



Foxes  
have holes,  
and birds  
of the air  
have  
nests...

LUKE 9:58

St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church  
June 26, 2022

# ST. JOHN'S EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Sanctuary Worship 9:00 a.m. Zoom Worship 10:30 am

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June 26, 2022

Third Sunday after Pentecost

Welcome to Worship! We have no good apart from God. That makes Jesus' call to follow him an invitation to freedom. This is freedom to revel in the Spirit's fruit: love, joy, peace, and patience. This is freedom to not be imprisoned by anything that would keep us from the fullness of the life God has given us. This is the path of life.

As Lutheran Christians, we also believe and teach that Christ is truly present in our celebration of Holy Communion as he promised, and we encourage all baptized believers to come to the Lord's table! We commune children of all ages who have received communion instruction at St. John or another Christian church. Children who have not yet received instruction will receive a blessing. Both red wine and white grape juice are offered to accommodate various traditions. Gluten free wafers are provided for those with dietary restrictions. Please make the pastor aware of your need.

If you are visiting today, please sign the guest register after worship. Plan to worship with us again next Sunday.

Prelude

Morgan Noon

Bells

Welcome and Announcements

*Please stand*

## Gathering

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

## Confession And Forgiveness

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✠ one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever.

**Amen.**

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Gracious God,

**have mercy on us. We confess that we have turned from you and given ourselves into the power of sin. We are truly sorry and humbly repent. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things we have done and things we have failed to do. Turn us again to you, and uphold us by your Spirit, so that we may live and serve you in newness of life through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of **✠** Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith.

**Amen.**

**Gathering Hymn**      *“Will You Come and Follow Me: The Summons”*      ELW Hymnal 798  
Sanctuary sings all vs./Zoom 1 & 5

1 "Will you come and follow me  
if I but call your name?  
Will you go where you don't know  
and never be the same?  
Will you let my love be shown,  
will you let my name be known,  
will you let my life be grown  
in you and you in me?"

5 Lord, your summons echoes true  
when you but call my name.  
Let me turn and follow you  
and never be the same.  
In your company I'll go  
where your love and footsteps show.  
Thus I'll move and live and grow  
in you and you in me.

### **Greeting**

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

**And also with you.**

### **Prayer of the Day**

Let us pray.

**Sovereign God, ruler of all hearts, you call us to obey you, and you favor us with true freedom. Keep us faithful to the ways of your Son, that, leaving behind all that hinders us, we may steadfastly follow your paths, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen**

*Please be seated*

## First Reading: 1 Kings 19:15-16, 19-21

A reading from 1 Kings.

*In the story preceding today's reading, the prophet Elijah flees for his life to the security of God's mountain. There God reveals to Elijah that there are still other faithful people in Israel and commissions him to anoint new leaders, including his own successor, Elisha.*

<sup>15</sup>Then the LORD said to [Elijah,] "Go, return on your way to the wilderness of Damascus; when you arrive, you shall anoint Hazael as king over Aram. <sup>16</sup>Also you shall anoint Jehu son of Nimshi as king over Israel; and you shall anoint Elisha son of Shaphat of Abel-meholah as prophet in your place.

<sup>19</sup>So he set out from there, and found Elisha son of Shaphat, who was plowing. There were twelve yoke of oxen ahead of him, and he was with the twelfth. Elijah passed by him and threw his mantle over him. <sup>20</sup>He left the oxen, ran after Elijah, and said, "Let me kiss my father and my mother, and then I will follow you." Then Elijah said to him, "Go back again; for what have I done to you?" <sup>21</sup>He returned from following him, took the yoke of oxen, and slaughtered them; using the equipment from the oxen, he boiled their flesh, and gave it to the people, and they ate. Then he set out and followed Elijah, and became his servant.

The word of the Lord.     **Thanks be to God.**

## Psalm 16 (Read responsively)

<sup>1</sup>Protect me, O God, for I take refuge in you;

I have said to the LORD, "You are my Lord, my good above all other."

<sup>2</sup>**All my delight is in the godly that are in the land,  
upon those who are noble among the people.**

<sup>3</sup>But those who run after other gods  
shall have their troubles multiplied.

<sup>4</sup>**I will not pour out drink offerings to such gods,  
never take their names upon my lips.**

<sup>5</sup>O LORD, you are my portion and my cup;  
it is you who uphold my lot.

