

Seventh Sunday After Pentecost

July 12, 2026 | 8:30 AM

July 13, 2026 | 6:30 PM



St. John's
LUTHERAN CHURCH & SCHOOL

WELCOME AND INVOCATION

OPENING HYMN “Faith and Truth and Life Bestowing” LSB 584

Faith and truth and life bestowing,
Open now the Scriptures, Lord,
Seed to life eternal sowing,
Scattered on the wind abroad.
Let not hearts, Your Word receiving,
Like a barren field be found,
Choked with thorns and unbelieving,
Shallow earth or stony ground.

May the Spirit's pow'r unceasing
Bring to life the hidden grain,
Daily in our hearts increasing,
Bearing fruit that shall remain.
So in Scripture, song, and story,
Savior, may Your voice be heard.
Till our eyes behold Your glory
Give us ears to hear Your Word.

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CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Colossians 1:13-14

The Lord has delivered us from the domain of darkness
**and transferred us to the kingdom of His beloved Son, in whom we
have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.**

Almighty God and Father,
**we confess, as Your people, our need for Your merciful kindness. We
are prisoners of our own wants, our own fears, and our own inborn
sinfulness. Our actions and interactions often fail as reflections of
Your kingdom. Our thoughts, desires, and actions are often borne
out of love for ourselves, rather than our love for others or for You.
Forgive us and free us, Lord, to love what You love and go where
You lead, all by the grace of our Redeemer, Jesus Christ. Amen.**

Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son, Jesus, to die for you, and
for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant
of the Word 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.

HYMN OF PRAISE

"Glory to God in the Highest"

LSB 154

Glory to God in the highest, and peace to His people on earth.

Lord God, heavenly king, almighty God and Father:

**We worship You, we give You thanks,
we praise You for Your glory.**

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,

Lord God, Lamb of God:

**You take away the sin of the world;
have mercy on us.**

**You are seated at the right hand of the Father;
receive our prayer.**

For You alone are the Holy One,

You alone are the Lord,

You alone are the Most High,

Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,

in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Blessed Lord, since You have caused all Holy Scriptures to be written for our learning, grant that we may so hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them that we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life; 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

Isaiah 55:10-13

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¹⁰“For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven and do not return there but water the earth, making it bring forth and sprout, giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater, ¹¹so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth; it shall not return to me empty, but it shall accomplish that which I purpose, and shall succeed in the thing for which I sent it. ¹²“For you shall go out in joy and be led forth in peace; the mountains and the hills before you shall break forth into singing, and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands. ¹³Instead of the thorn shall come up the cypress; instead of the brier shall come up the myrtle; and it shall make a name for the Lord, an everlasting sign that shall not be cut off.”

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE

Romans 8:12-17

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¹²So then, brothers, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh. ¹³For if you live according to the flesh you will die, but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. ¹⁴For all who are led by the Spirit of God are sons of God. ¹⁵For you did not receive the spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received the Spirit of adoption as sons, by whom we cry, “Abba! Father!” ¹⁶The Spirit himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, ¹⁷and if children, then heirs—heirs of God and fellow heirs with Christ, provided we suffer with him in order that we may also be glorified with him.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

ALLELUIA AND VERSE

LSB 156

Alleluia. Lord to whom shall we go?

You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia, alleluia.

HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

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

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹That same day Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the sea.

²And great crowds gathered about him, so that he got into a boat and sat down. And the whole crowd stood on the beach. ³And he told them many things in parables, saying: “A sower went out to sow. ⁴And as he sowed, some seeds fell along the path, and the birds came and devoured them. ⁵Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil, and immediately they sprang up, since they had no depth of soil, ⁶but when the sun rose they were scorched. And since they had no root, they withered away. ⁷Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. ⁸Other seeds fell on good soil and produced grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty.

⁹He who has ears, let him hear...

¹⁸“Hear then the parable of the sower: ¹⁹When anyone hears the word of the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what has been sown in his heart. This is what was sown along the path. ²⁰As for what was sown on rocky ground, this is the one who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy, ²¹yet he has no root in himself, but endures for a while, and when tribulation or persecution arises on account of the word, immediately he falls away. ²²As for what was sown among thorns, this is the one who hears the word, but the cares of the world and the deceitfulness of riches choke the word, and it proves unfruitful. ²³As for what was sown on good soil, this is the one who hears the word and understands it. He indeed bears fruit and yields, in one case a hundredfold, in another sixty, and in another thirty.”

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to You, O Christ.

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

HYMN OF THE DAY “Almighty God, Your Word Is Cast” LSB 577

Almighty God, Your Word is cast Like seed into the ground;
Now let the dew of heav’n descend And righteous fruits abound.

Let not the sly satanic foe This holy seed remove,
But give it root in ev’ry heart To bring forth fruits of love.

