

# St. John's Lutheran Church

*Serving God through the ELCA in the Metropolitan New York Synod*



## CELTIC SUNDAY!

*God is the source of our nourishment.*

*Jesus' invitation to "take and eat . . . take and drink" is a repeated one.*

*In holy communion, in the word read and proclaimed,  
in the assembly of the people of God, the dominion of God has come near.*

*Rejoice! Your name is written in heaven.*

**Worship Guide  
for  
July 06, 2025**



# Welcome to worship at St. John's Lutheran Church!

Through Word and Sacrament, we are God's people rooted in the abiding presence of our Lord, Jesus Christ, and empowered to serve by God's Holy Spirit!

Responding to the Good News of Christ, we live out our calling as people of faith.

Here at St. John's, our Mission Statement expresses our grace-empowered desire to be disciples in our everyday lives:

**“Encountering, Connecting, Responding to Jesus Christ.”**

We give thanks to God for this day and the opportunity to gather together as God's family to be fed with the Word and the Meal that sustains us for daily life!

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## For the Hearing-Impaired:

We have a T-Coil Hearing Assistance System in place in the worship space.

**The T-Switch must be activated on your hearing aid.**

Feel free to ask an usher if you need assistance.

## Health Emergency Notes:

If anyone needs **glucose**, or juice for a **hypoglycemic medical emergency**, juice boxes are available in the small fridge in the Meet and Greet Room ( Room 118), just around the corner from the sanctuary. Glucose tablets and gel are in the **First Aid Kits** in the *Entrance area coat room*, and in the *kitchen in the Fellowship Hall*. Please let a staff member know if you use any, so that they can be replaced right away!

In the unfortunate case of heart failure, our **DEFIBRILLATOR** is located across the hall from *Room 111 (Youth Ministry Office)*.



**Please Note: this worship service is being live-streamed.**

Please be aware that, by attending, you may appear on camera.

Footage will be posted on our church website and social media, such as YouTube.

Additional hand-held video footage may be taken for use on our church website.

# GATHERING

*The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.*

*Our prelude music is designed to help you and your neighbors to relax, settle in, and immerse yourselves in some quiet time with God before we begin our worship service. This is also a good time to double check your portable devices to make sure they are on “mute.” We hope that this prelude music will enhance your worship experience and bring peace to you.*

Prelude

Susato Brandle

*Folksong, Celtic Roots*

## Confession and Forgiveness

**Pastor** Blessed be the Holy Trinity, ☩ one God, full of compassion and mercy, and abounding in steadfast love.

**All** Amen.

**Pastor** Trusting in Christ’s promise of forgiveness, let us now turn our hearts toward God in humble confession.

*Silence is kept for reflection. Please kneel or sit.*

**Pastor** Gracious God,

**All** You are our breath and our very life. We are the work of your hands, the children of your creation. We confess that we have often turned from you and sought our own path through life. Forgive us our offenses, and cleanse us from proud thoughts and empty desires. By your grace draw us near to you, that you may be our refuge and our strength; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

**Pastor** God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were still far away, and has given us new life through our Lord Jesus Christ. By grace you have been saved, and in the name of the Father, and of the ☩ Son, and of the Holy Spirit, God now forgives you all your sins!

**All** Amen.

*Singing at the gathering may include hymns old and new, a prayer for God's mercy to fill the church and the world, or a canticle of praise to God's glory revealed in Jesus Christ.*

## **Gathering Hymn**    Morning Has Broken, Eleanor Farjeon

Morning has broken like the first morning  
Blackbird has spoken like the first bird  
Praise for the singing praise for the morning  
Praise for them springing fresh from the Word

Sweet the rain's new fall sunlit from heaven  
Like the first dewfall on the first grass  
Praise for the sweetness of the wet garden  
Sprung in completeness where His feet pass

Mine is the sunlight mine is the morning  
Born of the one light Eden saw play  
Praise with elation, praise every morning  
God's re-creation of the new day



*During the gathering, the presiding minister and the assembly greet each other in the name of God, using a trinitarian greeting.*

## **Apostolic Greeting and Prayer of the Day**

**Pastor**     The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**All**         **And also with you.**

**Pastor**     Let us pray.  
Heavenly God, you are the city that shelters us, the mother who comforts us. With your Spirit accompany us on our life's journey, that we may spread your peace in all the world, through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**ALL**         **Amen.**

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# WORD

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## First Reading

*New Revised Standard Version*

Isaiah 66: 10-14

<sup>10</sup> Rejoice with Jerusalem, and be glad for her,  
all you who love her;  
rejoice with her in joy,  
all you who mourn over her—  
<sup>11</sup> that you may nurse and be satisfied  
from her consoling breast,  
that you may drink deeply with delight  
from her glorious bosom.

