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*48 Then he said to her, "Your sins are forgiven."*

*Luke 7:43*

**St. John Evangelical Lutheran Church**

**Fourth Sunday after Pentecost – June 16<sup>th</sup>, 2013**

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*We welcome you to St. John Lutheran Church. We are delighted to have you worship with us this morning. Should you have no permanent church-home in this community, why not consider making this one your own? Please sign the guest book as you leave worship today or the attendance pad in the pew. You are most welcome here at St. John! Most elements of our service can be found in the bulletin, everything else is in the hymnal. Page refers to the numbered pages towards the front of the hymnal, hymns are bold and towards the back. Please rise when there is an \*, congregational responses are in **bold**, and underlined elements of the service are found in the hymnal.*

**HOLY COMMUNION**  
**Fourth Sunday after Pentecost – June 16<sup>th</sup>, 2013**

*The time after Pentecost is a teaching time and a growing time in the life of the church. Today's texts celebrate God's ability and intention to provide us with a new lease on life. To that end we gather today with the whole people of God to be instructed by the word and nourished in the blessed sacrament.*

*Today the church commemorates three renewers of the church: Columba (d. 597), Aidan (d. 651) & Bede (d. 735)*

**PRELUDE:** *Sent Forth by God's Blessing* - Arr. by Jason W. Krug

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**\*CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God,  
abounding in steadfast love toward us,  
healing the sick and raising the dead,  
showering us with every good gift.

**Amen.**

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

Just and gracious God,  
**we come to you for healing and life.**  
**Our sins hurt others and diminish us;**  
**we confess them to you.**  
**Our lives bear the scars of sin;**  
**we bring these also to you.**  
**Show us your mercy, O God.**  
**Bind up our wounds,**  
**forgive us our sins,**  
**and free us to love,**  
**for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Savior.**  
**Amen.**

The apostle Paul assures us:  
"When we were dead in our trespasses,  
God made us alive together with Christ,  
nailing the record of our sins to the cross."  
Jesus says to you, + "Your sins are forgiven."  
Be at peace, and tell everyone  
how much God has done for you.  
**Amen.**

**\*GATHERING HYMN #807: *Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing***

**\*GREETING**

From God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ,  
grace and peace be with you all.

**And also with you.**

**\*HYMN OF PRAISE**

1 Glo-ry be to God in heav-en; peace, good-will to all the earth.  
2 Glo-ry be to Christ for - ev - er, Lamb of God and Lord of love.  
3 Ho - ly One we now ac-claim you; Lord a - lone, to you we call;



Might-y God of all cre - a - tion, Fa - ther of sur - pass - ing worth:  
Son of God and gra - cious Sav - ior, you have come from heav'n a - bove;  
Ho - ly One in faith we name you, God most high, yet near to all:



we ex - alt you, we a - dore you, we lift high our thanks and praise.  
on the cross you died to save us; now you reign at God's right hand.  
Je - sus Christ, with God the Spir - it, in the Fa - ther's splen - dor bright.



Saints and an - gels bow be - fore you; here on earth our songs we raise.  
Hear our prayer; re - store, for - give us; in your prom - ise firm we stand.  
For the peace that we in - her - it, glo - ry be to God on high!

**\*PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Let us pray.

O God, throughout the ages you judge your people with mercy, and you inspire us to speak your truth. By your Spirit, anoint us for lives of faith and service, and bring all people into your forgiveness, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**Amen**

**FIRST READING: 2 Samuel 11:26—12:10; 12:13—15**

*King David seduced his neighbor Bathsheba and was responsible for the death of her husband, Uriah. God sends the prophet Nathan to confront the king. Nathan tells the king a parable and opens David's eyes to see his own guilt.*

<sup>11:26</sup>When the wife of Uriah heard that her husband was dead, she made lamentation for him. <sup>27</sup>When the mourning was over, David sent and brought her to his house, and she became his wife, and bore him a son. But the thing that David had done displeased the LORD,

<sup>12:13</sup>And the LORD sent Nathan to David. He came to him, and said to him, "There were two men in a certain city, the one rich and the other poor. <sup>2</sup>The rich man had very many flocks and herds; <sup>3</sup>but the poor man had nothing but one

little ewe lamb, which he had bought. He brought it up, and it grew up with him and with his children; it used to eat of his meager fare, and drink from his cup, and lie in his bosom, and it was like a daughter to him. <sup>4</sup>Now there came a traveler to the rich man, and he was loath to take one of his own flock or herd to prepare for the wayfarer who had come to him, but he took the poor man's lamb, and prepared that for the guest who had come to him." <sup>5</sup>Then David's anger was greatly kindled against the man. He said to Nathan, "As the LORD lives, the man who has done this deserves to die; <sup>6</sup>he shall restore the lamb fourfold, because he did this thing, and because he had no pity."

