



**Whoever**  
finds their life  
will lose it,  
—— and ——  
**Whoever**  
loses their life  
for my sake  
will find it.

**MATTHEW 10:39**

**Welcome  
To  
St. John  
Lutheran  
Church**

**Saturday  
June 20,  
2026  
5 PM**

**4th Saturday  
After  
Pentecost**

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Saturday, June 20, 2026 5:00 PM  
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**PRELUDE**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**OPENING SONG**

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.

**WE CONFESS OUR NEED FOR GOD'S SPIRIT**

**ALL: God of spirit and truth, we confess we are sinful and unclean. Our spirits are dry and we need to be refreshed by your Spirit. We have tried to live life on our own terms but we have failed. Our days run together and we lack adventure and motivation in our lives. God of spirit and truth, forgive our sin and refresh us with your Spirit.**

**THE GOOD NEWS OF GOD'S SPIRIT**

L: God created the world out of powerful love and continues to bless us. God, in Jesus, went to the cross in powerful love to take the sin of the world to himself, so our sin would no longer weigh us down. God, in the Holy Spirit, continues to demonstrate powerful love as we experience God's life-changing power each day of our lives. Once we were powerless; now we have God's power. Praise God for the power to change lives. **ALL: Amen.**

## FIRST READING:

**Jeremiah 20:7-13**

<sup>7</sup> O LORD, you have enticed me, and I was enticed;  
you have overpowered me, and you have prevailed.

I have become a laughingstock all day long; everyone mocks me.

<sup>8</sup> For whenever I speak, I must cry out; I must shout, "Violence and destruction!"  
For the word of the LORD has become for me a reproach and derision all day long.

<sup>9</sup> If I say, "I will not mention him or speak any more in his name,"  
then within me there is something like a burning fire shut up in my bones;  
I am weary with holding it in, and I cannot.

<sup>10</sup> For I hear many whispering: "Terror is all around!  
Denounce him! Let us denounce him!"

All my close friends are watching for me to stumble.  
"Perhaps he can be enticed, and we can prevail against him  
and take our revenge on him."

<sup>11</sup> But the LORD is with me like a terrifying warrior;  
therefore my persecutors will stumble, and they will not prevail.  
They will be greatly shamed, for they will not succeed.  
Their eternal dishonor will never be forgotten.

<sup>12</sup> O LORD of hosts, you test the righteous; you see the heart and the mind;  
let me see your retribution upon them, for to you I have committed my cause.

<sup>13</sup> Sing to the LORD; praise the LORD!  
For he has delivered the life of the needy from the hands of evildoers.

## SECOND READING

**Romans 6:1b-11**

<sup>1b</sup> Should we continue in sin in order that grace may increase? <sup>2</sup> By no means! How  
can we who died to sin go on living in it? <sup>3</sup> Do you not know that all of us who were  
baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? <sup>4</sup> Therefore we were buried  
with him by baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by  
the glory of the Father, so we also might walk in newness of life.

<sup>5</sup> For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly be  
united with him in a resurrection like his. <sup>6</sup> We know that our old self was crucified  
with him so that the body of sin might be destroyed, so we might no longer be  
enslaved to sin. <sup>7</sup> For whoever has died is freed from sin. <sup>8</sup> But if we died with Christ,  
we believe that we will also live with him. <sup>9</sup> We know that Christ, being raised from  
the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. <sup>10</sup> The death  
he died, he died to sin once for all, but the life he lives, he lives to God. <sup>11</sup> So you  
also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

## GOSPEL READING

Matthew 10:24-39

[Jesus said to the twelve:] <sup>24</sup>“A disciple is not above the teacher nor a slave above the master; <sup>25</sup>it is enough for the disciple to be like the teacher and the slave like the master. If they have called the master of the house Beelzebul, how much more will they malign those of his household!

<sup>26</sup>“So have no fear of them, for nothing is covered up that will not be uncovered and nothing secret that will not become known. <sup>27</sup>What I say to you in the dark, tell in the light, and what you hear whispered, proclaim from the housetops. <sup>28</sup>Do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul; rather, fear the one who can destroy both soul and body in hell. <sup>29</sup>Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? Yet not one of them will fall to the ground apart from your Father. <sup>30</sup>And even the hairs of your head are all counted. <sup>31</sup>So do not be afraid; you are of more value than many sparrows.

