



*Whoever does the  
will of God is my  
brother and sister  
and mother.*

Mark 3:35, NRSV

WELCOME TO ST. JOHN LUTHERAN CHURCH

Second Weekend after Pentecost

June 5th and June 6th



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**WELCOME  
ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**GATHERING HYMN**

**SHOUT TO THE NORTH**

Men of faith rise up and sing...of the great and glorious King.  
You are strong when you feel weak...in your brokenness complete.

**CHORUS**

**Shout to the North and the South. Sing to the East and the West.  
Jesus is Savior to all...Lord of Heaven and earth.**

Rise up wo-men of the truth...stand and sing to broken hearts.  
Who can know the healing power...of our awesome King of love. **CHORUS**

Rise up church with broken wings...fill this place..with songs again.  
Of our God..Who reigns on high...by His grace again we'll fly. **CHORUS**

We've been through fire...we've been through rain.  
We've been refined by the power of His name.  
We've fallen deeper...in love with You.  
You've burned the truth on our lips.

**CHORUS 2x**

Lord of heaven and earth.  
Lord of heaven and earth.  
Lord of heaven and earth.

**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**

**Genesis 3:8-15**

[Adam and Eve] heard the sound of the Lord God walking in the garden at the time of the evening breeze, and the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the Lord God among the trees of the garden. But the Lord God called to the man, and said to him, "Where are you?" He said, "I heard the sound of you in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked; and I hid myself." He said, "Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten from the tree of which I commanded you not to eat?" The man said, "The woman whom you gave to be with me, she gave me fruit from the tree, and I ate." Then the Lord God said to the woman, "What is this that you have done?" The woman said, "The serpent tricked me, and I ate." The Lord God said to the serpent,

"Because you have done this, cursed are you among all animals and among all wild creatures; upon your belly you shall go, and dust you shall eat all the days of your life. I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and hers; he will strike your head, and you will strike his heel."

### **SECOND READING**

**2 Corinthians 4:13--5:1**

Just as we have the same spirit of faith that is in accordance with scripture—"I believed, and so I spoke"—we also believe, and so we speak, because we know that the one who raised the Lord Jesus will raise us also with Jesus, and will bring us with you into his presence. Yes, everything is for your sake, so that grace, as it extends to more and more people, may increase thanksgiving, to the glory of God.

So we do not lose heart. Even though our outer nature is wasting away, our inner nature is being renewed day by day. For this slight momentary affliction is preparing us for an eternal weight of glory beyond all measure, because we look not at what can be seen but at what cannot be seen; for what can be seen is temporary, but what cannot be seen is eternal.

For we know that if the earthly tent we live in is destroyed, we have a building from God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens.

## **GOSPEL**

**Mark 3:20-35**

[Jesus went home;] and the crowd came together again, so that [Jesus and the disciples] could not even eat. When his family heard it, they went out to restrain him, for people were saying, "He has gone out of his mind." And the scribes who came down from Jerusalem said, "He has Beelzebul, and by the ruler of the demons he casts out demons." And he called them to him, and spoke to them in parables, "How can Satan cast out Satan? If a kingdom is divided against itself, that kingdom cannot stand. And if a house is divided against itself, that house will not be able to stand. And if Satan has risen up against himself and is divided, he cannot stand, but his end has come. But no one can enter a strong man's house and plunder his property without first tying up the strong man; then indeed the house can be plundered.

"Truly I tell you, people will be forgiven for their sins and whatever blasphemies they utter; but whoever blasphemes against the Holy Spirit can never have forgiveness, but is guilty of an eternal sin"—for they had said, "He has an unclean spirit."

Then his mother and his brothers came; and standing outside, they sent to him and called him. A crowd was sitting around him; and they said to him, "Your mother and your brothers and sisters are outside, asking for you." And he replied, "Who are my mother and my brothers?" And looking at those who sat around him, he said, "Here are my mother and my brothers! Whoever does the will of God is my brother and sister and mother."

## **SERMON**

**Pastor Bob Noble**

## **HYMN**

**Blessed Assurance**

Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine! O what a foretaste of glory divine!  
Heir of salvation, purchase of God, Born of His Spirit, washed in His blood.

### **CHORUS**

**This is my story, this is my song, Praising my Savior, all the day long;  
This is my story, this is my song, Praising my Savior, all the day long.**

Perfect submission, all is at rest, I in my Savior am happy and blessed,  
Watching and waiting, looking above,  
Filled with His goodness, lost in His love.