<sup>7</sup>Nathan said to David, "You are the man! Thus says the LORD, the God of Israel: I anointed you king over Israel, and I rescued you from the hand of Saul; <sup>8</sup>I gave you your master's house, and your master's wives into your bosom, and gave you the house of Israel and of Judah; and if that had been too little, I would have added as much more. <sup>9</sup>Why have you despised the word of the LORD, to do what is evil in his sight? You have struck down Uriah the Hittite with the sword, and have taken his wife to be your wife, and have killed him with the sword of the Ammonites. <sup>10</sup>Now therefore the sword shall never depart from your house, for you have despised me, and have taken the wife of Uriah the Hittite to be your wife. <sup>13</sup>David said to Nathan, "I have sinned against the LORD." Nathan said to David, "Now the LORD has put away your sin; you shall not die. <sup>14</sup>Nevertheless, because by this deed you have utterly scorned the LORD, the child that is born to you shall die." <sup>15</sup>Then Nathan went to his house.

The LORD struck the child that Uriah's wife bore to David, and it became very ill.

Word of God, word of life.

**Thanks be to God.**

### PSALM 32

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| <p>1) How happy they the Lord forgivers,<br/>Whose sin is put away;<br/>To whom the Lord imputes no guilt,<br/>In whom no guile holds sway.</p>           | <p>4) The faithful all will make their prayers<br/>To you in time of woe;<br/>The water-floods will not reach them<br/>Although they overflow.</p> |
| <p>2) I held my tongue, my bones dried up,<br/>I groaned day in, day out;<br/>Your hand weighed down, my flesh was dry,<br/>As in mid-Summer drought.</p> | <p>5) You hide and preserve me, Lord,<br/>In all adversity;<br/>You strengthen me on every side<br/>With shouts of victory.</p>                    |
| <p>3) Then I acknowledged all my sin,<br/>Confessed it openly;<br/>I said, "I will admit my sin,"<br/>And you, Lord, set me free.</p>                     |  |

Tune: New Britain

From *A New Metrical Psalter* by Christopher L. Webber

### SECOND READING Galatians 2:15–21

*Paul preaches on the power of God's grace to make us faithful. We are made right with God through Jesus Christ alone, through no work of our own. As a result, Christ's life has become our whole identity.*

<sup>15</sup>We ourselves are Jews by birth and not Gentile sinners; <sup>16</sup>yet we know that a person is justified not by the works of the law but through faith in Jesus Christ. And we have come to believe in Christ Jesus, so that we might be justified by faith in Christ, and not by doing the works of the law, because no one will be justified by the works of the law. <sup>17</sup>But if, in our effort to be justified in Christ, we ourselves have been found to be sinners, is Christ then a servant of sin? Certainly not! <sup>18</sup>But if I build up again the very things that I once tore down, then I demonstrate that I am a transgressor. <sup>19</sup>For through the law I died to the law, so that I might live to God. I have been crucified with Christ; <sup>20</sup>and it is no longer I who live, but it is Christ who lives in me. And the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me. <sup>21</sup>I do not nullify the grace of God; for if justification comes through the law, then Christ died for nothing.

Word of God, word of life.

**Thanks be to God.**

**\*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

Al - le - lu - ia! Lord and Sav - ior: o - pen now your sav - ing word.



Let it burn like fire with - in us; speak un - til our hearts are stirred.



Al - le - lu - ia! Lord, we sing for the good news that you bring.

**\*GOSPEL READING: : Luke 7:36—8:3**

*Through a dramatic encounter of rich and poor, righteous and sinner, Jesus teaches the relationship between receiving mercy and responding with a lavish outpouring of love. Jesus also provokes his host by claiming authority to forgive sins.*