<sup>6</sup>**My boundaries enclose a pleasant land;  
indeed, I have a rich inheritance.**

<sup>7</sup>I will bless the LORD who gives me counsel;  
my heart teaches me night after night.

<sup>8</sup>**I have set the LORD always before me;  
because God is at my right hand, I shall not be shaken.**

<sup>9</sup>My heart, therefore, is glad, and my spirit rejoices;  
my body also shall rest in hope.

<sup>10</sup>**For you will not abandon me to the grave,  
nor let your holy one see the pit.**

<sup>11</sup>You will show me the path of life;

in your presence there is fullness of joy, and in your right hand are pleasures forevermore.

## **Second Reading: Galatians 5:1, 13-25**

A reading from Galatians.

*For Paul, the freedom Christ gives is not permission to do whatever we want. It is the invitation to be what we could not be otherwise. The power and guidance of Christ's Holy Spirit produce a different kind of life, one marked by the fruit of this Holy Spirit.*

<sup>1</sup>For freedom Christ has set us free. Stand firm, therefore, and do not submit again to a yoke of slavery.

<sup>13</sup>For you were called to freedom, brothers and sisters; only do not use your freedom as an opportunity for self-indulgence, but through love become slaves to one another.

<sup>14</sup>For the whole law is summed up in a single commandment, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." <sup>15</sup>If, however, you bite and devour one another, take care that you are not consumed by one another.

<sup>16</sup>Live by the Spirit, I say, and do not gratify the desires of the flesh. <sup>17</sup>For what the flesh desires is opposed to the Spirit, and what the Spirit desires is opposed to the flesh; for these are opposed to each other, to prevent you from doing what you want. <sup>18</sup>But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not subject to the law. <sup>19</sup>Now the works of the flesh are obvious: fornication, impurity, licentiousness, <sup>20</sup>idolatry, sorcery, enmities, strife, jealousy, anger, quarrels, dissensions, factions, <sup>21</sup>envy, drunkenness, carousing, and things like these. I am warning you, as I warned you before: those who do such things will not inherit the kingdom of God.

<sup>22</sup>By contrast, the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, <sup>23</sup>gentleness, and self-control. There is no law against such things. <sup>24</sup>And those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires.

<sup>25</sup>If we live by the Spirit, let us also be guided by the Spirit.

The word of the Lord.  
*Please stand*

**Thanks be to God.**

## **Gospel Acclamation**

G C D C G C  
 Lord, I lift your name on high, Lord, I love to sing your  
 D C G C D C  
 prais - es. I'm so glad you're in my life,  
 G C Dsus D G C  
 I'm so glad you came to save us. You came from heav - en to earth  
 D C G C  
 to show the way, from the earth to the cross,  
 D C G C  
 my debt to pay; from the cross to the grave,  
 D Em<sup>7</sup> Am<sup>7</sup> Dsus D G C/G G  
 from the grave to the sky; Lord, I lift your name on high.

**Gospel: Luke 9:51-62**

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to Luke, the ninth chapter.

**Cong: Glory to you, O Lord.**

*Jesus is unwavering in his commitment to his mission in Jerusalem and will not be swayed by pettiness. In a series of striking cases in point, he calls his disciples to a similar single-mindedness.*

<sup>51</sup>When the days drew near for [Jesus] to be taken up, he set his face to go to Jerusalem. <sup>52</sup>And he sent messengers ahead of him. On their way they entered a village of the Samaritans to make ready for him; <sup>53</sup>but they did not receive him, because his face was set toward Jerusalem. <sup>54</sup>When his disciples James and John saw it, they said, “Lord, do you want us to command fire to come down from heaven and consume them?” <sup>55</sup>But he turned and rebuked them. <sup>56</sup>Then they went on to another village.

<sup>57</sup>As they were going along the road, someone said to him, “I will follow you wherever you go.” <sup>58</sup>And Jesus said to him, “Foxes have holes, and birds of the air have nests; but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay his head.” <sup>59</sup>To another he said, “Follow me.” But he said, “Lord, first let me go and bury my father.” <sup>60</sup>But Jesus said to him, “Let the dead bury their own dead; but as for you, go and proclaim the kingdom of God.” <sup>61</sup>Another said, “I will follow you, Lord; but let me first say farewell to those at my home.” <sup>62</sup>Jesus said to him, “No one who puts a hand to the plow and looks back is fit for the kingdom of God.”

