

Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

July 26, 2026 | 8:30 & 10:00 AM
July 27, 2026 | 6:30 PM



St. John's
LUTHERAN CHURCH & SCHOOL

WELCOME AND INVOCATION

OPENING HYMN

"Oh, the Deep, Deep Love of Jesus"

Oh, the deep, deep love of Jesus—
Vast, unmeasured, boundless, free—
Rolling as a mighty ocean
In its fullness over me!
Underneath me, all around me
Is the current of His love—
Leading onward, leading homeward
To His glorious rest above.

Oh, the deep, deep love of Jesus—
Spread His praise from shore to shore!
Praise His mercy, praise His goodness;
Praise His love forevermore.
How He watcheth o'er His loved ones,
Died to call them all His own;
How for them He intercedeth,
Watcheth o'er them from His throne.

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(Tune: LSB 578)

Oh, the deep, deep love of Jesus—
Love of ev'ry love the best—
'Tis an ocean vast of blessing;
'Tis a haven sweet of rest.
Oh, the deep, deep love of Jesus—
'Tis a heav'n of heav'ns to me;
And it lifts me up to glory,
Lifts me up eternally.

OPENING SENTENCES

Romans 11:33; Deuteronomy 7:7, 9; Romans 11:36

Oh, the depth of the riches and wisdom and knowledge of God!

How unsearchable are His judgments and how inscrutable His ways!

The LORD set His love on you and chose you.

Know therefore that the LORD is God.

For from Him and through Him and to Him are all things.

To Him be glory forever. Amen.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Romans 8:31-32

You are a people holy to the Lord your God.

We confess our unholy thoughts, words, and actions.

Silence for personal reflection.

Almighty God,

we have not lived up to our calling as Your treasured possession. Our desires are selfish and our love is shallow. We have turned aside from doing good and chosen to treasure things of creation rather than our Creator. In our sinful state we are vulnerable to the devil, death, and darkness. And so we seek Your mercy. We surrender to Your loving kindness in Jesus Christ, our Lord.

“What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us?

“He who did not spare His own Son but gave Him up for us all, how will He not also with Him graciously give us all things?”

Indeed, the mercy of almighty God is displayed in the giving of His Son, Jesus, to die for you, and for His sake God 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

“Alleluia! Sing to Jesus”

LSB 821, v. 1

Alleluia! Sing to Jesus; His the scepter, His the throne;

Alleluia! His the triumph, His the victory alone.

Hark! The songs of peaceful Zion Thunder like a mighty flood:

“Jesus out of ev’ry nation Has redeemed us by His blood.”

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PRAYER OF THE DAY

Almighty and everlasting God, give us an increase of faith, hope, and love, that, receiving what You have promised, we may love what You have commanded; 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

Deuteronomy 7:6-9

Pew Bible Page 152

⁶“You are a people holy to the Lord your God. The Lord your God has chosen you to be a people for his treasured possession, out of all the peoples who are on the face of the earth. ⁷It was not because you were more in number than any other people that the Lord set his love on you and chose you, for you were the fewest of all peoples, ⁸but it is because the Lord loves you and is keeping the oath that he swore to your fathers, that the Lord has brought you out with a mighty hand and redeemed you from the house of slavery, from the hand of Pharaoh king of Egypt. ⁹Know therefore that the Lord your God is God, the faithful God who keeps covenant and steadfast love with those who love him and keep his commandments, to a thousand generations.”

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

²⁸We know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to his purpose. ²⁹For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn among many brothers. ³⁰And those whom he predestined he also called, and those whom he called he also justified, and those whom he justified he also glorified. ³¹What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? ³²He who did not spare his own Son but gave him up for us all, how will he not also with him graciously give us all things? ³³Who shall bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. ³⁴Who is to condemn? Christ Jesus is the one who died—more than that, who was raised—who is at the right hand of God, who indeed is interceding for us. ³⁵Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or danger, or sword? ³⁶As it is written, "For your sake we are being killed all the day long; we are regarded as sheep to be slaughtered." ³⁷No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. ³⁸For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, ³⁹nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

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.

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

Glory to you, O Lord.

⁴⁴[Jesus said:] “The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which a man found and covered up. Then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field. ⁴⁵“Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls, ⁴⁶who, on finding one pearl of great value, went and sold all that he had and bought it. ⁴⁷“Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was thrown into the sea and gathered fish of every kind. ⁴⁸When it was full, men drew it ashore and sat down and sorted the good into containers but threw away the bad. ⁴⁹So it will be at the close of the age. The angels will come out and separate the evil from the righteous ⁵⁰and throw them into the fiery furnace. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. ⁵¹“Have you understood all these things?” They said to him, “Yes.” ⁵²And he said to them, “Therefore every scribe who has been trained for the kingdom of heaven is like a master of a house, who brings out of his treasure what is new and what is old.”

