



**SUNDAY MORNING SERVICE**  
**10:30 AM**  
**JUNE 17, 2018**  
**NON-COMMUNION**



**FIRST SAINT JOHN'S EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH**

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Be Together at First St. John's – Your Community Church and Your Family in Jesus



# FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST GROWING IN LOVE JUNE 17, 2018

## THE MISSION OF FIRST SAINT JOHNS

Lutheran Church is to proclaim His Gospel! To worship and serve our Lord Jesus Christ. Our major objective is to have a passion to lead all to Jesus and be an effective magnet involving lives for Jesus Christ.



## AS WE GATHER

“Now the green blade rises from the buried grain” is the first line of a well-known Easter carol. The wonder of God’s handiwork can be seen in the smallest things of God’s great creation. Even in a grain of mustard seed there is the promise of new life and fruitfulness. God provides for all of our needs out of love for His creatures. And He rejoices in the growth that occurs. As the “rolling seasons in fruitful order move” (*LSB* 893:1), we celebrate that in Christ we have a central role in God’s amazing plan as we grow in love.

## WELCOME WORSHIPPERS

Welcome to everyone; especially first time worshipers to our service. We are honored you have chosen to worship with us as we celebrate friendships, especially that in God's love we are disciples of our Savior, Jesus. May God bless you as you worship with us. If you have questions or need assistance, our members, Greeters, and Pastor are here to assist you. If you have no church home, please ask about membership at First St. John's. **Please fill in the names of those here today. If any address or phone numbers have changed note the changes on the card, and place our WELCOME CARD in the offering plate when it is passed.** We look forward to seeing you again.

## RINGING OF THE BELL

### PRELUDE

"Take my Life"

T. G. Stelzer

### WELCOME

**P** = Pastor, **A** = Assistant, **L** = Lector, **C** = People, & **△** = Stand

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### INVOCATION

**P** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

### OPENING SENTENCES *Romans* 5:18–19

**P** I lift up my eyes to the hills.

**C** From where does my help come?

**P** My help comes from the Lord,

**C** who made heaven and earth.

**P** He will not let your foot be moved;

**C** He who keeps you will not slumber.

**CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION** *1 Thessalonians 5:23–24*

**P** O God our Father, since You have set forth the way of life for us in Your beloved Son, we confess with shame our slowness to learn of Him, our failure to follow Him, and our reluctance to bear the cross.

**C** **Have mercy on us and forgive us, O Lord.**

**P** Forgive us for the poverty of our worship, our neglect of fellowship and of the Means of Grace, our hesitating witness for Christ, our evasion of responsibility in Your service, and our imperfect stewardship of Your gifts.

**C** **Have mercy on us and forgive us, O God.**

**P** Forgive us that so little of Your love has reached others through us, that we have been thoughtless in our judgments, hasty in condemnation, grudging in forgiveness, slow to seek reconciliation, and unwilling to help our neighbors as we ought.

**C** **Have mercy on us, O God, according to Your steadfast love. Create in us clean hearts, O God, and put a new and right spirit within us.**

**P** Upon this your confession and by the command of our Lord, I, a called and ordained servant of Christ, forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** **Amen.**

**P** Now may the God of peace Himself sanctify you completely, and may your whole spirit and soul and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. He who calls you is faithful; He will surely do it.

**C** **Amen.**

**SERVICE OF THE WORD****INTROIT** *Psalm 92:12–15; antiphon: v. 1*

It is good to give thanks to the LORD,  
to sing praises to Your name, O Most High.  
The righteous flourish like the palm tree  
and grow like a cedar in Lebanon.  
They are planted in the house of the LORD;  
they flourish in the courts of our God.  
They still bear fruit in old age;  
they are ever full of sap and green,  
to declare that the LORD is upright;  
He is my rock, and there is no unrighteousness in Him.  
It is good to give thanks to the LORD,  
to sing praises to Your name, O Most High.

**GLORIA PATRI**

**C** **Glo-ry be to the Fa-ther and to the Son and to the Ho-ly Ghost;**



as it was in the be-gin-ning, is now, and ev-er shall be, world with-out end. A-men.

## KYRIE



**C** Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -



on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

## SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

**P** The Lord be with you

**C** And with thy spirit

**P** Let us pray...

O God, Your Son, Jesus, proclaimed that unless one be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God. Grant us joy in knowing that You have made us a part of Your family and kingdom through the rebirth of Baptism into Jesus' death and resurrection; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

(Sit)

## CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

**OLD TESTAMENT READING** (The Lord promises a new planting in Israel).

**Ezekiel 17:22-24**

<sup>22</sup> Thus says the Lord GOD: "I myself will take a sprig from the lofty top of the cedar and will set it out. I will break off from the topmost of its young twigs a tender one, and I myself will plant it on a high and lofty mountain.

<sup>23</sup> On the mountain height of Israel will I plant it, that it may bear branches and produce fruit and become a noble cedar. And under it will dwell every kind of bird; in the shade of its branches birds of every sort will nest.

