

*Welcome to St. John Lutheran Church
Confirmation * Sunday, August 29, 2021*



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GATHERING MUSIC

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SONG

How Majestic is Your Name

O Lord, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth.
O Lord, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth.
O Lord, we praise your name. O Lord, we magnify your name
Prince of peace, Mighty God, O Lord, God Almighty.

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

P: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

P: Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism, we are clothed with God's mercy and forgiveness. Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

C: We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters and by your Word you created the world, calling forth life in which you took delight.

P: Through the waters of the flood you delivered Noah and his family.
Through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery into freedom.
At the river your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit.
By water and your Word you claim us as daughters and sons,
making us heirs of your promise and servants of all.

C: We praise you for the gift of water that sustains life, and above all we praise you for the gift of new life in Jesus Christ. Shower us with your Spirit, and renew our lives with your forgiveness, grace, and love.

P: To you be given honor and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

C: Amen.

FIRST READING**Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-9**

So now, Israel, give heed to the statutes and ordinances that I am teaching you to observe, so that you may live to enter and occupy the land that the Lord, the God of your ancestors, is giving you. You must neither add anything to what I command you nor take away anything from it, but keep the commandments of the Lord your God with which I am charging you.

You must observe them diligently, for this will show your wisdom and discernment to the peoples, who, when they hear all these statutes, will say, "Surely this great nation is a wise and discerning people!" For what other great nation has a god so near to it as the Lord our God is whenever we call to him? And what other great nation has statutes and ordinances as just as this entire law that I am setting before you today?

But take care and watch yourselves closely, so as neither to forget the things that your eyes have seen nor to let them slip from your mind all the days of your life; make them known to your children and your children's children.

SECOND READING**James 1:17-27**

Every generous act of giving, with every perfect gift, is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change. In fulfillment of his own purpose he gave us birth by the word of truth, so that we would become a kind of first fruits of his creatures.

You must understand this, my beloved: let everyone be quick to listen, slow to speak, slow to anger; for your anger does not produce God's righteousness. Therefore rid yourselves of all sordidness and rank growth of wickedness, and welcome with meekness the implanted word that has the power to save your souls.

But be doers of the word, and not merely hearers who deceive themselves. For if any are hearers of the word and not doers, they are like those who look at themselves in a mirror; for they look at themselves and, on going away, immediately forget what they were like. But those who look into the perfect law, the law of liberty, and persevere, being not hearers who forget but doers who act—they will be blessed in their doing.

If any think they are religious, and do not bridle their tongues but deceive their hearts, their religion is worthless. Religion that is pure and undefiled before God, the Father, is this: to care for orphans and widows in their distress, and to keep oneself unstained by the world.

GOSPEL**Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23**

Now when the Pharisees and some of the scribes who had come from Jerusalem gathered around [Jesus], they noticed that some of his disciples were eating with defiled hands, that is, without washing them. (For the Pharisees, and all the Jews, do not eat unless they thoroughly wash their hands, thus observing the tradition of the elders; and they do not eat anything from the market unless they wash it; and there are also many other traditions that they observe, the washing of cups,

pots, and bronze kettles.) So the Pharisees and the scribes asked him, "Why do your disciples not live according to the tradition of the elders, but eat with defiled hands?" He said to them, "Isaiah prophesied rightly about you hypocrites, as it is written,

'This people honors me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me; in vain do they worship me, teaching human precepts as doctrines.' You abandon the commandment of God and hold to human tradition."

Then he called the crowd again and said to them, "Listen to me, all of you, and understand: there is nothing outside a person that by going in can defile, but the things that come out are what defile."

For it is from within, from the human heart, that evil intentions come: fornication, theft, murder, adultery, avarice, wickedness, deceit, licentiousness, envy, slander, pride, folly. All these evil things come from within, and they defile a person."

SERMON

Pastor Shawn O'Brien

PRAISE SONG

Holiness

Holiness, holiness, is what I long for. Holiness is what I need.
Holiness, holiness is what You want..from me.

