

# Fourth Sunday After Pentecost

June 21, 2026 | 8:30 AM



**St. John's**  
LUTHERAN CHURCH & SCHOOL

## WELCOME AND INVOCATION

### OPENING HYMN      “How Wide the Love of Christ”

**LSB 535**

How wide the love of Christ! It knows not class or race  
But holds our one humanity Within its broad embrace.

How long the love of Christ! Its patience will not cease  
Until this broken world is bound In everlasting peace.

How high the love of Christ! Beyond all thought it soars,  
And yet upon our passing lives Unmeasured mercy pours.

How deep the love of Christ, Descending to a cross!  
He bears within His wounded hands All human pain and loss.

All praise to You, O Christ, For love whose depth and height,  
Whose length and breadth fill time and space With endless life and light!

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## **CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION**

With confidence in Christ, let us confess our sins to God our Father.

Merciful God,

**You never fail to come to us by Your Word and Spirit. Your Word alone gives life, but we are distracted from receiving and obeying Your Word. In our thinking, speaking, and doing, we have done what Your Word forbids, and we have failed to do what Your Word commands. Thank You for being a wonderful Father and a merciful Savior! Bring us again to the foot of Jesus' cross that we may receive the forgiveness we so desperately need.**

Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

## **KYRIE**

**LSB 204**

Lord, have mercy;  
Christ, have mercy;  
Lord, have mercy.

# GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

LSB 204



1 To God on high be glo - ry And peace to all the earth;  
2 To You, O sole-be - got - ten, The Fa - ther's Son, we pray;  
3 For You a - lone are ho - ly; You on - ly are the Lord.



Good-will from God in heav - en Pro-claimed at Je-sus' birth!  
O Lamb of God, our Sav - ior, You take our sins a - way.  
For - ev - er and for - ev - er, Be wor-shiped and a - dored;



We praise and bless You, Fa - ther; Your ho - ly name, we sing—  
Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus; Re - ceive our heart - felt cry,  
You with the Ho - ly Spir - it A - lone are Lord Most High,



Our thanks for Your great glo - ry, Lord God, our heav'n-ly King.  
Where You in pow'r are seat-ed At God's right hand on high—  
In God the Fa - ther's glo - ry. "A - men!" our glad re - ply.

Text: Stephen P. Starke

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

Almighty and most merciful God, You sent Your Son, Jesus Christ, to seek and to save the lost. Graciously open our ears and our hearts to hear His call and to follow Him by faith that we may feast with Him forever in His kingdom; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

<sup>7</sup>O Lord, you have deceived me, and I was deceived; you are stronger than I, and you have prevailed. I have become a laughingstock all the day; everyone mocks me. <sup>8</sup>For whenever I speak, I cry out, I shout, "Violence and destruction!" For the word of the Lord has become for me a reproach and derision all day long. <sup>9</sup>If I say, "I will not mention him, or speak any more in his name," there is in my heart as it were a burning fire shut up in my bones, and I am weary with holding it in, and I cannot. <sup>10</sup>For I hear many whispering. Terror is on every side! "Denounce him! Let us denounce him!" say all my close friends, watching for my fall. "Perhaps he will be deceived; then we can overcome him and take our revenge on him." <sup>11</sup>But the Lord is with me as a dread warrior; therefore my persecutors will stumble; they will not overcome me. They will be greatly shamed, for they will not succeed. Their eternal dishonor will never be forgotten. <sup>12</sup>O Lord of hosts, who tests the righteous, who sees the heart and the mind, let me see your vengeance upon them, for to you have I committed my cause. <sup>13</sup>Sing to the Lord; praise the Lord! For he has delivered the life of the needy from the hand of evildoers.

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

<sup>12</sup>Let not sin therefore reign in your mortal bodies, to make you obey their passions. <sup>13</sup>Do not present your members to sin as instruments for unrighteousness, but present yourselves to God as those who have been brought from death to life, and your members to God as instruments for righteousness. <sup>14</sup>For sin will have no dominion over you, since you are not under law but under grace. <sup>15</sup>What then? Are we to sin because we are not under law but under grace? By no means! <sup>16</sup>Do you not know that if you present yourselves to anyone as obedient slaves, you are slaves of the one whom you obey, either of sin, which leads to death, or of obedience, which leads to righteousness? <sup>17</sup>But thanks be to God, that you who were once slaves of sin have become obedient from the heart to the standard of teaching to which you were committed, <sup>18</sup>and, having been set free from sin, have become slaves of righteousness. <sup>19</sup>I am speaking in human terms, because of your natural limitations. For just as you once presented your members as slaves to impurity and to lawlessness leading to more lawlessness, so now present your members as slaves to righteousness leading to sanctification. <sup>20</sup>When you were slaves of sin, you were free in regard to righteousness. <sup>21</sup>But what fruit were you getting at that time from the things of which you are now ashamed? The end of those things is death. <sup>22</sup>But now that you have been set free from sin and have become slaves of God, the fruit you get leads to sanctification and its end, eternal life. <sup>23</sup>For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**ALLELUIA AND VERSE****LSB 205**