<sup>12</sup> For thus says the LORD:  
I will extend prosperity to her like a river  
and the wealth of the nations like an overflowing stream,  
and you shall nurse and be carried on her arm  
and bounced on her knees.  
<sup>13</sup> As a mother comforts her child,  
so I will comfort you;  
you shall be comforted in Jerusalem.

<sup>14</sup> You shall see, and your heart shall rejoice;  
your bodies shall flourish like the grass,  
and it shall be known that the power of the LORD is with his servants,  
and his indignation is against his enemies.

Reader     The word of the Lord.

All        Thanks be to God!

<sup>1</sup> My brothers and sisters, if anyone is detected in a transgression, you who have received the Spirit should restore such a one in a spirit of gentleness. Take care that you yourselves are not tempted. <sup>2</sup> Bear one another's burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ. <sup>3</sup> For if those who are nothing think they are something, they deceive themselves. <sup>4</sup> All must test their own work; then that work, rather than their neighbor's work, will become a cause for pride. <sup>5</sup> For all must carry their own loads.

<sup>6</sup> Those who are taught the word must share in all good things with their teacher.

<sup>7</sup> Do not be deceived; God is not mocked, for you reap whatever you sow. <sup>8</sup> If you sow to your own flesh, you will reap corruption from the flesh, but if you sow to the Spirit, you will reap eternal life from the Spirit. <sup>9</sup> So let us not grow weary in doing what is right, for we will reap at harvest time, if we do not give up.

<sup>10</sup> So then, whenever we have an opportunity, let us work for the good of all and especially for those of the family of faith.

<sup>11</sup> See what large letters I make when I am writing in my own hand! <sup>12</sup> It is those who want to make a good showing in the flesh who try to compel you to be circumcised—only that they may not be persecuted for the cross of Christ. <sup>13</sup> Even the circumcised do not themselves obey the law, but they want you to be circumcised so that they may boast about your flesh. <sup>14</sup> May I never boast of anything except the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by which the world has been crucified to me and I to the world. <sup>15</sup> For neither circumcision nor uncircumcision is anything, but a new creation is everything! <sup>16</sup> As for those who will follow this rule—peace be upon them, and mercy, and upon the Israel of God.

Reader      The word of the Lord.

All          Thanks be to God

*Please stand if you are able*

## Gospel Acclamation

**Pastor** The holy gospel according to St. Luke, in the tenth Chapter.

**ALL** Glory to you, O Lord!

## Gospel

*New Revised Standard Version*

Luke 10: 1-11, 16-20

<sup>1</sup> After this the Lord appointed seventy-two others and sent them on ahead of him in pairs to every town and place where he himself intended to go. <sup>2</sup> He said to them, "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest. <sup>3</sup> Go on your way; I am sending you out like lambs into the midst of wolves. <sup>4</sup> Carry no purse, no bag, no sandals, and greet no one on the road. <sup>5</sup> Whatever house you enter, first say, 'Peace to this house!' <sup>6</sup> And if a person of peace is there, your peace will rest on that person, but if not, it will return to you. <sup>7</sup> Remain in the same house, eating and drinking whatever they provide, for the laborer deserves to be paid. Do not move about from house to house. <sup>8</sup> Whenever you enter a town and its people welcome you, eat what is set before you; <sup>9</sup> cure the sick who are there, and say to them, 'The kingdom of God has come near to you.' <sup>10</sup> But whenever you enter a town and they do not welcome you, go out into its streets and say, <sup>11</sup> 'Even the dust of your town that clings to our feet, we wipe off in protest against you. Yet know this: the kingdom of God has come near.'