REFRAIN

So take my heart...and form..it. Take my mind...transform..it.
Take my will...conform..it. To Yours, to Yours, O..Lord.

Faithfulness, faithfulness..is what I long for. Faithfulness is what I need.
Faithfulness, faithfulness..is what You want..from me. **REFRAIN**

Brokenness, brokenness, is what I long for. Brokenness is what I need.
Brokenness, brokenness is what You want..from me. **REFRAIN**



*Seidona Brossia, Megan Hoeft, Lindsey Cashen,
Shane O'Brien, Jacob Titgemeyer*

PRESENTATION

Leader: These persons have been instructed in the Christian faith and desire to make public affirmation of their Baptism...

INTRODUCTION

P: Dear friends, we give thanks to God for the gift of baptism and for these persons, one with us in the body of Christ, who affirm their baptism this day as a sign of their participation in the life of this community of faith and its mission in the world.

PRAYER

P: Let us pray.

Merciful God, we thank you for these young women whom you have made your own by water and the word in baptism. You have called them to yourself, enlightened them with the gifts of your Spirit, and nourished them in the community of faith. Uphold your servants as they affirm the gifts and promises of baptism, and unite the hearts of all whom you have brought to new birth through this holy sacrament. We ask this in the name of Christ.

C: Amen.

RENUNCIATION OF EVIL

P: As you affirm your baptism, I ask you to reject sin, profess your faith in Christ, and confess the faith of the church.

Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God?

Confirmands: I renounce them.

Do you renounce the powers of this world that rebel against God?

Confirmands: I renounce them.

Do you renounce the ways of sin that draw you from God?

Confirmands: I renounce them.

PROFESSION OF FAITH

P: With the whole church, let us confess our faith.

P: Do you believe in God the Father?

C: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

P: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

C: 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.

P: Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

C: 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

P: Let us pray for those who are affirming their Baptism, and for all the baptized everywhere:

A moment of silence for reflection...

P: Lord, in your mercy **C: Hear our prayer.**

COMMITMENT

P: You have made public profession of your faith.

Do you intend to continue in the covenant God made with you in holy baptism:
to live among God's faithful people,
to hear the word of God and share in the Lord's supper,
to proclaim the good news of God in Christ through word and deed,
to serve all people, following the example of Jesus,
and to strive for justice and peace in all the earth?

Confirmants: I do, and I ask God to help and guide me.

P: People of God, do you promise to support these sisters and pray for them in their life in Christ?

C: We do, and we ask God to help and guide us.

PRAYER OF BLESSING

P: Let us pray.

We give you thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy Spirit you give us new birth, wash us from sin, and raise us to eternal life.

P: Stir up in the gift of your Holy Spirit:

the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might,
the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord,
the spirit of joy in your presence, both now and forever. **C: Amen.**

ACCLAMATION

Leader: Let us give thanks for those affirming baptism as we carry out the life of this Christian community and its mission in the world.

C: As your sisters and brothers in the body of Christ, we rejoice with you as you affirm your baptism. Together let us give praise to God and bear God's creative and redeeming word to all the world.

P: Let us pray. Gracious Lord, through water and the Spirit you have made these young women your own. You forgave them all their sins and brought them to newness of life. Continue to strengthen them with the Holy Spirit, and daily increase in them your gifts of grace; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord.

C: Amen

PEACE

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: And also with you.

PRAISE SONG

JESUS LOVES ME

Jesus loves me! This I know, For the Bible tells me so:
Little one to Him belong; They are weak, but He is strong.

REFRAIN

Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me!
The Bible tells me so!

Jesus loves me! He who died, Heaven's gates to open wide!
He will wash away my sin, Let His little child come in. **REFRAIN**

OFFERING PRAYER

C: Gracious God, in the abundance of your steadfast love, you call us from death to life, from silence to speech from idleness to action. With these gifts we offer ourselves to you, and with the Church through all the ages we give thanks for your saving love. Amen.

COMMUNION LITANY

P: We declare ourselves to be Easter people.

C: We come to share in the table Jesus has prepared for us.

P: He took the bad news of sin and guilt and changed it to good news through his dying and rising for us.

