

**... he went away, proclaiming
throughout the city how much
Jesus had done for him.**



Luke 8:39, NRSV

Welcome to St. John Lutheran Church
Second Weekend after Pentecost
Sunday June 19th, 2022



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ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Leader: Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God, whose steadfast love endures forever.

ALL: Amen.

Leader: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P: Merciful God ,

ALL: we confess that we have not followed your path but have chosen our own way. Instead of putting others before ourselves, we long to take the best seats at the table. When we met by those in need, we have too often passed by on the other side. Set us again on the path of life. Save us from ourselves and free us to love our neighbors. Amen.

Leader: Hear the good news! God does not deal with us according to our sins but delights in granting pardon and mercy. In the name of Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. You are free to love as God loves.

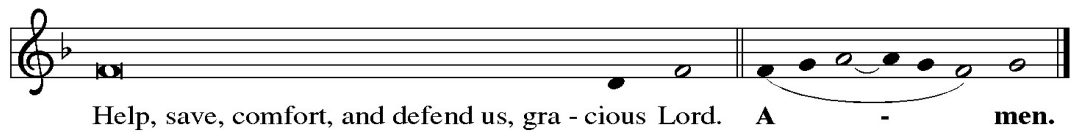
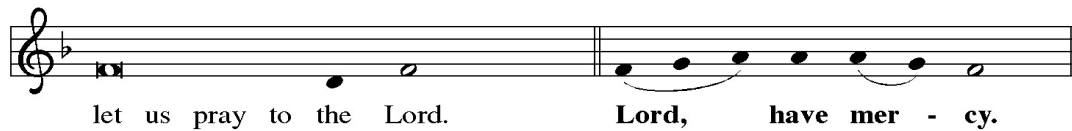
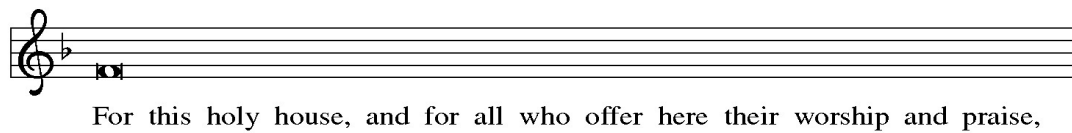
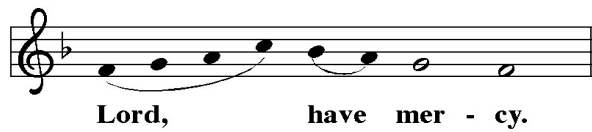
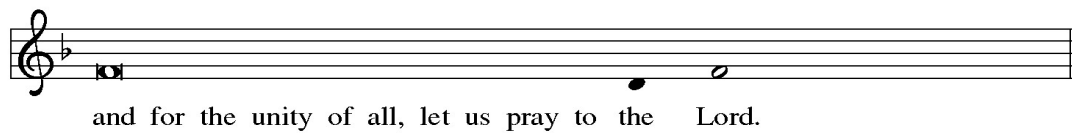
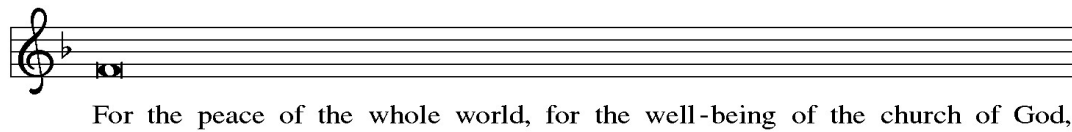
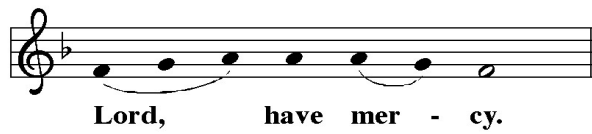
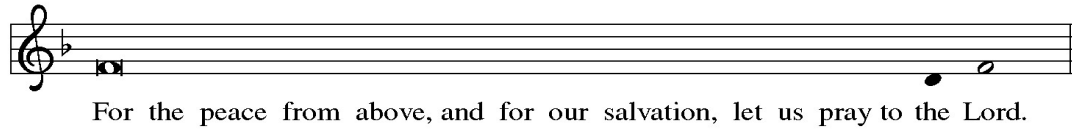
ALL: Amen.

