

Fifth Sunday After Pentecost

June 28, 2026 | 8:30 & 10:00 AM



St. John's
LUTHERAN CHURCH & SCHOOL

WELCOME AND INVOCATION

OPENING HYMN “Lord of Glory, You Have Bought Us” LSB 851

Lord of glory, You have bought us With Your lifeblood as the price,
Never grudging for the lost ones That tremendous sacrifice;
And with that have freely given Blessings countless as the sand
To the_unthankful and the evil With Your own unsparing hand.

Grant us hearts, dear Lord, to give You Gladly, freely of Your own.
With the sunshine of Your goodness Melt our thankless hearts of stone
Till our cold and selfish natures, Warmed by You, at length believe
That more happy and more blessed 'Tis to give than to receive.

Wondrous honor You have given To our humblest charity
In Your own mysterious sentence, “You have done it all to Me.”
Can it be, O gracious Master, That You deign for alms to sue,
Saying by Your poor and needy, “Give as I have giv'n to you”?

Lord of glory, You have bought us With Your lifeblood as the price,
Never grudging for the lost ones That tremendous sacrifice.
Give us faith to trust You boldly, Hope, to stay our souls on You;
But, oh, best of all Your graces, With Your love our love renew.

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BAPTISM (10:00)

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Wesley's sponsors are Hannah and Vinny Herelle.*

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Friends in Christ, let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins to God our Father, calling on Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

Our help is in the name of the Lord,
Who made heaven and earth. (*Psalm 124:8*)

I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,
And You forgave the iniquity of my sin. (*Psalm 32:5*)

Holy and gracious God,
I confess that I have sinned against You this day. Some of my sin I know—the thoughts and words and deeds of which I am ashamed—but some is known only to You. In the name of Jesus Christ, I ask for forgiveness. Deliver me according to Your mercy and grant peace to my heart so that I may serve You with all my mind, body, and soul.

By the mercy of God, we are redeemed by Jesus Christ, and in Him we are forgiven. 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.

He who began this good work within you will bring it to completion on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. The peace of the Lord be with you.

And also with you. Amen.

HYMN OF PRAISE “All Glory Be to God on High” (Tune: LSB 805)

All glory be to God on high!
Your name, O Lord, we glorify;
We praise You for Your peace and grace,
Your favor toward our fallen race.

Our grateful thanks to You we bring,
For Your great glory, heav'nly King,
For all, O Father, You have done
Through Jesus Christ, Your only Son.

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PRAYER OF THE DAY

Almighty God, by the working of Your Holy Spirit, grant that we may gladly hear Your Word proclaimed among us and follow its directing; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Jeremiah 28:5-9

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⁵Then the prophet Jeremiah spoke to Hananiah the prophet in the presence of the priests and all the people who were standing in the house of the Lord, ⁶and the prophet Jeremiah said, “Amen! May the Lord do so; may the Lord make the words that you have prophesied come true, and bring back to this place from Babylon the vessels of the house of the Lord, and all the exiles. ⁷Yet hear now this word that I speak in your hearing and in the hearing of all the people. ⁸The prophets who preceded you and me from ancient times prophesied war, famine, and pestilence against many countries and great kingdoms. ⁹As for the prophet who prophesies peace, when the word of that prophet comes to pass, then it will be known that the Lord has truly sent the prophet.”