C: We are here to celebrate the Good News and the presence of Christ.

THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

P: In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

C: We thank you, God, for these elements given in love for us. Accept us, forgive us, and heal us, so we might live lives that are pleasing to you. Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

C: 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

HOLY COMMUNION

St. John practices open communion. All who are baptized and instructed are welcome to share the Lord's Supper with us today. We are using pre-sealed communion elements. Starting with the right side of the church, followed by the left when they are finished, you may come forward and receive communion from the table. Young children are welcome to come forward to receive a blessing.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

P: Let us pray.

C: God of abundance, with this bread of life and cup of salvation you have united us with Christ, making us one with all your people. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue forever in the risen life of Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

BLESSING

P: The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make his face to shine upon you, and be gracious to you; the Lord look upon you with favor, and give you peace. In the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

C: Amen

SONG

All Day Song

Love him in the mornin' when you see the sun-a-risin;
Love him in the evenin' cause he took you through the day.

And in the in between times when you feel the pressure comin'
Remember that he loves you and he promises to stay.

When you think you have to worry 'cause it seems the thing to do,
Remember he's not in a hurry, He's always got time for you.

Love him in the mornin' when you see the sun-a-risin;
Love him in the evenin' cause he took you through the day.

And in the in between times when you feel the pressure comin'
Remember that he loves you and he promises to stay.

SENDING

P: Go in peace! Serve the Lord!

C: Thanks be to God!



Meet Our Confirmands



Seidona Mae Brossia

Daughter of Joseph and Mary Brossia

Ephesians 4:1b-2 Lead a life worthy of the calling to which you have been called, with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love.

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Lindsey Christine Cashen

Daughter of Thomas and Heather Cashen

John 11:25-26 "I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die

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Megan Riley Hoeft

Daughter of Jeff and Denise Hoeft

John 14:6 Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.

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Shane Quinn O'Brien

Son of Shawn and Megan O'Brien

1 John 4:7-8 Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love

Jacob Timothy Titgemeyer

Son of Tim and Cebie Titgemeyer

Ephesians 2:8 For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God

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Love him in the evenin' cause he took you through the day.

And in the in between times when you feel the pressure comin'
Remember that he loves you and he promises to stay.

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 9:00 AM

In our Prayers

Audry S.-medical concerns

Jeff Wheeler– medical concerns

Carole Ambrose– medical concerns

Gary Carstensen- medical concerns

Clarence Smithers– medical concerns

Pat Sievert– medical concerns

Ronnie– medical concerns

Ken Sievert– medical concerns

Marilyn Sandroock– medical concerns

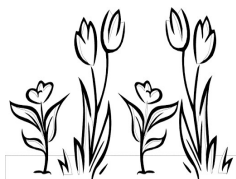
Frank and Joyce– medical concerns

Ray Fredrickson– medical concerns

Chuck Peart– medical concerns

ALTAR FLOWERS

The Altar flowers are given in celebration of Elaine Gruetter's birthday and given by the Robaszkiewicz, Jensen and Hagar families.



CHANCEL FLOWERS

The chancel flowers are given in loving memory of Joe Vargo's birthday and given by Rocky and Michelle Maix and family, Joe and Denese Vargo and family, Mike and Tracy Donnelly and family and Carol Vargo.



Esther Circle meeting will be on
Tuesday, Sept 7th at 2 PM in the Social Hall

Rebekah Circle meeting will be on
Tuesday, Sept 7th at 7 PM in the lounge.

SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 12TH
GOD'S WORK, OUR HANDS

If you would like to volunteer please sign up outside Pastor O'Brien's office or contact the church office.

SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 12TH
SUNDAY SCHOOL RALLY DAY
8:30am



SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 19TH
St John Annual Golf Outing

For information on registering a team or sponsoring a hole, please pick up forms outside the church office, view them online, or call the church office.

USHERS AND LECTORS NEEDED

If you would be willing to help , please sign up outside the church office. Now accepting volunteers through October. If you have any questions please see Pastor Shawn or contact the church office.

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.