<sup>32</sup>“Everyone, therefore, who acknowledges me before others, I also will acknowledge before my Father in heaven, <sup>33</sup>but whoever denies me before others, I also will deny before my Father in heaven.

<sup>34</sup>“Do not think that I have come to bring peace to the earth; I have not come to bring peace but a sword.

<sup>35</sup>For I have come to set a man against his father,  
and a daughter against her mother,

and a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law,

<sup>36</sup>and one’s foes will be members of one’s own household.

<sup>37</sup>“Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me, and whoever loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me, <sup>38</sup>and whoever does not take up the cross and follow me is not worthy of me.

<sup>39</sup>Those who find their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it.”

## 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.**

**Now I can live a life of kindness and concern. Now I can die and be  
raised to new life. Now I can live as a forgiven sinner, confident in  
my place in eternity.**

**The Holy Spirit is alive and at work, establishing and building the  
church of God on this earth.**

**The Spirit of God leads me into the true faith,  
guides me through the difficult choices of life,  
and comforts me when I feel as if I cannot go on.**

**God is with me, living inside of me, through the Holy Spirit. Amen.**

## PRAYERS of INTERCESSION

P: God of Grace, **ALL: Hear our prayer.**



## SHARING THE PEACE

P: The peace of Christ be with you always. **C: And also with you.**

*(Please offer those around you a sign of peace as you are comfortable.. this can be a handshake, a thumbs up, a fist bump or simply a smile...)*

## OFFERING SONG

He Knows My Name

I have a Maker ... He formed my heart ...  
Before even time began ... My life was in His hands.

### Chorus

**He knows ... my name ... He knows ... my ev'ry thought ...  
He sees ... each tear ... that falls ... And hears me when ... I call.**

I have a Father ... He calls me His own ...  
He'll never leave me ... No matter where I go.

### **Chorus**

**Chorus** *(Following musical interlude repeat chorus)*

He knows ... your name ... He knows ... your ev'ry thought ...  
He sees ... each tear ... that falls ... And hears you when you call.

## OFFERING PRAYER

P: Loving God,

**C: we offer at your table the gifts of our hearts. Help us take heart in you and share freely of your love, so that all creation can taste your abundance. We ask this in the name of Jesus, through the Spirit abiding with us now and forever. Amen.**

## COMMUNION LITANY

P: Jesus invites 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.**

P: Our Lord, Jesus, on the night of his betrayal, in a quiet room with his disciples, took bread, gave thanks and when he had blessed it, he broke it and gave it to his disciples saying, "Take, eat, this is my body." And then he took a cup and when he had given thanks he gave it to them saying, "Drink of it, all of you, for this is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins." Do this in remembrance of me.

**All: Gracious God, we are thankful for these gifts of love and sacrifice. In this meal may we know your presence, be assured of your forgiveness, and may your love fill us with power to share your grace with the world around us. 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



## **POST COMMUNION PRAYER**

P: Compassionate God,

**C: through the gifts of bread and wine our hearts are filled with the abundance of your love. Strengthen us that we, through this holy meal, may share your love freely, as you have shared with us. We ask this in the name of Jesus, through the Spirit nourishing us now and forever. Amen.**

## **BLESSING**

P: Creator, Redeemer, Sustainer, one God,  
bless, heal, and hold you today and always.

**ALL: Amen**

## **SENDING SONG**

Go Out and Serve Him

Filled with the spirit, filled with God's grace,  
Filled with the friendship we find in this place;  
Called as disciples, go now in faith,  
Jesus will show the way.

### **Refrain:**

**Go out and serve him, serve him  
Carry his word into all of the world  
Go and serve him, serve him  
Go out and serve the Lord  
(Repeat refrain)**

Go serve the Lord

## **DISMISSAL**

P: Heaven has come near. Go, share the good news!  
Thanks be to God. **ALL: Amen.**

## **POSTLUDE**

### ***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.



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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.”**

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Contemporary Worship: Saturday 5:00 pm  
Traditional Worship: Sunday 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