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*Luke 13:12-13*

**St. John Evangelical Lutheran Church**  
**Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost – August 21, 2016**

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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. 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**

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*Remember the sabbath day. Call the sabbath a delight. This is the Lord's day, and the Lord will do for us what the Lord does: feed us, forgive us, help and heal us. Rejoice at all the wonderful things God is doing.*

**PRELUDE:** *Come, Ye Disconsolate* – J. Bert Carlson

### **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.

*Silence for reflection.*

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 SONG #521: O Day of Rest and Gladness**

#### **\*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.**

**\*GLORY TO GOD**



☐ Glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God in the high - est;



glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.



☐ Lord God, heav-en - ly king, al-might- y God and Fa-ther, we



wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo-ry.



☐ Glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God in the high - est;



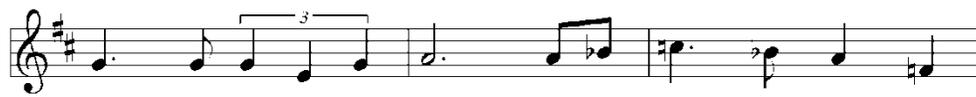
glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.



☐ Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther,



Lord God, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the



world: have mer - cy on us; you are seat - ed at the



right hand of the Fa - ther: re-ceive our prayer.

☩ Glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God in the high - est;  
 glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, and peace to God's peo- ple on earth.  
 (I) For you a- lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,  
 (II) you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly  
 Spir - it, in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther, A - men.  
 ☩ Glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God in the high - est;  
 glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, and peace to God's peo- ple on earth,  
 and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.

**\*PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Let us pray.

**O God, mighty and immortal,  
 you know that as fragile creatures surrounded by great dangers,  
 we cannot by ourselves stand upright.  
 Give us strength of mind and body,  
 so that even when we suffer because of human sin,  
 we may rise victorious through your Son, Jesus Christ,  
 our Savior and Lord.  
 Amen.**

**FIRST READING: Isaiah: 58:9b-14**

*The Lord promises those who have returned from exile that where justice and mercy prevail, the ruins will be rebuilt and light will rise in the darkness. It is a day for new beginnings.*

<sup>9b</sup>If you remove the yoke from among you,  
 the pointing of the finger, the speaking of evil,  
<sup>10</sup>if you offer your food to the hungry  
 and satisfy the needs of the afflicted,  
 then your light shall rise in the darkness

and your gloom be like the noonday.  
<sup>11</sup>The LORD will guide you continually,  
 and satisfy your needs in parched places,  
 and make your bones strong;  
 and you shall be like a watered garden,  
 like a spring of water,  
 whose waters never fail.  
<sup>12</sup>Your ancient ruins shall be rebuilt;  
 you shall raise up the foundations of many generations;  
 you shall be called the repairer of the breach,  
 the restorer of streets to live in.  
<sup>13</sup>If you refrain from trampling the sabbath,  
 from pursuing your own interests on my holy day;  
 if you call the sabbath a delight  
 and the holy day of the LORD honorable;  
 if you honor it, not going your own ways,  
 serving your own interests, or pursuing your own affairs;  
<sup>14</sup>then you shall take delight in the LORD,  
 and I will make you ride upon the heights of the earth;  
 I will feed you with the heritage of your ancestor Jacob,  
 for the mouth of the LORD has spoken.

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

**PSALM 103**

*The cantor sings the refrain and all repeat it. The congregation sings the verses in **bold**.*



God re-deems your life from the grave and crowns you with stead-fast love and mer-cy.

<sup>1</sup>Bless the LORD, | O my soul,  
 and all that is within me, bless God's | holy name.  
<sup>2</sup>**Bless the LORD, | O my soul,**  
**and forget not | all God's benefits—**  
<sup>3</sup>who forgives | all your sins  
 and heals all | your diseases;  
<sup>4</sup>**who redeems your life | from the grave**  
**and crowns you with steadfast | love and mercy;                    R**  
<sup>5</sup>who satisfies your desires | with good things  
 so that your youth is renewed | like an eagle's.  
<sup>6</sup>**O LORD, you provide | vindication**  
**and justice for all who | are oppressed.**  
<sup>7</sup>You made known your | ways to Moses  
 and your works to the chil- | dren of Israel.  
<sup>8</sup>**LORD, you are full of compas- | sion and mercy,**  
**slow to anger and abounding in | steadfast love.                    R**

## SECOND READING: Hebrews 12:18-29

*Using images of Moses from the Old Testament, the writer presents a striking vision of the new covenant of God made possible in Christ. There is no longer fear; only awe in the new promise in Christ into which we are invited.*

<sup>18</sup>You have not come to something that can be touched, a blazing fire, and darkness, and gloom, and a tempest, <sup>19</sup>and the sound of a trumpet, and a voice whose words made the hearers beg that not another word be spoken to them. <sup>20</sup>(For they could not endure the order that was given, “If even an animal touches the mountain, it shall be stoned to death.” <sup>21</sup>Indeed, so terrifying was the sight that Moses said, “I tremble with fear.”) <sup>22</sup>But you have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to innumerable angels in festal gathering, <sup>23</sup>and to the assembly of the firstborn who are enrolled in heaven, and to God the judge of all, and to the spirits of the righteous made perfect, <sup>24</sup>and to Jesus, the mediator of a new covenant, and to the sprinkled blood that speaks a better word than the blood of Abel.

