



St. John's Lutheran Church

A congregation of The Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod

Third Sunday after Pentecost

June 14, 2026

8 a.m. Worship



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Grace for the Least and the Lost

Jesus reminds us that the kingdom of God is not earned by strength or status, but received as pure gift through His mercy and grace. In a world that often measures worth by success and achievement, Christ calls us instead to trust in His compassion for the weak, the weary, and the unworthy. As we gather in worship today, may God open our hearts to receive His grace anew, strengthen our faith in His promises, and shape us into people who reflect His mercy in all we do.

Preparation for Worship and Welcome

Hymn

“Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty”

LSB 901

Open now thy gates of beauty;
 Zion, let me enter there,
Where my soul in joyful duty
 Waits for Him who answers prayer.
Oh, how blessed is this place,
Filled with solace, light, and grace!

Gracious God, I come before Thee;
 Come Thou also unto me.
Where we find Thee and adore Thee,
 There a heav'n on earth must be.
To my heart, O enter Thou;
Let it be Thy temple now!

Here Thy praise is gladly chanted;
 Here Thy seed is duly sown.
Let my soul, where it is planted,
 Bring forth precious sheaves alone,
So that all I hear may be
Fruitful unto life in me.

Thou my faith increase and quicken;
 Let me keep Thy gift divine,
Howso'er temptations thicken;
 May Thy Word still o'er me shine
As my guiding star through life,
As my comfort in all strife.

Speak, O God, and I will hear Thee;
Let Thy will be done indeed.
May I undisturbed draw near Thee
While Thou dost Thy people feed.
Here of life the fountain flows;
Here is balm for all our woes.

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Invocation and Exhortation

- P In the name of the Father and of the T Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C **Amen.**
- P Our help is in the name of the Lord,
C **who made heaven and earth.**
- P If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?
C **But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.**

Confession and Absolution

- P Since we are gathered to hear God's Word and call upon Him in prayer and praise, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.
- C **Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.**
- P 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 T Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C **Amen.**

Introit

Ps. 67:4-7; antiphon: Ps. 67:3

Let the peoples praise you, O God;
let all the peoples praise you!

**Let the nations be glad and sing for joy,
for you judge the peoples with equity and guide the nations upon earth.**

Let the peoples praise you, O God;

let all the peoples praise you!
The earth has yielded its increase;
God, our God, shall bless us.
 God shall bless us;
 let all the ends of the earth fear him!
Glory be to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning,
is now, and will be forever. Amen.
 Let the peoples praise you, O God;
 let all the peoples praise you!

Kyrie



C Lord, have mer - cy; Christ, have mer - cy; Lord, have mer - cy.

Gloria in Excelsis



C 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.

Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Let us pray.

Almighty, eternal God, in the Word of Your apostles and prophets You have proclaimed to us Your saving will. Grant us faith to believe Your promises that we may receive eternal salvation; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

Old Testament Reading

Exodus 19:2-8

They set out from Rephidim and came into the wilderness of Sinai, and they encamped in the wilderness. There Israel encamped before the mountain, while Moses went up to God. The LORD called to him out of the mountain, saying, "Thus you shall say to the house of Jacob, and tell the people of Israel: You yourselves have seen what I did to the Egyptians, and how I bore you on eagles' wings and brought you to myself. Now therefore, if you will indeed obey my voice and keep my covenant, you shall be my treasured possession among all peoples, for all the earth is mine; and you shall be to me a kingdom of priests and a holy nation. These are the words that you shall speak to the people of Israel."

So Moses came and called the elders of the people and set before them all these words that the LORD had commanded him. All the people answered together and said, "All that the LORD has spoken we will do." And Moses reported the words of the people to the LORD.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Epistle

Romans 5:6-15

For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. For one will scarcely die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good

person one would dare even to die—but God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. Since, therefore, we have now been justified by his blood, much more shall we be saved by him from the wrath of God. For if while we were enemies we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, much more, now that we are reconciled, shall we be saved by his life. More than that, we also rejoice in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

Therefore, just as sin came into the world through one man, and death through sin, and so death spread to all men because all sinned—for sin indeed was in the world before the law was given, but sin is not counted where there is no law. Yet death reigned from Adam to Moses, even over those whose sinning was not like the transgression of Adam, who was a type of the one who was to come.

But the free gift is not like the trespass. For if many died through one man’s trespass, much more have the grace of God and the free gift by the grace of that one man Jesus Christ abounded for many.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Alleluia and Verse



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.



These things are writ-ten that you may be - lieve that



Je - sus is the Christ, the Son of God.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Holy Gospel

Matthew 9:35-10:8

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

C **Glory to You, O Lord.**

And Jesus went throughout all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the gospel of the kingdom and healing every disease and every affliction. When he saw the crowds, he had compassion for them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. Then he said to his disciples, “The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; therefore pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest.”

