

***To those who are
visiting today:***

Welcome to St. John Lutheran Church! We are delighted to have you here.

If you do not have a church home, you are cordially invited to join the St. John parish family.

Sound amplifying devices,

which are electronically connected to our speaker system, are available to those who have a hearing impairment. The units are light-weight, cordless, and simple to operate.

Please speak to an usher if you would like to use one.



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Director of Parish Music

***Prayers as you await the beginning
of the Divine Service are found
inside the front cover of the hymnal.***

***The Psalms in the front section of
the hymnal will also aid your
pre-service meditation.***

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***The Fifth Sunday after the Feast of Trinity
July 5, 2026***

Welcome, Visitors to St. John Lutheran Church!

Concerning the Lord's Supper or Holy Communion:

The Lord's Supper is the true Body and Blood of our Lord, Jesus Christ for repentant sinners to eat and drink.

In addition, receiving this blessed Sacrament of the Altar is a public expression that you are one with the faith that is believed, taught, and confessed by that congregation. St. John Ev.-Lutheran Church is a member congregation of the Lutheran Church–Missouri Synod (LC-MS.) Our pastors and congregations subscribe to the Confessions contained in the Book of Concord of 1580 as the correct interpretation of the Holy Scriptures, and faithful proclamation of the Christian faith. Therefore, communicant members in good standing of LC-MS congregations, and churches in altar and pulpit fellowship with the LC-MS, are invited to commune at St. John.

Not all Christians believe in communion practice of this kind, however we ask your kindness in respecting our practice. We rejoice at the faith of all who belong to our Lord's Church, and are glad that you are here with us today.

Adult and youth catechism instruction is always available, without obligation.

The Sign of the Cross, kneeling and other Church Customs

The hymnal places a cross ✠ at certain points in the service where you may cross yourself. This is a very ancient and good – but *optional* – symbol and custom among Lutherans and many other Christians. Two examples are at the Invocation (“In the Name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.”) and in the final sentence of the Nicene Creed.

What does making the sign of the cross mean?

It means “I belong to the true, living God: God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Spirit”, for the sign of the cross is His sign. On the cross, God the Son willingly died in our place to pay for all our sins. God's sign was placed on your forehead and heart at Holy Baptism to “mark you as belonging to Christ the crucified.”

Please kneel where indicated *if you are able* (or stand with head bowed.)

Kneeling is a sign of humility and thanksgiving before God. Martin Luther encouraged Lutherans to follow the ancient custom of kneeling for these words in the Nicene Creed: “came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the Virgin Mary and was made man.” Why? This outward action shows our humility and thanksgiving that God has made Himself our Brother by becoming a true Man. Those words in the Creed are, therefore, marked [▼ ▲] for those who desire to kneel. You could also bow your head at those words.

Another ancient and good custom is bowing the head whenever the name “Jesus” is spoken during the Divine Service. This is an outward way to give honor and glory to our Savior and Lord, Jesus Christ.

The Calendar for the Week:

<u>Today:</u> 7/5	9:00 am Divine Service Altar Server: Ron Heimke Crucifer: Ezra Ball
<u>Monday:</u> 7/6	6:00 pm Divine Service
<u>Next Sunday:</u> 7/12	9:00 am Divine Service Altar Server: Andrew Upton Crucifer: Ezra Ball
<u>Next Monday:</u> 7/13	6:00 pm Divine Service

Last Week's Attendance Sunday: 57 Monday: 7

Offering Current: \$3,716 Missions: \$105 Birthday: \$79 Building Fund: \$105
To meet our budgetary requirements, an average weekly collection of \$3,635 is required.

In today's readings: **Jesus Makes Fishers of Men.** The Lord called fishermen to be fishers of men (Luke 5:1-11). The net they would use is the message of the cross, which is foolishness and a stumbling block to the world (1 Cor. 1:18-25). The power of God to save is not in spectacular signs like wind and fire and earthquakes (1 Kings 19:11-21), nor is it to be found in human intelligence and wisdom. The power of God to save comes in the still, small voice of the preaching of Christ crucified. In worldly darkness the disciples could catch nothing. But in the light of Christ, whose Word was attached to the water, the boats were filled with fish. So it is that in Baptism you have been drawn in to the ship of the Church. Though the nets are breaking and some who hear the Word do not believe, pastors continue to cast the net of the Gospel and the Sacraments, that Christians may abide in the boat of the Church and that we may be ready to give a defense to everyone who asks a reason for the hope that is in us (1 Peter 3:8-15).

