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ST. JOHN EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Day of Pentecost • June 8, 2025

Reverent Reflection

Prelude

Welcome

Church Announcements

Confession and Forgiveness

- P. Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever.
- C. Amen.
- P. O God, powerful and compassionate, you shepherd your people, faithfully feeding and protecting us. Heal each of us, and make us a whole people, that we may embody the justice and peace of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
- C. Amen.
- P. Most merciful God,
- C. we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name.

Amen.

- P. In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us and for his sake God forgives us all our sin. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins in the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
- C. Amen.

Gathering Hymn: Spirit Of Gentleness (#396)

Apostolic Greeting

- P. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
- C. And also with you.

Kyrie p. 147

- P. In peace, let us pray to the Lord.
- C Lord, have mercy.
- P. For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.
- C. Lord, have mercy.
- P. For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

- C. Lord, have mercy.
- P. For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.
- C. Lord, have mercy.
- P. Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.
- C. Amen.

Canticle p. 149

- P. This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia.
- C. Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be people of God. Power and riches and wisdom and strength, and honor and blessing and glory are his. This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia.
 Sing with all the people of God and join in the hymn of all creation:
 Blessing and honor and glory and might be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen.
 This is the feast of victory for our God, for the Lamb who was slain has begun his reign.
 Alleluia. Alleluia.
- P. The Lord be with you.
- C. And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray:

God our creator, the resurrection of your Son offers life to all the peoples of earth. By your Holy Spirit, kindle in us the fire of your love, empowering our lives for service and our tongues for praise, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen**.

¹ When the day of Pentecost had come, [the apostles] were all together in one place. ² And suddenly from

Word

First Reading: Acts 2:1-21

- heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting.

 ³ Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. ⁴ All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

 ⁵ Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. ⁶ And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. ⁷ Amazed and astonished, they asked, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? ⁸ And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? ⁹ Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, 10 Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, ¹¹ Cretans and Arabs—in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power." ¹² All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, "What does this mean?" 1³ But others sneered and said, "They are filled with new wine."

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- ¹⁴ But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, "Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. ¹⁵ Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning. ¹⁶ No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel:
- ¹⁷ 'In the last days it will be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh, your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams.
- ¹⁸ Even upon my slaves, both men and women, in those days I will pour out my Spirit; and they shall prophesy.
- ¹⁹ And I will show portents in the heaven above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and smoky mist.
- ²⁰The sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the coming of the Lord's great and glorious day.

²¹ Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.".

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 104:24-34, 35b

Response: "Send forth your Spirit and renew the face of the earth."

- ²⁴ How manifold are your works, O Lord! In wisdom you have made them all; the earth is full of your creatures.
- ²⁵ Yonder is the sea, great and wide, with its swarms too many to number, living things both small and great.
- ²⁶There go the ships to and fro, and Leviathan, which you made for the sport of it.
- ²⁷ All of them look to you to give them their food in due season. R
- ²⁸ You give it to them; they gather it; you open your hand, and they are filled with good things.
- ²⁹ When you hide your face, they are terrified; when you take away their breath, they die and return to their dust.
- ³⁰ You send forth your Spirit, and they are created; and so you renew the face of the earth.
- ³¹ May the glory of the Lord endure forever; O Lord, rejoice in all your works. R
- ³² You look at the earth and it trembles; you touch the mountains and they smoke.
- ³³ I will sing to the Lord as long as I live; I will praise my God while I have my being.
- ³⁴ May these words of mine please God. I will rejoice in the Lord.
- 35b Bless the Lord, O my soul. Hallelujah! R

Second Reading: Romans 8:14-17

¹⁴ For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. ¹⁵ For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, "Abba! Father!" ¹⁶ it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, ¹⁷ and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ—if, in fact, we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation p. 151

Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia.

Gospel: John 14:8-17 [25-27]

The holy gospel according to St. John.

Glory to you, O Lord.

⁸ Philip said to [Jesus,] "Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied." ⁹ Jesus said to him, "Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, 'Show us the Father'? ¹⁰ Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own; but the Father who dwells in me does his works. ¹¹ Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; but if you do not, then believe me because of the works themselves. ¹² Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. ¹³ I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. ¹⁴ If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it. ¹⁵ "If you love me, you will keep my commandments. ¹⁶ And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever. ¹⁷ This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you. [²⁵ "I have said these things to you while I am still with you. ²⁶ But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything, and remind you of all that I have said to you. ²⁷ Peace I leave with

you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid."

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

Children's Sermon

Anthem

Affirmation of Baptism

Cameron Alward, Alexis Rappleye, Logan Rappleye, Evan Torbik, Lucas Weist and Nathan Weist

Prayers of Intercession

God of resurrection and new life, we come before you in prayer for the church, the world, and all who are in need. *A brief silence.*

We pray for the church. Continue to inspire our sharing of the gospel and equip us to tear down the barriers we have erected. Make our welcome expansive, intentional, and open to loving challenge.

Hear us, O God. Your mercy is great.

We pray for creation. Allow fire to burn safely in habitats where it's needed and quench flames when they threaten to run wild. Protect forests, prairies, and grasslands from destruction by natural forces or human misdeeds. Safeguard firefighters and rescuers in their dangerous work.

Hear us, O God. Your mercy is great.

We pray for courts and legislatures. Write your commandments on our hearts, and inspire all who govern to lead with love over retribution. Unite judges, lawyers, and systems of justice in a desire for reconciliation.

Hear us, O God. Your mercy is great.

We pray for the sick in body, mind, or spirit (especially). Lift up all who have been bowed low by circumstances or internal strife. Bring to wholeness those who cry out to you in need.

Hear us, O God. Your mercy is great.