<sup>16</sup> "Whoever listens to you listens to me, and whoever rejects you rejects me, and whoever rejects me rejects the one who sent me."

<sup>17</sup> The seventy-two returned with joy, saying, "Lord, in your name even the demons submit to us!" <sup>18</sup> He said to them, "I watched Satan fall from heaven like a flash of lightning. <sup>19</sup> Indeed, I have given you authority to tread on snakes and scorpions and over all the power of the enemy, and nothing will hurt you. <sup>20</sup> Nevertheless, do not rejoice at this, that the spirits submit to you, but rejoice that your names are written in heaven."

**Pastor** The gospel of the Lord.

**ALL** Praise to you, O Christ!

*gospel*

*The congregation is seated.*

## **Sermon**

*Silence for reflection follows the sermon.*

*Please stand if you are able.*

Hymn of the Day

Canticle of the Turning, Luke 1:46-58

(adapted by Rory Cooney)

My soul cries out with a joyful shout that the God of my heart is great.  
And my spirit sings of the wondrous things that you bring to the ones who wait.  
You fixed your sight on your servant's plight and my weakness you did not spurn.  
So from east to west shall your name be blest, could the world be about to turn?

My heart shall sing of the day you bring let the fires of your justice burn.  
Wipe away all tears for the dawn draws near and the world is about to turn!

Though I am small, my God, my all, you work great things in me,  
And your mercy will last from the depths of the past to the end of the age to be.  
Your very name puts the proud to shame and to those who would for you yearn.  
You will show your might, put the strong to flight, for the world is about to turn

My heart shall sing...

From the halls of power to the fortress tower not a stone will be left on stone.  
Let the king beware for your justice tears ev'ry tyrant from his throne.  
The hungry poor shall weep no more for the food they can never earn.  
There are tables spread, ev'ry mouth be fed for the world is about to turn.

My heart shall sing...

Though the nations rage from age to age we remember who holds us fast.  
God's mercy must deliver us from the conqueror's crushing grasp.  
This saving word that our forebears heard is the promise which holds us bound.  
Til the spear and rod can be crushed by God who is turning the world around.

My heart shall sing...

My heart shall sing...

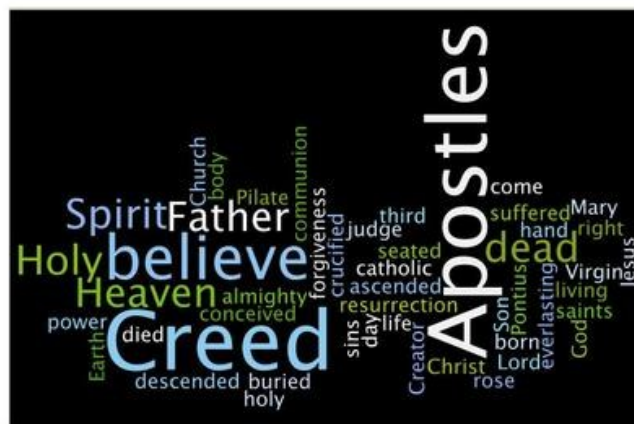


**Pastor**

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*\*or, "descended into hell."*

**\*\*or, catholic (universal)**



## Prayers of Intercession

A           Trusting in God's abundant mercy, let us offer prayers for a world in need.

*A brief silence. The assisting minister continues with the petitions,  
and the congregation responds to each with:*

A           Lord, in your mercy,

All          hear our prayer.

*The pastor concludes the prayers with:*

Pastor      Into your hands, O God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in  
your great mercy, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

All          Amen

## Sharing of the Peace

Pastor      The peace of the Lord be with you always.

All          And also with you.

*The people may greet one another with a sign of Christ's peace, and may say:*

Response   Peace be with you.

