



St. John's Lutheran Church

A congregation of The Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod

Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

July 5th, 2026

10:45 a.m. Worship



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Rest for Weary Hearts

Today we hear the gracious invitation of Jesus: "Come to Me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest." In the midst of burdens, uncertainty, and striving, Christ offers the peace and renewal that only He can give. As we gather in worship today, may God quiet our anxious hearts, strengthen us through His Word, and draw us more deeply into the rest, hope, and joy found in His abiding presence.

♪ "Come As You Are"

Words and Music by David Crowder, Matt Maher and Ben Glover
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Come out of sadness from wherever you've been.
Come, broken-hearted, let rescue begin.
Come find your mercy. O sinner, come kneel;
Earth has no sorrow that Heaven can't heal,
Earth has no sorrow that Heaven can't heal.

Chorus: (So) Lay down your burdens, lay down your shame.
All who are broken lift up your face.
O wanderer, come home;
You're not too far.
So lay down your hurt, lay down your heart,
Come as you are.

There's hope for the hopeless
And all those who've strayed:
Come sit at the table, come taste the grace.
There's rest for the weary,
Rest that endures,
Earth has no sorrow that Heaven can't cure. *(Chorus)*

Come as you are
Fall in His arms
Come as you are

There's joy for the morning O sinner be still
Earth has no sorrow that Heaven can't heal
Earth has no sorrow that Heaven can't heal *(Chorus)*

Come as you are
Come as you are
Come as you are

Invocation

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

Confession and Absolution

- P Let us confess our sins to God, our Father.
C **Merciful Father, we confess that we have often carried our burdens alone instead of bringing them to You. We have been anxious and restless, trusting in our own strength more than in Your care. We have failed to love You fully and to serve our neighbors with patience and compassion. Forgive us for our pride, our worry, and our wandering hearts. Renew us by Your grace, and teach us to rest in the mercy and peace of Jesus Christ our Lord.**
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. 91:2, 9-10; antiphon: Ps. 91:1

He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High
will abide in the shadow of the Almighty.

**I will say to the LORD, “My refuge and my fortress,
my God, in whom I trust.”**

Because you have made the LORD your dwelling place—
the Most High, who is my refuge—

**no evil shall be allowed to befall you,
no plague come near your tent.**

He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High
will abide in the shadow of the Almighty.

Collect of the Day

- P Let us pray:
Almighty God, You know we live in the midst of so many dangers that in our frailty we cannot stand upright. Grant strength and protection to support us in all dangers and carry us through all temptations; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
C **Amen.**

Old Testament Reading

Zechariah 9:9-12

Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion! Shout aloud, O daughter of Jerusalem! behold, your king is coming to you; righteous and having salvation is he, humble and mounted on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey. I will cut off the chariot from Ephraim and the war horse from Jerusalem; and the battle bow shall be cut off, and he shall speak peace to the nations; his rule shall be from sea to sea, and from the River to the ends of the earth. As for you also, because of the blood of my covenant with you, I will set your prisoners free from the waterless pit. Return to your stronghold, O prisoners of hope; today I declare that I will restore to you double.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Epistle

Romans 7:14-25a

For we know that the law is spiritual, but I am of the flesh, sold under sin. I do not understand my own actions. For I do not do what I want, but I do the very thing I hate. Now if I do what I do not want, I agree with the law, that it is good. So now it is no longer I who do it, but sin that dwells within me. For I know that nothing good dwells in me, that is, in my flesh. For I have the desire to do what is right, but not the ability to carry it out. For I do not do the good I want, but the evil I do not want is what I keep on doing. Now if I do what I do not want, it is no longer I who do it, but sin that dwells within me.

So I find it to be a law that when I want to do right, evil lies close at hand. For I delight in the law of God, in my inner being, but I see in my members another law waging war against the law of my mind and making me captive to the law of sin that dwells in my members. Wretched man that I am! Who will deliver me from this body of death? Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord! So then, I myself serve the law of God with my mind, but with my flesh I serve the law of sin.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Holy Gospel

Matthew 11:25-30

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

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

At that time Jesus declared, "I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, that you have hidden these things from the wise and understanding and revealed them to little children; yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. All things have been handed over to me by my Father, and no one

knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him. Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.”

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 of the world to come. Amen.

♪ "He Will Be"

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God is faithful to His Word,
Even when there seems no way.
Though time may pass, His memory will not fade,
His promises will never fail.

Chorus 1: Faithful He has been, faithful He will be.
Time and time again, His Word returns complete.
To His truth, I cling when the night is deep.
Faithful He has been, faithful He will be.

God is gracious when I doubt.
He draws near though I retreat.
Though I may wander through the wilderness,
He goes with me and gives me peace.

Chorus 2: Gracious He has been, gracious He will be.
What I don't deserve, the Father gives to me.
Where He leads my feet, I shall not want or need.
Gracious He has been, gracious He will be.

God is worthy of my song.
Countless are His awesome deeds.
His mighty hand has parted raging seas.
For those He loves, He has redeemed.

Chorus 3: Worthy He has been, worthy He will be.
Crowned in endless praise, all earth and heaven sing,
Holy is the Lord, who reigns in majesty.
Worthy He has been, worthy He will be.

