



SUNDAY MORNING SERVICE
8:15 AM
JULY 8, 2018
COMMUNION



FIRST SAINT JOHN'S EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

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SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

A COMMUNITY OF REBELS

JULY 8, 2018

AS WE GATHER

Our culture is fascinated with rebels. Characters such as Han Solo, Ferris Bueller, and Katniss Everdeen are not perfect, but we admire how they stand up to authority. Whether being a rebel is good or bad depends on whom one is rebelling against. When the authority is God Almighty, rebels are not looked upon so fondly. Israel rebelled against God, and Ezekiel told them just that. The people of Nazareth rejected Jesus, rebelling against their own hometown prophet. Paul was a rebel himself, first against the followers of Jesus, and then on their behalf. Sin is rebellion against God. Yet God forgives our rebellion through Jesus' death and resurrection, turning our rebellion into reconciliation and rejoicing. Despite our weaknesses and inclination to rebel, God's grace comes to us in Jesus, and He is sufficient for us.

WELCOME WORSHIPPERS

Welcome to everyone; especially first-time worshippers 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.

COMMUNION STATEMENT

The Lord's Supper is celebrated at this congregation in the confession and glad confidence that, as He says, our Lord gives into our mouths not only bread and wine, but His very body and blood to eat and to drink for the forgiveness of sins and to strengthen our union with Him and with one another. **Our Lord invites** to His table those who trust in His words, repent of all sin, and set aside any refusal to forgive and love as He forgives and loves us, that they may show forth His death until He comes. All who believe that as they receive the bread and wine they also receive Jesus' body and blood are invited to receive the Supper with us today. (cf. 1 Cor. 11:23-32). If you have any questions, please consult with the Pastor. **Please check (✓) the names of those receiving the Lord's Supper and place our WELCOME CARD in the offering plate when it is passed.**

ORDER OF WORSHIP

P = Pastor **A** = Assistant **L** = Lector **C** = Congregation

RINGING OF THE BELL

PRELUDE

"Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty"

F. Peeters

WELCOME

HYMN OF INVOCATION

"Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty"

LSB 901

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 Therefore, as one trespass led to condemnation for all men,

C **so one act of righteousness leads to justification and life for all men.**

P For as by the one man's disobedience the many were made sinners,

C **so by the one man's obedience the many will be made righteous.**

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

P Beloved in the Lord, each of us has rebelled against God and rejected His will, His ways, and His commands. We were born in sin and weakness. We cannot escape our rebellious condition on our own. Let us then confess our sins to God, our heavenly Father.

[Silence for reflection.]

P Heavenly Father,

C **we confess that we have rejected Your ways and sought our own. We have rebelled against Your almighty rule, trying to be the masters of our own lives. We have failed to love You with all our heart. We have failed to love our neighbors as ourselves. We have failed to love our enemies as You commanded. Forgive us by Your power, mercy, and grace.**

P In the power, mercy, and grace of almighty God, Jesus Christ died and was raised for you. On account of Christ and His all-sufficient grace, God forgives you. 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 ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen. His grace is sufficient for us. His power is made perfect in weakness.**

✠ SERVICE OF THE WORD ✠

INTROIT Psalm 132:13–16

P For the LORD has chosen Zion; he has desired it for his dwelling place:
"This is my resting place forever; here I will dwell, for I have desired it.
I will abundantly bless her provisions; I will satisfy her poor with bread.
Her priests I will clothe with salvation, and her saints will shout for joy.

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.

C O Lord God, You led Your ancient people through the wilderness and brought them to the promised land. Guide the people of Your Church that following our Savior we may walk through the wilderness of this world toward the glory of the world to come; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

(Sit)

OLD TESTAMENT READING (*Ezekiel is sent to Israel, a nation of rebels, with God's Word.*)

Ezekiel 2:1-5

¹And he said to me, "Son of man, stand on your feet, and I will speak with you." ²And as he spoke to me, the Spirit entered into me and set me on my feet, and I heard him speaking to me. ³And he said to me, "Son of man, I send you to the people of Israel, to nations of rebels, who have rebelled against me. They and their fathers have transgressed against me to this very day. ⁴The descendants also are impudent and stubborn: I send you to them, and you shall say to them, 'Thus says the Lord GOD.' ⁵And whether they hear or refuse to hear (for they are a rebellious house) they will know that a prophet has been among them.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE (*We rejoice in our weaknesses because they showcase the power, mercy, and grace of Christ.*)