The Gospel of the Lord     **Praise to you, O Christ.**

*Please be seated*

### **Sermon**

*Please stand*

### **Hymn of the Day**

*“We Are Called”*

ELW Hymnal 720

Sanctuary worship sings all vs./Zoom vs 1 & 3

1 Come, live in the light  
Shine with the joy and the love of the Lord  
We are called to be light for the kingdom  
To live in the freedom of the city of God  
Refrain

Refrain:  
We are called to act with justice  
We are called to love tenderly  
We are called to serve one another  
To walk humbly with God

3 Sing, sing a new song  
Sing of that great day when all will be one  
God will reign and we'll walk with each others  
As sisters and brothers united in love. Refrain

### **The Apostles' Creed**

I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.  
I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead.\*  
On the third day he rose again;  
he ascended into heaven,  
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come 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.

\*Or, "he descended into hell," another translation of this text in widespread use.

### **Prayers of Intercession**

God of grace,                   **hear our prayer.**

### **Peace**

The peace of Christ be with you always  
**And also with you.**

### **Offering**

*Please stand*

### **Offertory**



# We are an offering

F/G G C<sup>2</sup> Dm<sup>7</sup> C<sup>2</sup>/E C/E

We lift our voic - es, we lift our hands, we lift our

F C/E Dm<sup>7</sup> F/G G C<sup>2</sup> Dm<sup>7</sup>

lives up to you: we are an of-fer-ing. Lord, use our voic-es, Lord, use our

C<sup>2</sup>/E C/E F C/E Dm<sup>7</sup> F/G G/F

hands, Lord, use our lives, they are yours: we are an of-fer-ing.

Em<sup>7</sup> Em<sup>7</sup>/A A Dm<sup>7</sup> Dm<sup>7</sup>/G Esus D/F# E/G# Am

All that we have, all that we are, all that we hope to be, we

Dm<sup>7</sup> C<sup>2</sup>/E Bb/C Dm<sup>7sus2</sup> Dm<sup>7</sup> F/G

give to you, we give to you.

G C<sup>2</sup> Dm<sup>7</sup> C<sup>2</sup>/E C/E

We lift our voic - es, we lift our hands, we lift our

F C/E Dm<sup>7</sup> Dm<sup>7</sup>/G C

lives up to you: we are an of-fer-ing, we are an of-fer-ing.

## **Offertory Prayer**

Let us pray.

God of all creation, all you have made is good, and your love endures forever. You bring forth bread from the earth and fruit from the vine. Nourish us with these gifts, that we might be for the world signs of your gracious presence in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**Amen.**

## **Great Thanksgiving**

### **Dialogue**

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 our thanks and praise.**

## **Thanksgiving At The Table**

O God most mighty, O God most merciful, O God our rock and our salvation, hear us as we praise, call us to your table, grant us your life.

When the earth was a formless void, you formed order and beauty.

When Abraham and Sarah were barren, you sent them a child;

When the Israelites were enslaved, you led them to freedom.

Ruth faced starvation, David fought Goliath, and the psalmists cried out for healing, and full of compassion, you granted the people your life.

You entered our sorrows in Jesus our brother.

He was born among the poor, he lived under oppression, he wept over the city.

With infinite love, he granted the people your life.

In 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 his death, we cry out Amen. **[Amen.]**

Celebrating his resurrection, we shout Amen. **[Amen.]**

Trusting his presence in every time and place, we plead Amen. **[Amen.]**

O God, you are Breath: send your Spirit on this meal.

O God, you are Bread: feed us with yourself.

O God, you are Wine: warm our hearts and make us one.

O God, you are Fire: transform us with hope.

O God most majestic, O God most motherly,

O God our strength and our song, you show us a vision of a tree of life with fruits for all and leaves that heal the nations.

Grant us such life, the life of the Father to the Son, the life of the Spirit of our risen Savior, life in you, now and forever.