<sup>25</sup>See that you do not refuse the one who is speaking; for if they did not escape when they refused the one who warned them on earth, how much less will we escape if we reject the one who warns from heaven! <sup>26</sup>At that time his voice shook the earth; but now he has promised, “Yet once more I will shake not only the earth but also the heaven.” <sup>27</sup>This phrase, “Yet once more,” indicates the removal of what is shaken—that is, created things—so that what cannot be shaken may remain. <sup>28</sup>Therefore, since we are receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, let us give thanks, by which we offer to God an acceptable worship with reverence and awe; <sup>29</sup>for indeed our God is a consuming fire.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### \*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



### \*GOSPEL READING: Luke 13:10-17

*Jesus heals a woman on the sabbath, offering her a new beginning for her life. When challenged by a narrow reading of the sabbath command, Jesus responds by expanding “sabbath work” to include setting people free from bondage.*

The holy gospel according to Luke.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>10</sup>Now [Jesus] was teaching in one of the synagogues on the sabbath. <sup>11</sup>And just then there appeared a woman with a spirit that had crippled her for eighteen years. She was bent over and was quite unable to stand up straight. <sup>12</sup>When Jesus saw her, he called her over and said, “Woman, you are set free from your ailment.” <sup>13</sup>When he laid his hands on her, immediately she stood up straight and began praising God. <sup>14</sup>But the leader of the synagogue, indignant because Jesus had cured on the sabbath, kept saying to the crowd, “There are six days on which work ought to be done; come on those days and be cured, and not on the sabbath day.” <sup>15</sup>But the Lord answered him and said, “You hypocrites! Does not each of you on the sabbath untie his ox or his donkey from the manger, and lead it away to give it water? <sup>16</sup>And ought not this woman, a daughter of Abraham whom Satan bound for eighteen long years, be set free from this bondage on the sabbath day?” <sup>17</sup>When he said this, all his opponents were put to shame; and the entire crowd was rejoicing at all the wonderful things that he was doing.

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

## CHILDREN'S SERMON

### SERMON

**\*HYMN OF THE DAY #610: *O Christ, the Healer, We Have Come***

#### **\*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**

#### **\*PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

Rooted in Christ and rising to serve, let us pray for the church, the world, and all in need.

Lord of all languages, we pray with and for Christians in worship all over the world. Make your church joyful to reflect the diversity of your people and the unity of your love. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Your Spirit speaks in creation. We thank you for watered gardens, for abundant yield, for clean water, for sunlight, for communities where people and nature live in peace together. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Remove the yoke of destructive partisanship, the pointing of the finger at our enemies, and bless nations in need. Empower all to speak the truth, encouraging honorable leadership. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Bring strength, health, and wholeness in the parched places of our lives. Bless those in need this day and surround them with care and hope. We pray especially for Raymond, Francis & Grace, Kathryn, Jane, David & Ellen, those on our prayer list, and all whom we remember aloud or in our hearts. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

We pray for those who must be absent from this assembly while they work. Give them and all people sabbath rest. Refresh our hearts in Christ. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Our stories are shaped in community. We thank you for people young and old, women and men, who have witnessed to your love, and we remember those who have recently died. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

We lift our prayers to you, O God, trusting your promise to hear us; through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
**Amen.**

#### **\*PEACE**

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

## OFFERING

### **\*OFFERING HYMN #607: *Come, Ye Disconsolate***

*All stand for the final stanza as the gifts are brought forward.*

### **\*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 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.**

### **\*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 - 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.

### **\*THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE**

Holy, mighty, and merciful Lord,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
In great love you sent to us Jesus, your Son,  
who reached out to heal the sick and suffering,  
who preached good news to the poor,  
and who, on the cross, opened his arms to all.