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

¹Or do you not know, brothers—for I am speaking to those who know the law—that the law is binding on a person only as long as he lives?
²Thus a married woman is bound by law to her husband while he lives, but if her husband dies she is released from the law of marriage.
³Accordingly, she will be called an adulteress if she lives with another man while her husband is alive. But if her husband dies, she is free from that law, and if she marries another man she is not an adulteress.
⁴Likewise, my brothers, you also have died to the law through the body of Christ, so that you may belong to another, to him who has been raised from the dead, in order that we may bear fruit for God. ⁵For while we were living in the flesh, our sinful passions, aroused by the law, were at work in our members to bear fruit for death. ⁶But now we are released from the law, having died to that which held us captive, so that we serve not under the old written code but in the new life of the Spirit.
⁷What then shall we say? That the law is sin? By no means! Yet if it had not been for the law, I would not have known sin. I would not have known what it is to covet if the law had not said, “You shall not covet.”
⁸But sin, seizing an opportunity through the commandment, produced in me all kinds of covetousness. Apart from the law, sin lies dead. ⁹I was once alive apart from the law, but when the commandment came, sin came alive and I died. ¹⁰The very commandment that promised life proved to be death to me. ¹¹For sin, seizing an opportunity through the commandment, deceived me and through it killed me. ¹²So the law is holy, and the commandment is holy and righteous and good. ¹³Did that which is good, then, bring death to me? By no means! It was sin, producing death in me through what is good, in order that sin might be shown to be sin, and through the commandment might become sinful beyond measure.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

HYMN “Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word”

LSB 655, v. 1

Lord, keep us steadfast in Your Word;
Curb those who by deceit or sword
Would wrest the kingdom from Your Son
And bring to naught all He has done.

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HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 10:34-42

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

Glory to you, O Lord.

³⁴[Jesus said:] “Do not think that I have come to bring peace to the earth. I have not come to bring peace, but a sword. ³⁵For I have come to set a man against his father, and a daughter against her mother, and a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law. ³⁶And a person’s enemies will be those of his own household. ³⁷Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me, and whoever loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me. ³⁸And whoever does not take his cross and follow me is not worthy of me. ³⁹Whoever finds his life will lose it, and whoever loses his life for my sake will find it. ⁴⁰“Whoever receives you receives me, and whoever receives me receives him who sent me. ⁴¹The one who receives a prophet because he is a prophet will receive a prophet’s reward, and the one who receives a righteous person because he is a righteous person will receive a righteous person’s reward. ⁴²And whoever gives one of these little ones even a cup of cold water because he is a disciple, truly, I say to you, he will by no means lose his reward.”

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to You, O Christ.

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

HYMN OF THE DAY

“Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus”

LSB 685

Let us ever walk with Jesus, Follow His example pure,
Through a world that would deceive us And to sin our spirits lure.
Onward in His footsteps treading, Pilgrims here, our home above,
Full of faith and hope and love, Let us do the Father’s bidding.
Faithful Lord, with me abide; I shall follow where You guide.

Let us suffer here with Jesus And with patience bear our cross.
Joy will follow all our sadness; Where He is, there is no loss.
Though today we sow no laughter, We shall reap celestial joy;
All discomforts that annoy Shall give way to mirth hereafter.
Jesus, here I share Your woe; Help me there Your joy to know.

Let us gladly die with Jesus. Since by death He conquered death,
He will free us from destruction, Give to us immortal breath.
Let us mortify all passion That would lead us into sin;
And the grave that shuts us in Shall but prove the gate to heaven.
Jesus, here with You I die, There to live with You on high.

Let us also live with Jesus. He has risen from the dead
That to life we may awaken. Jesus, You are now our head.
We are Your own living members; Where You live, there we shall be
In Your presence constantly, Living there with You forever.
Jesus, let me faithful be, Life eternal grant to me.

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SERMON

“Above All Else”

Pastor Barry

+ Sermon Notes +

RESPONSE HYMN “Jesus, Thy Boundless Love to Me” LSB 683, vv. 1-2

Jesus, Thy boundless love to me No thought can reach, no tongue declare;
Unite my thankful heart to Thee, And reign without a rival there!
Thine wholly, Thine alone I am; Be Thou alone my constant flame.

O grant that nothing in my soul May dwell, but Thy pure love alone;
Oh, may Thy love possess me whole, My joy, my treasure, and my crown!
All coldness from my heart remove; My ev'ry act, word, thought be love.

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OFFERING

OFFERTORY “We Give Thee But Thine Own” LSB 781, vv. 1-2

We give Thee but Thine own,
Whate'er the gift may be;
All that we have is Thine alone,
A trust, O Lord, from Thee.

May we Thy bounties thus
As stewards true receive
And gladly, as Thou blessest us,
To Thee our firstfruits give!

