



St. John's Lutheran Church
June 20, 2021

Welcome to St. John's

Enjoy

We feel blessed that you're here. We want you to feel comfortable in worship. Participate as much or as little as you feel comfortable. To help out, everything for our worship is projected on the screens up front and printed here in the service folder.

You and your kids are welcome

We enjoy having you and your kids in worship. And yes, that means that we don't even mind if kids want to be heard in worship in their own special way. Special Children's messages are offered on non-communion Sunday's. If they are comfortable, they are invited to come to the front of the church for a special message. If you do need a quiet place to calm a child, a nursery room is available immediately to the left as you exit the sanctuary. There are also changing stations in each bathroom.

Fill out a Connection Card

We'd love to know you were here and help you take the next step. There are Connection Cards inserted in the worship folders, or they can be completed online. Text "Connect" to 651-401-1400, scan the QR code, or visit www.StJohnsLutheran.com/connection-card to complete the card online.



Current Worship Series: "God's Word Has The Power!"

June 6: ...to give you rest

June 13: ...to make you his own

June 20: ...to make you grow

Order of Worship

Welcome to St. John's

Our Worship Begins: To Your Temple I Draw Near

Christian Worship 226, vs. 1-3

**All (♪) To your temple I draw near; Lord, I love to worship here.
Here are sacrament and Word; Here believers meet their Lord.**

**I through Christ am reconciled; I through Christ become your child.
Abba, Father, give me grace In your courts to seek your face.**

**While your glorious praise is sung, Touch my lips, unloose my tongue,
That my joyful soul may bless Christ the Lord, my righteousness**

L I love the house where you live, O LORD *(selected psalm verses)*
C The place where your glory dwells.

L One thing I ask of the LORD, this is what I seek:
C that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life,

L to gaze upon the beauty of the LORD...
C and to seek him in his temple

L Better is one day in your courts
C than a thousand elsewhere;

L I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God...
C than dwell in the tents of the wicked.

L I rejoiced with those who said to me,
C "Let us go to the house of the LORD."

**All (♪) While I listen to your law, Fill my soul with holy awe
Till your gospel brings to me Life and immortality.**

- CW 226 vs 5

Our Confession of sins

L (we pray) – Dear Heavenly Father, I confess that sin is all around me. “Sins” are not only the wrong I commit; “sin” is the very nature I inherited at birth. In addition to what I am by nature, I have violated your holy will for me in my thoughts, in my words, and in my actions.

C **Merciful Father, forgive me...because of your unconditional love in Jesus. Deliver me from the temporary heartaches and eternal punishment that my sins rightfully deserve!**

(We pause in silence for personal reflection and repentance)

**All (♪) While your ministers proclaim Peace and pardon in your name,
Through their voice, by faith, may I Hear you speaking from the sky.**

- CW 226 vs 6

L Dear people loved by the Lord, your sins are gone. God has forgiven you through Jesus’ perfect life and innocent death. And His resurrection to life is his proof that he has removed your guilt forever. So let us joyfully pray: Dear Father, we praise you for your unconditional forgiveness. There is nothing more we need to do or can do to pay for our sins because Jesus forever promised:

C **“It is finished!”**

L We know that simple faith saves us because your Son Jesus promised us:

C **“...whoever believes in him will not perish but have eternal life.”**

L Lord God, because of your perfect work and your faithful promises, we know you will take us to heaven. Give us strength to live for you, boldly serving you without fear, because you promise to be with us and bless us in all things. Let us live in peace trusting your command:

C **“Do not be afraid!”**

L “Surely goodness and love will follow me all the days of my life,

C **and I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever.”**

**All (♪) From your house, when I return, May my heart within me burn,
And at evening let me say, “I have walked with God today.”**

- CW 226 vs 7

God's Word for us: Jonah 3:1-10

Then the word of the LORD came to Jonah a second time: ²“Go to the great city of Nineveh and proclaim to it the message I give you.”

³Jonah obeyed the word of the LORD and went to Nineveh. Now Nineveh was a very large city; it took three days to go through it. ⁴Jonah began by going a day's journey into the city, proclaiming, “Forty more days and Nineveh will be overthrown.” ⁵The Ninevites believed God. A fast was proclaimed, and all of them, from the greatest to the least, put on sackcloth.

⁶When Jonah's warning reached the king of Nineveh, he rose from his throne, took off his royal robes, covered himself with sackcloth and sat down in the dust.

⁷This is the proclamation he issued in Nineveh:

“By the decree of the king and his nobles:

Do not let people or animals, herds or flocks, taste anything; do not let them eat or drink. ⁸But let people and animals be covered with sackcloth. Let everyone call urgently on God. Let them give up their evil ways and their violence. ⁹Who knows? God may yet relent and with compassion turn from his fierce anger so that we will not perish.”

¹⁰When God saw what they did and how they turned from their evil ways, he relented and did not bring on them the destruction he had threatened.

