

SUNDAYS AFTER PENTECOST

July 12, 2026 | 9:00 a.m.**

***Please note that this service is livestreamed
and you may be recorded on video***

GATHERING

PRELUDE

Wo soll ich fliehen hin ("Where shall I flee?"), BWV 646

J. S. BACH

RINGING OF THE BELLS

Order of St. John

WELCOME

Pastor Paul Baglyos

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Fanfare on UNSER HERRSCHER

E. WU

As music begins, please turn and face the Processional Cross.

*INVITATION TO WORSHIP

As the rain and snow come down from heaven,
so the word of God comes forth from God's mouth.

God's word does not return empty,
but accomplishes the purpose for which God sends it.

Therefore the mountains and hills burst into song,
and the trees of the field clap their hands.

Together, we confess:

**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.**

** You are invited to stand.*

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.

*GATHERING HYMN

UNSER HERRSCHER
ELW HYMN 533

Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty



1 O - pen now thy gates of beau - ty, Zi - on, let me en - ter there,
2 Gra - cious God, I come be - fore thee; come thou al - so un - to me;
3 Here thy praise is glad - ly chant-ed, here thy seed is du - ly sown;
4 Thou my faith in - crease and quick-en, let me keep thy gift di - vine;
5 Speak, O God, and I will hear thee, let thy will be done in - deed;



where my soul in joy - ful du - ty waits for God who an - swers prayer.
where we find thee and a - dore thee, there a heav'n on earth must be.
let my soul, where it is plant-ed, bring forth pre - cious sheaves a - lone,
how - so - e'er temp - ta - tions thick-en, may thy word still o'er me shine
may I un - dis - turbed draw near thee while thou dost thy peo - ple feed.



Oh, how bless-ed is this place, filled with so - lace, light, and grace!
To my heart, oh, en - ter thou, let it be thy tem - ple now!
so that all I hear may be fruit - ful un - to life in me.
as my guid-ing star through life, as my com-fort in all strife.
Here of life the foun - tain flows; here is balm for all our woes.

*GREETING

The grace of Jesus Christ our Savior, the reconciling 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. Almighty God,
**we thank you for planting in us the seed of your word. By your Holy Spirit
help us to receive it with joy, live according to it, and grow in faith and hope
and love, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

WORD

PSALM 27

The Goodness of the Lord

S. SOPER

Refrain sung twice at beginning of song. 1st time by cantor, thereafter all. Verses sung by cantor.



Verses The Lord is my light, the Lord is my rock, my salvation.
The Lord is my refuge, guarding my life; of whom should I be afraid? **Refrain**

Only one thing I ask: may I live in the house of my Lord. I shall gaze on God's
goodness all of my days; I shall live in the shelter of God. **Refrain**

I believe I shall see the goodness of God
in the land of the living. Be strong, wait for the Lord. **Refrain**

LESSON

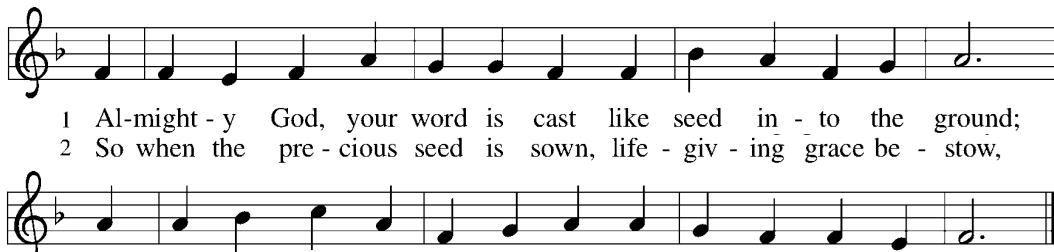
Isaiah 55:10-13

*God's word to Israel's exiles is as sure and effective as never-failing precipitation. Their return to the Holy Land
in a new exodus is cheered on by singing mountains and by trees that clap their hands.*

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

Verse 1



1 Al-might - y God, your word is cast like seed in - to the ground;
2 So when the pre - cious seed is sown, life - giv - ing grace be - stow,
now let the dew of heav'n de - scend and righ - teous fruits a - bound.
that all whose souls the truth re - ceive its sav - ing pow'r may know.