<sup>24</sup> And all the trees of the field shall know that I am the LORD; I bring low the high tree, and make high the low tree, dry up the green tree, and make the dry tree flourish. I am the LORD; I have spoken, and I will do it."

**L** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

**EPISTLE** (God promises a house eternal in the heavens.)

**2 Corinthians 5:1-10 (11-17)**

<sup>1</sup> **For we know that if the tent that is our earthly home is destroyed**, we have a building from God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens.

<sup>2</sup> For in this tent we groan, longing to put on our heavenly dwelling,

3 if indeed by putting it on we may not be found naked.  
 4 For while we are still in this tent, we groan, being burdened---not that we would be unclothed, but that we would be further clothed, so that what is mortal may be swallowed up by life.  
 5 He who has prepared us for this very thing is God, who has given us the Spirit as a guarantee.  
 6 So we are always of good courage. We know that while we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord,  
 7 for we walk by faith, not by sight.  
 8 Yes, we are of good courage, and we would rather be away from the body and at home with the Lord.  
 9 So whether we are at home or away, we make it our aim to please him.  
 10 For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each one may receive what is due for what he has done in the body, whether good or evil.  
 11 **Therefore, knowing the fear of the Lord, we persuade others.** But what we are is known to God, and I hope it is known also to your conscience.  
 12 We are not commending ourselves to you again but giving you cause to boast about us, so that you may be able to answer those who boast about outward appearance and not about what is in the heart.  
 13 For if we are beside ourselves, it is for God; if we are in our right mind, it is for you.  
 14 For the love of Christ controls us, because we have concluded this: that one has died for all, therefore all have died;  
 15 and he died for all, that those who live might no longer live for themselves but for him who for their sake died and was raised.  
 16 From now on, therefore, we regard no one according to the flesh. Even though we once regarded Christ according to the flesh, we regard him thus no longer.  
 17 Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come.

**L** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

**(Stand)**

**HOLY GOSPEL** (Jesus teaches the parable of the mustard seed.)

**Mark 4:26–34**

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the fourth chapter.



**C** Glo - ry be to Thee, O Lord.

**(The Gospel is read.)**

26 And he said, "The kingdom of God is as if a man should scatter seed on the ground.  
 27 He sleeps and rises night and day, and the seed sprouts and grows; he knows not how.  
 28 The earth produces by itself, first the blade, then the ear, then the full grain in the ear.  
 29 But when the grain is ripe, at once he puts in the sickle, because the harvest has come."  
 30 And he said, "With what can we compare the kingdom of God, or what parable shall we use for it?  
 31 It is like a grain of mustard seed, which, when sown on the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on earth,  
 32 yet when it is sown it grows up and becomes larger than all the garden plants and puts out large

branches, so that the birds of the air can make nests in its shade."

<sup>33</sup> With many such parables he spoke the word to them, as they were able to hear it.

<sup>34</sup> He did not speak to them without a parable, but privately to his own disciples he explained everything.

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord



**G** Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

God called to us inviting us to be a part of his family. Through Holy Baptism He made us His children. As a family we live together in trust and hope confessing our faith:

## **APOSTLES CREED *LSB 207***

**G** 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.**

(Sit)

**HYMN OF THE DAY**

"Almighty God, Your Word is Cast"

**LSB 577**

**SERMON**

(Sit)

**OFFERING {Please fill out the BLUE CARD and place it in the offering plate.}**

**VOLUNTARY**

"Almighty God, Your Word is Cast"

F. Peeters

**OFFERTORY**



**G** Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -

new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a -  
 way from Thy pres - ence, and take not Thy Ho - ly Spir - it  
 from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of Thy sal - va -  
 tion, and up - hold me with Thy free spir - it. A - men.

(Stand)

## PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

**P** For guests in worship today, that Christ bless their hearing of the Word with faith, understanding, and joy. Let us pray to the Lord, **C Lord, have mercy.**

**P** Let us pray for the whole people of God in Jesus Christ and for all people according to their needs. For the whole Church throughout the world, that as people united in faith and active in love we witness to the Good News that is ours in Christ Jesus, let us pray to the Lord. **C Lord, have mercy.**

**P** For all nations of the earth, that in those places where strife and discord rule there be times of peace and reconciliation, and for our own nation that it be an ensign of hope. As we pray, we remember with gratitude those valiant people of the armed forces of our nation, **(especially...Charlie, Jose, Blake, Clay, Austin, Sean, Brent, Jake, Justin, Kevin, Lindsay, Jonathan, Dakota, Matthew, Chuck, Megan, Krista, Jonathan, Dylan)**, who have fought and died to protect the liberties that are central to our way of life let us pray to the Lord. **C Lord, have mercy.**

**P** For our families as on this day we honor our fathers, grandfathers, and great-grandfathers, that they be supportive of and caring toward each person, seeing Christ in them, let us pray to the Lord. **C Lord, have mercy.**

**P** For the varied situations of daily life in which we are placed, especially in our workplaces and neighborhoods, that we be peace-bringers in all of our actions and words, let us pray to the Lord. **C Lord, have mercy.**

**P** For the special needs of this day, remembering those who are ill and those who mourn and for all those matters on our hearts this day, **[especially...Joyce, Bonnie, Wil, Bill, Gloria,**