Let not the world’s deceitful cares The rising plant destroy,
But let it yield a hundredfold The fruits of peace and joy.

So when the precious seed is sown, Life-giving grace bestow
That all whose souls the truth receive Its saving pow’r may know.

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+ Sermon Notes +

RESPONSE HYMN “O Word of God Incarnate”

LSB 523

O Word of God incarnate, O Wisdom from on high,
O Truth unchanged, unchanging, O Light of our dark sky:
We praise You for the radiance That from the hallowed page,
A lantern to our footsteps, Shines on from age to age.

The Church from You, dear Master, Received the gift divine;
And still that light is lifted O’er all the earth to shine.
It is the chart and compass That, all life’s voyage through,
Mid mists and rocks and quicksands Still guides, O Christ, to You.

O make Your Church, dear Savior, A lamp of burnished gold
To bear before the nations Your true light as of old!
O teach Your wand’ring pilgrims By this their path to trace
Till, clouds and darkness ended, They see You face to face!

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INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS

OFFERING

OFFERTORY “For the Fruits of His Creation” LSB 894, v. 1

For the fruits of His creation,
Thanks be to God.
For His gifts to ev’ry nation,
Thanks be to God.
For the plowing, sowing, reaping,
Silent growth while we are sleeping,
Future needs in earth’s safekeeping,
Thanks be to God.

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APOSTLES’ CREED

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

With one voice, the church cries out,

“Abba! Father!”

Heavenly, holy Father, we praise You for Your unending mercies, shown in Your loving faithfulness. Give us grateful hearts that seek to praise You for Your fatherly goodness.

Abba, Father, hear our prayer.

Kind, compassionate Father, You made a place for us within Your family through the sending of Your Son. May our hearts, likewise, resemble Yours, mercifully caring for one another in our fellowship.

Abba, Father, hear our prayer.

Sending, seeking Father, who received us through the Spirit of adoption, we pray with urgency for those who have yet to hear the Gospel, and for those who have ignored or rejected Your Word, that souls would be saved and the harvest might increase.

Abba, Father, hear our prayer.

Lavish, loving Father, for those given to share Your Word, we give You thanks. Bless all pastors and all those who faithfully teach Your truth, and grant that the garden of Your church produce abundant workers who will join You in Your mission.

Abba, Father, hear our prayer.

Powerful, purposeful Father, Your Word accomplishes its goal and brings peace and joy to Your people, even as they suffer. Today we especially pray for... Bring them healing and defend them in faith.

Abba, Father, hear our prayer.

Forever faithful Father, secure us in hope and faithfulness, that we might flourish in the places You have planted us, until the harvest that comes with the return of our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

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 “On What Has Now Been Sown” LSB 921

On what has now been sown Thy blessing, Lord, bestow;
The pow'r is Thine alone To make it sprout and grow.
Do Thou in grace the harvest raise, And Thou alone shalt have the praise!

To Thee our wants are known, From Thee are all our pow'rs;
Accept what is Thine own And pardon what is ours.
Our praises, Lord, and prayers receive, And to Thy Word a blessing give.

O grant that each of us, Now met before Thee here,
May meet together thus When Thou and Thine appear
And follow Thee to heav'n, our home. E'en so, amen, Lord Jesus, come!

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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: 8:30 Kristin Johnson

Pianist: 6:30 Nancy Buckentine

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

Elder: 8:30 Pete Siedelman

Usher Team: Jeff Rasmussen

Welcome Team: Gary Herber

Tech Crew: Hunter Krueger

Coffee Hour: 9:30 Bryan and Ashleigh Hegseth

Banner & Paraments: Joan Bode

Today at St. John's

8:30 AM | Traditional Worship

9:30 AM | "On the Farm" Intergenerational Bible Study

10:00 AM | Blended Worship

6:30 PM | Youth Night

Upcoming Week

Monday, July 13	5:15 PM Monday Night Meal
	6:30 PM Monday Night Worship
	7:00 PM AA
Tuesday, July 14	6:30 PM Elders Meeting
Friday, July 17	6:30 PM AA
Sunday, July 19	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.



St. John's Mom Meetups is a walking group for moms with babies, toddlers, and preschool-aged children. Each meetup begins with a brief devotion, prayer requests, and prayer. After that, moms will enjoy time to

walk, talk, and connect while little ones come along in strollers or carriers. Following the walk, we'll spend time at a nearby park so children can play while moms continue building friendships.



Join St. John's at Chaska River City Days! Join us in the River City Days Parade on Thursday, July 23! We will meet at 5:30 PM at the Carver County Government Center before the parade around downtown Chaska begins at

6:30 PM. Help us welcome our neighbors and share the ministry of St. John's by volunteering at our booth during River City Days. Our booth will be located at Lions Park in Chaska, MN. Volunteers are needed Friday, July 24, through Sunday, July 26.