



# St. John's Lutheran Church

A congregation of The Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod

**Third Sunday after Pentecost**

**June 14, 2026**

**10:45 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.*

## ♪ “God So Loved”

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Come all you weary, come all you thirsty.  
Come to the well that never runs dry.  
Drink of the water, come and thirst no more.

Come all you sinners, come find His mercy.  
Come to the table; He will satisfy.  
Taste of His goodness, find what you're looking for.

For God so loved the world that He gave us  
His one and only Son to save us.  
Whoever believes in Him will live forever.

Bring all your failures, bring your addictions.  
Come lay them down at the foot of the cross.  
Jesus is waiting there with open arms.

For God so loved the world that He gave us  
His one and only Son to save us.  
Whoever believes in Him will live forever.

The power of hell forever defeated.  
Now it is well, I'm walking in freedom.  
For God so loved, God so loved the world.

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## Invocation

P In the name of the Father and of the T Son and of the Holy Spirit.  
C **Amen.**

## 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!

## Collect of the Day

**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.**

## 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

### "How Great Is Our God"

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The splendor of the King, clothed in majesty,  
Let all the earth rejoice, all the earth rejoice.  
He wraps Himself in light, and darkness tries to hide,  
and trembles at His voice, and trembles at His voice.

How great is our God! Sing with me: How great is our God!  
And all will see how great...how great...is our God!

And age to age He stands, and time is in His hands;  
Beginning and the End, Beginning and the End  
The Godhead, three in one, Father, Spirit, Son,  
The Lion and the Lamb, the Lion and the Lamb.

How great is our God! Sing with me: How great is our God!  
And all will see how great...how great...is our God!

Name above all names, worthy of all praise.

My heart will sing; How great is our God!  
Name above all names, worthy of all praise.  
My heart will sing; How great is our God!

How great is our God! Sing with me: How great is our God!  
And all will see how great...how great...is our God!

## **Sermon**

## **Offering**

## **Blessing of the VBS Staff**

## **Prayer of the Church**

## **The 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 to thee.  
The Lord lift up His countenance upon thee and T give thee peace.  
**C** Amen.

## **“All the People Said Amen”**

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You are not alone if you are lonely,  
When you feel afraid, you're not the only.  
We are all the same, in need of mercy, to be forgiven and be free.  
It's all you got to lean on, but thank God, it's all you need.

Chorus: And all the people said, “Amen.” Whoa-oo-oo.  
And all the people said, “Amen.”  
Give thanks to the Lord, for His love never ends.  
And all the people said, “Amen.”

If you're rich or poor, well, it don't matter.  
Weak or strong, you know love is what we're after.  
We're all broken, but we're all in this together.  
God knows we stumble and fall, and He so loved the world,  
He sent His son to save us all. (*Chorus*)

Blessed are the poor in spirit who are torn apart.  
Blessed are the persecuted and the pure in heart.  
Blessed are the people hungry for another start.  
For theirs is the kingdom the kingdom of God. (*Chorus 2x*)

Ending: And all the people said, "Amen."

## **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.**

## **Announcements**

**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](mailto:prayers@sjlmidland.org).

For further information please email Linda Bebeau at [lsmb@chartermi.net](mailto:lsmb@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 Edmund 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 1<sup>st</sup> 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.

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