Prayer of the Day

L Dear Perfect Father in Heaven, you alone bring amazing changes through the power of your Word and Spirit; you made the world from your Words; you make the weak strong; you make the imperfect fit for heaven. Continue to show us your mercy, and forgive our sins day by day. Guide us through our earthly lives and lead us trust in you to bring about the changes and fruits you desire – through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen

God’s Word for our Meditation: Mark 4:26-34

²⁶ He also said, “This is what the kingdom of God is like. A man scatters seed on the ground. ²⁷ Night and day, whether he sleeps or gets up, the seed sprouts and grows, though he does not know how. ²⁸ All by itself the soil produces grain—first the stalk, then the head, then the full kernel in the head. ²⁹ As soon as the grain is ripe, he puts the sickle to it, because the harvest has come.”

³⁰ Again he said, “What shall we say the kingdom of God is like, or what parable shall we use to describe it? ³¹ It is like a mustard seed, which is the smallest of all seeds on earth. ³² Yet when planted, it grows and becomes the largest of all garden plants, with such big branches that the birds can perch in its shade.”

³³ With many similar parables Jesus spoke the word to them, as much as they could understand. ³⁴ He did not say anything to them without using a parable. But when he was alone with his own disciples, he explained everything.

Message Notes: *Things for me to remember this week...*

Our Thank-Offering

“Whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him” - Colossians 3:17

At St. John’s our offerings are actually a part of our worship, our gifts of thanks to Jesus. If you would like to worship Jesus with an offering of thankful love by supporting the gospel ministry here at St. John’s, you can place your gift in one of the offering plates in the back of the church on your way out. Or you can give by making use of the following...

Ways to Give Electronically

Choose one of 3 Simple, Safe Options for Offering Thanks



- Text “give” to 651-401-1400
 - Go to www.StJohnsLutheran.com/give
 - Scan the QR code
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Prayer and The Lord’s Prayer

- C** Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

The Lord’s Supper

- L** As we prepare to approach our Father’s Table, the Lord be with you.
C And also with you.
- L** As we focus our minds on our Father’s promises, lift up your hearts.
C We lift them up to the Lord.
- L** This Sacrament is our Father’s gift of grace. Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
C It is right to give him thanks and praise.

L It is truly good and right that we should at all times and in all places give you thanks, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who promised that wherever two or three come together in his name, there he is with them to shepherd his flock till he comes again in glory. Therefore, with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:

Holy, Holy, Holy (tune: "Just As I Am, without One Plea")

**All (♪) O holy, holy, holy Lord,
The God by heav'nly hosts adored,
Your glory heav'n and earth record.
Hosanna in the highest heav'n!**

Words of Institution

(Matthew 26:26-28, 1 Corinthians 11:24,25)

L Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my (+) body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is my (+) blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C **Amen.**

**All (♪) Just as I am, without one plea
But that Thy blood was shed for me
And that Thou bidd'st me come to Thee,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.**

**Just as I am, Thou wilt receive,
Wilt welcome, pardon, cleanse, relieve;
Because Thy promise I believe,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.**

- *CW 397, vs. 1, 5*

A note to our guests: *The Bible tells us that those who take Communion together are to:*

- 1. Recognize that Christ's true body and blood are present in the Sacrament (1 Cor. 11:29),*
- 2. Examine themselves (1 Cor. 11:28), and*
- 3. Be united in faith with the congregation with which they commune (1 Cor. 10:17).*

For these reasons, it is our practice that only those who are members of our congregation or a congregation of the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod (WELS) join us for Holy Communion. If you are interested in learning more about becoming part of our fellowship, please speak to the pastor after the service.

Distribution songs:

The Lord's My Shepherd; I'll Not Want

Christian Worship 360

Jesus Sinners Does Receive

Christian Worship 304

Prayer of Thanksgiving

- L** This true body and blood of our Lord and Savior will strengthen you in true faith until life everlasting. So promises the Lord!
- C** **Sovereign Lord, as you have promised, you may now dismiss your servant in peace. For my eyes have seen your salvation, which you have prepared in the sight of all nations; a light for revelation to the Gentiles, and the glory of your people Israel."**
- L** We give you thanks, almighty Father, that you have refreshed us with this holy supper. We pray that through it you will strengthen our faith in you and increase our love for one another. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord.
- C** **Who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen**

Blessing

L The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look on you with favor and (+) give you peace.

C Amen!

Closing Song: Almighty Father, Bless the Word

Christian Worship 323

All (♫) Almighty Father, bless the Word
Which through your grace we now have heard.
Oh, may the precious seed take root,
Spring up, and bear abundant fruit.

We praise you for the means of grace
As homeward now our steps we trace.
Grant, Lord, that we who worshiped here
May all at last in heav'n appear.

Take the Next Step

If this is your first time with us, we're so glad that you took a big step and came to worship. What's your next step?

Come back next week

Connecting with God at worship is a great way to spend time during your weekend.

Try "Starting Point"

Starting Point is the place to discover what St. John's is all about. If you would like to learn more about God's love, the Bible, or St. John's a class will be starting soon. Connect with Pastor and/or check the box on your Connection Card if you'd like to know more.

Join a Grow Group

Grow Groups are small groups that get together in person or online to learn about God's Word. It's a safe, comfortable atmosphere to discuss the way God's love intersects our daily lives. If you are interested in joining or starting a Grow Group or Bible Study, mark the box on your Connection Card and we will reach out to you.

Service Opportunities

There are multiple areas to volunteer each Sunday to make worship happen well for those in person and online: Guest Services & Hospitality Team, Tech Team, & Worship Prep Team. Are you interested in serving? Mark the box on your Connection Card today!

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