

Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

July 19, 2026 | 8:30 & 10:00 AM
July 20, 2026 | 6:30 PM



St. John's
LUTHERAN CHURCH & SCHOOL

WELCOME AND INVOCATION

OPENING HYMN

“O Holy Spirit, Enter In”

LSB 913

O Holy Spirit, enter in,
And in our hearts Your work begin,
Your dwelling place now make us.
Sun of the soul,
O Light divine,
Around and in us brightly shine,
To joy and gladness wake us
That we may be
Truly living,
To You giving
Prayer unceasing
And in love be still increasing.

O mighty Rock, O Source of life,
Let Your dear Word,
in doubt and strife,
In us be strongly burning
That we be faithful unto death
And live in love and holy faith,
From You true wisdom learning.
Your grace and peace
On us shower;
By Your power
Christ confessing,
Let us see our Savior's blessing.

Give to Your Word impressive pow'r,
That in our hearts from this good hour
As fire it may be glowing,
That in true Christian unity
We faithful witnesses may be,
Your glory ever showing.
Hear us, cheer us
By Your teaching;
Let our preaching
And our labor
Praise You, Lord, and serve our neighbor.

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CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

God's love for us is indeed great. Yet we have not loved Him with our whole heart, mind, and strength. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. Let us confess before Him our sins of ingratitude, of hardness of heart, and of lack of obedience to Him.

Almighty God,

We are bold to come before You and ask for Your forgiveness. We have sinned against You and against others in our thoughts, words, and actions. We have allowed the cares of this world to crowd out Your presence in our lives. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, we ask for Your forgiveness. Restore us and renew Your love within us.

God's love is great. In the death and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ, our sin is removed from us as far as the east is from the west. In His name and at His command I, a called and ordained pastor, forgive you all of your sins, in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

HYMN OF PRAISE

"This Is the Feast"

LSB 155

Refrain

This is the feast of victory for our God.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain,
whose blood set us free to be people of God. **Refrain**

Power, riches, wisdom, and strength,
and honor, blessing and glory are His. **Refrain**

Sing with all the people of God,
and join in the hymn of all creation:
Blessing, honor, glory, and might
be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen. **Refrain**

For the Lamb who was slain
has begun His reign. Alleluia. **Refrain**

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PRAYER OF THE DAY

O God, so rule and govern our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit that, ever mindful of Your final judgment, we may be stirred up to holiness of living here and dwell with You in perfect joy hereafter; 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 44:6-8

Pew Bible Page 604

⁶Thus says the Lord, the King of Israel and his Redeemer, the Lord of hosts: "I am the first and I am the last; besides me there is no god. ⁷Who is like me? Let him proclaim it. Let him declare and set it before me, since I appointed an ancient people. Let them declare what is to come, and what will happen. ⁸Fear not, nor be afraid; have I not told you from of old and declared it? And you are my witnesses! Is there a God besides me? There is no Rock; I know not any."

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE

Romans 8:18-27

Pew Bible Page 944

¹⁸For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory that is to be revealed to us. ¹⁹For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the sons of God. ²⁰For the creation was subjected to futility, not willingly, but because of him who subjected it, in hope ²¹that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to decay and obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. ²²For we know that the whole creation has been groaning together in the pains of childbirth until now. ²³And not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly as we wait eagerly for adoption as sons, the redemption of our bodies. ²⁴For in this hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what he sees?

²⁵But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.
²⁶Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness. For we do not know what to pray for as we ought, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us with groanings too deep for words. ²⁷And he who searches hearts knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.

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 13:24-30, 36-43

Pew Bible Page 818

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

Glory to you, O Lord.

²⁴[Jesus] put another parable before them, saying, "The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a man who sowed good seed in his field, ²⁵but while his men were sleeping, his enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat and went away. ²⁶So when the plants came up and bore grain, then the weeds appeared also. ²⁷And the servants of the master of the house came and said to him, 'Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? How then does it have weeds?' ²⁸He said to them, 'An enemy has done this.' So the servants said to him, 'Then do you want us to go and gather them?' ²⁹But he said, 'No, lest in gathering the weeds you root up the wheat along with them. ³⁰Let both grow together until the harvest, and at harvest time I will tell the reapers, Gather the weeds first and bind them in bundles to be burned, but gather the wheat into my barn...' ³⁶Then he left the crowds and went into the house. And his disciples came to him, saying, "Explain to us the parable of the weeds of the field." ³⁷He answered, "The one who sows the good seed is the Son of Man.