**Amen.**

### **The Lord's Prayer**

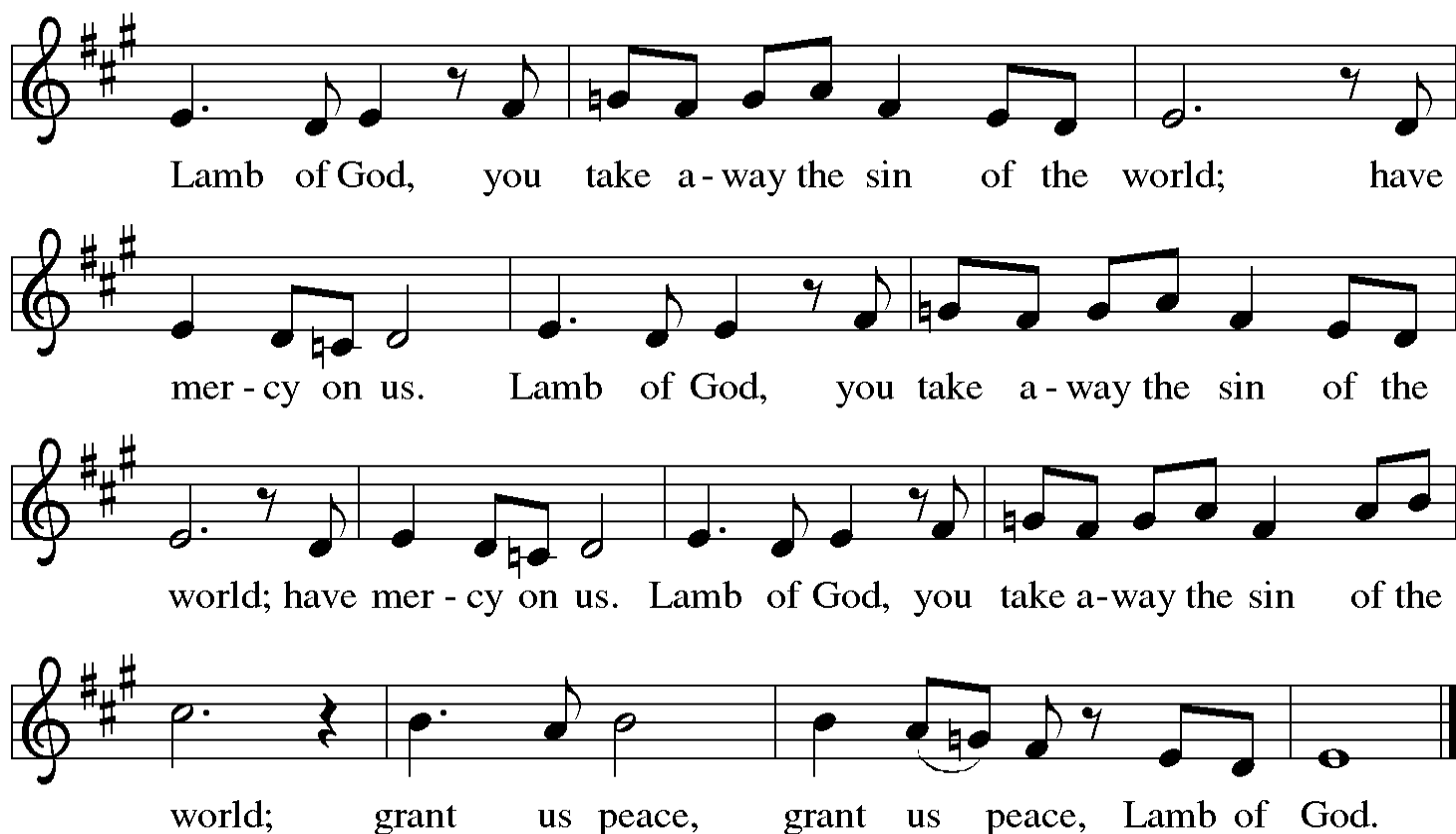
Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

**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**

Taste and see that the Lord is good.

### **Distribution**



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

**Distribution Hymn: 697, 483**

*Please stand*

**Post Communion Blessing**

The body and blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in His care.

**Amen**

**Sending**

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

**Blessing**

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy.

The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.

**Amen**

**Sending Hymn**

*"Lead Me, Guide Me"*

ELW Hymnal 768

Sanctuary worship all verses from hymnal/Zoom vs. 1 & 3

Refrain:

Lead me, guide me along the way;  
For if You lead me, I cannot stray;  
Lord, let me walk each day with Thee.  
Lead me, O Lord, lead me.