GATHERING SONG How Sweet the Name of Jesus Sounds Hymn #620

GREETING AND KYRIE

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: And also with you.



This Is the Feast

Refrain

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,

al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb

who was slain, whose blood set us free to be peo - ple of God.

Refrain

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,

al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 2 Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and

strength, and hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are his.

Refrain

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,

al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 3 Sing with all the peo - ple of

God, and join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless - ing, hon - or,

glo - ry, and might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.

Refrain

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,
 al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 4 For the Lamb who was
 slain has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.

Final refrain

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.
 Al-le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

P: The Lord be with you. **C: And also with you.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Leader: Let us pray ...

O Lord God, we bring before you the cries of a sorrowing world. In your mercy set us free from the chains that bind us, and defend us from everything that is evil, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

ALL: Amen.

FIRST READING

Isaiah 65:1-9

I was ready to be sought out by those who did not ask, to be found by those who did not seek me. I said, "Here I am, here I am," to a nation that did not call on my name. I held out my hands all day long to a rebellious people, who walk in a way that is not good, following their own devices; a people who provoke me to my face continually, sacrificing in gardens and offering incense on bricks; who sit inside tombs, and spend the night in secret places; who eat swine's flesh, with broth of abominable things in their vessels; who say, "Keep to yourself, do not come near me, for I am too holy for you." These are a smoke in my nostrils, a fire that burns all day long. See, it is written before me: I will not keep silent, but I will repay; I will indeed repay into their laps their

iniquities and their ancestors' iniquities together, says the LORD; because they offered incense on the mountains and reviled me on the hills, I will measure into their laps full payment for their actions. Thus says the LORD: As the wine is found in the cluster, and they say, "Do not destroy it, for there is a blessing in it," so I will do for my servants' sake, and not destroy them all. I will bring forth descendants from Jacob, and from Judah inheritors of my mountains; my chosen shall inherit it, and my servants shall settle there.

The Word of the Lord.... C: Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING

Galatians 3:23-29

Therefore, since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. And not only that, but we also boast in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us.

The word of the Lord.... C: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

GOSPEL

Luke 8:26-39

Then [Jesus and his disciples] arrived at the country of the Gerasenes, which is opposite Galilee. As he stepped out on land, a man of the city who had demons met him. For a long time he had worn no clothes, and he did not live in a house but in the tombs. When he saw Jesus, he fell down before him and shouted at the top of his voice, "What have you to do with me, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I beg you, do not torment me"—for Jesus had commanded the unclean spirit to come out of the man. (For many times it had seized him;

he was kept under guard and bound with chains and shackles, but he would break the bonds and be driven by the demon into the wilds.) Jesus then asked him, "What is your name?" He said, "Legion"; for many demons had entered him. They begged him not to order them to go back into the abyss.

Now there on the hillside a large herd of swine was feeding; and the demons begged Jesus to let them enter these. So he gave them permission. Then the demons came out of the man and entered the swine, and the herd rushed down the steep bank into the lake and was drowned.

When the swineherds saw what had happened, they ran off and told it in the city and in the country. Then people came out to see what had happened, and when they came to Jesus, they found the man from whom the demons had gone sitting at the feet of Jesus, clothed and in his right mind. And they were afraid. Those who had seen it told them how the one who had been possessed by demons had been healed. Then all the people of the surrounding country of the Gerasenes asked Jesus to leave them; for they were seized with great fear. So he got into the boat and returned. The man from whom the demons had gone begged that he might be with him; but Jesus sent him away, saying, "Return to your home, and declare how much God has done for you." So he went away, proclaiming throughout the city how much Jesus had done for him.

