

*St. John*  
SHARING  
LOVE *of Christ*

I've been  
meaning  
to ask...

where are you from?

Saturday,  
August 7  
5:30pm

Sunday,  
August 8  
8:30am



# I've been meaning to ask...

A 5-part worship series  
for curiosity, courage, & connection

## Aug. 7-8 Where are you from?

We believe everyone is beloved, shaped from the dust of the earth and the breath of God. Everyone has a story to tell. Our stories are messy and beautiful, painful and hopeful—being written and rewritten over time. We commit to disrupting our assumptions and staying curious.

- Aug. 14-15 What are you looking for?
- Aug. 21-22 Where does it hurt?
- Aug. 28-29 What do you need?
- Sept. 4-5 Where do we go from here?

# Sunday SCHOOL

**This Week - Take the Sunday School survey!**

Check your email. Didn't receive one? Contact the church office 815-439-2320.

**September 12th - Sunday School Starts!**

**WE ARE**  
*open!*



**Food Pantry**  
St. John Lutheran Church

August 21-22, 2021

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backpacks

*We welcome you to St. John Lutheran Church as we gather for this time of worship and reflection on God's love for the world.*

*The flowers are given to the glory of God by the Altar Guild.  
To sponsor altar flowers for our worship space, sign up at the Opportunity Wall in the Narthex or call the church office.*

*At Sunday's 10am service we welcome Santino Thomas Hawk Campagna, son of Frank and Jessica Campagna to the Lord's family through the gift of baptism.*

### **Worship Leaders – Saturday 5:30 pm**

<b>Deacon</b>	Yvonne Welsh
<b>Ushers</b>	John Fleming, Guy Gell
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Cheryl Lovell, Maricay Miller
<b>Pianist</b>	Susan Fick

### **Worship Leaders – Sunday 8:30 am**

<b>Deacon</b>	Meghan Doyle
<b>Communion Assistant</b>	Wendy Eklund
<b>Greeter</b>	Sam Rigg
<b>Ushers</b>	Judy Dachman, Bob Makowka
<b>Pianist/Organist</b>	Janet Blomquist
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*\*Indicates Congregation, Please Stand*

## Prelude

(5:30)

“Love Divine, All Loves Excelling”

arr. Raney

(8:30)

“Pastorale”

Boëllmann

## \*Welcome and Greeting

P We are gathered today in the name of the holy Trinity, † one God.

C Amen.

## \*Confession and Forgiveness

P If we were to call the prayer of confession by another name, I would call it a moment for truth telling- a moment to pause, to reflect, to be honest about the places we want to grow, and the way we need God’s help.

P Family of faith, there is power in honesty. We worship a loving and gracious God. Join with me as we pray to God, together.

P Gracious God,

C **We speak without listening.**

P We assume without knowing.

C **We offer without asking, and rush without waiting.**

P You know when we are careless with our thoughts, words, and deeds.

C **We do not always love what you love.**

P You are God. We are not.

C **Forgive us for assuming and rushing.**

P Forgive us when we are careless with the things you love.

C **Help us learn from our mistakes.**

P Help us to forgive others with the mercy you show us.

C **Gratefully we pray. Amen.**

P Family of faith, no matter how many times you have spoken without listening, assumed without knowing, offered without asking, or rushed without waiting: you are † forgiven!

P Hear the good news of the gospel:

C **Every day is a new day for love.**

**We are claimed.**

**We are forgiven.**

**We are invited into relationship.**

**Thanks be to God for growth and grace that know no end! Amen.**

## \*Opening Hymn

# 413

### “Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty!”

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- Verse 1**      Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty!  
Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee.  
Holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty!  
God in three persons, blessed Trinity!
- Verse 2**      Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore thee,  
Casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;  
Cherubim and seraphim falling down before thee,  
Which wert and art, and evermore shalt be.
- Verse 3**      Holy, holy, holy! Though the darkness hide thee,  
Though the eye of sinfulness thy glory may not see.  
Only thou art holy; there is none beside thee,  
Perfect in pow’r, in love and purity.
- Verse 4**      Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!  
All thy works shall praise thy name in earth and sky and sea.  
Holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty!  
God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

