

**... he went away, proclaiming
throughout the city how much
Jesus had done for him.**



Luke 8:39, NRSV

Welcome to St. John Lutheran Church
Second Weekend after Pentecost
Saturday June 18th 2022



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**PRELUDE
ANNOUNCEMENTS**

OPENING SONG

This is the Day

This is the day that the Lord has made, we will rejoice and be glad in it.
This is the day that the Lord has made, we will rejoice and be glad in it.
Sing to the world a brand new song about Je-sus.
Sing to the world, tell ev-rybody that here ... today ... it's start-ing ...
A new day is dawn-ing ... Today ... today ... today ... This is the day!

WE CONFESS OUR SHORTCOMINGS

God, today we pause to confess our shortcomings in life and in loving one another. We want to live life to the fullest, but we always seem to become disillusioned or disappointed. We want to have deep, meaningful relationships, but we seem to short circuit those we love with our own selfishness. God, we need the power to change, but we realize now we cannot do it on our own. We fall short of the mark. We ask for your forgiveness.

Time for silent reflection

WE HEAR GOD'S FORGIVING PROMISES

The God of all creation has entered our human existence in the person of Jesus Christ and proclaimed forgiveness. Through him and his love for us we have been given new possibilities of faith and life. By his death and resurrection, the guilt and shame of our sin has been erased completely and we stand before God as new people. The Holy Spirit is present with us and in us to give us power to live out this new life. By the Spirit we have life. Praise God.

C: Amen

FIRST READING**Isaiah 65:1-9**

I was ready to be sought out by those who did not ask, to be found by those who did not seek me. I said, "Here I am, here I am," to a nation that did not call on my name. I held out my hands all day long to a rebellious people, who walk in a way that is not good, following their own devices; a people who provoke me to my face continually, sacrificing in gardens and offering incense on bricks; who sit inside tombs, and spend the night in secret places; who eat swine's flesh, with broth of abominable things in their vessels; who say, "Keep to yourself, do not come near me, for I am too holy for you." These are a smoke in my nostrils, a fire that burns all day long. See, it is written before me: I will not keep silent, but I will repay; I will indeed repay into their laps their iniquities and their ancestors' iniquities together, says the LORD; because they offered incense on the mountains and reviled me on the hills, I will measure into their laps full payment for their actions. Thus says the LORD: As the wine is found in the cluster, and they say, "Do not destroy it, for there is a blessing in it," so I will do for my servants' sake, and not destroy them all. I will bring forth descendants from Jacob, and from Judah inheritors of my mountains; my chosen shall inherit it, and my servants shall settle there.

SECOND READING**Galatians 3:23-29**

Now before faith came, we were imprisoned and guarded under the law until faith would be revealed. ²Therefore the law was our disciplinarian until Christ came, so that we might be justified by faith. But now that faith has come, we are no longer subject to a disciplinarian, for in Christ Jesus you are all children of God through faith. As many of you as were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ. There is no longer Jew or Greek, there is no longer slave or free, there is no longer male and female; for all of you are one in Christ Jesus. And if you belong to Christ, then you are Abraham's offspring, heirs according to the promise.

GOSPEL**Luke 8:26-39**

Then [Jesus and his disciples] arrived at the country of the Gerasenes, which is opposite Galilee. As he stepped out on land, a man of the city who had demons met him. For a long time he had worn no clothes, and he did not live in a house but in the tombs. When he saw Jesus, he fell down before him and shouted at the top of his voice, "What have you to do with me, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I beg you, do not torment me"—for Jesus had commanded the unclean spirit to come out of the man. (For many times it had seized him; he was kept under guard and bound with chains and shackles, but he would break the bonds and be driven by the demon into the wilds.) Jesus then asked him, "What is your name?" He said, "Legion"; for many demons had entered him. They begged him not to order them to go back into the abyss.

Now there on the hillside a large herd of swine was feeding; and the demons begged Jesus to let them enter these. So he gave them permission. Then the demons came out of the man and entered the swine, and the herd rushed down the steep bank into the lake and was drowned.

When the swineherds saw what had happened, they ran off and told it in the city and in the country. Then people came out to see what had happened, and when they came to Jesus, they found the man from whom the demons had gone sitting at the feet of Jesus, clothed and in his right mind. And they were afraid. Those who had seen it told them how the one who had been possessed by demons had been healed. Then all the people of the surrounding country of the Gerasenes asked Jesus to leave them; for they were seized with great fear. So he got into the boat and returned. The man from whom the demons had gone begged that he might be with him; but Jesus sent him away, saying, "Return to your home, and declare how much God has done for you." So he went away, proclaiming throughout the city how much Jesus had done for him.

SERMON

Pastor Shawn O'Brien

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

All: God is love, and in God is the source of all goodness and truth. God is the creator of the universe and continues to recreate a community of compassion for all humankind. Jesus is God's Son. Jesus was born of Mary and lived a life of kindness and concern. Jesus died a cruel death on an executioner's cross and was raised to new life on the third day. Because of his death and resurrection, now we can live a life of kindness and concern. Now we can die and be raised to new life. Now we can live as forgiven sinners, confident in our place in God's Kingdom. The Holy Spirit is alive and at work, establishing and building the church of God on this earth. The Spirit of God leads us into the true faith, guides us through the difficult choices of life, and comforts us when we feel as if we cannot go on. God is with us, living inside each of us, through the Holy Spirit. Amen.

