

... all who touched it
were healed.

Mark 6:56, NRSV



WELCOME TO ST. JOHN LUTHERAN CHURCH

Eighth Weekend after Pentecost

July 17th and July 18th



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WELCOME
ANNOUNCEMENTS

GATHERING HYMN

Life in His Hands

All of the world will be singing when everyone understands
that Jesus is here and he's giving us new life in his hands.
The offer extended in mercy to people who need a friend
Is found in the palm of the savior's hand. There's life in his hands,

Life in His hands ...in His hands there's life for you.
Life in His hands ... for you and me.

CONFESSIONS AND FORGIVENESS

Leader: Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

ALL: Amen.

Leader: Drawn to Christ and seeking God's abundance, let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Leader: God, our provider,

**ALL: help us. It is hard to believe there is enough to share. We question
your ways when they differ from the ways of the world in which we
live. We turn to our own understanding rather than trusting in you.
We take offense at your teachings and your ways. Turn us again to you.
Where else can we turn? Share with us the words of eternal life and
feed us for life in the world.
Amen.**

Leader: Beloved people of God: in Jesus, the manna from heaven, you are fed
and nourished. By Jesus, the worker of miracles, there is always more than
enough. Through Jesus, the bread of life, you are shown God's mercy: you are
forgiven and loved into abundant life.

ALL: Amen.

FIRST READING**Jeremiah 23:1-6**

Woe to the shepherds who destroy and scatter the sheep of my pasture! says the Lord. Therefore thus says the Lord, the God of Israel, concerning the shepherds who shepherd my people: It is you who have scattered my flock, and have driven them away, and you have not attended to them. So I will attend to you for your evil doings, says the Lord. Then I myself will gather the remnant of my flock out of all the lands where I have driven them, and I will bring them back to their fold, and they shall be fruitful and multiply. I will raise up shepherds over them who will shepherd them, and they shall not fear any longer, or be dismayed, nor shall any be missing, says the Lord.

The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch, and he shall reign as king and deal wisely, and shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. In his days Judah will be saved and Israel will live in safety. And this is the name by which he will be called: "The Lord is our righteousness."

SECOND READING**Ephesians 2:11-22**

Remember that at one time you Gentiles by birth, called "the uncircumcision" by those who are called "the circumcision"—a physical circumcision made in the flesh by human hands—remember that you were at that time without Christ, being aliens from the commonwealth of Israel, and strangers to the covenants of promise, having no hope and without God in the world. But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ. For he is our peace; in his flesh he has made both groups into one and has broken down the dividing wall, that is, the hostility between us. He has abolished the law with its commandments and ordinances, that he might create in himself one new humanity in place of the two, thus making peace,¹⁶ and might reconcile both groups to God in one body through the cross, thus putting to death that hostility through it. So he came and proclaimed peace to you who were far off and peace to those who were near; for through him both of us have access in one Spirit to the Father. So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are citizens with the saints and also members of the household of God, built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the cornerstone. In him the whole structure is joined together and grows into a holy temple in the Lord; in whom you also are built together spiritually into a dwelling place for God.

GOSPEL**Mark 6:30-34, 53-56**

The apostles gathered around Jesus, and told him all that they had done and taught. He said to them, "Come away to a deserted place all by yourselves and rest a while." For many were coming and going, and they had no leisure even to eat. And they went away in the boat to a deserted place by themselves. Now many saw them going and recognized them, and they hurried there on foot from all the

towns and arrived ahead of them. As he went ashore, he saw a great crowd; and he had compassion for them, because they were like sheep without a shepherd; and he began to teach them many things.

When they had crossed over, they came to land at Gennesaret and moored the boat. When they got out of the boat, people at once recognized him, and rushed about that whole region and began to bring the sick on mats to wherever they heard he was. And wherever he went, into villages or cities or farms, they laid the sick in the marketplaces, and begged him that they might touch even the fringe of his cloak; and all who touched it were healed.

SERMON

Matthew Milbrodt

HYMN

Create In Me a Clean Heart

Refrain

Create in me a clean heart, O God, And renew a right spirit within me.
Create in me a clean heart, O God, And renew a right spirit within me.

Cast me not away from your presence,
O Lord, And take not your Holy Spirit from me,
Restore unto me the joy of your salvation,
And renew a right spirit within me.

