

TIME AFTER PENTECOST *July 13, 2025* | *9:00 a.m.***

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

GATHERING

PRELUDE

O Lux Beata Trinitas (from Gregoriana: Twelve chant-based open pieces by contemporary women composers)

A. SUMMERS

RINGING OF THE BELLS

Order of St. John

*WELCOME

Pastor Frank Espegren

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Just As I Am

R. Enright

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

*PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

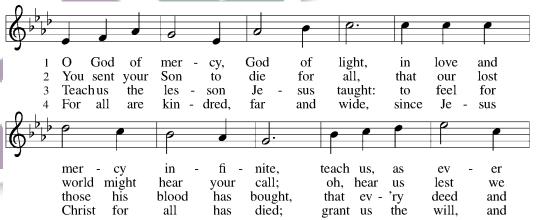
Assisting Minister Gary Cadwising

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

*Gathering Hymn

O God of Mercy, God of Light

JUST AS I AM ELW HYMN 714



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^{*} You are invited to stand.



*Greeting

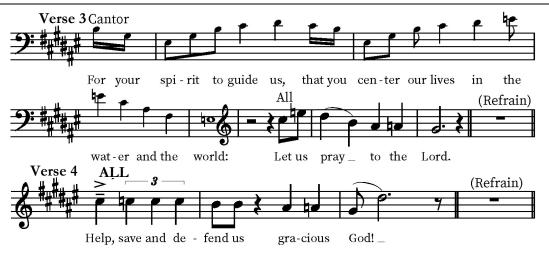
The grace of Jesus Christ our Savior, the reconciling love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

*Kyrie

STEVEN JOHNSON (2024)





*Prayer of the Day

Let us pray. O Lord God,

your mercy delights us, and the world longs for your loving care. Hear the cries of everyone in need, and turn our hearts to love our neighbors with the love of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

WORD

LESSON Colossians 1:1-14

The letter to the Colossians was written to warn its readers of various false teachings. The first part of the letter is an expression of thanks for the faith, hope, and love that mark this community, including a prayer for strength and courage.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

*GOSPEL PROLOGUE

Holy one, soften our hearts and slow our racing minds to truly hear your living Word.

Before the reading: The Holy Gospel according to Luke.

Glory to you, O Lord.

*GOSPEL READING Luke 10:25-37

Jesus is challenged to explain what is involved in obeying the greatest commandment. He tells a parable rich in surprises: those expected to show pity display hard hearts while the lowly give and receive unexpected and lavish mercy.

After the reading: The Gospel of our Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Word of God, Come Down on Earth

ELW Hymn 510



FIRST GLANCE

Pastor Frank Espegren

SERMON

Pastor Jon Haug

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.

SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM LOGAN ARTHUR STONE

PRESENTATION

God, who is rich in mercy and love, gives us a new birth into a living hope through the sacrament of baptism. By water and the Word, God delivers us from sin and death and raises us to new life in Jesus Christ. We are united with all the baptized in the one body of Christ, anointed with the gift of the Holy Spirit, and joined in God's mission for the life of the world.

Cassandra & Arthur, called by the Holy Spirit, trusting in the grace and love of God, do you desire to have Logan baptized into Christ?

We do.

As you bring Logan to receive the gift of baptism, you are entrusted with responsibilities:

to live with him among God's faithful people,

bring him to the word of God and the holy supper,

teach him the Lord's Prayer, the Creed, and the Ten Commandments,

place in his hands the holy scriptures,

and nurture him in faith and prayer,

so that he may learn to trust God,

proclaim Christ through word and deed, care for others and the world God made, and work for justice and peace.

Do you promise to help Logan grow in the Christian faith and life? We do.

Sponsors (Kathryn & Michael) do you promise to nurture Logan in the Christian faith as you are empowered by God's Spirit, and to help him live in the covenant of baptism and in communion with the church?

We do.

People of God, do you promise to support Logan and pray for him in his new life in Christ?

We do.

Profession of Faith

I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church.

Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God?

I renounce them.

Do you renounce the powers of this world that rebel against God?

I renounce them.

Do you renounce the ways of sin that draw you from God?

I renounce them.

Do you believe in God the Father?

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

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,

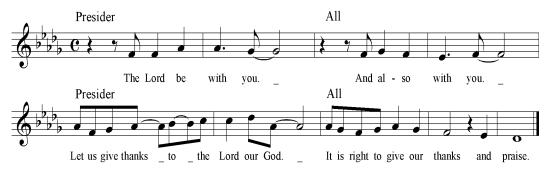
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

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.