## \*Prayer of the Day

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

**C**      **And also with you.**

**P**      Let us pray. Holy God, we don’t always know how to pray, but you find us anyway. We don’t always know how to listen, but you are speaking, all the same. We don’t always know how to believe, but you surround us with beauty. You hold us together in love. Sometimes, our lives are full of distractions and noise. Come to us in this space. Be in the words we hear today, and in the way we listen to one another.

**C**      **Amen.**

## Psalm 19 *(read responsively)*

**D**      A reading from the 19th Psalm. Listen for the Word of the Lord.

**C**      **Our ears are open!**

<sup>1</sup>The heavens are telling the glory of God;  
and the firmament proclaims his handiwork.

<sup>2</sup>**Day to day pours forth speech,  
and night to night declares knowledge.**

<sup>3</sup>There is no speech, nor are there words;  
their voice is not heard;

**<sup>4</sup>yet their voice goes out through all the earth,  
and their words to the end of the world.**

In the heavens he has set a tent for the sun,  
<sup>5</sup>which comes out like a bridegroom from his wedding canopy,  
and like a strong man runs its course with joy.

**<sup>6</sup>Its rising is from the end of the heavens,  
and its circuit to the end of them;  
and nothing is hid from its heat.**

<sup>7</sup>The law of the LORD is perfect,  
reviving the soul;  
the decrees of the LORD are sure,  
making wise the simple;

**<sup>8</sup>the precepts of the LORD are right,  
rejoicing the heart;  
the commandment of the LORD is clear,  
enlightening the eyes;**

<sup>9</sup>the fear of the LORD is pure,  
enduring forever;  
the ordinances of the LORD are true  
and righteous altogether.

**<sup>10</sup>More to be desired are they than gold,  
even much fine gold;  
sweeter also than honey,  
and drippings of the honeycomb.**

<sup>11</sup>Moreover by them is your servant warned;  
in keeping them there is great reward.

**<sup>12</sup>But who can detect their errors?  
Clear me from hidden faults.**

<sup>13</sup>Keep back your servant also from the insolent;  
do not let them have dominion over me.  
Then I shall be blameless,  
and innocent of great transgression.

**<sup>14</sup>Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart  
be acceptable to you,  
O LORD, my rock and my redeemer.**

D Word of God, Word of Life!  
C **Thanks be to God!**

# Special Music

(8:30)

“Every Season”  
Amanda Beaudry, soloist

Nordeman

## Reading

## Genesis 2:4b-15

D A reading from the book of Genesis. Listen for the Word of the Lord.

C **Our ears are open!**

<sup>4</sup>These are the generations of the heavens and the earth when they were created. In the day that the Lord GOD made the earth and the heavens, <sup>5</sup>when no plant of the field was yet in the earth and no herb of the field had yet sprung up — for the Lord GOD had not caused it to rain upon the earth, and there was no one to till the ground; <sup>6</sup>but a stream would rise from the earth, and water the whole face of the ground — <sup>7</sup>then the Lord GOD formed man from the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and the man became a living being. <sup>8</sup>And the Lord GOD planted a garden in Eden, in the east; and there he put the man whom he had formed. <sup>9</sup>Out of the ground the Lord GOD made to grow every tree that is pleasant to the sight and good for food, the tree of life also in the midst of the garden, and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil.

<sup>10</sup>A river flows out of Eden to water the garden, and from there it divides and becomes four branches. <sup>11</sup>The name of the first is Pishon; it is the one that flows around the whole land of Havilah, where there is gold; <sup>12</sup>and the gold of that land is good; bdellium and onyx stone are there. <sup>13</sup>The name of the second river is Gihon; it is the one that flows around the whole land of Cush. <sup>14</sup>The name of the third river is Tigris, which flows east of Assyria. And the fourth river is the Euphrates.

