

WELCOME TO ST. JOHN LUTHERAN CHURCH

Woodbury, Minnesota

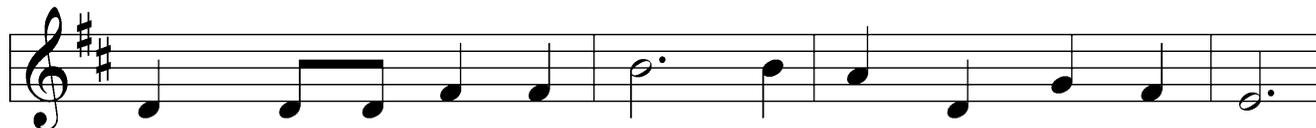
WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 26, 2020 | 7:00 PM

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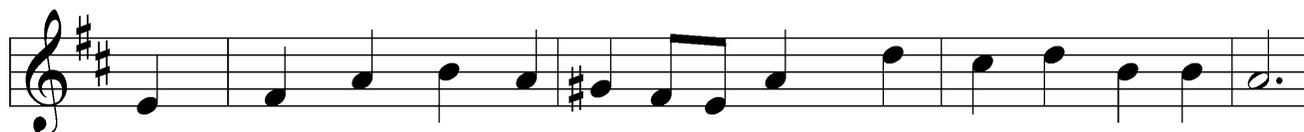
RINGING OF THE BELL | WELCOME

OPENING HYMN

“Crown Him with Many Crowns” [LSB 525], vs. 1, 3-4



1 Crown Him with man - y crowns, The Lamb up - on His throne;
3 Crown Him the Lord of love. Be - hold His hands and side,
4 Crown Him the Lord of life, Who tri - umphed o'er the grave



Hark how the heav'n-ly an - them drowns All mu - sic but its own.
Rich wounds, yet vis - i - ble a - bove, In beau - ty glo - ri - fied.
And rose vic - to - rious in the strife For those He came to save.



A - wake, my soul, and sing Of Him who died for thee, And
No an - gels in the sky Can ful - ly bear that sight, But
His glo - ries now we sing, Who died and rose on high, Who



hail Him as thy match-less king Through all e - ter - ni - ty.
down - ward bend their won-d'ring eyes At mys - ter - ies so bright.
died e - ter - nal life to bring And lives that death may die.

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INVOCATION

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

CONFESSION | ABSOLUTION

Pastor: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

People: **But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

Pastor: Let us therefore come before His throne of grace with humble and sincere hearts to lay our burdens down ... (silent prayer for personal confession) ... Gracious Lord,

People: we come before You, laying the burden of our sin at the foot of Your cross. We openly acknowledge our failure to follow Your plans for our lives. We have stumbled and fallen in our service to You. We have placed our agenda ahead of Yours. We have been shallow in our love toward You and toward those You have placed in our path. We cry out for mercy, trusting in Your promise to forgive us through the love of our Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.

Pastor: God has heard your cry for mercy and fulfills His promise to save and deliver you! Lavishing His grace upon you in Jesus, He enables you to love and forgive as He has first loved and forgiven you. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

HYMN OF PRAISE

“Crown Him with Many Crowns” [LSB 525], vs. 5

**vs. 5 Crown Him the Lord of heav’n, Enthroned in worlds above,
Crown Him the king to whom is giv’n, The wondrous name of Love.
Crown Him with many crowns, As thrones before Him fall;
Crown Him, ye kings, with many crowns, For He is king of all.**

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Jeremiah 15:15–21

¹⁵ LORD, you understand; remember me and care for me. Avenge me on my persecutors. You are long-suffering—do not take me away; think of how I suffer reproach for your sake. ¹⁶When your words came, I ate them; they were my joy and my heart’s delight, for I bear your name, LORD God Almighty. ¹⁷I never sat in the company of revelers, never made merry with them; I sat alone because your hand was on me and you had filled me with indignation. ¹⁸Why is my pain unending and my wound grievous and incurable? You are to me like a deceptive brook, like a spring that fails. ¹⁹Therefore this is what the LORD says: “If you repent, I will restore you that you may serve me; if you utter worthy, not worthless, words, you will be my spokesman. Let this people turn to you, but you must not turn to them. ²⁰I will make you a wall to this people, a fortified wall of bronze; they will fight against you but will not overcome you, for I am with you to rescue and save you,” declares the LORD. ²¹“I will save you from the hands of the wicked and deliver you from the grasp of the cruel.”

