

Welcome to St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church in Lancaster



Sunday Worship

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8th Sunday after Pentecost
July 31, 2022

The Prelude * The Greetings * The Invocation

Opening Hymn

LBW 358

Glories of Your Name Are Spoken



1 Glo - ries of your name are spo - ken, Zi - on, cit - y of our God;
2 See, the streams of liv - ing wa - ters, spring-ing from e - ter - nal love,
3 Round each hab - i - ta - tion hov - ring, see the cloud and fire ap - pear
4 Sav - ior, since of Zi - on's cit - y I through grace a mem - ber am,



he whose word can - not be bro - ken formed you for his own a - bode.
well sup - ply your sons and daugh - ters, and all fear of want re - move.
for a glo - ry and a cov - 'ring, show - ing that the Lord is near.
let the world de - ride or pit - y, I will glo - ry in your name.



On the Rock of A - ges found-ed, what can shake your sure re - pose?
Who can faint, while such a riv - er ev - er will their thirst as - suage?
Thus de - riv - ing from their ban - ner light by night and shade by day,
Fad - ing are the world-lings' plea-sures, all their boast - ed pomp and show;



With sal - va - tion's walls sur-round-ed, you may smile at all your foes.
Grace which, like the Lord, the giv - er, nev - er fails from age to age.
safe they feed up - on the man - na which God gives them on their way.
sol - id joys and last - ing trea - sures none but Zi - on's chil - dren know.

Confession and Forgiveness

Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, whose steadfast love endures forever. **Amen.**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.
Silence is kept for reflection.

Merciful God,
we confess that we have not followed your path but have chosen our own way. Instead of putting others before ourselves, we long to take the best seats at the table. When met by those in need, we have too often passed by on the other side. Set us again on the path of life. Save us from ourselves and free us to love our neighbors. Amen.

Hear the good news! God does not deal with us according to our sins but delights in granting pardon and mercy. In the name of + Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. You are free to love as God loves. **Amen.**

The Prayer of the Day

Benevolent God, you are the source, the guide, and the goal of our lives. Teach us to love what is worth loving, to reject what is offensive to you, and to treasure what is precious in your sight, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

The Hymn of Praise

A musical score in G major, common time. The melody consists of eighth and sixteenth notes. The lyrics are: "This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le-lu-ia."

C This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le-lu-ia.

A musical score in G major, common time. The melody consists of eighth and sixteenth notes. The lyrics are: "Wor-thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us

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A musical score in G major, common time. The melody consists of eighth and sixteenth notes. The lyrics are: "free to be peo-ple of God. Pow-er and rich-es and wis-dom and"

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The First Reading
Ecclesiastes 1:2, 12-14; 2:18-23

Vanity of vanities, says the Teacher,
vanity of vanities! All is vanity.

I, the Teacher, was king over Israel in Jerusalem. I applied my mind to seek and to search out by wisdom all that is done under heaven; it is an unhappy business that God has given to humans to be busy with. I saw all the deeds that are done under the sun, and see, all is vanity and a chasing after wind.

I hated all my toil in which I had toiled under the sun, seeing that I must leave it to my successor, and who knows whether he will be wise or foolish? Yet he will be master of all for which I toiled and used my wisdom under the sun. This also is vanity. So I turned and gave my heart up to despair concerning all the toil of my labors under the sun, because sometimes one who has toiled with wisdom and knowledge and skill must leave all to be enjoyed by another who did not toil for it. This also is vanity and a great evil. What do mortals get from all the toil and strain with which they toil under the sun? For all their days are full of pain, and their work is a vexation; even at night their minds do not rest. This also is vanity.

This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 49:1-12 (Read responsively)

Hear this, all you peoples;
give ear, all you who dwell in the world,

**you of high degree and low,
rich and poor together.**

My mouth shall speak of wisdom,
and my heart shall meditate on understanding.

**I will incline my ear to a proverb
and set forth my riddle upon the harp.**

Why should I be afraid in evil days,
when the wickedness of those at my heels surrounds me,

**the wickedness of those who
put their trust in their own prowess,
and boast of their great riches?**

One can never redeem another,
or give to God the ransom for another's life;

**for the ransom of a life is so great
that there would never be enough to pay it,**

in order to live forever and ever
and never see the grave.