<sup>15</sup>The Lord GOD took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to till it and keep it.

D Word of God, Word of Life!

C **Thanks be to God!**

## \*Gospel Acclamation

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*Congregation:*

Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we  
go? You have the words of e - ter - nal  
life. Al - le - lu - ia!

## \*Gospel

John 1:43-51

P The Holy Gospel according to John, the first chapter.

C **Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>43</sup>The next day Jesus decided to go to Galilee. He found Philip and said to him, "Follow me." <sup>44</sup>Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter.

<sup>45</sup>Philip found Nathanael and said to him, "We have found him about whom Moses in the law and also the prophets wrote, Jesus son of Joseph from Nazareth."

<sup>46</sup>Nathanael said to him, "Can anything good come out of Nazareth?" Philip said to him, "Come and see." <sup>47</sup>When Jesus saw Nathanael coming toward him, he said of him, "Here is truly an Israelite in whom there is no deceit!" <sup>48</sup>Nathanael asked him, "Where did you get to know me?" Jesus answered, "I saw you under the fig tree before Philip called you." <sup>49</sup>Nathanael replied, "Rabbi, you are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!" <sup>50</sup>Jesus answered, "Do you believe because I told you that I saw you under the fig tree? You will see greater things than these." <sup>51</sup>And he said to him, "Very truly, I tell you, you will see heaven opened and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of Man."

P The gospel of our Lord.

C **Praise to you, O Christ.**

## Children's Sermon

### Sermon

Pastor Evan Mayhew

### \*Hymn of the Day

# 401

#### "Gracious Spirit, Heed our Pleading"

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**Verse 1** Gracious Spirit, heed our pleading, fashion us all anew.  
It's your leading that we're needing, help us to follow you.  
Come, come, come, Holy Spirit, come.  
Come, come, come, Holy Spirit, come.

**Verse 2** Come to teach us, come to nourish those who believe in Christ.  
Bless the faithful, may they flourish, strengthened by grace unpriced.  
Come, come, come, Holy Spirit, come.  
Come, come, come, Holy Spirit, come.

**Verse 3** Guide our thinking and our speaking done in your holy name.  
Motivate all in their seeking, freeing from guilt and shame.  
Come, come, come, Holy Spirit, come.  
Come, come, come, Holy Spirit, come.

## **\*Belief Statement**

**C** We believe that goodness can come from the dirt,  
that faith can come from doubt,  
that minds can be changed,  
that justice can begin with us.

We believe all these things, because we believe God is more expansive than we have words for-- showing up in the corners of our world so often ignored and denied.

We believe that from this place of holy surprise, God invites us forward--

Beckoning hope, bravery, and curiosity from each of us.

“Come and see,” God says.

We believe.

Help our unbelief.

Amen.

## **Joys and Concerns of our Faith Community**

*Prayer request cards are available in your pews.*

*You may place the card in the offering plate or give to a pastor.*

## **Prayers of the Church**

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**P** Trusting in Christ, sustained by the Spirit, we offer our prayers for the church, the world, and all of creation.

*Response (sing):*

**Christ, our peace, you break down the walls that divide us;**

**Christ, our peace, come, make us one body in you.**

*The prayers conclude:*

**P** We lift these and all our prayers to you, O God, confident in the promise of your saving love; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**C** Amen.

## \*Sharing the Peace

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C **And also with you.**

*You may share the peace of Christ with others. Those who choose to stay in their pew may wave or give signs of peace. Those who move to greet others may choose their greeting at the discretion of the person you are greeting.*

*Please be mindful of the non-verbal cue you are receiving, and ask what the person is comfortable with before greeting.*

## Offertory

**(5:30)** “Wonderful Maker/O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing” arr. Tornquist

**(8:30)** “Humble Thyself in the Sight of the Lord” Hudson, arr. Hayes

*During Communion, please bring your offering and attendance slip forward and place in the basket; or place them in the offering plates at the doors as you leave.*

## \*Offertory Response

# 674, Vs. 1

### “Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ”

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#### Verse 1

Let us talents and tongues employ,  
Reaching out with a shout of joy:  
Bread is broken, the wine is poured,  
Christ is spoken and seen and heard.

