



But he said
to them,
**"IT IS I;
DO NOT
BE AFRAID."**

John 6:21 NRSV

Welcome to St. John Lutheran Church
Saturday, July 27, 2024 * 5:00 PM
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**GATHERING
ANNOUNCEMENTS
SONG**

Once Again in Jesus' Name

We will gather as his children,
once again and worship him.
We will sing out songs of praises,
once again and worship him.

**Once again in Jesus' name.
Once again we share together.
Once again in Jesus' name,
Once again his children gather.**

We will offer grateful praises,
once again and worship him.
We'll surrender heavy burdens,
once again and worship him.

**Once again in Jesus' name.
Once again we share together.
Once again in Jesus' name,
Once again his children gather.**

THE GATHERING SENTENCES

P: We come to worship God in the name of the Creator, Son and Holy Spirit.

All: Amen!

P: We gather as the people of God, called by the gospel of Jesus Christ to a life of witness and service.

All: We are the people of God in this world. We are the church of Christ on earth. We are people moved by the Holy Spirit to build a world of light and hope. Amen!

WE CONFESS WE ARE A BROKEN PEOPLE

ALL: We confess we live in a world broken apart by selfishness and self-centeredness. We feel isolated by loneliness and betrayed by broken promises. Sin has shattered our existence and we know the despair of trying to "fix it" on our own. God, we confess we are a broken people in a broken world. We need to know your forgiving grace. We need to feel your everlasting love. God of love, create a heart of wholeness within us.

WE HEAR THE GOOD NEWS OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS

P: People of God, our Creator knows us and loves us. God knows our brokenness and desires to give us a heart of wholeness. In Jesus Christ, our shattered world is restored and we are given the gifts of grace and forgiveness. The cross is empty and the tomb is open. Christ's victory over the death provides forgiveness for our sin and hope for all eternity. New life begins today! New love begins right now! Praise God for life and love.

C: Amen

FIRST READING

2 Kings 4:42-44

A man came from Baal-shalishah, bringing food from the first fruits to the man of God: twenty loaves of barley and fresh ears of grain in his sack. Elisha said, "Give it to the people and let them eat." But his servant said, "How can I set this before a hundred people?" So he repeated, "Give it to the people and let them eat, for thus says the Lord, 'They shall eat and have some left.'" He set it before them, they ate, and had some left, according to the word of the Lord.

SECOND READING

Ephesians 3:14-21

For this reason I bow my knees before the Father, from whom every family in heaven and on earth takes its name. I pray that, according to the riches of his glory, he may grant that you may be strengthened in your inner being with power through his Spirit, and that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith, as you are being rooted and grounded in love. I pray that you may have the power to comprehend, with all the saints, what is the breadth and length and height and depth, and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, so that you may be filled with all the fullness of God. Now to him who by the power at work within us is able to accomplish abundantly far more than all we can ask or imagine, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever. Amen.

GOSPEL

John 6:1-21

After this Jesus went to the other side of the Sea of Galilee, also called the Sea of Tiberias. A large crowd kept following him, because they saw the signs that he was doing for the sick. Jesus went up the mountain and sat down there with his disciples. Now the Passover, the festival of the Jews, was near. When he looked up and saw a large crowd coming toward him, Jesus said to Philip, "Where are we to buy bread for these people to eat?"

He said this to test him, for he himself knew what he was going to do. Philip answered him, "Six months' wages would not buy enough bread for each of them to get a little." One of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, said to him, "There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish. But what are they among so many people?" Jesus said, "Make the people sit down." Now there was a great deal of grass in the place; so they sat down, about five thousand in all. Then Jesus took the loaves, and when he had given thanks, he distributed them to those who were seated; so also the fish, as much as they wanted.

When they were satisfied, he told his disciples, "Gather up the fragments left over, so that nothing may be lost." So they gathered them up, and from the fragments of the five barley loaves, left by those who had eaten, they filled twelve baskets. When the people saw the sign that he had done, they began to say, "This is indeed the prophet who is to come into the world."

When Jesus realized that they were about to come and take him by force to make him king, he withdrew again to the mountain by himself.

When evening came, his disciples went down to the sea, got into a boat, and started across the sea to Capernaum. It was now dark, and Jesus had not yet come to them. The sea became rough because a strong wind was blowing. When they had rowed about three or four miles, they saw Jesus walking on the sea and coming near the boat, and they were terrified. But he said to them, "It is I; do not be afraid." Then they wanted to take him into the boat, and immediately the boat reached the land toward which they were going.