2 Corinthians 12:1-10

¹I must go on boasting. Though there is nothing to be gained by it, I will go on to visions and revelations of the Lord. ²I know a man in Christ who fourteen years ago was caught up to the third heaven--whether in the body or out of the body I do not know, God knows. ³And I know that this man was caught up into paradise--whether in the body or out of the body I do not know, God knows--⁴and he heard things that cannot be told, which man may not utter. ⁵On behalf of this man I will boast, but on my own behalf I will not boast, except of my weaknesses. ⁶Though if I should wish to boast, I would not be a fool, for I would be speaking the truth. But I refrain from it, so that no one may think more of me than he sees in me or hears from me. ⁷So to keep me from becoming conceited because of the surpassing greatness of the revelations, a thorn was given me in the flesh, a messenger of Satan to harass me, to keep me from becoming conceited. ⁸Three times I pleaded with the Lord about this, that it should leave me. ⁹But he said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness." Therefore I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may rest upon me. ¹⁰For the sake of Christ, then, I am content with weaknesses, insults, hardships, persecutions, and calamities. For when I am weak, then I am strong.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

(Stand)

HOLY GOSPEL (*Jesus is rejected in His hometown but sends out the twelve disciples to proclaim repentance, cast out demons, and heal the sick.*)

Mark 6:1-13

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



C Glo - ry be to Thee, O Lord.

¹[Jesus] went away from there and came to his hometown, and his disciples followed him. ²And on the Sabbath he began to teach in the synagogue, and many who heard him were astonished, saying, "Where did this man get these things? What is the wisdom given to him? How are such mighty works done by his hands? ³Is not this the carpenter, the son of Mary and brother of James and Joses and Judas and Simon? And are not his sisters here with us?" And they took offense at him. ⁴And Jesus said to them, "A prophet is not without honor, except in his hometown and among his relatives and in his own household." ⁵And he could do no mighty work there, except that he laid his hands on a few sick people and healed them. ⁶And he marveled because of their unbelief.

And he went about among the villages teaching.

⁷And he called the twelve and began to send them out two by two, and gave them authority over the unclean spirits. ⁸He charged them to take nothing for their journey except a staff---no bread, no bag, no money in their belts---⁹but to wear sandals and not put on two tunics. ¹⁰And he said to them, "Whenever you enter a house, stay there until you depart from there. ¹¹And if any place will not receive you and they will not listen to you, when you leave, shake off the dust that is on your feet as a testimony against them." ¹²So they went out and proclaimed that people should repent. ¹³And they cast out many demons and anointed with oil many who were sick and healed them.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



C Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

NICENE CREED

P 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:

C **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.

(Sit)

HYMN OF THE DAY

“Jesus, Savior, Pilot Me”

LSB 715

SERMON

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

(Stand)

OFFERTORY



C 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.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

P Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs...

For children and infants, that they be raised by faithful parents and guardians, and grow in strength and in knowledge of the Lord, let us pray to the Lord. **C Lord, have mercy.**

P For those in power, especially elected officials, that they would treat those under their power with justice and compassion. Watch over those who serve in the armed forces of our land, especially Charlie, Jose, Blake, Clay, Austin, Sean, Brent, Jake, Justin, Kevin, Lindsay, Jonathan, Dakota, Matthew, Chuck, Megan, Krista, Jonathan, Dylan, granting them safety in their serving, Lord, let us pray to the Lord. **C Lord, have mercy.**

P For the elderly and homebound, that God would strengthen them through His Word and Sacraments, let us pray to the Lord. **C Lord, have mercy.**

P For the leaders of this congregation, that God would send His guidance and wisdom for the benefit of this congregation and community, let us pray to the Lord. **C Lord, have mercy.**

P For those who mourn the death of loved ones, [*especially . . .*], that they find hope in the resurrection and return of Christ, let us pray to the Lord. **C** **Lord, have mercy.**

P For those who celebrate special occasions and answered prayers, [*especially . . .*], that their joy be a witness to the goodness of God, let us pray to the Lord. **C** **Lord, have mercy.**

P For those who are sick and recovering, [**especially... Bonnie, Joyce, Ruth, Wil, Bill, Gloria, Dawn, Ruthetta, Becky, Angie, Beth, Helen, Faith, Susan, Marianne, Graham, Patti, Christine, Frank, Bill, Brenton, Olivia, 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"**], that they rely on the all-sufficient grace of Christ, let us pray to the Lord. **C** **Lord, have mercy.**

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 Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your power, mercy, and grace. **C** **Amen.**

✠ SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT ✠

PREFACE



The Lord be with you.



C And with thy spirit - it.



P Lift up your hearts.



C We lift them up un - to the Lord.



P Let us give thanks un - to the Lord, our God.



C It is meet and right so to do.

PROPER PREFACE

P It is truly meet, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who overcame the assaults of the devil and gave His life as a ransom for many that with cleansed hearts we might be prepared joyfully to celebrate the paschal feast in sincerity and truth. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

SANCTUS



C Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth;



heav'n and earth are full of Thy glo - ry. Ho - san - na,



ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is He,



bless - ed is He, bless - ed is He that com - eth in the name of the Lord.



Ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

LORD'S PRAYER

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

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.**

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

P Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My ✠ body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My ✠ blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

PAX DOMINI



P The peace of the Lord be with you al - ways.



C A - men.