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to You, O Christ.

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

HYMN OF THE DAY

“Church of God, Elect and Glorious”

LSB 646, vv. 1-3

Church of God, elect and glorious, Holy nation, chosen race;
Called as God’s own special people, Royal priests and heirs of grace:
Know the purpose of your calling, Show to all His mighty deeds;
Tell of love that knows no limits, Grace that meets all human needs.

God has called you out of darkness Into His most marv’lous light;
Brought His truth to life within you, Turned your blindness into sight.
Let your light so shine around you That God’s name is glorified
And all find fresh hope and purpose In Christ Jesus crucified.

Once you were an alien people, Strangers to God’s heart of love;
But He brought you home in mercy, Citizens of heav’n above.
Let His love flow out to others, Let them feel a Father’s care;
That they too may know His welcome And His countless blessings share.

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SERMON

“All and Nothing”

Pastor Snow

+ Sermon Notes +

RESPONSE HYMN

“Church of God, Elect and Glorious”

LSB 646, v. 4

Church of God, elect and holy, Be the people He intends;
Strong in faith and swift to answer Each command your Master sends:
Royal priests, fulfill your calling Through your sacrifice and prayer;
Give your lives in joyful service— Sing His praise, His love declare.

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OFFERING

Musical Offering

“Before the Throne of God Above”

Bancroft and Cook

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

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

Mighty Lord, we need Your constant defense in a world of death, danger, and distraction. Guard us in both body and soul, that Your people might live to the praise of our victorious Savior, Jesus. Through the love of Christ, we pray:

Lord, have mercy.

Generous Lord, all good things are gifts from Your holy hand. Undo our attitudes of selfishness and renew within us a spirit of generosity, freely giving of our treasures to the needy in our midst. Through the love of Christ, we pray:

Lord, have mercy.

Seeking and saving Lord, You tirelessly pursue the children of earth with Your goodness and mercy. Soften hearts hardened to Your Gospel and activate Your people to witness to Your goodness. Through the love of Christ, we pray:

Lord, have mercy.

Faithful Lord, despite our sin, You keep covenant and steadfast love. Rescue families where loyalties have been betrayed and trust broken. Mend hurting hearts with forgiveness and restore them by Your grace. Through the love of Christ, we pray:

Lord, have mercy.

All-seeing Lord, You set Your heart on the least and fewest. Set Your heart once again on the lonely, the dying, the poor, and the sick... Bring good amid their challenges and remind us that no problem is too big for Your power and no one is too small to escape Your notice. Through the love of Christ, we pray:

Lord, have mercy.

These prayers, and all those lifted up by believers around the world, we entrust to Your care, O almighty God, trusting You to hear and answer according to the Father's will, in the Son's grace, and by the Spirit's power.

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

“Tell Out, My Soul, the Greatness of the Lord”

LSB 935, vv. 1, 4

Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord!
Unnumbered blessings, give my spirit voice;
Tender to me the promise of His Word;
In God my Savior shall my heart rejoice.

Tell out, my soul, the glories of His Word!
Firm is His promise, and His mercy sure.
Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord
To children's children and forevermore!

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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: 8:30/10:00 Dr. Katie Rolf

Pianist: 6:30 Gunnar Olson

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

Elder: 8:30 Paul DeRocher/10:00 Josh Peterson

6:30 Pete Siedelman

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

Welcome Team: 8:30 Gary Herber/10:00 Laura Thom

Tech Crew: 8:30 Jason Eickhoff

Coffee Hour: Dick and Bonnie Schaefer

Banner & Paraments: Joan Bode

Today at St. John's

8:30 & 10:00 AM | Traditional Worship

9:30 AM | Coffee Hour

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

Upcoming Week

Monday, July 27	5:15 PM Monday Night Meal
	6:30 PM Monday Night Worship
	7:00 PM AA
Friday, July 31	6:30 PM AA
Sunday, August 2	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.



Could you help with Sunday School this year? As we look ahead to the Sunday School year, we have several teaching needs and are inviting members to consider helping our children spend time in God's Word, grow

in their faith, and build connections within our church family. We are currently looking for help with the following classes: 1–2 year olds (a great opportunity for parents who are already in class with their child), 3rd–4th grade, 5th–6th grade, 7th–8th grade.



Concordia Center for the Family recently shared the story of the Mundahl family and their life of faith at St. John's. The article describes their three boys eagerly rushing forward for the children's message, the family's

participation in Family Faith Nights, and the prayers and conversations about Jesus that continue around their table at home. Their story offers a glimpse of what we pray for throughout our congregation. We give thanks to God for the many ways He is at work through the people and ministries of St. John's.