We pray for this congregation (especially those affirming their baptism this day). Raise up in us a deep desire to live out our baptismal promises and to support those of all ages in our shared journey of faith.

Hear us, O God. Your mercy is great.

We pray for peace throughout the world: in our nation, Ukraine, Israel, Gaza, Sudan, and all war-torn areas. We pray for our military and their families.

Hear us, O God. Your mercy is great.

We offer thanks for the faithful departed who now rest in you. Let their lives encourage our own daily living. Console us with the promise of eternal life.

Hear us, O God. Your mercy is great.

We commend these and all our prayers to you, O God, trusting that you are always with us; in the name of Jesus Christ, our risen Savior. **Amen.**

Presentation and Welcome of New Members:

Teresa and Douglass Schureman

Sharing of the Peace

Offering

Special Dedication

Great Thanksgiving p. 152

- 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 our thanks and praise.

Preface p. 153

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heav'n and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

Words of Institution

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again. p. 153

Lord's Prayer

Let us pray:

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, for ever and ever. Amen.

Communion p. 154

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: grant us peace, grant us peace.

Distribution of Holy Communion

Communion Hymns: Blest Are They (#728)

Send Forth By God's Blessing (#547) Let Us Break Bread Together (#471)

Prayer after Communion

Blessing

Sending Hymn: God of Grace and God of Glory (#705)

Dismissal

Postlude

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sunday 10:00 am Summer Sunday Morning Church Service

10:30 am Band Rehearsal 7:00 pm Band Rehearsal

Ongoing Shelf Stable Milk Collection

Diaper Collection for Pantry, Holy Communion, Berlin

Sunday, June 8th 10:00 am Pentecost Sunday Confirmation Service

Sunday, June 8th After Worship Service Annual Strawberry Festivals

Monday, June 9th 7:00 pm Council Meeting in the Parish House
Saturday, June 14th 11:30 am Community Luncheon in the Ed. Building
Wednesday, June 18th 7:00 pm Grief Gathering in the Parish House Tea Room

Friday, June 27th 9:00 am Vacation Bible School to Sunday, June 29th to Noon in the Ed Building

All articles for SJ Journal (Newsletter) are due by Tuesday, June 17th.

Please email to Marie Fickenscher at mfickens@comcast.net or leave articles in the church office.

PRAYER LIST

Please keep the following in your prayers for healing:

Rosemarie Doucette Jen Bailey Valerie Hoffmann Doris Piech Janice Stronski Michael Botti **Tracey Drew** Tracey Kelly Erica Polito Bill Todt Indie Fisher Joe Kuhn Kimberly Rickert George Vaneman, Sr. **Brian Byrnes** Rhea Fryor Donna Leek Wayne Roorda, Sr. **Beverly Warming** Randy Cantoral **Bob Garner** Rebecca Livingston Ashley Rosser Clayton West Janet Cappuccio Sandra DeRitis Heidi Goff Joanne McVelli **Dorcas Schellhas** Ryan Williams Barbara Doelling Angela Guedes Melanie Miles Finn Schureman Helen Yezusko Kent Montford Helen Dominic Stan Harmer Frank Siderio III **Bob Zielsdorf** Frank Donovan Ann Henning Sue Murphy Eric Sprengel

Please notify the office if you want to add or remove a person from this list.

ALTAR FLOWERS DEDICATION FOR SUNDAY, JUNE 8th

In memory of Gpa Tom on his birthday. Dedicated by Evan and Maria Torbik



Wednesday

HOLY COMMUNION LUTHERAN CHURCH OF BERLIN BABY PANTRY NEEDS DONATIONS OF BABY DIAPER

(especially larger sizes)

Collection will take place in the Narthex.





JUST A REMINDER...

We are accepting donations of Shelf Stable Milk for Our Lady of Peace Food Bank.

Donations in the form of cash or check will also be welcome.



Monday, June 9th
7:00 pm in the Parish House.
Hope to see you at the Meeting!



COMMUNITY LUNCHEON

Saturday, June 14th • 11:30 am to 1:00 pm in the Education Building

All are welcome!



Wednesday, June 18th
7:00 pm in the Parish Tea Room
All Are Welcome!

ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Friday, June 27th to Sunday, June 29th • 9 am to noon

To register, go to

www.stjohnselc1002.org

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Fill out Registration Form (attached to the Worship Bulletin) and return to the church.

ALTAR FLOWER DEDICATION

Altar Flowers are available for dedication for \$30. Please fill out the envelope located in the pew rack at least one week before you wish to dedicate the flowers. The card may be placed in the offering plate or left in the office. Please be sure to note the date on the white board in the Narthex. Please see Pat Reed to make payment.





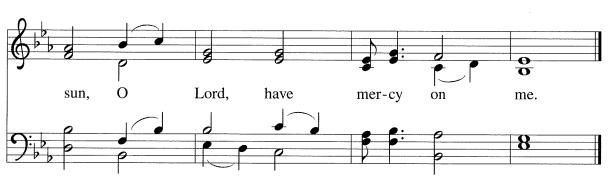
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Let Us Break Bread Together

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Text: African American spiritual Music: African American spiritual

God of Grace and God of Glory



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Registration Form

(One Per Child)

VBS 2025 June 27th-29th 9am-Noon

Child's name:				
Child's age: Date of birth: Last school grade completed:				
Name of parent(s):				
Street address:				
City: State: ZIP:				
Home telephone: ()				
Parent/caregiver's cellphone: ()				
Home email address:				
Home church:				
Crew number or name (for church use only):				
Allergies or other medical conditions:				
In case of emergency, contact:				
Phone:				
Relationship to child:				