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MATTHEW 14:20, NRSV



**Welcome to St. John Lutheran Church
Saturday August 1, 2026
10th Saturday after Pentecost**

Saturday August 1, 2026 5:00 PM Pentecost 10

PRELUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING SONG

We Bow Down

You are Lord of Creation and Lord of my life, Lord of the land and the sea.
You were Lord of the heavens before there was time.
And Lord of all lords you will be.

Refrain

**We bow down ... and we worship you, Lord;
We bow down ... and we worship you, Lord;
We bow down ... and we worship you, Lord;
Lord of all lords you will be.**

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:

Isaiah 55:1-5

Hear, everyone who thirsts; come to the waters;
and you who have no money, come, buy and eat!
Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price.
² Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread
and your earnings for that which does not satisfy?
Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good,
and delight yourselves in rich food.
³ Incline your ear, and come to me; listen, so that you may live.
I will make with you an everlasting covenant,
my steadfast, sure love for David.
⁴ See, I made him a witness to the peoples,
a leader and commander for the peoples.
⁵ Now you shall call nations that you do not know,
and nations that do not know you shall run to you,
because of the LORD your God, the Holy One of Israel,
for he has glorified you.

Second Reading:

Romans 9:1-5

¹ I am speaking the truth in Christ—I am not lying; my conscience confirms it by the Holy Spirit—² I have great sorrow and unceasing anguish in my heart. ³ For I could wish that I myself were accursed and cut off from Christ for the sake of my own brothers and sisters, my own flesh and blood. ⁴ They are Israelites, and to them belong the adoption, the glory, the covenants, the giving of the law, the worship, and the promises; ⁵ to them belong the patriarchs, and from them, according to the flesh, comes the Christ, who is over all, God blessed forever. Amen.

THE GOSPEL READING

Matthew 14:13-21

¹³ Now when Jesus heard [about the beheading of John the Baptist,] he withdrew from there in a boat to a deserted place by himself. But when the crowds heard it, they followed him on foot from the towns. ¹⁴ When he went ashore, he saw a great crowd, and he had compassion for them and cured their sick. ¹⁵ When it was evening, the disciples came to him and said, "This is a deserted place, and the hour is now late; send the crowds away so that they may go into the villages and

buy food for themselves.” ¹⁶ Jesus said to them, “They need not go away; you give them something to eat.” ¹⁷ They replied, “We have nothing here but five loaves and two fish.” ¹⁸ And he said, “Bring them here to me.” ¹⁹ Then he ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass. Taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven and blessed and broke the loaves and gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds. ²⁰ And all ate and were filled, and they took up what was left over of the broken pieces, twelve baskets full. ²¹ And those who ate were about five thousand men, besides women and children.

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: Merciful God,

ALL: Receive 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

God is So Good

God is so good. God is so good. God is so good, he's so good to me.
He cares for me. He cares for me. He cares for me, he's so good to me.
I'll do his will. I'll do his will. I'll do his will, he's so good to me.
He loves me so. He loves me so. He loves me so, he's so good to me.
God answers prayer. God answers prayer.
God answers prayer, he's so good to me.

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.**

..... Holy Communion



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

ALL: 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

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.

Refrain

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

Refrain

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."**

LisaAnne Gregg, Office Administrator
Church Office Hours: M-T-W 9am—3 pm
Thurs. hours may vary * Office closed Friday
Email: office@stjohnwilliston.org

Contemporary Worship: Saturday 5:00 pm
Traditional Worship: Sunday 9:00 am (Through Labor Day)
Sunday Worship @ 9:45 beginning Sept 13th.

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