Dawn, Ruthetta, Becky, Angie, Don, Beth, Doug, Pat, Helen, Susan, Eddie, Larry, Chris, Marianne, Graham, Patti, Erik, Mark, Mary, Greg, Christine, Brenton, Mary, The congregation of Trinity Lutheran in Milwaukee, Those persecuted for Jesus' sake, prayer warriors, The ministry of First St Johns, our radio ministry of WYCO, Our Community and families, Music Ministry, "for all those who do not know Jesus as Lord"], let us pray to the Lord. **C Lord, have mercy.**

**P** For all those saints who have completed their earthly journeys in faith and have left us a legacy of love, let us thank the Lord. **C Lord, have mercy.**

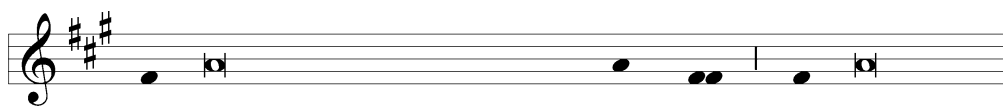
**P** Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy through Jesus Christ, our Lord. **C Amen.**

**P** Now as our Savior has taught us, we are bold to pray:

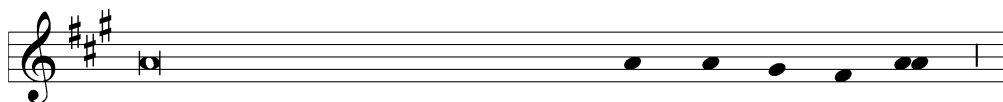
### LORD'S PRAYER

**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.

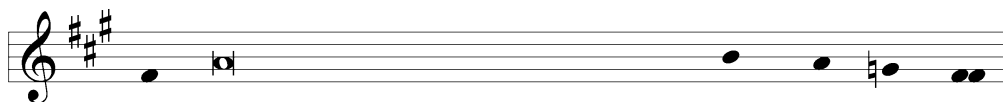
### BENEDICTION



**P** The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make



His face shine upon you and be gra - cious un - to you.



The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and ✠ give you peace.





**C** A-men, a-men, a - men.

**RECESSIONAL HYMN**

“Faith of our Fathers”

**INSERT**

**DISMISSAL**

**P** Go in peace and serve the Lord!

**C** **Till all have heard! Thanks be to God!**

**POSTLUDE**

“Faith of our Fathers”

L. Smith

The closing hymn was selected by Mike and Carlos Beck.

The congregation thanks Geoff Abendschoen for being our guest proclaimer today.

**SERVING IN GOD’S HOUSE TODAY**

<b>GUEST PROCLAIMER:</b>	<b>Rev. James Banach</b>
<b>MINISTER OF MUSIC:</b>	<b>Ken Sanders</b>
<b>THE LAY READER:</b>	
<b>THE USHERS:</b>	<b>Wally Smith</b>
<b>THE ALTAR GUILD:</b>	<b>Lois Stambaugh</b>
<b>REFRESHMENTS:</b>	<b>Nancy Hildebrand</b>
<b>THE ADULT CHOIR:</b>	<b>Sharon Hennig, Karen Hildebrand, Lois Hollinger, Lois Stambaugh, Dave Stambaugh, Wally Smith, Ding Wang, Quitao Zhang,</b>
<b>THE GREETERS:</b>	<b>Delores Rehmeyer, Barb Klahold</b>
<b>THE PRIESTS:</b>	<b>The People of 1<sup>st</sup> St Johns</b>

**ATTENTION (NURSERY FACILITIES ARE AVAILABLE IN THE PARISH HALL).**

**THE ALTAR FLOWERS** are given to the **GLORY OF GOD.**

**THE SPECIAL OFFERING** for the month of **JUNE** is Lutheran Mission Society

**WORSHIP COMMITTEE** meets at 12:00 Noon on the 1st Sunday of every Month unless a special meeting is called.

### **STEWARDSHIP**

**Mark 4:34 – “He did not speak to them without a parable, but privately to his own disciples he explained everything.”** How blessed we are to be His disciples! The Lord has indeed explained everything to us. He has told us all things plainly. Why then are we ever so foolish as to disobey His clear Word? Our fight against sin in the power of the Holy Spirit is truly a struggle. Therefore let us receive the Lord’s help in His Word and Sacraments – and let us fight the good fight of faith and grow up into His image.

## WEEKLY WORSHIP AND CONFESSION

### SUNDAY

9:00 AM

Christian Education

10:30 AM

Worship Service

### READINGS FOR THE JUNE 24TH SERVICE

**OLD TESTAMENT READING** (The Lord answers Job out of the whirlwind.) **Job 38:1–11**

**EPISTLE** (Having nothing, yet possessing everything) **2 Corinthians 6:1–13**

**HOLY GOSPEL** (Jesus calms the storm.) **Mark 4:35–41**

### UPCOMING SERVICES

**June 24th-COMMUNION** (5th Sunday after Pentecost) **(10:30 am morning service).**

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