(Repeat Refrain)

APOSTLES' CREED

**C: 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.**

PRAYERS of INTERCESSION

Leader: Rooted in Christ and sustained by the Spirit, we offer our prayers for the church, the world, and all of creation.

A brief silence.

Leader: Tend your church, O God. Encourage bishops, pastors, and deacons in their proclamation of the gospel. Raise up new leaders and encourage those pursuing a call to ministry. Embolden all the baptized to embody your love and justice. Hear us, O God.

ALL: Your mercy is great.

Leader: Restore your creation, O God. Sustain croplands and pastures and safeguard all farm animals and livestock. Preserve lakes, rivers, and streams that offer refreshment. Revive lands recovering from natural disasters and protect coastlands threatened by rising oceans. Hear us, O God.

ALL: Your mercy is great.

Leader: Reconcile the nations, O God. Break down the dividing walls that make us strangers to one another and unite us as one human family. Equip leaders to deal wisely with conflict and guide diplomats who seek peaceful solutions. Hear us, O God.

ALL: Your mercy is great.

Leader: Heal your people, O God. Look with compassion on immigrants, exiles, and all who are afraid or feel lost. Give rest to those who are weary, comfort to those who are grieving, and recovery to those who are ill. Hear us, O God.

ALL: Your mercy is great.

Leader: Nourish this congregation, O God. Prepare a table where we receive food for our hungering spirits. Renew our commitment to provide for one another and revitalize our ministries of feeding and nurturing hungry neighbors. Hear us, O God.

ALL: Your mercy is great.

Leader: You lead us home, O God. We give thanks for all who have died, now citizens with the saints. As you have received them into your heavenly home, so welcome all of us to dwell in your house forever. Hear us, O God.

ALL: Your mercy is great.

Leader: We lift these and all our prayers to you, O God, confident in the promise of your saving love; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

ALL: AMEN.

OUR OFFERING

OFFERING PRAYER

Leader: Let us pray. Merciful God...

ALL: everything in heaven and on earth belongs to you. We joyfully release what you have entrusted to us. May these gifts be signs of our whole lives returned to you, dedicated to the healing and unity of all creation, through Jesus Christ. Amen.

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. 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

BLESSING

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

All: Amen

CLOSING SONG

Be Bold, Be Strong

Be bold ... Be strong ... for the Lord your God is with you.

Be bold ... Be strong ... for the Lord your God is with you.

Do not be afraid ... do not be dismayed

Walk in faith and victory ... walk in faith and victory ...

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For the Lord, your God is with you.

DISMISSAL

Leader: Go in peace. You are the body of Christ.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

Weekly Announcements

This Week at St. John

Tues: Blankets 9:00 AM

Sat: Worship 5:00 PM

Sun: Worship 9:45 AM

In our Prayers

Audry S.-medical concerns

Jeff Wheeler– medical concerns

Carole Ambrose– medical concerns

Gary Carstensen- medical concerns

Janice Wolfe– medical concerns

Clarence Smithers– medical concerns

Margaret Berger– medical concerns

Pat Sievert– medical concerns

USHERS NEEDED

We have been scheduling volunteers week to week, but would like to recreate a more regular schedule. If you would be willing to help and be added to the 'new' usher rotation, please reply to this email or contact the church office (419-836-5514). Ushering is a great way to help with weekly worship. If you would like to volunteer but are unsure how to usher, we can provide instructions.

LECTORS NEEDED!

We hope to resume live lectors beginning in September.

If you are willing to be added to the 'new' lector rotation, please contact the church office (419-836-5514). Reading the scripture lessons is a powerful way to help with weekly worship and help others hear God's word. If you would like to read but are unsure what 'joining the rotation' would entail, please contact the church office or any member of the Worship Life committee for more information.

CAT AND DOG FOOD DRIVE!

Christian Community Life has delivered the supply of contributed Cat and Dog Food to Senior Resources in Oak Harbor. They were absolutely thrilled with the donation that will be given to seniors in Ottawa County who "need a little help" with their pets. If you can continue to help with this caring for pets, please drop off cat and dog food, treats and/or kitty litter at St. John/Williston (near the office) or to Genoa Jewelers. Your continued help will be greatly appreciated by our Ottawa County Seniors and their pets.