³⁸The field is the world, and the good seed is the children of the kingdom. The weeds are the sons of the evil one, ³⁹and the enemy who sowed them is the devil. The harvest is the close of the age, and the reapers are angels. ⁴⁰Just as the weeds are gathered and burned with fire, so will it be at the close of the age. ⁴¹The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will gather out of his kingdom all causes of sin and all law-breakers, ⁴²and throw them into the fiery furnace. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. ⁴³Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. He who has ears, let him hear.”

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to You, O Christ.

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

DCE Justin Weber

HYMN OF THE DAY “Come, Ye Thankful People, Come” LSB 892

Come, ye thankful people, come;
Raise the song of harvest home.
All be safely gathered in
Ere the winter storms begin;
God, our maker, doth provide
For our wants to be supplied.
Come to God’s own temple, come;
Raise the song of harvest home.

For the Lord, our God, shall come
And shall take His harvest home,
From His field shall in that day
All offenses purge away,
Give His angels charge at last
In the fire the tares to cast,
But the fruitful ears to store
In His garner evermore.

All the world is God’s own field,
Fruit unto His praise to yield;
Wheat and tares together sown,
Unto joy or sorrow grown.
First the blade and then the ear,
Then the full corn shall appear.
Lord of harvest, grant that we
Wholesome grain and pure may be.

Even so, Lord, quickly come
To Thy final harvest home;
Gather Thou Thy people in,
Free from sorrow, free from sin,
There, forever purified,
In Thy garner to abide:
Come with all Thine angels, come,
Raise the glorious harvest home.

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+ Sermon Notes +**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 OF THE CHURCH

O Holy Spirit, where our words fall short, You intercede for Your church. Even so, let us gather our hearts, praying for the people of God around the world and for all who suffer in this and every place:

For believers who face difficulty and danger, especially because of their faith, that their lives might be protected and their souls preserved, let us pray to the Lord:

Lord, have mercy.

For Your church around the world, fractured by ignorance, error, and pride, that the Bride of Christ might be united in truth and active in love, let us pray to the Lord:

Lord, have mercy.

For all marriages, purposed as an illustration of Christ's sacrifice and faithfulness, that couples would be safeguarded from temptation and their love increased despite distance or difficulty, let us pray to the Lord:

Lord, have mercy.

For those in the grips of anxiety or depression, slaves to debt or poverty, or suffering from loss or loneliness, that the fullness of Christ would meet all their needs, let us pray to the Lord:

Lord, have mercy.

For all who suffer physically, especially those among us... that healing would find them and their hope in Christ would never waver, let us pray to the Lord:

Lord, have mercy.

O Holy Spirit, we trust You to perfect the prayers we have spoken and our unspoken prayers too deep for words. Search our hearts, assure us of Your constant presence, and remind us that God's gracious will toward His saints shall be done in Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Father, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

OFFERING

OFFERTORY “Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful”

LSB 955

Let the vineyards be fruitful, Lord,
And fill to the brim our cup of blessing.
Gather a harvest from the seeds that were sown,
That we may be fed with the bread of life.
Gather the hopes and the dreams of all;
Unite them with the prayers we offer now.
Grace our table with Your presence, and give us
A foretaste of the feast to come.

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PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

LSB 161

Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son 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.

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 163

Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; grant us peace.

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

"Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me"

LSB 761

Rock of Ages, cleft for me,
Let me hide myself in Thee;
Let the water and the blood,
From Thy riven side which flowed,
Be of sin the double cure:
Cleanse me from its guilt and pow'r.

Not the labors of my hands
Can fulfill Thy Law's demands;
Could my zeal no respite know,
Could my tears forever flow,
All for sin could not atone;
Thou must save, and Thou alone.

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Nothing in my hand I bring;
Simply to Thy cross I cling.
Naked, come to Thee for dress;
Helpless, look to Thee for grace;
Foul, I to the fountain fly;
Wash me, Savior, or I die.