Before the reading: The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the 13th Chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

*GOSPEL READING

Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

In Matthew's gospel, both Jesus and his disciples "sow the seed" of God's word by proclaiming the good news that "the kingdom of heaven is near." Now, in a memorable parable, Jesus explains why this good news produces different results in those who hear.

After the reading: The Gospel of our Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

*ACCLAMATION REPRISE

Almighty God, Your Word is Cast

See previous, verse 2

FIRST GLANCE

Jeremy Kaetzel

SERMON

Pastor Paul Baglyos

SERMON RESPONSE

Let the words of my mouth
**and the meditation of our hearts be acceptable to you, O Lord,
our rock and our redeemer. Amen.**

*PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Assisting Minister Gary Cadwising

After each petition: God of grace,
hear our prayer.

***PEACE**

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

MEAL

OFFERTORY

As we come together living out our faith in unity we trust in our God's loving care to provide for all we need. Let us respond generously to God's abiding love with our tithes and offerings. You are invited to scan the QR codes located in the pews in front of you and leave an online offering or you can leave any tithe, offering or connection cards in the collection plates as they are passed around or any located near the exits.

OFFERTORY MUSIC

It Is Well

H. G. SPAFFORD | P. B. BLISS

*When peace like a river attendeth my way, When sorrows like sea billows roll.
Whatever my lot, Thou hast taught me taught me to say it is well, it is well with my soul.
It is well with my soul. It is well, it is well with my soul.*

*And Lord, haste the day when my faith shall be sight: the clouds be rolled back as a scroll.
The trump shall resound and the Lord shall descend. Even so, it is well with my soul.
It is well with my soul. It is well, it is well with my soul.
It is well, it is well with my soul.*

***OFFERTORY PRAYER**

Let us pray. Loving God,
we offer at your table the gifts of our hearts. Help us take heart in you and share freely of your love, so that all creation can taste your abundance. We ask this in the name of Jesus, through the Spirit abiding with us now and forever. Amen.

***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.

*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:

*SANCTUS

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

*THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

Holy God, Blessed Trinity, You spread the dimensions of time and space, and fashioned the atoms that constitute matter. You created the flora and fauna that teem upon the land, in the air, and in the water.

We praise you, God.

You formed human beings according to your image, and called us to be your coworkers in creation. You raised up the people of Israel from the descendants of Abraham and Sarah, and called them to bear your word and your light to all nations.

We praise you, God.

You took upon yourself our flesh and blood in the birth of your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, a child of Israel.

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 love for us on the way, at the table, and to the end, we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

You raised Jesus from the dead and poured out your Holy Spirit upon your children, the young and the old, of all nations and tongues, that they might fill the world with your truth and love. Through him, with him, in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor is yours, almighty Father, now and forever.

Amen.

*LORD'S PRAYER

Through your Spirit, we pray together as our Lord 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.

DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION

All are welcome here at God's table. We believe Christ is truly present in the bread and wine through the faith of those who gather. Jesus invites you to this meal that imparts God's free gift of grace.