Bridge (2x): He is my provider, covenant protector.
All my hope is in the Lord, my God.
He is my sustainer, merciful redeemer.
All my hope is in the Lord, my God.

Chorus 3 (2x): Worthy He has been, worthy He will be.
Crowned in endless praise, all earth and heaven sing,

Holy is the Lord, who reigns in majesty.
Worthy He has been, worthy He will be.

Ending: Worthy He has been, worthy He will be.
Worthy He has been, worthy He will be.

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 Table, invite us again into the
rest and mercy found in Christ alone. Prepare our hearts by Your
Holy Spirit to receive His true body and blood with repentance,
faith, and thanksgiving. Lift the burdens we carry, strengthen us
with Your grace, and renew us in love for You and for one another.
Through this holy meal, sustain us in faith and lead us in the peace
of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Words of Institution

"Great Are You Lord"

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1, 3: You give life You are love.
You bring light to the darkness.
You give hope. You restore ev'ry heart that is broken.
And great are You Lord.

2, 4, 5, 7, 8: It's Your breath in our lungs,

So we pour out our praise,
We pour out our praise.
It's Your breath in our lungs,
So we pour out our praise to You only.

6: And all the earth will shout Your praise.
Our hearts will cry these bones will sing,
Great are You Lord. (repeat 2x)

“Be Still My Soul (In You I Rest)”

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Be still, my soul, the Lord is on thy side.
Bear patiently the cross of grief or pain.
Leave to thy God to order and provide.
In every change He faithful will remain.
Be still, my soul, thy best, thy heavenly friend
Through thorny ways leads to a joyful end.

Be still my soul, thy God doth undertake
To guide the future as He has the past.
Thy hope, thy confidence let nothing shake.
All now mysterious shall be bright at last.
Be still, my soul, the waves and winds still know
His voice, who ruled them while He dwelt below.

Chorus: In You I rest; in You I found my hope.
 In You I trust; You never let me go.
 I place my life within Your hands alone.
 Be still, my soul.

Be still my soul, the hour is hastening on
When we shall be forever with the Lord.
When disappointment, grief, and fear are gone,
Sorrow forgot, love's purest joys restored.
Be still, my soul, when change and tears are past;
All safe and bless-ed we shall meet at last.

Chorus: In You I rest; in You I found my hope.
 In You I trust; You never let me go.
 I place my life within Your hands alone.
 Be still, my soul.

Chorus: In You I rest; in You I found my hope.

In You I trust; You never let me go.
I place my life within Your hands alone.
Be still, my soul.

Ending: Be still, my soul. Be still, my soul.

Blessing and Send-off for Appalachian Servant Event

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.**

“Patriotic Medley”

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My Country ‘Tis of Thee

My country ‘tis of thee, sweet land of liberty, of thee I sing:
Land where my fathers died, land of the pilgrims’ pride,
From ev’ry mountain side let freedom ring!

Our fathers’ God to Thee, author of liberty, to Thee we sing:
Long may our land be bright with freedom’s holy light;
Protect us by Thy might, Great God, our King !

America the Beautiful

O beautiful for spacious skies, for amber waves of grain,
For purple mountain majesties above the fruited plain!
America! America! God shed His grâce on thee,
And crown thy good with brotherhood from sea to shining sea!

O beautiful for heroes proved in liberating strife,
Who more than self their country loved and mercy more than life!
America! America! May God thy gold refine
Till all success be nobleness, and ev’ry gain divine!

Battle Hymn of the Republic

Mine eyes have seen the glory of the coming of the Lord,
He is trampling out the vintage where the grapes of wrath are stored;
He hath loosed the fateful lightning of His terrible, swift sword;
His truth is marching on.

Chorus: Glory! Glory! Hallelujah!
Glory! Glory! Hallelujah!
Glory! Glory! Hallelujah!
His truth is marching on.

He has sounded forth the trumpet that shall never call retreat,
He is sifting out the hearts of men before His judgment seat;
O, be swift, my soul, to answer Him! Be jubilant, my feet!
Our God is marching on. (*Chorus*)

In the beauty of the lilies Christ was born across the sea,
With a glory in His bosom that transfigures you and me;
As He died to make men holy, let us live to make men free,
While God is marching on. (*Chorus*)

Announcements

Blessing and Dismissal

P May the Lord Jesus, who invites the weary to find rest in Him, refresh
your hearts with His peace and strengthen you by His grace.

C **Amen.**

P Go in peace, serve the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon notes:

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!

Family Fun Meetups Join us this summer at St. John's playground for Family Fun Meetups! Drop in anytime between 10:00 AM and 12:00 PM for a morning of play, connection, and community. This open-house style event invites caregivers and children to enjoy time together, build relationships, and end the morning with a short devotional. We'll meet again on July 15, 29, and August 12.

4th - 6th Grade Game Night Join us this summer for Game Nights in the St. John's gym! These evenings are open to students entering 4th through 6th grade for the 2026–2027 school year. Come enjoy a night of games, fun, fellowship, and pizza. Our next Game Night will take place August 5 from 6:00–7:30 PM. We hope to see you there!

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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."