PRAYERS

Leader: God, in your mercy,

ALL: hear our prayer.

OFFERING PRAYER

Leader: Living God,

All: you gather the wolf and the lamb to feed together in your peaceable reign, and you welcome us all at your table. Reach out to us through this meal, and show us your wounded and risen body, that we may be nourished and believe in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

SONG

Be Still for the Presence

Be still for the presence of the Lord; The Holy One is here
Come bow before Him now, with reverence and fear
In Him no sin is found, we stand on Holy ground
Be still for the presence of the Lord; The Holy One is here

Be still for the glory of the Lord is shining all around
He burns with Holy fire, with splendor he is crowned
How awesome is the sight, our radiant King of Light
Be still for the glory of the Lord, is shining all around

Be still for the power of the Lord, is moving in this place
He comes to cleanse and heal, to minister His grace
No work too hard for Him, in faith receive from Him
Be still for the power of the Lord, is moving in this place

COMMUNION

Leader: Jesus bids us to gather for this holy meal.

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

Leader: 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. Do this to remember me."

All: In response to the love of our Creator and remembering the death and resurrection of Jesus, our Savior, we come to the table.

Leader: In a similar manner Jesus took a cup and after giving thanks he said, "Drink this; this is the new covenant I am establishing to bind us together now and throughout eternity. Do this to remember me."

All: Gracious God, we are thankful for these gifts of love and sacrifice, 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

All: 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

BLESSING

Leader: The God of peace, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, bless you, comfort you, and show you the path of life this day and always.

ALL: Amen.

SENDING SONG

Mighty Is Our God

Mighty is our God, Mighty is our King;
Mighty is our Lord, Ruler of everything.
Glory to our God, Glory to our King,
Glory to our Lord, Ruler of everything.
His name is higher, higher than any other name,
His power is greater, for He has created everything.
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Mighty is our Lord, Ruler of everything.
Glory to our God, Glory to our King,
Glory to our Lord, Ruler of everything.

DISMISSAL

Leader: Go in peace. Love your neighbor,

ALL: Thanks be to God.

Weekly Announcements



This Week at St. John

Mon: Bible Study 10 AM

Tues: Blankets 9 AM

Wed: McDonald's 7 AM

Williston Encounter 12 PM

Sat: Worship 5 PM

Sun: Worship 9 AM

In Our Prayers

Audry S.-medical concerns

Marilyn Sandrock– medical concerns

Carolyn Lasseter– medical concerns

Dan Jeffers– medical concerns

Lauren Studer– medical concerns

Betty Roecker– medical concerns

Gary Carstensen– medical concerns

David Witty– medical concerns

Serving This Week

Lector:

Ushers:

Acolyte: Emma Morgan

ALTAR FLOWERS

The altar flowers are given to the Glory of God, in memory of Don and Tim Berger on Father's Day and honoring all fathers, past and present. These are given by Margaret, Dan and Pam, Cheryl Berger and family.

CHANCEL FLOWERS

The chancel flowers are given to the Glory of God, in memory of Patricia Delventhal and given by her family.

USHERS AND LECTORS NEEDED

We are looking to resume our usher and lector rotations to have a little bit more of a regular schedule. If we can get even a small list of volunteers it would work out serving once a month, maybe less. If you would be willing to help, please reply to this email, speak to Pastor O'Brien, or contact a member of the Worship Life Committee.

Don't forget, we still need weekly volunteers until the schedule is finalized. If you are able to help out THIS week, please contact the church office.

OUR BLESSING BOX

Mini Pantry has been used quite a bit recently. To help restock we need cereal and canned vegetables. When you are shopping this week, consider purchasing a few extra items and bringing them to the church. Thank you!

SUMMER OFFICE HOURS

Starting Monday June 6th

Mondays: 8:30am-2:30pm

Tuesdays: CLOSED

Wednesdays: 8:30am-2:30pm

Thursdays: 8:30am-2:30pm

Friday: 8:30am-2:30pm



WELCA

WELCA will be hosting a dinner here at the Church (Basement) on Tuesday, July 5, at 5:30 p.m. We are inviting all ladies of our church to join us for fellowship, food and fun. The meal will be catered by Butch's Country Catering. The cost is \$13 per person. Please call Diane Gerkenmeyer (419-836-7052) (by Wednesday, June 29) to reserve a spot and to be included in this evening of enjoyment and friendship.

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

St. John Lutheran Church presents...

WILLISTON ENCOUNTER



**Everyone
is Invited!**

FREE Lunch

Wednesdays in June*

June 10 - June 29, 2022 @ 12:00pm

St. John Lutheran Church in Williston
is serving a FREE lunch Wednesdays at noon until 1:30pm
throughout the month of June.

Each week a new activity is planned for kids of all ages.

June 10* - VBS Week -

*note that lunch is on Friday this week following VBS

June 15 - Ottawa County Sheriff's K-9 Unit

June 22 - Carnival with games and prizes

June 29 - Hot Dogs, Ice Cream, and Wiffle Ball

(schedule subject to change as weather permits)

Come for lunch and stay for the fun!

Questions—419-836-5514

*(Williston Encounter is a ministry of St. John Lutheran Church
to reach out to people of the community.)*

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