*The congregation is seated.*

## Announcements



## Offering

*An offering is gathered and the table is set. During this section of worship, we offer our gifts of  
time, self, and possessions to the glory of God, and we celebrate the sacrament of the eucharist,  
where Christ comes to meet us at the table.*

**Offertory Anthem**   We Praise Thee With Our Minds, O Lord, Hugh McElrick  
*As the gifts are brought forward, the congregation stands.*

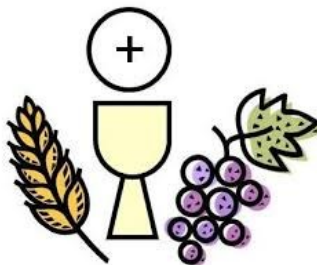
## Offering Prayer

- A Let us pray.
- C O Lord our God, maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts. With them we offer ourselves to your service and dedicate our lives to the care and redemption of all that you have made, for the sake of him who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## The Great Thanksgiving

*We speak responsively*

- P The Lord be with you!
- C And also with you!
- P Lift up your hearts!
- C We lift them to the Lord!
- P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God!
- C It is right to give him thanks and praise!
- P It is indeed right and salutary, .... ... and join their unending hymn:
- C Holy, Holy, Holy Lord,  
God of power and might.  
Heaven and earth are filled with your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest!  
Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!  
Hosanna in the highest!



**Pastor** Blessed are you, almighty and ever-living God. Your mercy is everlasting and your faithfulness endures from age to age. We give you thanks that you have gathered us into one through your Son, Jesus Christ, who reached out to heal the sick and suffering, who preached good news to the poor, and who, on the cross, opened his arms to all. Send now your Holy Spirit into our hearts, that we may receive our Lord with a living faith as he comes to us in his holy supper.

**All** Amen! We give you thanks and praise, O Lord!

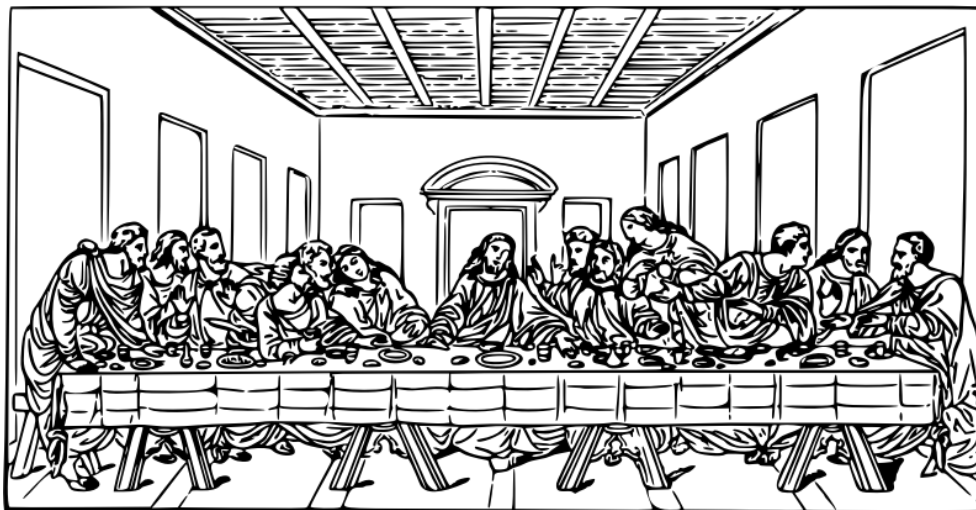
**Pastor** On the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying:

This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Remembering, therefore, his death, resurrection, and ascension, we await his coming in glory. Pour out your Holy Spirit, that by this Holy Communion we may know the unity that we share with all your people in the body of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Through him, † with him, in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor are yours, Almighty God, now and forever.

**All** Amen.



**Pastor** Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us boldly pray:

**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

**Pastor** Come to the table where all are welcomed home.



# Communion Hymn

## Hymn of the Day

Be Thou My Vision, Attributed to St. Patrick

(Translated by Mary E. Byrne, Versification by Eleanor Hull)

Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart.  
Naught be all else to me save that thou art.  
Thou my best thought by day and by night.  
Waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.



Be thou my wisdom and thou my true word.  
I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord.  
Thou my soul's shelter and thou my high tower.  
Raise thou me heavn'ward, O Power of my power

Riches I need not nor vain empty praise.  
Thou mine inheritance now and always.  
Thou and thou only the first in my heart.  
Great God of heaven my treasure thou art.

Light of my soul after victory won.  
May I reach heaven's joys, O heaven's Son.  
Heart of my own heart whatever befall.  
Still be my vision, O ruler of all.