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

These things are written that you may believe

That Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the tenth chapter.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>5</sup>These twelve Jesus sent out, instructing them... <sup>21</sup>“Brother will deliver brother over to death, and the father his child, and children will rise against parents and have them put to death, <sup>22</sup>and you will be hated by all for my name’s sake. But the one who endures to the end will be saved. <sup>23</sup>When they persecute you in one town, flee to the next, for truly, I say to you, you will not have gone through all the towns of Israel before the Son of Man comes. <sup>24</sup>“A disciple is not above his teacher, nor a servant above his master. <sup>25</sup>It is enough for the disciple to be like his teacher, and the servant like his master. If they have called the master of the house Beelzebul, how much more will they malign those of his household. <sup>26</sup>“So have no fear of them, for nothing is covered that will not be revealed, or hidden that will not be known. <sup>27</sup>What I tell you in the dark, say in the light, and what you hear whispered, proclaim on the housetops. <sup>28</sup>And do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul. Rather fear him who can destroy both soul and body in hell. <sup>29</sup>Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? And not one of them will fall to the ground apart from your Father. <sup>30</sup>But even the hairs of your head are all numbered. <sup>31</sup>Fear not, therefore; you are of more value than many sparrows. <sup>32</sup>So everyone who acknowledges me before men, I also will acknowledge before my Father who is in heaven, <sup>33</sup>but whoever denies me before men, I also will deny before my Father who is in heaven.”

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to You, O Christ.****CHILDREN’S MESSAGE**

**HYMN OF THE DAY “How Firm a Foundation” LSB 728, vv. 1-2, 4-5**

How firm a foundation, O saints of the Lord,  
Is laid for your faith in His excellent Word!  
What more can He say than to you He has said  
Who unto the Savior for refuge have fled?

“Fear not! I am with you, O be not dismayed,  
For I am your God and will still give you aid;  
I’ll strengthen you, help you, and cause you to stand,  
Upheld by My righteous, omnipotent hand.

“When through fiery trials your pathway will lie,  
My grace, all-sufficient, will be your supply.  
The flames will not hurt you; I only design  
Your dross to consume and your gold to refine.

“Throughout all their lifetime My people will prove  
My sov’ reign, eternal, unchangeable love;  
And then, when gray hairs will their temples adorn,  
Like lambs they will still in My bosom be borne.”

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**SERMON**

**“The Father’s Way”**

**Pastor Snow**

**+ Sermon Notes +**

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## **NICENE CREED**

**I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.**

**And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.**

**And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

## **PRAYER FOR FATHERS**

As a loving father cares for his children, so You, O God, have compassion for us. Look with favor on all those men who are called to guide and protect their families. Hold them in Your good care and guard them from the temptations of this world, from selfishness, and from apathy. Strengthen them for the holy task you have given to them with wisdom guided by faith. Let these men constantly lean on your forgiveness; by Your grace let their legacy of faith endure for generations to come.

**Amen.**

**HYMN****“Our Father, by Whose Name”****LSB 863, v. 1**

Our Father, by whose name All fatherhood is known,  
Who dost in love proclaim Each family Thine own,  
Bless Thou all parents, guarding well, With constant love as sentinel,  
The homes in which Thy people dwell.

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**PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

Let us pray for the whole Church of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

Merciful God, in Christ You have removed the wages of sin and given the free gift of eternal life. Cultivate that life within us, that we may conform our lives to Your holy teaching and bear fruit that befits repentance. Lord, in Your mercy,

**hear our prayer.**

O Father, not one of the sparrows falls to the ground apart from You. Look with favor upon all who are sick, weary, grieving or lonely, especially... Grant that they know how You value Your children and graciously care for them. Lord, in Your mercy,

**hear our prayer.**

Lord of life, grant that all who partake of the Holy Communion today would present themselves as those brought out of death into life, repent of their transgressions, and gratefully receive Your Son's body and blood for the forgiveness of their sins. Lord, in Your mercy,

**hear our prayer.**

All these things and whatever else You know that we need, grant us, Father, for the sake of Him who died and rose again and now lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God forever.