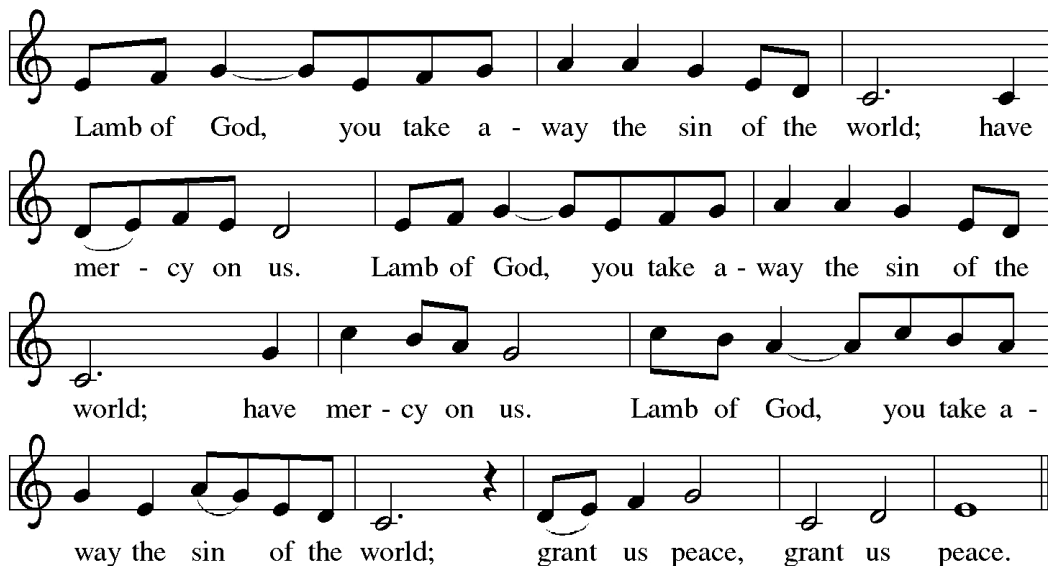
We share the meal by intinction; as you approach the center you will be handed a wafer that you may dip into the wine or juice. Grape juice is in the smaller compartment, and gluten free wafers are available upon request.

If you do not wish to commune, you may come forward for a blessing.

Indicate this by crossing your arms over your chest.

AGNUS DEI

ELW HYMNAL SETTING I



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.

We Plow the Field and Scatter

ELW HYMN 680



We plow the fields and scat - ter the good seed on — the land,
 You on - ly are the mak - er of all things near — and far.
 We thank you, our cre - a - tor, for all things bright — and good,



but it is fed and wa - tered by — God's al - might - y hand,
 You paint the way - side flow - er, you — light the eve - ning star.
 the seed - time and the har - vest, our — life, our health, — our food.



who sends the snow in win - ter, the warmth to swell the — grain,
 The winds and waves o - bey you, by you the birds are — fed;
 No gifts have we to of - fer for all your love im - parts



the breez - es and the sun - shine, and soft re - fresh - ing rain.
 much more to us, your chil - dren, you give our dai - ly bread.
 but what you most would trea - sure, our humb - le, thank - ful hearts.

For the Fruit of All Creation

ELW HYMN 679



1 For the fruit of all cre - a - tion, thanks be to God.
 2 In the just re - ward of la - bor, God's will is done.
 3 For the har - vests of the Spir - it, thanks be to God.



For these gifts to ev - 'ry na - tion, thanks be to God.
 In the help we give our neigh - bor, God's will is done.
 For the good we all in - her - it, thanks be to God.

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For the plow-ing, sow-ing, reap-ing, si-lent growth while we are sleep-ing,
In our world-wide task of car-ing for the hun-gry and de-spair-ing,
For the won-ders that as-tound us, for the truths that still con-found us,



fu-ture needs in earth's safe-keep-ing, thanks be to God.
in the har-vests we are shar-ing, God's will is done.
most of all, that love has found us, thanks be to God.

***POST-COMMUNION PRAYER**

Let us pray. Compassionate God,

through the gifts of bread and wine, our hearts are filled with the abundance of your love. Strengthen us that we, through this holy meal, may share your love freely, as you have shared with us. We ask this in the name of Jesus, through the Spirit nourishing us now and forever. Amen.

SENDING

***BENEDICTION**

***SENDING FORTH HYMN**

DARWALL'S 148TH
ELW HYMN 550

On What Has Now Been Sown



1 On what has now been sown your bless-ing Lord, be-stow; the
2 To you our wants are known, from you are all our pow'rs; ac-
3 Oh, grant that each of us, now met be-fore you here, may



pow'r is yours a-lone to make it sprout and grow. O Lord, in
cept what is your own and par-don what is ours. Our prais-es,
meet to-geth-er thus when you and yours ap-pear, and fol-low



grace the har-vest raise, and yours a-lone shall be the praise!
Lord, and prayers re-ceive and to your word a bless-ing give.
you to heav'n, our home. E'en so, A-men! Lord Je-sus, come!