The holy gospel according to Luke.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>7:36</sup>One of the Pharisees asked Jesus to eat with him, and he went into the Pharisee's house and took his place at the table. <sup>37</sup>And a woman in the city, who was a sinner, having learned that he was eating in the Pharisee's house, brought an alabaster jar of ointment. <sup>38</sup>She stood behind him at his feet, weeping, and began to bathe his feet with her tears and to dry them with her hair. Then she continued kissing his feet and anointing them with the ointment. <sup>39</sup>Now when the Pharisee who had invited him saw it, he said to himself, "If this man were a prophet, he would have known who and what kind of woman this is who is touching him — that she is a sinner." <sup>40</sup>Jesus spoke up and said to him, "Simon, I have something to say to you." "Teacher," he replied, "speak." <sup>41</sup>A certain creditor had two debtors; one owed five hundred denarii, and the other fifty. <sup>42</sup>When they could not pay, he canceled the debts for both of them. Now which of them will love him more?" <sup>43</sup>Simon answered, "I suppose the one for whom he canceled the greater debt." And Jesus said to him, "You have judged rightly." <sup>44</sup>Then turning toward the woman, he said to Simon, "Do you see this woman? I entered your house; you gave me no water for my feet, but she has bathed my feet with her tears and dried them with her hair. <sup>45</sup>You gave me no kiss, but from the time I came in she has not stopped kissing my feet. <sup>46</sup>You did not anoint my head with oil, but she has anointed my feet with ointment. <sup>47</sup>Therefore, I tell you, her sins, which were many, have been forgiven; hence she has shown great love. But the one to whom little is forgiven, loves little." <sup>48</sup>Then he said to her, "Your sins are forgiven." <sup>49</sup>But those who were at the table with him began to say among themselves, "Who is this who even forgives sins?" <sup>50</sup>And he said to the woman, "Your faith has saved you; go in peace."

<sup>8:1</sup>Soon afterwards he went on through cities and villages, proclaiming and bringing the good news of the kingdom of God. The twelve were with him, <sup>2</sup>as well as some women who had been cured of evil spirits and infirmities: Mary, called Magdalene, from whom seven demons had gone out, <sup>3</sup>and Joanna, the wife of Herod's steward Chuza, and Susanna, and many others, who provided for them out of their resources.

The gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

**CHILDREN'S SERMON****SERMON**

**\*HYMN OF THE DAY #588: *There's a Wideness in God's Mercy***

**\* 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.**

**\* PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

Rejoicing in the good news of God come near, let us pray for the church, those in need, and all of God's creation.

O God, we pray for the church, that knowing your mercy in Christ Jesus, we might show forth your great love. Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

We pray for the earth and all its creatures: for wilderness and farmland, cities and towns; for oceans, lakes, and streams. Give us wisdom to live well upon this beautiful earth. Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

We pray for our whole human family, created in your image, and yet divided by race and class, gender and creed. Gather us around your table of mercy. Forgive us our sins and heal our divisions. Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

We pray for all who are bowed down, for those neglected or abused, frightened or despairing. We pray for all who cry out for healing and hope especially Kathy, Jim, Raymond, George, Wanda Jean, Helen, Margaret, Francis & Grace, Kathryn, Ed, Fred & Jane, and David & Ellen. Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

We pray for all who love and nurture children, especially fathers and grandfathers, godfathers and uncles. Bless them in their vocation to raise up our children in love. Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

We give you thanks for all who have gone before us and now find their rest in you (*especially*). Hold us in your mercy, until we are reunited in your great love. Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

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

**\*PEACE**

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

**OFFERING****OFFERING HYMN #733: Great Is Thy Faithfulness****\*OFFERING PRAYER**

Let us pray,  
 God of mercy and grace,  
 the eyes of all wait upon you,  
 and you open your hand in blessing.  
 Fill us with good things at your table,  
 that we may come to the help of all in need,  
 through Jesus Christ, our redeemer and Lord.  
**Amen.**

**\*DIALOGUE**

The Lord be with you. **And al - so with you.**

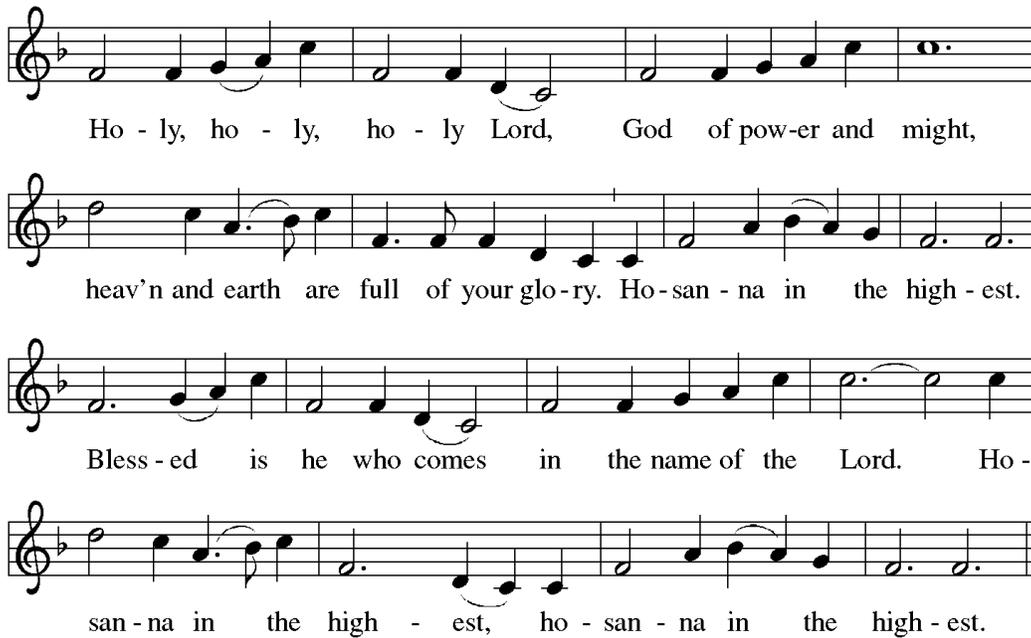
Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