**For we see that the wise die also;
like the dull and stupid they perish
and leave their wealth to those who come after them.**

Their graves shall be their homes forever,
their dwelling places from generation to generation,
though they had named lands after themselves.

**Even though honored, they cannot live forever;
they are like the beasts that perish.**

Second Reading

Colossians 3:1-11

So if you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on the things that are above, not on the things that are on earth, for you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ who is your life is revealed, then you also will be revealed with him in glory.

Put to death, therefore, whatever in you is earthly: sexual immorality, impurity, passion, evil desire, and greed (which is idolatry). On account of these the wrath of God is coming on those who are disobedient. These are the ways you also once followed, when you were living that life. But now you must get rid of all such things: anger, wrath, malice, slander, and abusive language from your mouth. Do not lie to one another, seeing that you have stripped off the old self with its practices and have clothed yourselves with the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge according to the image of its creator. In that renewal there is no longer Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, enslaved and free, but Christ is all and in all!

This is the Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

The Alleluia

The musical notation consists of two staves of music in G major (two sharps) and common time. The first staff begins with a whole rest followed by a dotted half note. The lyrics "Al - le - lu - ia." are written below the notes. The second staff begins with a quarter note followed by a dotted half note. The lyrics "Lord, to whom shall we go?" are written below the notes. The third staff begins with a quarter note followed by a dotted half note. The lyrics "You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia." are written below the notes.

The Gospel Reading

Luke 12:13-21

Glory to you, O Lord

Someone in the crowd said to [Jesus], “Teacher, tell my brother to divide the family inheritance with me.” But he said to him, “Friend, who set me to be a judge or arbitrator over you?” And he said to them, “Take care! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed, for one’s life does not consist in the abundance of possessions.” Then he told them a parable: “The land of a rich man produced abundantly. And he thought to himself, ‘What should I do, for I have no place to store my crops?’ Then he said, ‘I will do this: I will pull down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. And I will say to my soul, Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry.’ But God said to him, ‘You fool! This very night your life is being demanded of you. And the things you have prepared, whose will they be?’ So it is with those who store up treasures for themselves but are not rich toward God.”

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

The Sermon - Pastor Jamie Retallack

Hymn of the Day

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Praise and Thanksgiving Be to God



1 Praise and thanks - giv - - ing, be to God our
 2 Not our own ho - li - ness, nor that we have
 3 Come, Ho - ly Spir - - it, come in vis - - i -
 4 Praise to the Fa - - ther, Son, and Ho - ly



mak - er, source of all bless - ing, prod - i - gal cre -
 striv - en brings us the peace which you, O Christ, have
 ta - tion; you are the truth, our hope, and our sal -
 Spir - it: one Lord, one faith, one source of ev - 'ry



a - tor. Bap - tized and made your own, now we come be -
 giv - en. Bap - tized and set a - part, strength - en us, O
 va - tion. Bap - tize with joy and pow'r, give, O Dove de -
 mer - it. Here now re - new your church through this sym - bol



fore you, and we a - dore you.
 Sav - ior, with grace and fa - vor.
 scend - ing, life nev - er end - ing.
 giv - en; grant peace from heav - en.

Text: H. Francis Yardley, 1911–1990; Frank J. Whiteley, b. 1914, alt.

Music: CHRISTE SANCTORUM, Paris *Antiphoner*, 1681

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Prayers of Intercession

Trusting in God's extraordinary love, let us come near to the Holy One in prayer.

A brief silence.

O God, you are wholeness. Where there is division in your church, bring reconciliation and healing. Guide the work of theologians, Sunday school teachers, seminary professors, and all who provide instruction for the building up of your church. Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

O God, you are the source of all life. Where creation cries out in distress, bring relief and renewal. Bless farmers, ranchers, distributors, and all who provide our food. Nourish the land and all its habitants. Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

O God, you are wisdom. Where nations and communities yearn for peace, bring justice. Strengthen those who toil for the welfare of others, especially military personnel, police, first responders, and activists, and for the healing of the nations. Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

O God, you are life. Where your people are overwhelmed with the busy-ness of life, bring encouragement. Accompany all who experience emotional, mental, or physical distress (especially Elliana Meyers, Flip Roth, Beatrice Gill, Debby Taylor, Hans Kiener, Janet, Melvin Girardin, Bernie Lewis, Ed Monaco, and Joann Thaesler). Renew us at your table of mercy. Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

O God, you are our treasure. Where scarcity and anxiety pervade your church, bring abundance and vitality. Guide the work of church councils and committees and give them clarity for the work of ministry in this place (specific ministries may be named). Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

O God, you are resurrection. We give you thanks for all your saints (especially). Inspire us by their example of faithful living to set our minds on things above and to be rich in love toward you. Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

Receive the prayers of your children, merciful God, and hold us forever in your steadfast love; through Jesus Christ, our holy Wisdom.