**Amen.**

## OFFERING

### **OFFERTORY      “Voices Raised to You We Offer”      LSB 795, vv. 1, 5**

Voices raised to You we offer; Tune them, God, for songs of praise.  
Hearts and hands we bring in tribute For Your gifts through all our days.  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Triune God, to You we sing!

How can any praise we offer Measure all the thanks we owe?  
Take our hearts and hands and voices— Gifts of love we can bestow.  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Triune God, to You we sing!

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### **PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

Blessed are You, O Lord our God, king of all creation, for You have had mercy on us and given Your only-begotten Son that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life.

We give You thanks for the redemption You have prepared for us through Jesus Christ. Grant us Your Holy Spirit that we may faithfully eat and drink of the fruits of His cross and receive the blessings of forgiveness, life, and salvation that come to us in His body and blood.

Hear us as we pray in His name and as He has taught us:

### **LORD’S PRAYER**

**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.**

## **THE WORDS OF OUR LORD**

Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

## **PAX DOMINI**

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**Amen.**

## **AGNUS DEI**

**LSB 210**

O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God, You take the sin of the world away;  
O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God, Have mercy on us, Lord, we pray.

O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God, You take the sin of the world away;  
Have mercy on us, Jesus Christ, And grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.

Text: Stephen P. Starke

*Please be seated.*

## COMMUNION AT ST. JOHN'S

*The Lord's Supper is celebrated at this congregation in the confession and glad confidence that, as He says, our Lord gives into our mouths not only bread and wine, but His very body and blood. This we eat and drink for the forgiveness of sins and to strengthen our union with Him and with one another. Our Lord invites to His table those who trust His words, repent of all sin, and set aside any refusal to forgive and love as He forgives and loves us, that they may show forth His death until He comes. Because those who eat and drink our Lord's body and blood unworthily do so to their great harm, and because Holy Communion is a confession of the faith which is confessed at this altar, any who are not yet instructed, in doubt, or who hold to a confession differing from that of this congregation and The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod, and yet desire to receive the sacrament, are asked to first speak with the pastor or an elder. For further readings in Scripture, we suggest Matthew 5:23f.; 10:32f.; 18:15-35; 26:26-29; 1 Cor. 11:17-34.*

- **Communicants will receive elements in a continuous fashion, called *"Kneel and Replace"*.**
- **If you would like the pastor to bring communion to you, please inform an usher anytime during the service.**
- **Children of all ages may join their parents and receive a special blessing.**
- **For those who desire it, non-alcoholic wine is available in the center ring of the tray of individual cups.**
- **Individual cups may be deposited in the wooden box on the wall.**

### **\*KNEEL AND REPLACE**

*We have begun using a new pattern for receiving Holy Communion called "Kneel and Replace." When invited forward, communicants are asked to come to the communion rail and kneel to receive the Lord's Supper. After you have received the Body and Blood of Christ, in with and under the bread and the wine:*

1. *Pause briefly in reverence and thanksgiving.*
  2. *Rise and return to your seat.*
  3. *As you leave the rail, those waiting behind you may then come forward and take your place.*
- This allows all communicants to receive the Sacrament prayerfully, reverently, and in good order. If kneeling is difficult for you, you are welcome to stand at the rail instead.*

## DISTRIBUTION

**HYMN****“Thy Body, Given for Me, O Savior”****LSB 619**

Thy body, giv'n for me, O Savior,  
Thy blood which Thou for me didst shed,  
These are my life and strength forever,  
By them my hungry soul is fed. **Refrain**

**Refrain**

Lord, may Thy body and Thy blood  
Be for my soul the highest good!

With Thee, Lord, I am now united;  
I live in Thee and Thou in me.  
No sorrow fills my soul, delighted  
It finds its only joy in Thee. **Refrain**

Who can condemn me now? For surely  
The Lord is nigh, who justifies.  
No hell I fear, and thus securely  
With Jesus I to heaven rise. **Refrain**

Though death may threaten with disaster,  
It cannot rob me of my cheer;  
For He who is of death the master  
With aid and comfort e'er is near. **Refrain**

My heart has now become Thy dwelling,  
O blessèd, holy Trinity.  
With angels I, Thy praises telling,  
Shall live in joy eternally. **Refrain**

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**HYMN****“What Is This Bread”****LSB 629**

What is this bread? Christ’s body risen from the dead:  
 This bread we break, This life we take,  
 Was crushed to pay for our release. O taste and see—the Lord is peace.