*DISMISSAL

Go in peace, serve the Lord,
and live God's love in the world

POSTLUDE

Improvisation on Praise and Thanksgiving

E. WU

Please help us secure the parking in a timely manner and avoid any "lock-ups" by having your vehicles out of either the parking garage or church parking lot by 2:00 p.m. (Special events will have parking times listed)

SERVING IN WORSHIP

Presider/Preacher	Pastor Paul Baglyos
Assisting Minister	Gary Cadwising
Lector	Gregory VanAcker
First Glance	Jeremy Kaetzel
Organ	Elie Wu
Piano	Steven Johnson
Soloist	Linda Bush
Cantors in Rotation	Alice Anderson, Joel Barkel, Linda Bush, Alex Mallari, Eric Malme, Taylor Metts-Houston, Heather Mercer, Kitty Oppliger, Eliseo Paniagua, Rob Sawyer, Jessica Vargas
Accompaniers	Terri Baumberger, Micah Metts-Houston, Scot Sorensen
Altar Guild	Jennifer Ehrhardt, Anne Smith
Eucharistic Servers	Dave Rickert, Karen Ross
Greeter	Mark Carlson, Lyla Hanson, Mary Miller
Ushers	Linda Baldwin, Barbara & Terry Battenberg, Gwynnae Byrd
Audio Technician	John Bogni
Video Technicians	Tim Reese, Melody Struckmann
Nursery Attendants	Helen Disho, Lauren Kelley

ST. JOHN'S STAFF

Director of Missional Strategy	Rev. Paul Baglyos, Bridge Pastor
Director of Youth and Family	Rev. Jon Haug, Associate Pastor
Director of Worship and Music	Steven Johnson
Director of Communications and Community Engagement	Catherine Slabaugh
Director of Administration	Katherine Thorp
Associate Director of Youth and Family Ministries	Jeremy Kaetzel
Associate Director of Volunteer Management	Joel Barkel
Associate Director of Worship and Music	Eliseo Paniagua
Property Staff	Matt Balara, Joe Allen, Nathan McQueen
Congregational Care Coordinator	Suzi Taylor, Parish Nurse
Organist	Elie Wu
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to subscribe to our weekly e-newsletter.**



ST. JOHN'S MINISTRY ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Six Flags Youth Trip
Saturday, July 18th | 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. | Six Flags, Vallejo

Middle & High School youth are invited to a day at Six Flags! Come spend your Saturday riding roller coasters and enjoying the FUN of Six Flags. We'll depart St. John's at 10 a.m. and return at 5 p.m. Tickets and transportation will be provided, just bring money for lunch!

- "Wear Love" Mt. Cross Day Camp
July 27th - 31st | 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. | St. John's Lutheran Church

Mt. Cross Ministries is back to host Vacation Bible School - "Wear Love"! Happening July 27th - 31st from 9 a.m. - 3 p.m., this Day Camp is for youth in Kindergarten-5th grade, with volunteer opportunities for middle and high school students. Register your kid(s) online today!

- Summer Sunset Carnival
Saturday, August 15th | 4 - 7 p.m. | St. John's Lutheran Church

Save-the-date, the 1st annual Summer Sunset Carnival is happening this August! An evening of carnival games, BBQ, and a farewell to the summer. Bring a friend and come enjoy a fun carnival in community!

- St. John's Night at the River Cats
Saturday, August 22nd | 6:37 p.m. Game | Sutter Health Park

St. John's folks, we're heading to the Sacramento River Cats! On Saturday, August 22nd, St. John's folks will take over the Lawn Seats at the game! All people and ages are welcome, tickets are \$20 per person and can be purchased online ahead of time or at the box office day-of. This event is hosted by the Children, Youth, and Family Ministry department, but open to all who enjoy baseball!

TODAY AT ST. JOHN'S

- Toward a Better Understanding of Homelessness | 10:15 a.m. | Oehler Hall

St. John's Lutheran Church is located in the heart of Midtown Sacramento and engages with our unhoused neighbors on a daily basis. These three adult education classes will help congregants take a look at some of the myths about unhoused people and hear directly from those who have found themselves to be unhoused. Come listen, learn, and hopefully walk away with a deeper understanding of our most vulnerable neighbors.