1 I am weak, and I need Thy strength and power  
To help me over my weakest hour;  
Let me through the darkness Thy face to see,  
Lead me, O Lord, lead me. Refrain

3 I am lost, if you take your hand from me;  
I am blind, without Thy Light to see;  
Lord, just always let me Thy servant be,  
Lead me, O Lord, lead me. [Refrain]

### Dismissal

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

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2022: The Year of Vision Memory Verse: **"And the one who was seated on the throne said, 'See, I am making all things new.'" (Revelation 21:5a)**

**Council asks the congregation to pray** follow Jesus' admonition not to worry during the dark times in life, but to know that God cares for us always and holds us in His hands. Find happiness in each day and comfort in God's abiding love.

**The altar flowers** are given to the glory of God by the Justi family.

**New ministry lists posted!** Thank you to the members who have helped as lay readers, communion assistants and ushers. The third quarter lists are now posted and waiting for you to sign-up.

**Giving Garden needs your help!** You are invited to be a part of the Giving Garden group. The group will meet on **Tuesdays, at 9AM** for weeding and fellowship. If you can spare an hour or so of your time to help with weeding and a time of fellowship to renew friendships, join the group in the beautiful outdoors. Bring your hoe and gloves as we tend and nurture our garden to feed the community later this summer. If you know of anyone who likes to garden, pass along the invitation. All our welcome!

### **ST. JOHN'S CALENDAR FOR JUNE 26<sup>th</sup> THRU JULY 10<sup>th</sup>**

Sunday, June 26	9:00 am 10:30 am	Sanctuary Worship Zoom Worship
Monday, June 27	1:00 am	Scripture and Prayer at Berardi's Huron
Wednesday, June 29	4:00 pm 6:00 pm	Kayak with Lake Erie Adventure Worship at Nickel Plate Park
Sunday, July 3	9:00 am 10:30 am	Sanctuary Worship Zoom Worship
Wednesday, July 6	6:00 pm 6:30 pm	Worship at Nickel Plate Park Family cookout at Nickel Plate Park
Thursday, July 7	1:00 pm 11:00 pm	Faith Life Team Finance Team meets on Zoom
Sunday, July 10	9:00 am 10:30 am	Sanctuary Worship Zoom Worship

**You are invited to attend a host of summer fellowship events and summer worship at Nickel Plate Park, Huron. Mark your calendars and plan to join in on a summer of fellowship and worship!**

**Summer Fellowship Events Schedule**

## Wednesdays

June 29 – Kayak with Lake Erie Adventures – 4 pm

507 River Rd. Huron, OH

July 6 – Family Cookout at Nickel Plate Park – 6:30 pm Picnic follows worship

July 13 – Praying through Art at Nickel Plate Park – 5 pm

July 20 – Breathing/Meditation at Nickel Plate Park – 5 pm

July 27 – Yoga at Nickel Plate Park – 5 pm

## Wednesdays - 6:00pm

Wednesday night Worship will follow all fellowship events at Nickel Plate Park  
1 Nickel Plate Dr. Huron, OH 44839.

**Scholarship applications** will be available during the month of June for members of St. John attending post-secondary education. Application forms can be obtained by sending an email to Lori Stacy at [loristacy3@gmail.com](mailto:loristacy3@gmail.com). A form will be sent to you. Please print out the form and complete it with your information and mail it to the church:

St John Lutheran Church  
c/o the Scholarship Team  
106 Scheid Rd.  
Sandusky, Ohio 44870

**Applications must be returned by June 30, 2022 to be eligible for the scholarship.**

Recipients will be announced in July or August.

**Endowment Grant Applications** are now being accepted; please contact a member of the endowment team for an application. Applications must be submitted to the Endowment committee no later than October 7, 2022. You can mail the application back to the church, put your request in the endowment mailbox in the basement, or present it to any member of the committee. The committee members are John Miller, Mary K Schlessman, Jeff Justi, Bob Stacy, Colleen Girard, Ron Zorn and Pastor Stacy. If you have any questions, please see a member of the endowment committee.

The Endowment team will hold its quarterly meeting on October 11, 2022, at which time all grant applications that have been presented will be reviewed and voted on. Those that are approved will be sent to the Finance Team for additional review and approval. The team invites all members of the congregation to attend the process.

More details on the October 11 meeting will come at a later date.