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Songs marked with † are congregational choice songs

**August 22, 2021: Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost**



**John 6:56-69**

*Prelude:*

*Welcome*

The flowers on the Altar & the radio broadcast are sponsored by Lynn & Peg Poppen in honor of their 62<sup>nd</sup> wedding anniversary.

*Gathering Hymn:*

“You Are the Way”

#758

1 You are the way; to you a - lone from sin and death we flee;  
2 You are the truth; your word a - lone true wis - dom can im - part;  
3 You are the life; the rend - ing tomb pro - claims your con - qu'ring arm;  
4 You are the way, the truth, the life; grant us that way to know,

all those who search for God, you find and by your grace set free.  
you on - ly can in - form the mind and pu - ri - fy the heart.  
and those who put their trust in you not death nor hell shall harm.  
that truth to keep, that life to win, whose joys e - ter - nal flow.

The image shows a musical score for the hymn "You Are the Way". It consists of two systems of music. Each system has a treble clef staff on top and a bass clef staff on the bottom. The key signature is B-flat major (two flats). The first system contains the first four lines of the hymn's lyrics. The second system contains the remaining lyrics. The music is written in a simple, hymn-like style with block chords and a steady rhythm.

Text: George W. Doane, 1799–1859, alt.  
Music: DUNDEE, *Psalter*, Edinburgh, 1615

*Apostolic Greeting:*

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be will you all.

Response: **And also with you.**

*Hymn of Praise*

“**Spirit of the Living God**”

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.  
Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.  
Melt me. Mold me. Fill me. Use me.  
Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.

*Prayer of the Day*

**Holy God, your word feeds your people with life that is eternal. Direct our choices and preserve us in your truth, that, renouncing what is false and evil, we may live in you, through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

Reading:

**Psalm 84:1-5**

Read by Linda Hughes

<sup>1</sup>How lovely is your dwelling place, O Lord of hosts!

<sup>2</sup>My soul longs, indeed it faints for the courts of the Lord; my heart and my flesh sing for joy to the living God.

<sup>3</sup>Even the sparrow finds a home, and the swallow a nest for herself, where she may lay her young, at your altars, O Lord of hosts, my King and my God.

<sup>4</sup>Happy are those who live in your house, ever singing your praise. Selah

<sup>5</sup>Happy are those whose strength is in you, in whose heart are the highways to Zion.

Reading:

**Ephesians 6:10-20**

<sup>10</sup>Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his power. <sup>11</sup>Put on the whole armor of God, so that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. <sup>12</sup>For our struggle is not against enemies of blood and flesh, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers of this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places. <sup>13</sup>Therefore take up the whole armor of God, so that you may be able to withstand on that evil day, and having done everything, to stand firm. <sup>14</sup>Stand therefore, and fasten the belt of truth around your waist, and put on the breastplate of righteousness. <sup>15</sup>As shoes for your feet put on whatever will make you ready to proclaim the gospel of peace. <sup>16</sup>With all of these, take the shield of faith, with which you will be able to quench all the flaming arrows of the evil one. <sup>17</sup>Take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God. <sup>18</sup>Pray in the Spirit at all times in every prayer and supplication. To that end keep alert and always persevere in supplication for all the saints.

<sup>19</sup>Pray also for me, so that when I speak, a message may be given to me to make known with boldness the mystery of the gospel, <sup>20</sup>for which I am an ambassador in chains. Pray that I may declare it boldly, as I must speak.

Gospel Song:

**“Alleluia”**

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia,  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

P: *The Holy Gospel according to* **John 6:56-69**



<sup>56</sup>Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood abide in me, and I in them. <sup>57</sup>Just as the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so whoever eats me will live because of me. <sup>58</sup>This is the bread that came down from heaven, not like that which your ancestors ate, and they died. But the one who eats this bread will live forever.” <sup>59</sup>He said these things while he was teaching in the synagogue at Capernaum. <sup>60</sup>When many of his disciples heard it, they said, “This teaching is difficult; who can accept it?” <sup>61</sup>But Jesus, being aware that his disciples were complaining about it, said to them, “Does this offend you? <sup>62</sup>Then what if you were to see the Son of Man ascending to where he was before? <sup>63</sup>It is the spirit that gives life; the flesh is useless. The words that I have spoken to you are spirit and life. <sup>64</sup>But among you there are some who do not believe.” For Jesus knew from the first who were the ones that did not believe, and who was the one that would betray him. <sup>65</sup>And he said, “For this reason I have told you that no one can come to me unless it is granted by the Father.” <sup>66</sup>Because of this many of his disciples turned back and no longer went about with him. <sup>67</sup>So Jesus asked the twelve, “Do you also wish to go away?” <sup>68</sup>Simon Peter answered him, “Lord, to whom can we go? You have the words of eternal life. <sup>69</sup>We have come to believe and know that you are the Holy One of God.

P: The Gospel of the Lord...

Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

Pastor Russ Leeper

Hymn of the Day

“Blessed Assurance”

#638

1 Bless-ed as-sur-ance, Je-sus is mine! Oh, what a fore-taste of glo-ry di-vine!  
 2 Per-fect sub-mis-sion, per-fect de-light, vi-sions of rap-ture now burst on my sight;  
 3 Per-fect sub-mis-sion, all is at rest; I in my Sav-ior am hap-py and blest,

Heir of sal-va-tion, pur-chase of God, born of his Spir-it, washed in his blood.  
 an-gels de-scend-ing bring from a-bove ech-oes of mer-cy, whis-pers of love.  
 watch-ing and wait-ing, look-ing a-bove, filled with his good-ness, lost in his love.

*Refrain*

This is my sto-ry, this is my song, prais-ing my Sav-ior all the day long:

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*The Creed*

The Apostles' Creed  
**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.  
I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead.  
On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven,  
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.  
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church,  
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen**

*The Prayers (P):* Lord in your mercy,  
Response: **hear our prayer.**

***Please Keep the following in prayer:***

Sarah Bauer	Jack Hulbert	Lynn Poppen
Dan Foxen	Melanie Johanningmeier	Carly Stevenson
James Grob	Gary Lamprecht	Bill Wohlers, Jr.
Angie Hansen	Sandra Link	Marilu Wohlers
Annemarie Hansen		

Please pray for all serving in the Armed Forces & their families: Mackenzy Bilharz, Alex Buenger, Kim Hall, Daniel Jacobs, Cameron Kakac, Robson Shankland

***The Prayer List:*** Names will be kept on the list for 3 weeks. Family members can request a name be left on longer. The office number is 228-3397.

*Special Music:*

✠ "One Pair of Hands"

Video

*The Lord's Prayer:* **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 Benediction*

P: The blessing of God, who provides for us, feeds us, and journeys with us, ✠ be upon you now and forever. **Amen.**

1 God be with you till we meet a-gain; by good coun-sels guide, up-hold you,  
 2 God be with you till we meet a-gain; ho-ly wings se-cure-ly hide you,  
 3 God be with you till we meet a-gain; when life's per-ils thick con-found you,

with a shep-herd's care en-fold you;  
 dai-ly man-na still pro-vide you; God be with you till we meet a-gain.  
 put un-fail-ing arms a-round you;

*Refrain*

Till we meet, till we meet, till we  
 till we meet, till we meet a-gain,

meet at Je-sus' feet; till we meet, till we  
 till we meet, till we meet, till we

meet, God be with you till we meet a-gain.  
 meet a-gain,

Text: Jeremiah E. Rankin, 1828–1904  
 Music: GOD BE WITH YOU, William G. Tomer, 1833–1896



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### **WORSHIP AT ST. JOHN!**

Worship service will remain at 9:00 a.m. for the foreseeable future. Parish Ed will determine the time for Sunday School. Council is excited about having a fuller sanctuary on Sundays and allowing the whole congregation to be able to enjoy choirs, children's presentations, and special music together. Plus, having one service will continue to foster the sense of community they've been trying to strengthen.

**Communion will be on the 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the month. Parishioners will have the choice to receive communion up front or use the pre-packaged cups in the pews.**

**A worship video will be provided each Sunday on the St. John website & YouTube.  
The radio broadcast will continue EVERY Sunday at 9:00 a.m.**

### **After Worship Social Time**

**has been an enjoyable way to reconnect with each other!**

Coffee & a treat are served outside the Narthex doors each Sunday!

If you would like to volunteer to bring the treats, please sign up on the chart just inside the doors on the table or call Kathy in the office.

What you choose to bring for a treat is entirely up to you!

Coffee & napkins are provided by St. John.

### **Have extra garden produce you would like to share with others at St. John?**

There will be a table in the Narthex for your veggies/fruits & plastic grocery bags to put them in!

### **God's Work. Our Hands: Coming Sunday, September 12**

On Sunday, September 12, members of St. John of all ages are invited to participate in God's Work, Our Hands Sunday. This event is held every year at ELCA congregations across the country. We'll have teams of St. John members head out into the community to serve in different ways (Team Blessing Box Planting, Team Sustain the Blessing Box, Team Cookie Decorating, Team Cookie Delivery, Team Mulch, Team Quilters, Team Shadow Ave Cleanup, Team cardmaking, Team Paint the Park, Team Helping Hands, Team Lions Field Park, Team Clothing Room). There are sign-ups in the narthex so you can choose your opportunity to serve! More information to come, so watch the E-Skinny, bulletin, Facebook page, and announcements at church!



### **Rally Day September 12<sup>th</sup>!**

Join the Family Board in the Narthex for treats (including Cinnamon Rolls) & coffee/juice & sign up your students for Sunday School & After School!

### **Blessing of the Backpacks!**

On Rally Day, September 12<sup>th</sup> students can bring their backpacks to be blessed during the worship service!

### **Offering from the week of August 15, 2021**

General Receipts	\$ 10,120.71
Designated offering	425.00
<i>General receipts of \$9,757.00 are needed weekly to meet the approved budget.</i>	

**Attendance: 139**

**The next meeting for the Sesquicentennial Committee will be Sunday, August 22<sup>nd</sup> at 10:15 a.m.**