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APOSTLES' CREED (8:30)

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His 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 into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the Communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Prince of Peace, help us by Your Word and Spirit to search our hearts and to root out the evil that would lead to strife and division. Give us peace that the world can not give. Fill us with the zeal for the work of Your Church and the proclamation of the Gospel of Jesus Christ, which alone brings peace. Lord, in Your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Lord God, heavenly Father, You are the Builder and Sustainer of Your Church. We remember Pastor Barry as he deliberates the call he has received to St. Michael Lutheran Church and School in Portage, MI as their Senior Pastor. Grant him wisdom and discernment as he deliberates this call and where You would have him serve You. Give the members of St. John's and St. Michael patience, peace, and trust in Your gracious will. Lord, in Your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Lord Jesus, You are the Great Shepherd of the sheep and You have promised to provide for our every need. We give thanks for the leadership of President-elect Matthew Harrison as he continues to lead the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod. Give him a heart that beats after Yours. Give him wisdom and discernment, kindness and strength, and a humility that comes from Your hand. Lord, in Your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Father God, Through Baptism you make us Your children and heirs of eternal life. As Welsey is made Your child today through water and Your Word in Holy Baptism, surround him and his parents with Your arms of mercy and with love and support from this congregation, that he may grow in his faith. Lord, in Your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Grant Your special gifts, O Lord, to all who have needs for healing, for comfort, and for hope... Lord, in Your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Help us to treasure the gifts of forgiveness, life, and salvation, and to use these gifts for Your glory. Lord, hear our prayer in the name of Jesus, who teaches us to pray...

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.

BENEDICTION

CLOSING HYMN “Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus” LSB 660, vv. 1-2

Stand up, stand up for Jesus,
Ye soldiers of the cross.
Lift high His royal banner;
It must not suffer loss.
From vict'ry unto vict'ry
His army He shall lead
Till ev'ry foe is vanquished,
And Christ is Lord indeed.

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Stand up, stand up for Jesus;
The trumpet call obey;
Stand forth in mighty conflict
In this His glorious day.
Let all His faithful serve Him
Against unnumbered foes;
Let courage rise with danger
And strength to strength oppose.

SENDING

Go in peace, serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

+ Today's Worship Servants +

WORSHIP LEADERS

Preacher: Pastor Barry
Liturgist: Pastor Snow
Organist: Linda DeRocher

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

Elder: 8:30 Zac Lewis/10:00 Brian Honebrink
Usher Team: 8:30 Mark Asmus/10:00 Brad Willmsen
Welcome Team: 8:30 Gayle Degler/10:00 Chris Ries
Tech Crew: 8:30 Adam Breczinski, Hunter Krueger
10:00 Julie Bruce
Coffee Hour: 9:30 Paul and Linda DeRocher
Banner & Paraments: Joan Bode

Today at St. John's

8:30 & 10:00 AM | Traditional Worship
9:30 AM | "On the Farm" Intergenerational Bible Study
4:00 PM | Youth Night

Upcoming Week

Monday, June 29	5:15 PM Monday Night Meal
	7:00 PM AA
Friday, July 3	6:30 PM AA
Sunday, July 5	8:30/10:00 AM Worship with Communion

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, scan the QR code, or pick up a printed copy at the back of the church.



Join us this summer for On the Farm, a Bible study for all ages at St. John's. This study will meet on select Sunday mornings (June 28, July 12, July 26, and August 9) from 9:30-10:00 AM in the gym. Together, we'll explore agricultural

themes and stories found throughout Scripture and see how God uses planting, harvest, animals, fields, and everyday work to teach His people. All ages are welcome, and no registration is needed.



We are excited to announce an update to our weekly worship schedule here at St. John's. Beginning Monday, July 13, we will offer a weekly Monday evening worship service at 6:30 PM. Summer often brings changing

schedules, family activities, travel, and opportunities to enjoy God's creation. We hope this new Monday evening worship service will be a blessing to you and your household. We'd love to have you join us as we worship together!