And he called to him his twelve disciples and gave them authority over unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to heal every disease and every affliction. The names of the twelve apostles are these: first, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother; James the son of Zebedee, and John his brother; Philip and Bartholomew; Thomas and Matthew the tax collector; James the son of Alphaeus, and Thaddaeus; Simon the Cananaean, and Judas Iscariot, who betrayed him.

These twelve Jesus sent out, instructing them, “Go nowhere among the Gentiles and enter no town of the Samaritans, but go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel. And proclaim as you go, saying, ‘The kingdom of heaven is at hand.’ Heal the sick, raise the dead, cleanse lepers, cast out demons. You received without paying; give without pay.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise to You, O Christ.**

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.

Children's Message

Anna Kruger

Hymn

“God Loved the World So That He Gave”

LSB 571

God loved the world so that He gave
His only Son the lost to save,
That all who would in Him believe
Should everlasting life receive.

Christ Jesus is the ground of faith,
Who was made flesh and suffered death;
All then who trust in Him alone
Are built on this chief cornerstone.

God would not have the sinner die;
His Son with saving grace is nigh;
His Spirit in the Word declares
How we in Christ are heaven's heirs.

Be of good cheer, for God's own Son
Forgives all sins which you have done;
And, justified by Jesus' blood,
Your Baptism grants the highest good.

If you are sick, if death is near,
This truth your troubled heart can cheer:
Christ Jesus saves your soul from death;
That is the firmest ground of faith.

Glory to God the Father, Son,
And Holy Spirit, Three in One!
To You, O blessed Trinity,
Be praise now and eternally!

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Sermon

Offering

Hymn

“God Loves Me Dearly”

LSB 392

God loves me dearly,
Grants me salvation,
God loves me dearly,
Loves even me. Refrain

Therefore I'll say again:
God loves me dearly,
God loves me dearly,
Loves even me.

I was in slav'ry,
Sin, death, and darkness;
God's love was working
To make me free. Refrain

He sent forth Jesus,
My dear Redeemer,
He sent forth Jesus
And set me free. Refrain

Jesus, my Savior,
Himself did offer;
Jesus, my Savior,
Paid all I owed. Refrain

Now I will praise You,
O Love Eternal;
Now I will praise You
All my life long. Refrain

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Blessing of the VBS Staff

Prayer of the Church

Lord's Prayer

C 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

P The Lord bless thee and keep thee.
The Lord make His face shine upon thee and be gracious unto thee.
The Lord lift up His countenance upon thee and T give thee peace.
C Amen.

Hymn

“All People That on Earth Do Dwell”

LSB 791

All people that on earth do dwell,
Sing to the Lord with cheerful voice.
Him serve with mirth, His praise forthtell;
Come ye before Him and rejoice.

Know that the Lord is God indeed;
Without our aid He did us make.
We are His folk, He doth us feed,
And for His sheep He doth us take.

O enter then His gates with praise;
Approach with joy His courts unto.
Praise, laud, and bless His name always,
For it is seemly so to do.

For why? The Lord our God is good:
His mercy is forever sure.
His truth at all times firmly stood
And shall from age to age endure.

To Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,
The God whom heav'n and earth adore,
From us and from the angel host
Be praise and glory evermore.

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Announcements

Blessing and Dismissal

P May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ fill your hearts with peace, humility, and joy as you go forth in His name, strengthened by His mercy.

C Amen.

P Go in peace, serve the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

SJL Men's Softball! Come cheer on the St. John's men's softball team **this Monday at 6:30 at RC 5**. You can find the season schedule along with directions to the fields on the bulletin board and the church website. See you there!

Drop in Evening Prayer Gatherings For a Day or All 4 days During VBS June 15 – 18

You're invited to join some SJL Prayer Team members who will be gathering in Weller Chapel every night of VBS immediately following the Opening Program from approx. 6:10 pm to 7 p.m. A folder will be provided to read the same bible stories and songs the children are learning each evening. Our prayer time will be flexible, you may pray verbally or silently with us using supplied prayer topics from participants to activities and outcome. Prayer requests from the congregation and VBS families for non VBS needs are welcomed. Request cards will be available in the Lounge during the pre-event meal. You may also send your request to prayers@sjlmidland.org.

For further information please email Linda Bebeau at llsmb@chartermi.net.

Taking Jesus Here, There, and Everywhere

Explore the book of Acts as a family and see how its story continues today. Packed with devotionals, activities, and challenges for all ages, this resource is available at the Family Life table in the lounge. Be sure to pick one up!

Creeds in the Early Church is a special two evening event taking place here at St John's on June 22 & June 23 at 6:30-8pm in RM 3. Join Edmaund Stark as he gives a general introduction on the creeds, the development of the Apostles' Creed through the history of the church, and the driving forces that brought us the Nicene Creed. Writings from the 1st century will be studied, as well as the people who wrote them.

LifeClinic baby bottles are due to the church office by Father's Day, June 21.