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE READING

Romans 12:9–21

⁹ Love must be sincere. Hate what is evil; cling to what is good. ¹⁰ Be devoted to one another in love. Honor one another above yourselves. ¹¹ Never be lacking in zeal, but keep your spiritual fervor, serving the Lord. ¹² Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer. ¹³ Share with the Lord’s people who are in need. Practice hospitality. ¹⁴ Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse. ¹⁵ Rejoice with those who rejoice; mourn with those who mourn. ¹⁶ Live in harmony with one another. Do not be proud, but be willing to associate with people of low position. Do not be conceited. ¹⁷ Do not repay anyone evil for evil. Be careful to do what is right in the eyes of everyone. ¹⁸ If it is possible, as far as it depends on you, live at peace with everyone. ¹⁹ Do not take revenge, my dear friends, but leave room for God’s wrath, for it is written: “It is mine to avenge; I will repay,” says the Lord. ²⁰ On the contrary: “If your enemy is hungry, feed him; if he is thirsty, give him something to drink. In doing this, you will heap burning coals on his head.” ²¹ Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

SPECIAL MUSIC

“Surely The Presence Of The Lord” [Jeanne Lohse & Nancy Maag]
CCLI # 3134458

HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 7:15–23

Pastor: The Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 7th chapter.

People: **Glory to You, O Lord.**

True and False Prophets ... ¹⁵ Watch out for false prophets. They come to you in sheep’s clothing, but inwardly they are ferocious wolves. ¹⁶ By their fruit you will recognize them. Do people pick grapes from thornbushes, or figs from thistles? ¹⁷ Likewise, every good tree bears good fruit, but a bad tree bears bad fruit. ¹⁸ A good tree cannot bear bad fruit, and a bad tree cannot bear good fruit. ¹⁹ Every tree that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire. ²⁰ Thus, by their fruit you will recognize them.

True and False Disciples ... ²¹ Not everyone who says to me, “Lord, Lord,” will enter the kingdom of heaven, but only the one who does the will of my Father who is in heaven. ²² Many will say to me on that day, “Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in your name and in your name drive out demons and in your name perform many miracles?” ²³ Then I will tell them plainly, “I never knew you. Away from me, you evildoers!”

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: **Praise to You, O Christ.**

SERMON

“False Teachers” Matthew 7:15–23

[Sermon series from Matthew - The Best of the Best: The Sermon on the Mount]

THE APOSTLES’ CREED

ALL: 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.**

GATHERING OF OFFERINGS

[online at <https://stjohnwoodbury.org/give> ~ or ~
via U.S. mail to SJLC, 1975 St. Johns Drive, Woodbury, MN 55129]

THE PRAYERS

Pastor: Let us pray to the Lord,

People: **Lord, have mercy.**

Pastor: For these and all other concerns we have, that coming before the throne of grace we find mercy to help us in our time of need.

People: **Bless us, Jesus, as we trust You to hear and answer our prayers. Amen.**

THE LORD’S PRAYER

ALL: 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 INSTITUTION | COMMUNION [in-person only]

COMMUNION DISMISSAL

Pastor: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting. Depart in peace.

People: Amen.

BLESSING

Pastor: Let us bless the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Pastor: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.

People: Amen.

SEND—OFF PRAYER

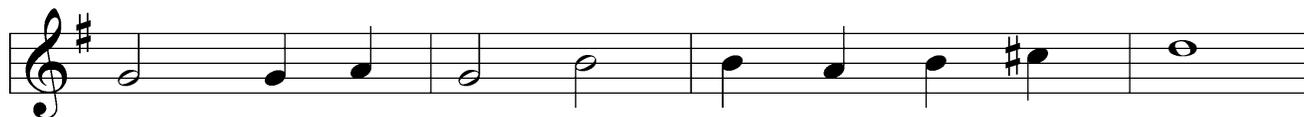
ALL: Knowing that the time is drawing near, may I by Your Spirit's prompting, support the mission and ministry of my church with my personal witness, my earnest prayers and my sacrificial gifts. Grant that through me, many may be saved from the kingdom of darkness for the kingdom of Your Light, through Jesus Christ, Your Son and our Lord. Amen.

CLOSING HYMN

"Savior, Again to Thy Dear Name We Raise" [LSB 917], vs. 1 & 2



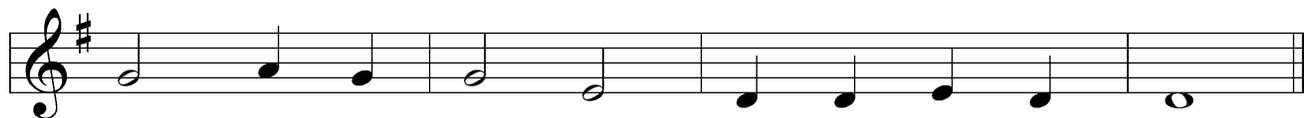
1 Sav - ior, a - gain to Thy dear name we raise
2 Grant us Thy peace up - on our home - ward way;



With one ac - cord our part - ing hymn of praise;
With Thee be - gan, with Thee shall end, the day.



Once more we bless Thee ere our wor - ship cease,
Guard Thou the lips from sin, the hearts from shame,



Then, low - ly bend - ing, wait Thy word of peace.
That in this house have called up - on Thy name.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS | DISMISSAL

Pastor: Go in peace! Serve the Lord!

People: Thanks be to God.

Thanks to Jeanne Lohse & Nancy Maag for providing special music and leading the hymns today!

As you do not know the
path of the wind...

So you cannot understand
the work of God, the
Maker of all things.

Ecclesiastes 11:5

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