You can prepare for next week's Divine Service by reading: Exodus 20:1-17; Romans 6:1-11; Matthew 5:17-26.
Suggested Book of Concord reading: Formula of Concord, Solid Declaration I:13-14; II:67-68; VI:15-17.

The Sacrament of Individual Confession & Absolution is available by scheduling an appointment with Pastor Ball. The rite for individual, private confession comes from Luther's Small Catechism and is found in our hymnal on Pages 292-293.

Equipping the Priesthood of All Believers. Issues, Etc. is a podcast and radio talk show produced by Lutheran Public Radio in Collinsville, IL and hosted by LCMS Pastor Todd Wilken. Recent topics include: The 2026 Annual Meeting of the Southern Baptist Convention; Marxism & Liberation Theology; Expressive Individualism & the Christian Life; The Sevenfold Graces of the Spirit in Isaiah 11; and more. You can listen on-demand at issuesetc.org, the LPR mobile app, or a podcast provider.

Processional Hymn: #908 *Lord, Open Now My Heart to Hear*

P: Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit. **C: Amen.**

The *Introit* *(Please stand)*



The *Antiphon* - (as above)

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

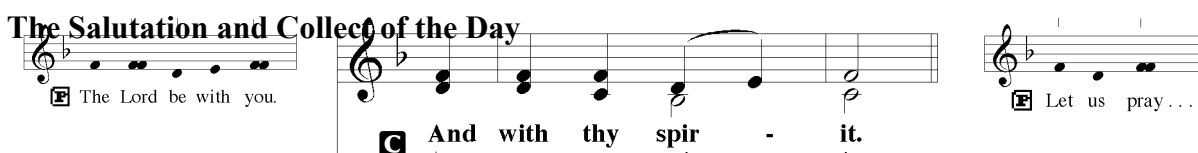
on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

The Gloria in Excelsis (Glory to God in the Highest)



P Glory be to God on high: **G** and on earth peace, good - will toward
men. We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we wor - ship Thee,
we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory.
O Lord God, heav'n-ly King, God the Fa-ther Al - mighty.
O Lord, the only begotten Son, Je - sus Christ;
O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,
that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy up-on us.
Thou that takest away the sin of the world, re-ceive our prayer.
Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy up-
on us. For Thou only art holy; Thou on - ly art the Lord.
Thou only, O Christ, with the Ho - ly Ghost,
art most high in the glory of God the Father. A - men.

The Salutation and Collect of the Day



P The Lord be with you. **G** And with thy spir - it. **P** Let us pray...

P: O God, You have prepared for those who love You good things that surpass all understanding. Pour into our hearts such love toward You that we, loving You above all things, may obtain Your promises, which exceed all that we can desire; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



G A - - - men.

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.

*The ancient text reads: one holy *catholic* and apostolic Church.

The Preaching of the Gospel

Hymn of the Day: #688 *"Come, Follow Me," the Savior Spake*

The Prayer of the Church - Please kneel

The Offering

The Liturgy of the Holy Eucharist

Please stand when the offering is brought forward.

The 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.

P The Lord be with you.

C And with thy spir - 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.

A - men.

The Proper Preface

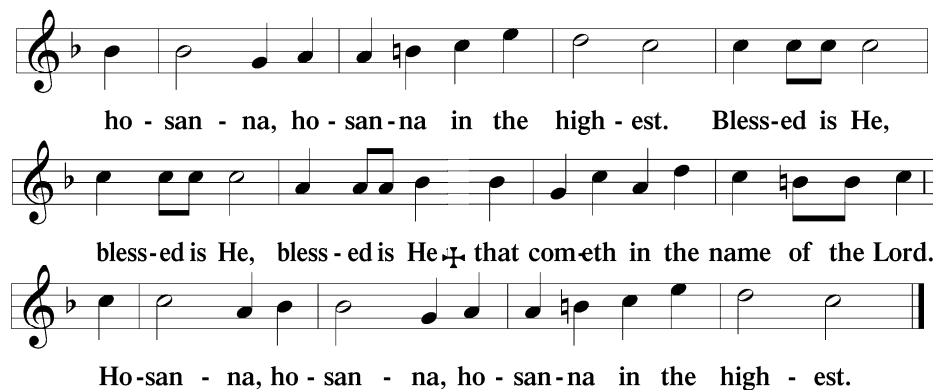
It is good, right, and salutary ... evermore praising You and saying:

The *Sanctus* (Holy, Holy, Holy)

It is appropriate to kneel for the Sanctus and to remain kneeling until the distribution.

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,



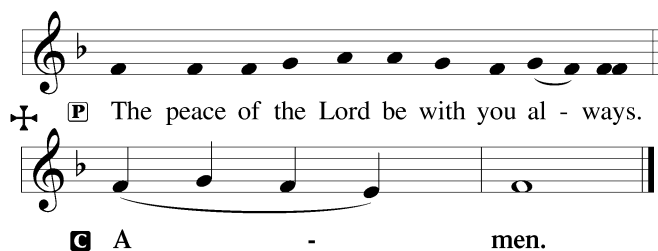
ho - san - na, ho - san-na in the high - est. Bless-ed is He,
 bless-ed is He, bless - ed is He ✠ that com-eth in the name of the Lord.
 Ho-san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san-na in the high - est.

The Our Father *(spoken by all)*

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.

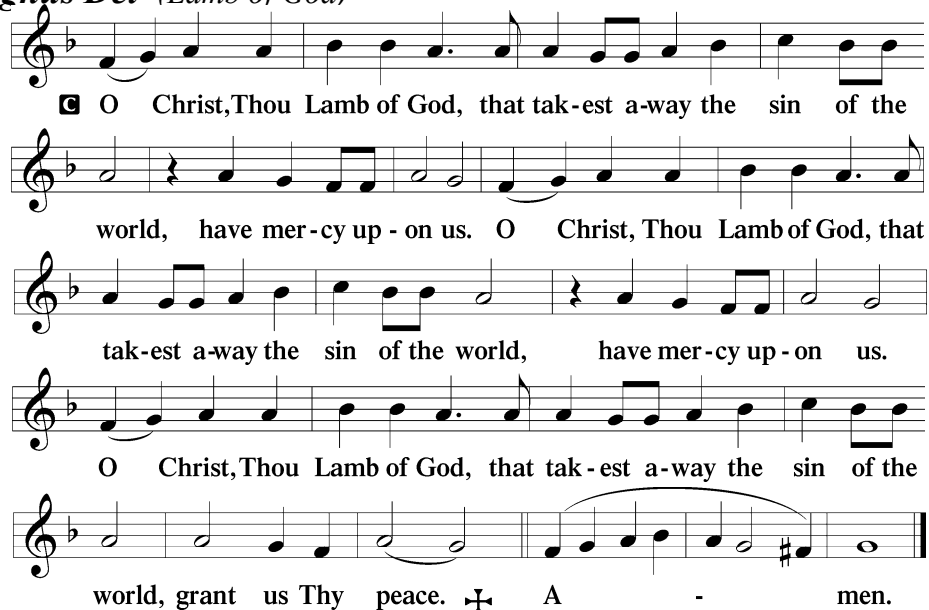
The *Verba Christi* *(The Words of Christ by which He instituted the Blessed Sacrament)*

The *Pax Domini* *(The Peace of the Lord)*



✠ **P** The peace of the Lord be with you al - ways.
A - men.