SERMON

Pastor Shawn O'Brien

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

**All: We believe in God, who created and continues to create.
God came to us in human form--Jesus--to save a troubled world from
sin and death, and give us the possibility of eternal life.
We believe the Holy Spirit is God with us--working in and through us
to make all things new and to give hope where there is despair.
God calls each of us to discipleship- to belong-to reach out and to
care. God calls us to be kind to others, to work for justice on earth,
and to feed and clothe the poor and the hungry.
God calls us to publicly proclaim Jesus as Messiah
and Savior of the world. Amen.**

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

P: In Your mercy, C: Hear our prayer.

OFFERING PRAYER

P: Jesus, Bread of life,

**C: you have set this table with your very self, and called us to the
feast of plenty. Gather what has been sown among us, and
strengthen us in this meal. Make us to be what we receive here, your
body for the life of the world. Amen.**

OFFERING SONG

The Lord is My Light

The Lord is my light and my salvation, I will never be afraid.
The Lord protects me from all danger, I will never be afraid.
When evil attacks and tries to kill me, I will never be afraid.
Even if whole armies surround me, I will never be afraid.

In times of trouble he gives me shelter, I will never be afraid.
God will keep me from all danger, I will never be afraid.
He prepares the path before me, I will never be afraid.
I will live to see God's glory, I will never be afraid.
I will never be afraid.

COMMUNION LITANY

P: Loving God, you prepare a feast where all are invited.

All: In response to the call of God, the command of Christ, and the bond of our common faith, we come to the table.

P: On the night when he was betrayed, Jesus took unleavened bread, gave thanks, broke it, and gave it to his friends saying, "Take this and eat it, this is my body given for you. In a similar manner Jesus took a cup and after blessing it and giving thanks he said, "Drink this because this is the new covenant in my blood. Shed for you for the forgiveness of sin. Do this to remember me."

All: Gracious God, we are thankful for these gifts of love and promise and we are reminded of you and your love for us. May your love fill us with power to become more like you and may your love enable us to make a difference in the coming week. Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

**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.

Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.

**For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours,
now and forever.**

Amen

THE DISTRIBUTION



Welcome!

St. John practices "open communion". All who are baptized and instructed are welcome to share the Lord's Supper with us today. Starting with the right side of the church, followed by the left when they are finished, the Pastor will distribute the bread and the communion assistant will serve the wine. We will also have pre-sealed elements available for those who would prefer the more hygienic option (or those who wish to receive grape juice instead of wine). Indicate to the Pastor that you would like pre-sealed elements and skip the wine server. Those who wish to receive a blessing should indicate their wishes to the Pastor by crossing their arms over their chest.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P: Jesus, Bread of life,

C: we have received from your table more than we could ever ask. As you have nourished us in this meal, now strengthen us to love the world with your own life. In your name we pray. Amen.

BLESSING

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

C: Amen

CLOSING SONG

Jesus Is the Answer

If you have some questions in the corner of your mind,
traces of discouragement and peace you cannot find,
reflections of the past seem to face you every day,
but this one thing I do know- Jesus is the way.

Jesus is the answer for the world today.
Above Him there's no other. Jesus is the way.
Jesus is the answer for the world today.
Above Him there's no other. Jesus is the way.

I know you've got mountains that you think you cannot climb.
I know your skies are dark, you think the sun won't shine.
In case you don't know that the Word of God is true,
and everything He's promised He will do for you.

Jesus is the answer for the world today.
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SENDING

Leader: Go in peace, serve the Lord!

All: Thanks be to God!

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***We welcome you to St. John Lutheran Church.
We are... "creating and nurturing life changing relationships
based on the love of God in Jesus Christ,
so that we may grow in faith, serve God,
and serve our neighbor."***

Worship: Saturday 5:00 PM
Sunday Worship 9:00 AM

Seven Faith Practices

I will strive to...

1. **PRAY** daily
2. **WORSHIP** weekly
3. **READ** and study the Bible
4. **SERVE** at and beyond St. John
5. **INVITE** others into a loving relationship with Jesus
6. **GIVE** of my time, talents, and resources
7. **ENCOURAGE** spiritual growth in others