While I draw this fleeting breath,
When mine eyelids close in death,
When I soar to worlds unknown,
See Thee on Thy judgment throne,
Rock of Ages, cleft for me,
Let me hide myself in Thee.

HYMN**“You Satisfy the Hungry Heart”****LSB 641****Refrain**

You satisfy the hungry heart With gift of finest wheat.
Come give to us, O saving Lord, The bread of life to eat.

As when the shepherd calls his sheep, They know and heed his voice;
So when You call Your fam’ly, Lord, We follow and rejoice. **Refrain**

With joyful lips we sing to You Our praise and gratitude
That You should count us worthy, Lord, To share this heav’nly food. **Refrain**

Is not the cup we bless and share The blood of Christ outpoured?
Do not one cup, one loaf, declare Our oneness in the Lord? **Refrain**

The myst’ry of Your presence, Lord, No mortal tongue can tell:
Whom all the world cannot contain Comes in our hearts to dwell. **Refrain**

You give Yourself to us, O Lord; Then selfless let us be,
To serve each other in Your name In truth and charity. **Refrain**

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HYMN**“Holy Spirit, Light Divine”****LSB 496**

Holy Spirit, light divine,
Shine upon this heart of mine;
Chase the shades of night away,
Turn the darkness into day.

Holy Spirit, joy divine,
Cheer this saddened heart of mine;
Yield a sacred, settled peace,
Let it grow and still increase.

Let me see my Savior’s face,
Let me all His beauties trace;
Show those glorious truths to me
Which are only known to Thee.

Holy Spirit, all divine,
Dwell within this heart of mine;
Cast down ev’ry idol throne,
Reign supreme, and reign alone.

Holy Spirit, pow’r divine,
Cleanse this guilty heart of mine;
In Thy mercy pity me,
From sin’s bondage set me free.

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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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POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE

LSB 164

Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell ev'ryone what He has done.
Let all who seek the Lord rejoice and proudly bear His name. He recalls
His promises and leads His people forth in joy with shouts of
thanksgiving. Alleluia, alleluia.

DISMISSAL

BENEDICTION

CLOSING HYMN “Crown Him with Many Crowns” LSB 525, vv. 1, 5

Crown Him with many crowns, The Lamb upon His throne;
Hark how the heav’nly anthem drowns All music but its own.
Awake, my soul, and sing Of Him who died for thee,
And hail Him as thy matchless king Through all eternity.

Crown Him the Lord of heav’n, Enthroned in worlds above,
Crown Him the king to whom is giv’n The wondrous name of Love.
Crown Him with many crowns As thrones before Him fall;
Crown Him, ye kings, with many crowns, For He is king of all.

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SENDING

Go in peace, serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

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+ Today’s Worship Servants +

WORSHIP LEADERS

Preacher: Pastor Snow

Lector: Justin Weber

Organist: 8:30/10:00 Candie Sather

Pianist: 6:30 Gunnar Olson

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

Elders: 8:30 Paul DeRocher/10:00 Josh Peterson
 6:30 Pete Siedelman

Communion Asst: 8:30 Gayle Degler, Paul Dolan,
 Chris Mundahl, Spencer Roxas
 10:00 Lyle Hilk, Brian Honebrink,
 Daniel Schlueter, Bruce Wolf

Usher Team: 8:30 Jeff Rasmussen/10:00 Craig Pauling

Welcome Team: 8:30 Gayle Degler/10:00 Jana Beckendorf

Tech Crew: 8:30 Hunter Krueger/10:00 Rylee Koepsell

Coffee Hour: Tim Hildebrandt

Banner & Paraments: Joan Bode

Today at St. John's

8:30 & 10:00 AM | Traditional Worship with Communion

9:30 AM | Coffee Hour

Upcoming Week	
Monday, July 20	5:15 PM Monday Night Meal
	6:30 PM Monday Night Worship
	7:00 PM AA
Tuesday, July 21	6:30 PM Executive Council
Wednesday, July 22	5:30 PM Family Faith Night at Christ Victorious
Friday, July 24	6:30 PM AA
Saturday, July 25	11:00 AM Celebration of Life for Orma Kraai
Sunday, July 26	8:30/10:00 AM Traditional 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, 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.