



“ Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick.

I came not to call the righteous, but sinners.

Matthew 9:12-13

**Welcome to St. John Lutheran Church
Saturday June 6, 2026 * 5:00 PM
2nd Saturday after Pentecost**

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PRELUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING SONG

Spirit Touching Spirit

In our worship we find new communion.
In our worship our spirits join in union.
In our worship our voices sing praise
To the Father above for his wonderful love.
It's his Spirit touching spirit that I love.
It's his Spirit touching spirit that changes my heart.
When our spirits combine, his love becomes mine,
and his Spirit can live in my heart.

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:

Hosea 5:15-6:6

- ¹⁵ I will return again to my place
until they acknowledge their guilt and seek my face.
In their distress they will beg my favor:
- ^{6:1} "Come, let us return to the LORD,
for it is he who has torn, and he will heal us;
he has struck down, and he will bind us up.
- ² After two days he will revive us;
on the third day he will raise us up,
that we may live before him.
- ³ Let us know, let us press on to know the LORD;
his appearing is as sure as the dawn;
he will come to us like the showers,
like the spring rains that water the earth."
- ⁴ What shall I do with you, O Ephraim?
What shall I do with you, O Judah?
Your love is like a morning cloud,
like the dew that goes away early.
- ⁵ Therefore I have hewn them by the prophets;
I have killed them by the words of my mouth,
and my judgment goes forth as the light.
- ⁶ For I desire steadfast love and not sacrifice,
the knowledge of God rather than burnt offerings.

SECOND READING

Romans 4:13-25

- ¹³ The promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. ¹⁴ For if it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. ¹⁵ For the law brings wrath, but where there is no law, neither is there transgression.
- ¹⁶ For this reason the promise depends on faith, in order that it may rest on grace, so that it may be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (who is the father of all of us, ¹⁷ as it is written, "I have made you the father of many nations"), in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist. ¹⁸ Hoping against hope, he believed that he would become "the father of many nations," according to what was said,

“So shall your descendants be.”¹⁹ He did not weaken in faith when he considered his own body, which was already as good as dead (for he was about a hundred years old), and the barrenness of Sarah’s womb.²⁰ No distrust made him waver concerning the promise of God, but he grew strong in his faith as he gave glory to God,²¹ being fully convinced that God was able to do what he had promised.²² Therefore “it was reckoned to him as righteousness.”²³ Now the words, “it was reckoned to him,” were written not for his sake alone²⁴ but for ours also. It will be reckoned to us who believe in him who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead,²⁵ who was handed over for our trespasses and was raised for our justification.

GOSPEL READING

Matthew 9:9-13, 18-26

⁹ As Jesus was walking along, he saw a man called Matthew sitting at the tax-collection station, and he said to him, “Follow me.” And he got up and followed him.

¹⁰ And as he sat at dinner in the house, many tax collectors and sinners came and were sitting with Jesus and his disciples.¹¹ When the Pharisees saw this, they said to his disciples, “Why does your teacher eat with tax collectors and sinners?”¹² But when he heard this, he said, “Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick.¹³ Go and learn what this means, ‘I desire mercy, not sacrifice.’ For I have not come to call the righteous but sinners.”

¹⁸ While he was saying these things to them, suddenly a leader came in and knelt before him, saying, “My daughter has just died, but come and lay your hand on her, and she will live.”¹⁹ And Jesus got up and followed him, with his disciples.²⁰ Then suddenly a woman who had been suffering from a flow of blood for twelve years came up behind him and touched the fringe of his cloak,²¹ for she was saying to herself, “If I only touch his cloak, I will be made well.”²² Jesus turned, and seeing her he said, “Take heart, daughter; your faith has made you well.” And the woman was made well from that moment.²³ When Jesus came to the leader’s house and saw the flute players and the crowd making a commotion,²⁴ he said, “Go away, for the girl is not dead but sleeping.” And they laughed at him.²⁵ But when the crowd had been put outside, he went in and took her by the hand, and the girl got up.²⁶ And the report of this spread through all of that district.

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

We Fall Down

We fall down ... we lay our crowns ... At the feet ... of Je-sus.
The great-ness of ... mercy and love ... At the feet ... of Je-sus.

Chorus

**And we cry holy, holy, holy. And we cry holy, holy, holy.
And we cry holy, holy, holy. Is the lamb.**

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 In Peace and Serve the Lord

Go in peace and serve the Lord. God is calling you today.
Go and tell Gospel news everywhere. Go in peace and serve the Lord.
God is calling you today to bring truth and love to every nation.

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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

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