adore,  
           Serving You whom we adore.

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<b>Attendance Last Week: 211</b>	
<b>General giving last week:</b>	<b>\$6003.00</b>
<b>Budget giving needed:</b>	<b>\$7500.00</b>

### Calendar of Activities this week at St. John

8 Tuesday	Board of Elders	6:00 pm
8 Tuesday	Board of Education	6:00 pm
10 Thursday	Worship Service/HC	6:30 pm
13 Sunday	Worship Service/HC	9:00 am

**SUNDAY SERVICE TIME 9:00 am**

We are returning to **ONE SERVICE at 9:00 am**  
Thursday service remains the same at 6:30 every Thursday night.

**DOOR COLLECTION FOR HUMAN CARE:** Today a free will collection will be taken at the door. All funds collected will be used by the St. John Human Care Committee to assist in the various ministries they are involved in.

**THE HUMAN CARE COMMITTEE** would like to thank you for the generous support you have given us to share. Your donations are very much appreciated by all those who have received them and those of us who have been able to let them know we all care. THANK YOU!

**THE LWML WILL BE TAKING A DOOR COLLECTION ON SUNDAY, JUNE 13<sup>TH</sup>**. The money collected will be used to purchase gift cards for the Concordia Seminary Food Banks in Fort Wayne and St. Louis. We are doing this in conjunction with the LWML National Convention in-gathering. Bonnie Sperberg will be attending the National Convention June 24-27 and she will take the gift cards we purchase. Thank you for supporting this worthwhile cause.

**A RETIREMENT CELEBRATION FOR MRS. SCHRAM** will be held on Sunday, June 20<sup>th</sup>. There will be a door collection for her and a cake and juice reception following the 9:00 am worship service.

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