What is this wine? The blood of Jesus shed for mine;  
 The cup of grace Brings His embrace  
 Of life and love until I sing! O taste and see—the Lord is King.

So who am I, That I should live and He should die  
 Under the rod? My God, my God,  
 Why have You not forsaken me? O taste and see—the Lord is free.

Yet is God here? Oh, yes! By Word and promise clear,  
 In mouth and soul He makes us whole—  
 Christ, truly present in this meal. O taste and see—the Lord is real.

Is this for me? I am forgiven and set free!  
 I do believe That I receive  
 His very body and His blood. O taste and see—the Lord is good.

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**HYMN****“Jesus! Name of Wondrous Love”****LSB 900**

Jesus! Name of wondrous love,  
 Name all other names above,  
 Unto which must ev’ry knee  
 Bow in deep humility.

Jesus! Name of mercy mild,  
 Given to the holy Child  
 When the cup of human woe  
 First He tasted here below.

Jesus! Name decreed of old,  
 To the maiden mother told,  
 Kneeling in her lowly cell,  
 By the angel Gabriel.

Jesus! Only name that’s giv’n  
 Under all the mighty heav’n  
 Whereby those to sin enslaved  
 Burst their fetters and are saved.

Jesus! Name of priceless worth  
 To the fallen of the earth  
 For the promise that it gave,  
 “Jesus shall His people save.”

Jesus! Name of wondrous love,  
 Human name of God above;  
 Pleading only this, we flee  
 Helpless, O our God, to Thee.

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## **NUNC DIMITTIS**

**LSB 211**

O Lord, now let Your servant Depart in heav'nly peace,  
For I have seen the glory Of Your redeeming grace:  
A light to lead the Gentiles Unto Your holy hill,  
The glory of Your people, Your chosen Israel.

All glory to the Father, All glory to the Son,  
All glory to the Spirit, Forever Three in One;  
For as in the beginning, Is now, shall ever be,  
God's triune name resounding Through all eternity.

## **DISMISSAL**

## **BENEDICTION**

**CLOSING HYMN****“Sent Forth by God’s Blessing”****LSB 643**

Sent forth by God’s blessing,  
Our true faith confessing,  
The people of God from His dwelling take leave.  
The Supper is ended.  
O now be extended  
The fruits of this service in all who believe.  
The seed of His teaching,  
Receptive souls reaching,  
Shall blossom in action for God and for all.  
His grace did invite us,  
His love shall unite us  
To work for God’s kingdom and answer His call.

With praise and thanksgiving  
To God ever-living,  
The tasks of our ev’ryday life we will face.  
Our faith ever sharing,  
In love ever caring,  
Embracing His children of each tribe and race.  
With Your feast You feed us,  
With Your light now lead us;  
Unite us as one in this life that we share.  
Then may all the living  
With praise and thanksgiving  
Give honor to Christ and His name that we bear.

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**SENDING**

Go in peace, serve the Lord.

**Thanks be to God!**

## + Today's Worship Servants +

### WORSHIP LEADERS

Preacher: Pastor Snow

Liturgist: Pastor Barry

Organist: Kristin Johnson

### WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

Elders: Paul DeRocher

Communion Asst: Gayle Degler, Jim Hofer, Chris Mundahl

Usher Team: Mark Asmus

Welcome Team: Gayle Degler

Tech Crew: Adam Breczinski, Zach Brooks, Hunter Krueger

Coffee Hour: 9:30 Steve and Ruth Vance

Banner & Paraments: Joan Bode

### Today at St. John's

8:30AM | Traditional Worship with Communion

10:00AM | Blended Worship with Communion

### Upcoming Week

Monday, June 22	5:15 PM Monday Night Meal
	7:00 PM AA
Wednesday, June 24	5:30 PM Family Faith Night at Christ Victorious
Friday, June 26	6:30 PM AA
Sunday, June 28	8:30/10:00 AM Worship
	9:30 AM Intergenerational Bible Study

### Thank you for worshipping with St. John's today!

If this is your first time at St. John's, we invite you to fill out a CONNECTCard located at the Welcome Desk or by using the QR code. We look forward to CONNECT-ing with you.



# Weekly Word Preview

Read all these stories at [stjohnschaska.org/word](http://stjohnschaska.org/word), scan the QR code, or pick up a printed copy at the back of the church.



This summer, St. John's Lutheran Church and Christ Victorious Lutheran Church invite you to Family Faith Nights, intergenerational evenings filled with faith teaching, food, and fun. We'll gather from 5:30-7:00 PM at St. John's on the evenings of July 8, and August 5, and at Christ Victorious on June 24, July 22, and August 19.