The Gospel of the Lord. C: Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

Pastor Shawn O'Brien

HYMN Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness

Hymn #843

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

P: God of grace,

C: Hear our prayer.

OFFERING

Leader: Let us pray. Merciful God...

All: you have set before us a plentiful harvest. As we feast on your goodness, strengthen us to labor in your field, and equip us to bear fruit for the good of all, in the name of Jesus. Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

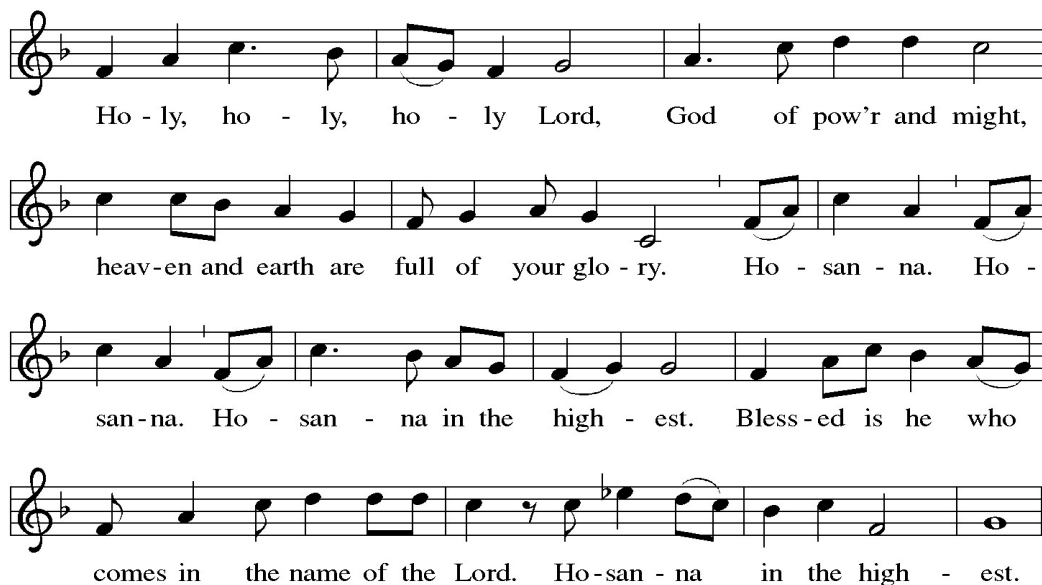
P: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them to the Lord.

P: Let us give thank to the Lord our God.

C: It is right to give God thanks and praise.

P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ, who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



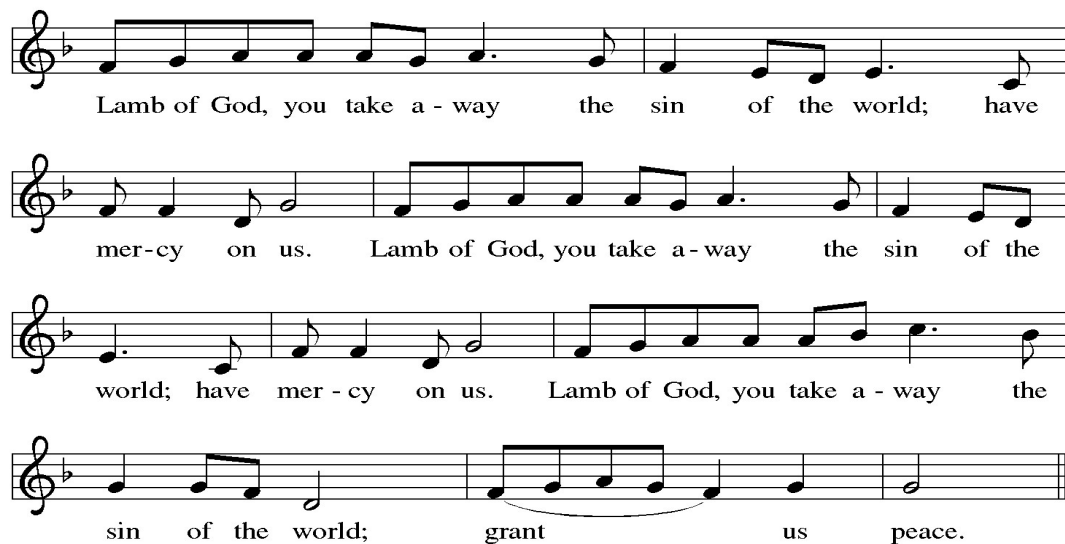
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,
heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na. Ho -
san-na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless-ed is he who
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san - na in the high - est.

THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

THE 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

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. You may consume the elements when you return to your pew or wait until you get outside if that is a more comfortable place for you to eat and drink. Those who do not commune are welcome to come forward to receive a blessing. Indicate this by crossing your arms on your chest.



BLESSING

Leader: The God of peace, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, bless you, comfort you, and show you the path of life this day and always.

ALL: Amen

SENDING SONG

Oh, For a Thousand Tongues to Sing

Hymn #396

DISMISSAL

Leader: Go in peace. Love your neighbor.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Weekly Announcements



This Week at St. John

Mon: Bible Study 10 AM
Tues: Blankets 9 AM
Wed: Northwood McDonalds
Williston Encounter 12pm
Sat: Worship 5:00 PM
Sun: Worship 9:00 AM

In Our Prayers

Audry S.-medical concerns
Marilyn Sandrock– medical concerns
Carolyn Lasseter– medical concerns
Dan Jeffers– medical concerns
Lauren Studer– medical concerns
Betty Roecker– medical concerns
Gary Carstensen– medical concerns

SERVING THIS WEEK

Lector:

Usher: The Titgemeyer's

Acolyte: Lucas Titgemeyer

ALTAR FLOWERS

The altar flowers are given to the Glory of God, in memory of Don and Tim Berger on Father's Day and honoring all fathers, past and present. These are given by Margaret, Dan and Pam, Cheryl Berger and family.

CHANCEL FLOWERS

The chancel flowers are given to the Glory of God, in memory of Patricia Delventhal and given by her family.

USHERS AND LECTORS NEEDED

We are looking to resume our usher and lector rotations to have a little bit more of a regular schedule. If we can get even a small list of volunteers it would work out serving once a month, maybe less. If you would be willing to help, please reply to this email, speak to Pastor O'Brien, or contact a member of the Worship Life Committee.

Don't forget, we still need weekly volunteers until the schedule is finalized. If you are able to help out THIS week, please contact the church office.

OUR BLESSING BOX

Mini Pantry has been used quite a bit recently. To help restock we need cereal and canned vegetables. When you are shopping this week, consider purchasing a few extra items and bringing them to the church. Thank you!

SUMMER OFFICE HOURS

Starting Monday June 6th

Mondays: 8:30am-2:30pm

Tuesdays: CLOSED

Wednesdays: 8:30am-2:30pm

Thursdays: 8:30am-2:30pm

Friday: 8:30am-2:30pm

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

St. John Lutheran Church presents...

WILLISTON ENCOUNTER



**Everyone
is Invited!**

FREE Lunch

Wednesdays in June*

June 10 - June 29, 2022 @ 12:00pm

St. John Lutheran Church in Williston
is serving a FREE lunch Wednesdays at noon until 1:30pm
throughout the month of June.

Each week a new activity is planned for kids of all ages.

June 10* - VBS Week -

*note that lunch is on Friday this week following VBS

June 15 - Ottawa County Sheriff's K-9 Unit

June 22 - Carnival with games and prizes

June 29 - Hot Dogs, Ice Cream, and Wiffle Ball

(schedule subject to change as weather permits)

Come for lunch and stay for the fun!

Questions—419-836-5514

*(Williston Encounter is a ministry of St. John Lutheran Church
to reach out to people of the community.)*

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