



# St. John's Lutheran Church

A congregation of The Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod

**Second Sunday after Pentecost**

**June 7, 2026**

**10:45 a.m. Worship**



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## Called to Take Up the Cross

*On this Second Sunday after Pentecost, we hear Jesus call His disciples to follow Him in costly but life-giving faith. The way of Christ is not always easy, but it is always the way of grace, where self-denial gives way to true freedom and life in Him. As we gather in worship today, may God strengthen us by His Word, shape our hearts through His Spirit, and teach us to trust that in losing our lives for Christ's sake, we find them fully in Him.*

### ♪ “Here I Am to Worship”

Words and Music by Tim Hughes

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Light of the world  
You stepped down into darkness  
Opened my eyes let me see  
Beauty that made  
This heart adore You  
Hope of a life spent with You

Chorus: Here I am to worship  
Here I am to bow down  
Here I am to say that You're my God  
You're altogether lovely  
Altogether worthy  
Altogether wonderful to me

King of all days  
Oh so highly exalted  
Glorious in heaven above  
Humbly You came  
To the earth You created  
All for love's sake became poor. *(Chorus)*

And I'll never know how much it cost  
To see my sin upon that cross  
And I'll never know how much it cost  
To see my sin upon that cross. *(Repeat and Chorus 2x)*

### 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, call upon Him in prayer and praise, and receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar, 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. 50:7-10; antiphon: Ps. 50:1*

The Mighty One, God the LORD, speaks and summons the earth  
from the rising of the sun to its setting.

**Hear, O my people, and I will speak; O Israel, I will testify against you.  
I am God, your God.**

Not for your sacrifices do I rebuke you;  
your burnt offerings are continually before me.

**I will not accept a bull from your house or goats from your folds.**

For every beast of the forest is mine, the cattle on a thousand hills.

**Glorify 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.**

The Mighty One, God the LORD, speaks and summons the earth  
from the rising of the sun to its setting.

## Collect of the Day

P Let us pray:

Almighty and most merciful God, You sent Your Son, Jesus Christ, to seek and to save the lost. Graciously open our ears and our hearts to hear His call and to follow Him by faith that we may feast with Him forever in His kingdom; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

## Old Testament Reading

*Hosea 5:15-6:6*

I will return again to my place, until they acknowledge their guilt and seek my face, and in their distress earnestly seek me.

“Come, let us return to the LORD; for he has torn us, that he may heal us; he has struck us down, and he will bind us up. After two days he will revive us; on the third day he will raise us up, that we may live before him. Let us know; let us press on to know the LORD; his going out is sure as the dawn; he will come to us as the showers, as the spring rains that water the earth.” What shall I do with you, O Ephraim? What shall I do with you, O Judah? Your love is like a morning cloud, like the dew that goes early away. Therefore I have hewn them by the prophets; I have slain them by the words of my mouth, and my judgment goes forth as the light. For I desire steadfast love and not sacrifice, the knowledge of God rather than burnt offerings.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

## Epistle

*Romans 4:13-25*

The promise to Abraham and his offspring that he would be heir of the world did not come through the law but through the righteousness of faith. For if it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. For the law brings wrath, but where there is no law there is no transgression.

That is why it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his offspring—not only to the adherent of the law but also to the one who shares the faith of Abraham, who is the father of us all, as it is written, “I have made you the father of many nations”—in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist. In hope he believed against hope, that he should become the father of many nations, as he had been told, “So shall your offspring be.” He did not weaken in faith when he considered his own body, which was as good as dead (since he was about a hundred years old), or when he considered the barrenness of Sarah’s womb. No distrust made him waver concerning the promise of God, but he grew strong in his faith as he gave glory to God, fully convinced that God was able to do what he had promised. That is why his faith was “counted to him as righteousness.” But the words “it was counted to him” were not written for his sake alone, but for ours also. It will be counted to us who believe in him who raised from the dead Jesus our Lord, who was delivered up for our trespasses and raised for our justification.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

## Holy Gospel

*Matthew 9:9-13*

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

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

As Jesus passed on from there, he saw a man called Matthew sitting at the tax booth, and he said to him, "Follow me." And he rose and followed him.

And as Jesus reclined at table in the house, behold, many tax collectors and sinners came and were reclining with Jesus and his disciples. And when the Pharisees saw this, they said to his disciples, "Why does your teacher eat with tax collectors and sinners?" But when he heard it, he said, "Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. Go and learn what this means, 'I desire mercy, and not sacrifice.' For I came not to call the righteous, but sinners."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

## 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 T of the world to come. Amen.**

## Children's Message

Pastor Wright

### ♪ “Behold the Lamb”

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Words and Music by Melodie Malone, Phil Wickham and Kristian Stanfill

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See Him there, the great I Am,  
A crown of thorns upon His head.  
The Father's heart displayed for us.  
O God, we thank You for the cross.

Lifted up on Calvary's hill,  
We cursed Your name and even still  
You bore our shame and paid the cost.  
O God, we thank You for the cross.

Chorus: Behold the Lamb, the story of redemption written on His hands.  
Jesus, You will reign forevermore. The victory is Yours.  
We sing Your praise, endless hallelujahs to Your holy name.  
Jesus, You will reign forevermore. The victory is Yours.

Offer up this sacrifice.  
For every sin, our Savior died.  
The Lord of Life can't be contained.

Our God has risen from the grave.  
Oh, our God has risen from the grave! Oh, (*Chorus*)

When the age of death is done,  
We'll see Your face bright as the sun.  
We'll bow before the King of kings.  
O God, forever we will sing. (*Chorus*)

Ending: You reign forevermore. The victory is Yours.