The *Agnus Dei* *(Lamb of God)*



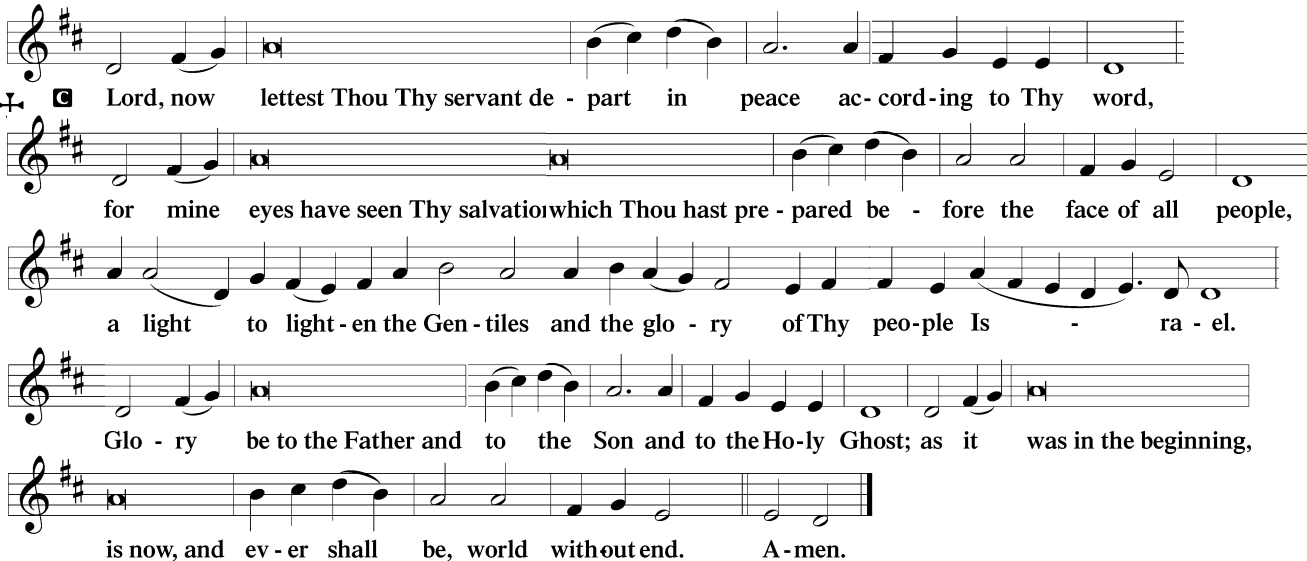
A O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak-est a-way the sin of the
 world, have mer-cy up - on us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that
 tak-est a-way the sin of the world, have mer-cy up - on us.
 O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak - est a-way the sin of the
 world, grant us Thy peace. ✠ A - men.

The Holy Communion — Hymns sung during distribution of the Sacrament:

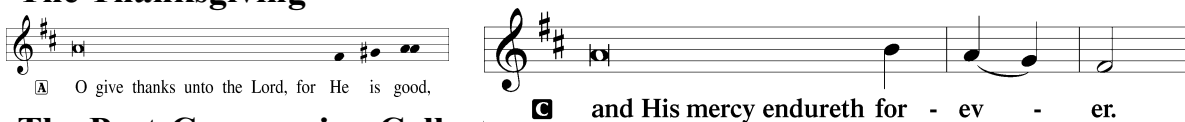
#560 *Drawn to the Cross, Which Thou Hast Blessed*

#425 *When I Survey the Wondrous Cross*

*Prayers for before and after receiving the Sacrament
 are found inside the front cover of the hymnal.*

The Nunc Dimittis


Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant de - part in peace ac - cord - ing to Thy word,
 for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation which Thou hast pre - pared be - fore the face of all people,
 a light to light - en the Gen - tles and the glo - ry of Thy peo - ple Is - ra - el.
 Glo - ry be to the Father and to the Son and to the Ho - ly Ghost; as it was in the beginning,
 is now, and ev - er shall be, world without end. A - men.

The Thanksgiving


A O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,
 and His mercy endureth for - ev - er.

The Post-Communion Collect

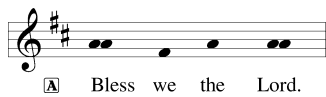
P: Grant, we beg You, O Lord, that we who have been filled with Your gifts may be cleansed by them and strengthened by their help; through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



A - men.

The Salutation and *Benedicamus*


P The Lord be with you.



A Bless we the Lord.



C And with thy spir - it.



C Thanks be to God.

The Benediction

P: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord lift up His countenance on you and ✠ give you peace.



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

Silent Prayer**Recessional Hymn: #918 *Guide Me, O Thou Great Redeemer***

✠ *Soli Deo Gloria* ✠