#### Refrain

Jesus lives again, earth can breathe again,  
**Twice** Pass the Word around: loaves abound!

## \*Offertory Prayer

D Let us pray. **God of life, you give us these gifts of the earth, these resources of our life and labor. Take them, offered in great thanksgiving, and use them to set a table that will heal the whole creation; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## \*Great Thanksgiving *(spoken)*

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 our thanks and praise.**

P 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; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly are you, God of pow - er and



might;— Heav - en and earth are filled with your



glo - ry, Ho - san - na in the high - est! Bless - ed is the



One who comes in your name.— Ho - san - na in the



high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est!

## \*Words of Institution

## \*The Lord's Prayer

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.

## \*Invitation to Communion

P Hunger no more. Thirst no more. Come to the banquet of life!  
C Thanks be to God!

## Distribution

*We believe in the true presence of Jesus Christ in this meal and at this table.  
All are welcome to receive communion or a blessing.*

*There are two ways to receive communion today:*

### **Receiving Communion in your pew**

*You may receive communion in your pew with the elements contained in the communion pod. The pastor will say the words of distribution after the Invitation to Communion:*

The body of Christ, given for you.  
The blood of Christ, shed for you.

### **Receiving Communion at the altar**

- *You will be invited forward by the pastor.*
- *You may bring your offering/attendance slip forward and place in the offering basket or place in the offering plates by the doors as you leave.*
- *Wear your masks as you come forward; lift your mask when receiving the elements of bread and then again with the grape juice or the wine.*
- *The deep purple wine is on the outer rings of the tray; the golden grape juice is on the inner rings of the tray.*
- *After receiving communion, place the used communion cup in the basket, and return to your pew via the side aisle.*
- *Gluten-free wafers are available upon request. Inform the pastor when receiving communion.*

## Communion Music

(5:30)

“I Will Sing of My Redeemer”

arr. Wilson

(8:30)

“Lamb of God”

Paris, arr. Hayes

“The Heart of Worship”

Redman, arr. Keveren

## \*Blessing

## \*Prayer after Communion

D Let us pray. We give you thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us through the healing power of this gift of life. In your mercy, strengthen us through this gift, in faith toward you and in love toward one another; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.

C Amen.

## \*Benediction



## \*Sending Song

#314, Vs. 1, 4

### “Arise, Your Light Has Come!”

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#### Verse 1

Arise, your light has come!  
The Spirit's call obey;  
Show forth the glory of your God  
Which shines on you today.

#### Verse 4

Arise, your light has come!  
The mountains burst in song!  
Rise up like eagles on the wing,  
God's pow'r will make us strong.

## \*Sending

D Go in peace. Christ is with you!

C **Thanks be to God!**

## Postlude

(5:30)

(8:30)

“Wonderful Words of Life”

“Postlude”

Bliss, arr. Larson

Boëllmann

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All I Really Need To  
Know I Learned In  
Kindergarten

Robert Fulghum



**Share everything.**



**Play fair.**



**Clean up your own mess.**

Invite a friend to worship. Share our link.

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# 10TH GRADE STUDENTS

## End of Confirmation

### Bonfire Parking Lot



THIS Wednesday, Aug. 11th  
7pm

## Rite of Confirmation Sanctuary

NEXT Sunday, Aug. 15th  
8:30am and 11am

Fall worship  
time begins



Both Confirmation  
services  
will livestream





*St. John*

We're happy you  
found us!

## **new member class**

**August 25th & September 1st**

6:30–8pm; plan to attend both

**let us know you're coming**

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