### **CHORUS**

Holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty!  
God in three persons, blessed Trinity.

## **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: Let us come before the triune God in prayer.

*A brief silence.*

Leader: God of wholeness, we pray for believers all over the globe. Unify us in service of the gospel, that we may work together as beloved siblings to share your love with all. Lord, in your mercy,

**ALL: hear our prayer.**

Leader: God of the cosmos, we pray for creation; the gardens, waterways and creatures near to us and diverse forms of life that remain unseen. Teach us to treat the natural world with reverence, seeking restoration when human divisions have caused harm to your beloved creation. Lord, in your mercy,

**ALL: hear our prayer.**

Leader: God of all people, we pray for harmony among the nations. Cast out from us unclean spirits of greed and fear, that we may work in solidarity with one another for the common good. Lord, in your mercy,

**ALL: hear our prayer.**

Leader: God of abundance, we pray for those who are oppressed or in any need. Encourage those who have begun to lose heart. Strengthen and renew us with your Spirit. Lord, in your mercy,

**ALL: hear our prayer.**

Leader: God of righteousness, we pray for this holy house of worship. Set our gaze upon things eternal, that in thanksgiving for your mercy, we may extend grace to more and more people. Lord, in your mercy,

**ALL: hear our prayer.**

Leader: God of the ages, in your goodness you have sent us faithful witnesses for every time and place. We give you thanks for those saints who now rest in your eternal mercy. Lord, in your mercy,

**ALL: hear our prayer.**

Leader: We lift our prayers to you, O God, trusting in your abiding grace.

**ALL: AMEN.**

## **OUR OFFERING**

### **OFFERING PRAYER**

Leader: Jesus, Savior, you have set this table with your very self, and called us to the feast of plenty. Gather what has been sown among us, and strengthen us in this meal. Make us to be what we receive here, your body for the life of the world.

**ALL: Amen.**

## **HOLY COMMUNION**

P: The Lord be with you!

**C: And also with you!**

P: Lift up your hearts.

**C: We lift them to the Lord.**

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.*

## **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

**All: 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**

### **PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

Leader: Jesus, Bread of life, we have received from your table more than we could ever ask. As you have nourished us in this meal, now strengthen us to love the world with your life. In your name we pray.

**ALL: 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**

### **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.

### **CHORUS**

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 CHORUS**

Go serve the Lord

### **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

Phyllis Parks- medical concerns

Jeff Wheeler- medical concerns

Ed and Ann- medical concerns

Evelyn Witty- medical concerns

Pat Sievert- medical concerns

Rocky Maix- medical concerns

Carole Ambrose- medical concerns

Betty Roecker- medical concerns

Dilly Schimming- medical concerns

## **Weekly Ushers**

Traci Brown and Diana Pfaff

## **Altar Flowers**

The Altar flowers are given in loving memory of Helen Schlievert and given by Linda Schlievert, and Carole and Paul Beamer.

## **Chancel Flowers**

The Chancel flowers are given in loving memory of Jennifer Johnson and given by Gary, Caleb, Luke and Aiden Johnson.

## **CAT AND DOG FOOD DRIVE!**

Christian Community Life is putting on a drive to collect cat and dog food, treats, or kitty litter for seniors who could use a little help with their animals. If you can help please drop off items at St John Church or Genoa Jewelers. Any help would be greatly appreciated.

## **VIRTUAL LECTORS NEEDED!**

We are looking for virtual lectors for August. If you haven't done a reading in a while and you be willing to help out, please contact Pastor Shawn.



**Esther Circle** meeting for July will be on **Tuesday, June 8<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 p.m.** in the Social Hall

**Rebekah Circle** will meet on Tuesday **evening June 8<sup>th</sup> at 7 PM** in the lounge.

*St. John Prayer Chain is there for you....*

***"Whatever you ask for in prayer with faith, you will receive."***

***Matthew 21:22***

When there is illness, a special need, or a time of thanksgiving in your family, or among friends or neighbors, you may wish to ask for the prayers of your sisters and brothers at St. John.

If such a need arises, call Pastor O'Brien (419-972-4003, cell ph 419-378-1112) or the church office (419-836-5514) who will begin the prayer chain. Please keep your message to the minimum to avoid any errors in passing it on. Thank you!