**\*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;  
 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:

**\*HOLY, HOLY, HOLY**


Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might,  
 heav'n 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.

**\*THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE**

Holy God,

our Maker, Redeemer, and Healer,  
 in the harmonious world of your creation,  
 the plants and animals,  
 the seas and stars  
 were whole and well in your praise.

When sin had scarred the world,  
 you sent your Son to heal our ills  
 and to form us again into one.

In the night in which he was handed over,  
 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 acts of healing,  
 his body given up,  
 and his victory over death,  
 we await that day when all the peoples of the earth  
 will come to the river to enjoy the tree of life.

Send your Spirit upon us and this meal:  
 as grains scattered on the hillside become one bread,  
 so let your Church be gathered from the ends of the earth,  
 that all may be fed with the Bread of life, your Son.

Through him all glory and honor is yours,  
 Almighty Father, with the Holy Spirit,  
 in your holy Church,  
 both now and forever.

**Amen.**

**\*LORD'S PRAYER**

**Our Father in heaven,  
 hallowed be your name,  
 your kingdom come,  
 your will be done,  
 on earth as in heaven.**

**Give us today our daily bread.**

**Forgive us our sins  
 as we forgive those  
 who sin against us.**

**Save us from the time of trial  
 and deliver us from evil.**

**For the kingdom, the power,  
 and the glory are yours,  
 now and forever. Amen.**

**INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

Christ invites you to a place of honor at this banquet.  
 Welcome to the feast.

**COMMUNION**

The body of Christ, given for you. **Amen.**

The blood of Christ, shed for you. **Amen.**

*In response to Jesus' invitation, all are welcome to come forward and experience the real presence of Christ in the bread and wine of communion. Through this meal, we know forgiveness, life and salvation as the blessings of God's sacramental grace. All are invited forward for communion or a blessing. The inner ring of individual cups has grape juice.*



**COMMUNION SONG**

1 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;  
 2 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;  
 3 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;



you suf-fered death our lives to save: have mer-cy now, we pray.  
 you set us free from guilt and grave: have mer-cy now, we pray.  
 e - ter-nal peace with God you made: give us your peace, we pray.

**COMMUNION HYMN #595: Jesus Loves Me!****\*POST-COMMUNION BLESSING**

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in grace. **Amen.**

**\*PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

Let us pray.

O God, as a mother comforts her child,  
 so you comfort your people,  
 carrying us in your arms  
 and satisfying us with this food and drink,  
 the body and blood of Christ.  
 Send us now as your disciples,  
 announcing peace and proclaiming  
 that the reign of God has come near;  
 through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.  
**Amen.**

**\*BLESSING**

The Lord bless you and keep you.  
 The Lord's face shine upon you with grace and mercy.  
 The Lord look upon you with favor  
 and + give you peace.  
**Amen.**

**\*SENDING SONG #583: Take My Life, That I May Be****\*DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. Proclaim the good news.  
**Thanks be to God.**

**POSTLUDE:** *Christians, Join to Sing* -Arr. by Lloyd Larson

The flowers on the altar are given by Cindy Knauff in honor of all fathers past and present.  
 -The flowers are from Cindy's garden.

**Assisting Minister:** Christine Dishong  
**Usher:** Sally Foster  
**Counters:** Sandy Hill & Christine Dishong

**Communion Assistant:**  
**Acolyte:** Madison Cardinal

<b>Attendance Last Week</b> (wk 2 of June): 48	→	<b>Attendance Last Year</b> (wk 2 of June): 57
<b>Budgeted Weekly Need:</b> \$2,669.62 (2013 Annual Budget of \$138,820 divided by 52 weeks)	→	<b>Last Week's Giving:</b> \$1,909 (includes \$25 Thrivent Choice); Earmarked \$235
<b>YTD Budgeted Expenses:</b> \$64,070.77 (Weekly Expense Need multiplied by 24 weeks - as of 6/16/13)		<b>Year to Date Receipts:</b> \$75,381.05
		<b>YTD Actual Expenses:</b> \$55,114.92

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