# Sermon

## Offering

### 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.

#### Communion Preparation

**P** Let us pray.

**C** Gracious Lord, as we come to Your Holy Table, prepare us by  
Your Word and Spirit to receive the body and blood of our Lord  
Jesus Christ in repentance and faith. Forgive our sins, strengthen  
our trust in Your promises, and free us from all that hinders our  
following of Christ. Feed us with Your grace, that we may be  
renewed in love for You and for one another, and strengthened to  
take up our cross and walk in Your ways; through Jesus Christ our  
Lord. Amen.

#### The Words of Institution

##### "Always"

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My foes are many, they rise against me,  
But I will hold my ground.  
I will not fear the war, I will not fear the storm;  
My help is on the way, my help is on the way.

Chorus: Oh, my God, He will not delay;  
My refuge and strength always.  
I will not fear; His promise is true,  
My God will come through always, always.

Trouble surrounds me, chaos abounding;  
My soul will rest in You.

I will not fear the war, I will not fear the storm;  
My help is on the way, my help is on the way. (*Chorus*)

Bridge (4x): I lift my eyes up; my help comes from the Lord.

Chorus: Oh, my God, He will not delay;  
My refuge and strength always.  
I will not fear; His promise is true,  
My God will come through always, always.

Ending: Oh, my God, He will not delay;  
My refuge and strength always. Always.

## ♪ “He Will Hold Me Fast”

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When I fear my faith will fail, Christ will hold me fast;  
When the tempter would prevail, He will hold me fast.  
I could never keep my hold through life’s fearful path;  
For my love is often cold; He must hold me fast.

Chorus: He will hold me fast, He will hold me fast;  
For my Savior loves me so, He will hold me fast.

Those He saves are His delight, Christ will hold me fast;  
Precious in His holy sight, He will hold me fast.  
He’ll not let my soul be lost; His Promises shall last;  
Bought by Him at such a cost, He will hold me fast. (*Chorus*)

For my life He bled and died, Christ will hold me fast;  
Justice has been satisfied; He will hold me fast.  
Raised with him to endless life, He will hold me fast  
Till our faith is turned to sight, when He comes at last! (*Chorus 2x*)

## 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.**

## ♪ “There’s Nothing That Our God Can’t Do”

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Just one word, You calm the storm that surrounds me.  
Just one word, The darkness has to retreat.  
Just one touch, I feel the presence of heaven.  
Just one touch, My eyes were opened to see.  
My heart can't help but believe.

There's nothing that our God can't do,  
There's not a mountain that He can't move.  
Oh, praise the name that makes a way!  
There's nothing that our God can't do.

Just one word, You heal what's broken inside me.  
Just one word, and you revive ev'ry dream.  
Just one touch, I feel the power of heaven.  
Just one touch, My eyes were opened to see.  
My heart can't help but believe.

There's nothing that our God can't do.  
There's not a mountain that He can't move.  
Oh, praise the name that makes a way!  
There's nothing that our God can't do.

There's nothing that our God can't do.  
There's not a prison wall He can't break through.  
Oh, praise the name that makes a way!  
There's nothing that our God can't do.

**Bridge (2x):**     I will believe for greater things  
                          There's no power like the power of Jesus  
                          Let faith arise let all agree  
                          There's no power like the power of Jesus

I will believe for greater things  
There's no power like the power of Jesus  
Let faith arise let all agree  
There's no power like His power.

There's nothing that our God can't do.  
There's not a mountain that He can't move.  
Oh, praise the name that makes a way!  
There's nothing that our God can't do.

There's nothing that our God can't do.

There's not a prison wall He can't break through.  
Oh, praise the name that makes a way!  
There's nothing that our God can't do. Oh!

## Announcements

### Blessing and Dismissal

P May the God who calls you into discipleship strengthen you by His Spirit, keep you steadfast in His Word, and fill you with the life and peace of Christ.

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!

**The New Kitchen Floor** is being installed during the week of June 22. Before then we need to clean out the kitchen cabinets. We will be packing boxes and moving things into the back hallway June 15-18. The plan is to work from 9-12 before the VBS meals are prepared in the afternoon. If you can help out, please meet us in the kitchen. If you have any questions, call Cynthia Benner at 989.600.9463.

### **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 [llsmb@chartermi.net](mailto: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!

## **Vacation Bible School**

We're just one week away from the start of VBS! Here's how you can help:

1. Keep our volunteers and participants in prayer!
2. Visit the VBS display by the Lounge to sign up to help with meals and/or take donation slips for craft and food items
3. Join us following today's 10:45am worship service to canvas the neighborhood with invites
4. Join us next Saturday, June 13 at 9:00am for set up
5. Register YOUR family at [myvbs.org/sjlmidland](http://myvbs.org/sjlmidland)

## **Young Adult Summer Meet Ups**

We're excited to offer monthly events for mid-20s to mid-30s young adults this summer. Our first event is coming up on Saturday, June 20. We'll meet at 6:00pm in the Lounge for a game night (board, card, and yard games!). Snacks and drinks will be provided. Please consider those in your life who might be blessed by these events and share an invite with them (fliers available on table in back of Lounge).

## **Youth Summer Trip Meeting**

Students attending the MI District Senior High Youth Gathering and/or Appalachian Servant Event **and their parents** will gather in the Lounge following the 10:45am worship service NEXT Sunday, June 14 to go over final details and expectations.

*Altar flowers are given in Celebration of  
Gary & Cindy Siebert's  
48<sup>th</sup> Anniversary*

*Pulpit flowers are given in  
Honor of Frank and Lori Shisler's Wedding  
Anniversary*

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## **Our Mission Statement**

"We are here to share the good news of salvation and make disciples of Jesus Christ, in accordance with the Scriptures (Matt. 28:18-20) and with the help of the Holy Spirit. This mission begins with our St. John's family and extends to the Midland Community and the world."