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, therefore, his death, resurrection, and ascension,  
we await his coming in glory.  
Pour out upon us the Spirit of your love, O Lord,  
and unite the wills of all who share this heavenly food,  
the body and blood of Jesus Christ, our Lord;  
to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,  
be all honor and glory, now and forever.  
**Amen.**

### **\*LORD'S PRAYER**

**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**

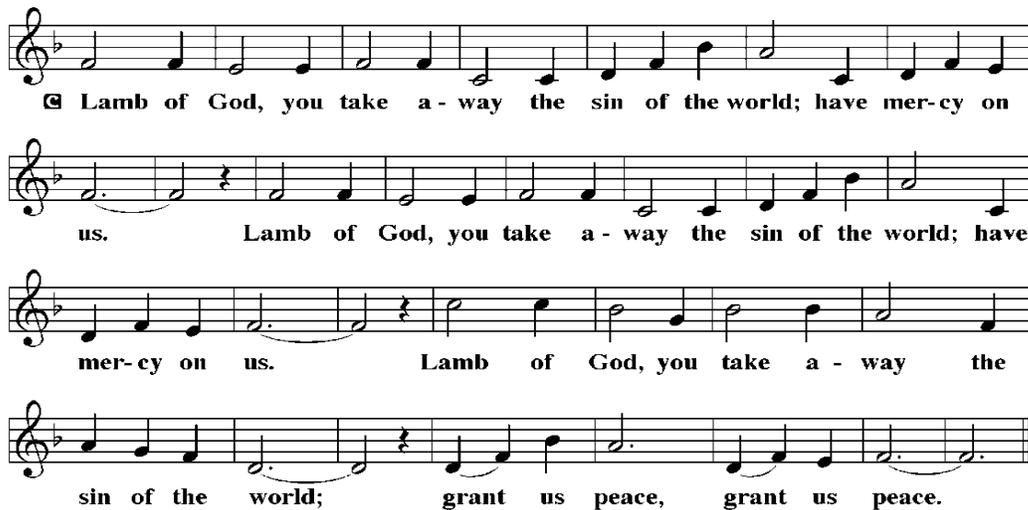
Christ invites you to a place of honor at this banquet.  
Welcome to the feast.

### **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 area of cups bordered by green tape has grape juice.*

**COMMUNION SONG: *Lamb of God***



☐ 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.

**COMMUNION HYMN #623: *Rock of Ages, Cleft for 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**

**\*SENDING OF COMMUNION**

O God of tender compassion,  
as you healed the sick and welcomed the stranger,  
bless those who leave this assembly  
to share the gifts of this table  
with our sisters and brothers  
who are sick or homebound.  
May they be sustained by the love and prayers  
of this community,  
and by the Bread of life that satisfies all hunger,  
Jesus Christ our 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: *How Firm a Foundation***

1. How firm a foun - da - tion, ye saints of the Lord,  
 2. "Fear not, I am with thee; O be not dis - mayed!  
 3. "When through fier - y tri - als thy path - way shall lie,  
 4. "E'en down to old age all my peo - ple shall prove  
 5. "The soul that on Je - sus hath leaned for re - pose

Is laid for your faith in his ex - cel - lent word!  
 For I am thy God and will still give thee aid;  
 My grace, all - suf - fi - cient, shall be thy sup - ply:  
 My sov' - reign, e - ter - nal, un - change - a - ble love,  
 I will not, I can - not, de - sert to its foes;

What more can he say than to you he hath said,  
 I'll strength - en thee, help thee, and cause thee to stand,  
 The flames shall not hurt thee; I on - ly de - sign:  
 And then, when gray hairs shall their tem - ples a - dorn,  
 That soul, though all hell should en - dea - vor to shake,

Who un - to the Sav - iour for re - fuge have fled,  
 Up - held by my righ - teous, om - nip - o - tent hand,  
 Thy dross to con - sume and thy gold to re - fine,  
 Like lambs they shall still in my bos - om be borne,  
 I'll nev - er, no nev - er, no nev - er for - sake!

Who un - to the Sav - iour for re - fuge have fled?  
 Up - held by my righ - teous, om - nip - o - tent hand."  
 Thy dross to co - nsume and thy gold to re - fine.  
 Like lambs they shall still in my bos - om be borne."  
 I'll nev - er, no nev - er, no nev - er for - sake!"

**\*DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. Proclaim the good news.

**Thanks be to God.**

**POSTLUDE:** *Toccata in C* – Jan Pieterszoon Sweelinck

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**The flowers this week are given by Cindy & Dave Knauff for the glory of God.**

**9:00 am**

**Assisting Minister:** Missy Kramer

**Communion Assistant:**

**Acolyte:**

**Lector:**

**Usher:** Cardinal Family

**Attendance Last Week:** 38

**Attendance Last Year:** 44

**Weekly Budgeted Expense:** \$ 3,374.14

**Last Week's Giving:** \$ 1,491.69

**YTD Budgeted Expenses:** \$94,475.82

**YTD Receipts:** \$95,018.53

**YTD Actual Expense:** \$86,099.02

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