AGNUS DEI



C O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak-est a-way the sin of the



world, have mer-cy up - on us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that



tak-est a-way the sin of the world, have mer-cy up - on us.



O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak-est a-way the sin of the



world, grant us Thy peace. A - men.

(Sit)

RECEPTION OF THE SACRAMENT

DISTRIBUTION HYMN

“Here, O My Lord, I See Thee Face to Face”

LSB 631

(Stand)

POST-COMMUNION BLESSING

P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting. Depart in peace. **C** Amen.

NUNC DIMITTIS

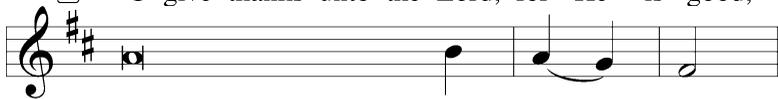


C Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant depart in peace according to Thy word, for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation, which Thou hast prepared before the face of all people, a light to lighten the Gentiles and the glory of Thy people Israel. Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

THANKSGIVING AND POST-COMMUNION COLLECT



A O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,



C and His mercy endureth for - ev - er.

P Let us pray.

We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



C A - men.

SALUTATION AND BENEDICAMUS



P The Lord be with you.



C And with thy spir - it.



A Bless we the Lord.

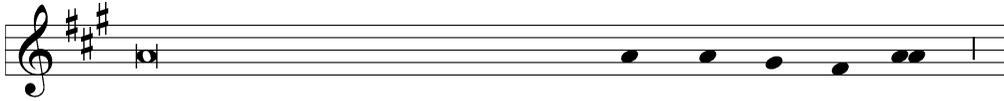


C Thanks be to God.

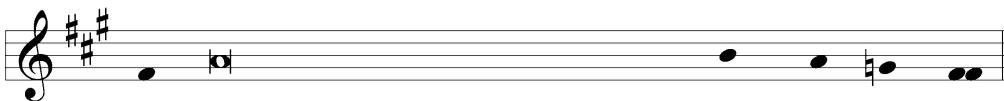
BENEDICTION



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

“O God, Our Help in Ages Past”

LSB 733

DISMISSAL

P Go in peace and serve the Lord!

C Till all have heard! Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE

“O God Our Help”

G. Young

The congregation thanks Reverend Luke Zimmerman for being our guest proclaimer for today and every Sunday through the end of August.

SERVING IN GOD’S HOUSE TODAY

GUEST PROCLAIMER:	Rev. Luke Zimmerman
MINISTER OF MUSIC:	Ken Sanders
THE LAY READER:	
THE USHERS:	Hans Abendschoen, Geoff Abendschoen
THE ALTAR GUILD:	Carla Allison
REFRESHMENTS:	<i>No refreshments in July and August</i>
THE ADULT CHOIR:	Sharon Hennig, Karen Hildebrand, Lois Hollinger, Lois Stambaugh, Dave Stambaugh, Wally Smith, Ding Wang, Quitao Zhang,
THE GREETERS:	Delores Rehmeyer, Barb Klahold
THE PRIESTS:	The People of 1 st St Johns

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 **JULY** is American Bible Society.

WORSHIP COMMITTEE meets at 12:00 Noon on the 1st Sunday of every Month unless a special meeting is called. The date for the July meeting will be announced.

STEWARDSHIP

2 Corinthians 12:10 – “**For the sake of Christ, then, I am content with weaknesses, insults, hardships, persecutions, and calamities.**” Paul found contentment in Christ. To be content means to accept what the Lord gives us at any given time as somehow being from the hand of the Father who wants to bless us. Sometimes it’s hard to see how things like hardships, calamities, and insults will turn out for a blessing; but that is why Paul found this contentment in Christ and not in his own wisdom.

WEEKLY WORSHIP AND CONFESSION

SUNDAY

8:15 AM

Worship Service

9:30 AM

Bible Study in the Book of James

Please note that the church service starting time is 8:15 a.m. for the months of July and August.

The bible study in James is scheduled for 9:30 a.m.

PLEASE NOTE THAT THE BIBLE STUDY TIME HAS CHANGED.

READINGS FOR THE JULY 15TH SERVICE

PSALM Psalm 85: (1–7) 8–13

OLD TESTAMENT READING (*Amaziah tells Amos to prophesy elsewhere, but Amos does as the Lord commands.*) **Amos 7:7–15**

EPISTLE (*Paul speaks of our redemption, adoption, forgiveness, and inheritance in Christ.*) **Ephesians 1:3–14**

HOLY GOSPEL (*Herod puts John the Baptist to death.*) **Mark 6:14–29**

UPCOMING SERVICES

July 15th-Non-Communion (8th Sunday after Pentecost) (8:15 am morning service).

July 22th-Communion (9th Sunday after Pentecost) (8:15 am morning service).

July 29th-Non-Communion (10th Sunday after Pentecost) (8:15 am morning service).

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