Amen.

The Apostles' Creed

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the virgin Mary.**

**He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.**

He descended into hell.

On the third day he rose again.

**He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

The Prayers of the Church

Merciful God, receive our prayer.

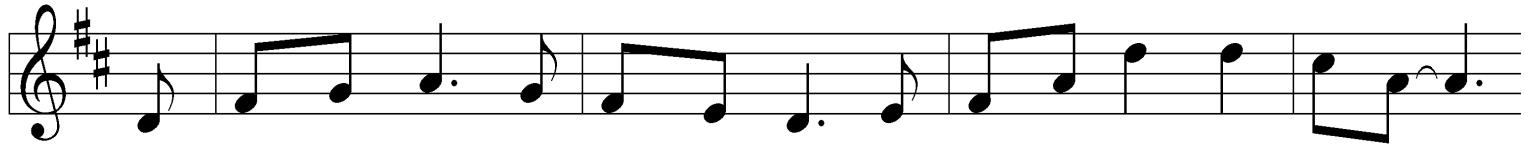
**...Receive the prayers of your children, merciful God,
and hold us forever in your steadfast love;
through Jesus Christ, our holy Wisdom. Amen.**

The Sharing of the Peace

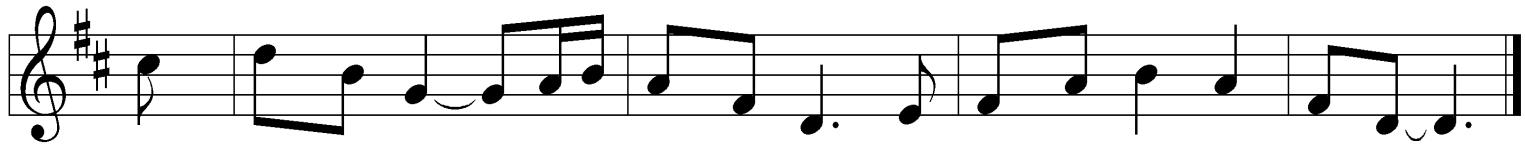
**The peace of the Lord be with you always.
And also with you.**

The Offertory Music

The Offertory Hymn



1 Ac - cept, O Lord, the gifts we bring to place up - on your ta - ble.
2 The vines were plant - ed, seeds were sown. They grew in your good plea-sure.
3 Our hopes and dreams, our toils and cares we lift in prayer be - fore you.



We do not wor - ship as we ought but on - ly as we're a - ble.
What once was com - mon, dail - y food be-comes a ho - ly trea-sure.
Lord, by your grace now come to us, as hum-bly we a - dore you.

The Offertory Prayer

God of abundance: you have set before us a plentiful harvest. As we feast on your goodness, strengthen us to labor in your field, and equip us to bear fruit for the good of all, in the name of Jesus. **Amen.**

The Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give God thanks and praise.

The Preface

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ. Fulfilling the promise of the resurrection, you pour out the fire of your Spirit, uniting in one body people of every nation and tongue. And so, with Mary Magdalene and Peter and all the witnesses of the resurrection, with earth and sea and all their creatures, and with angels and archangels, cherubim and seraphim, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

The Sanctus

The musical notation consists of five staves of music in common time, treble clef, and G major. The lyrics are integrated with the music, appearing below each staff.

C Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and
might, heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry.

Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the
high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Words of Institution

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took the bread, and after giving thanks He 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, poured out for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

The Invitation

The Lamb of God

Musical notation for the first line of the hymn "Lamb of God". The key signature is G major (one sharp). The melody consists of eighth and sixteenth notes.

C Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.

Musical notation for the second line of the hymn "Lamb of God". The key signature is G major (one sharp). The melody consists of eighth and sixteenth notes.

Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.

Musical notation for the third line of the hymn "Lamb of God". The key signature is G major (one sharp). The melody consists of eighth and sixteenth notes.

Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world;

Musical notation for the fourth line of the hymn "Lamb of God". The key signature is G major (one sharp). The melody consists of eighth and sixteenth notes.

grant us peace,

grant us peace.

Communion Music
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The Communion Blessing

May the body and blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

*Lord remember us in your kingdom
and teach us to pray...*

**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 Sending Prayer

Life-giving God, through this meal you have bandaged our wounds and fed us with your mercy. Now send us forth to live for others, both friend and stranger, that all may come to know your love. This we pray in the name of Jesus. **Amen.**

The Benediction

God of Grace and God of Glory

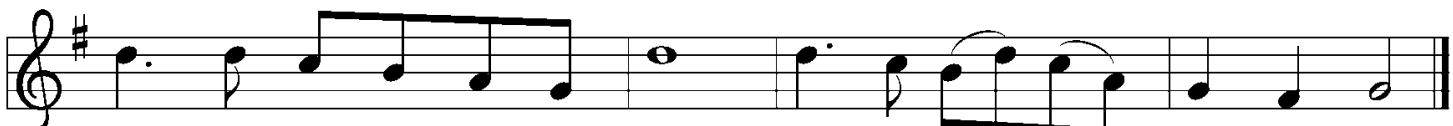
1 God of grace and God of glo - ry, on your peo - ple
 2 Lo! The hosts of e - vil round us scorn the Christ, as -
 3 Cure your chil - dren's war - ring mad - ness; bend our pride to
 4 Save us from weak res - ig - na - tion to the e - vils



pour your pow'r; crown your an - cient chur - ch's sto - ry;
 sail his ways! From the fears that long have bound us
 your con - trol; shame our wan - ton, self - ish glad - ness,
 we de - plore; let the gift of your sal - va - tion



bring its bud to glo - rious flow'r. Grant us wis-dom, grant us cour-age
 free our hearts to faith and praise. Grant us wis-dom, grant us cour-age
 rich in things and poor in soul. Grant us wis-dom, grant us cour-age,
 be our glo - ry ev - er - more. Grant us wis-dom, grant us cour-age,



for the fac - ing of this hour, for the fac - ing of this hour.
 for the liv - ing of these days, for the liv - ing of these days.
 lest we miss your king-dom's goal, lest we miss your king-dom's goal.
 serv - ing you whom we a - dore, serv - ing you whom we a - dore.

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Music: CWM RHONDDA, John Hughes, 1873–1932

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The Sending

Go in peace. Love your neighbor.
Thanks be to God.

The People of St. John's Welcome You to Worship Today!

St. John's Summer Worship Schedule:
Saturdays @ 5:30pm and Sundays @ 9:30am.

Bible Study
@1pm Thursdays

The flowers on the altar today are from Paul Rudz and family
in honor of their mother Eleanor Rudz.

After a long pandemic, Pastor is fully resuming normal
visitation. If you would like a pastoral visit for any reason,
please call the office or call Pastor directly on his cell
at (716) 848-9683.

This Week at a Glance

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| Sunday | 7/31 | 9:30am | In person/Streamed Service |
| Monday | 8/1 | 4:30pm | Guiding Eyes |
| Monday | 8/1 | 5:15pm | LYMA Golf |
| Monday | 8/1 | 7:30pm | Queen City Chordsmen |
| Tuesday | 8/2 | 7:00pm | Narcotics Anonymous |
| Thursday | 8/4 | 1:00pm | Bible Study |
| Friday | 8/5 | 7:30pm | Narcotics Anonymous |
| Saturday | 8/6 | 11:00am | Wheelchair Football Practice |
| Saturday | 8/6 | 5:30pm | In person Service |
| Sunday | 8/7 | 9:30am | In person/ Streamed Service |

We pray for Elliana Meyers, Flip Roth, Beatrice Gill, Debby Taylor, Hans Kiener, Janet, Melvin Girardin, Bernie Lewis, Ed Monaco, and Joann Thaesler.

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Ushers
Carol Graham & Greg Wildridge

7/24/2022: \$740.41

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Save your Dash's receipts
and deposit them in the boxes
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To benefit Niagara Lutheran Health Services

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COLOSSIANS 3:1B



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*St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church provides
an inviting environment for spreading God's Word
through worship, teaching, and fellowship to address
the spiritual needs of our congregation and community.
*Open - Inviting - Alive in Christ!**

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