*After the Eucharist has been shared by all, the congregation stands.*

## Post-Communion Blessing

**Pastor**      The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you  
and keep you in his grace!

**All**            **Amen.**

## Prayer After Communion

**A**              Let us pray.

God of all creation, all that you have made is good, and your love  
endures forever. Send your spirit with us now, that we may be united  
and transformed through the healing power of this gift of life, to serve  
you more fully by loving our neighbors more deeply.  
Through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**All**            **Amen.**



# SENDING

*God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.*

*The gifts of grace that we share at God's table are now ours to bring to all those in need.*

*We are sent out to live as Christ's body in our community and throughout the world.*

*Go in peace!*

## Benediction

P     The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord make his face to shine on you  
And be gracious to you.  
The Lord look upon you with favor,  
And grant you peace.  
In the name of the Father, and of the Son,  
and of the Holy Spirit.

All        Amen!





# Sending Hymn

# My Country 'Tis of Thee

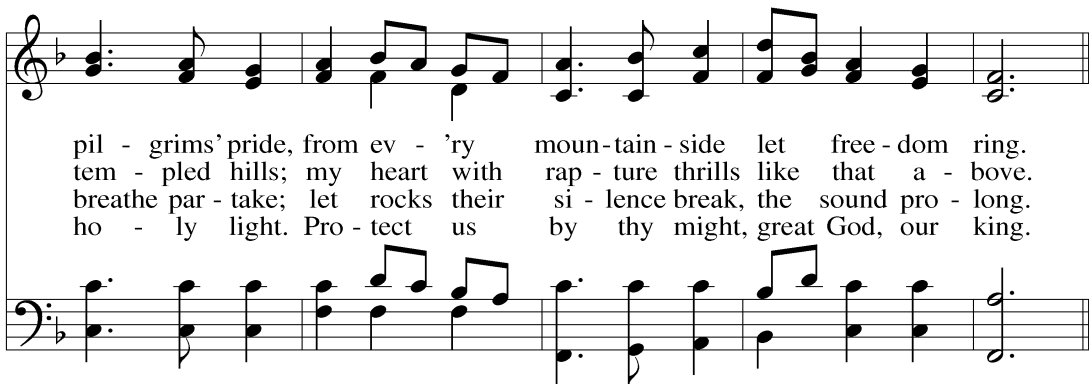
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1 My coun - try, 'tis of thee, sweet land of lib - er - ty,  
 2 My na - tive coun - try, thee, land of the no - ble free,  
 3 Let mu - sic swell the breeze, and ring from all the trees  
 4 Our fa - thers' God, to thee, au - thor of lib - er - ty,



of thee I sing: land where my fa - thers died, land of the  
 thy name I love; I love thy rocks and rills, thy woods and  
 sweet free - dom's song; let mor - tal tongues a - wake; let all that  
 to thee we sing: long may our land be bright with free - dom's



pil - grims' pride, from ev - 'ry moun - tain - side let free - dom ring.  
 tem - pled hills; my heart with rap - ture thrills like that a - bove.  
 breathe par - take; let rocks their si - lence break, the sound pro - long.  
 ho - ly light. Pro - tect us by thy might, great God, our king.

Text: Samuel F. Smith, 1808–1895  
 Music: NATIONAL ANTHEM, *Thesaurus Musicus*, London, 1744

## Dismissal

**Pastor** You are the body of Christ, raised up for the world!  
 Go in peace! Serve the Lord!

**All:** Thanks be to God!

## Postlude

*Lord Lovatt's/Battle of Waterloo/Wee Highland Piper*

THANK YOU!!

*THANK YOU to The Walker Family Band  
For Sharing Your Gift of Music  
With Us Today!*

*Please join us for a Special Reception  
Sponsored by our Hospitality Team  
Right After Worship!*



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*Thank you all for your dedication to the important work  
St. John's performs for you and for our community!*

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*P.S. Have you remembered St. John's in your will? Your planned giving can ensure that St. John's will be a beacon to the community for many generations to come!*

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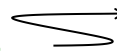
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9:00 AM & 10:30 AM

(Contemporary)

(Traditional)

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