THANKSGIVING AT THE FONT

STEVEN JOHNSON



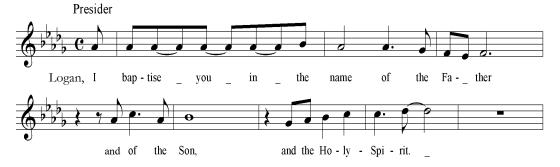
We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters and by your Word you created the world, calling forth life in which you took delight. Through the waters of the flood you delivered Noah and his family, and through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery into freedom. At the river your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit. By the baptism of Jesus' death and resurrection you set us free from the power of sin and death and raise us up to live in you.

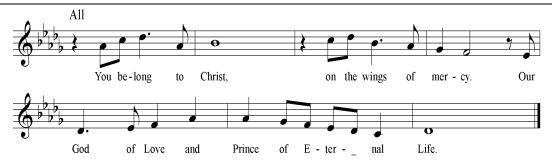
Pour out your Holy Spirit, the power of your living Word, that those who are washed in the waters of baptism may be given new life. To you be given honor and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

Amen.



STEVEN JOHNSON





Let us pray. We give you thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy Spirit you give your children new birth, cleanse them from sin, and raise them to eternal life. Sustain Logan with the gift of your Holy Spirit: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence, both now and forever.

Amen.

Logan, child of God, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit, and marked with the cross of Christ forever.

WELCOME

Let your light so shine before others that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.



Let us welcome the newly baptized.

We welcome you into the body of Christ and into the mission we share: join us in giving thanks and praise to God and bearing God's creative and redeeming word to all the world!

*PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

MEAL

OFFERTORY

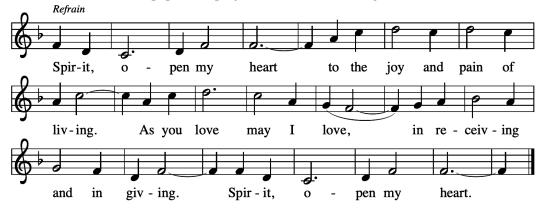
As we come together living out our faith in unity we trust in our God's loving care to provide for all we need. Let us respond generously to God's abiding love with our tithes and offerings. You are invited to scan the QR codes located in the pews in front of you and leave an online offering or you can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

OFFERTORY MUSIC

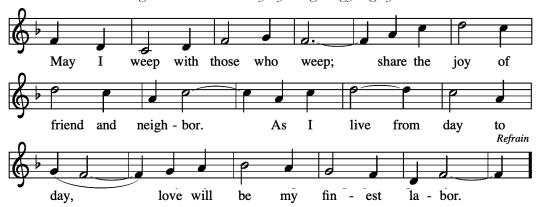
WILD MOUNTAIN THYME ACS HYMN 1043

Spirit, Open My Heart

Congregation sings refrain and verse when cued by Cantor.



Write your love upon my heart as my law, my goal, my story. In each thought, word, and deed, may my living bring you glory. **REFRAIN**



*Offertory Prayer

Let us pray. Creator God,

in your wisdom you bring forth all that is good and the harvest is plentiful. Strengthen us at your table with these gifts of the earth and our labor, that we may work for the good of all; through Jesus Christ, our Savior. 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 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:

*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

Blessed are you, O God of the universe. Your mercy is everlasting and your faithfulness endures from age to age. Praise to you for creating the heavens and the earth. Praise to you for saving the earth from the waters of the flood. Praise to you for bringing the Israelites safely through the sea. Praise to you for leading your people through the wilderness to the land of milk and honey. Praise to you for the words and deeds of Jesus, your anointed one. Praise to you for the death and resurrection of Christ. Praise to you for your Spirit poured out on all nations.

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.

With this bread and cup we remember our Lord's passover from death to life as we proclaim the mystery of faith:

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

O God of resurrection and new life: Pour out your Holy Spirit on us and on these gifts of bread and wine. Bless this feast. Grace our table with your presence.

Come, Holy Spirit.

Reveal yourself to us in the breaking of the bread. Raise us up as the body of Christ for the world. Breathe new life into us. Send us forth, burning with justice, peace, and love.

Come, Holy Spirit.

With your holy ones of all times and places, with the earth and all its creatures, with sun and moon and stars, we praise you, O God, blessed and holy Trinity, now and forever.

Amen.

*LORD'S PRAYER

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

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.

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

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; grant us peace.

MUSIC FOR COMMUNION

J. Kuhnau | J. S. Bach **Alleluia! All Praise Be To God** R. Marlow | I. Howard

Alleluia, Alleluia, All praise be to God, Let us exult with all our heart's endeavour: For God today Cast grief away, And sent great joy which shall endure forever.

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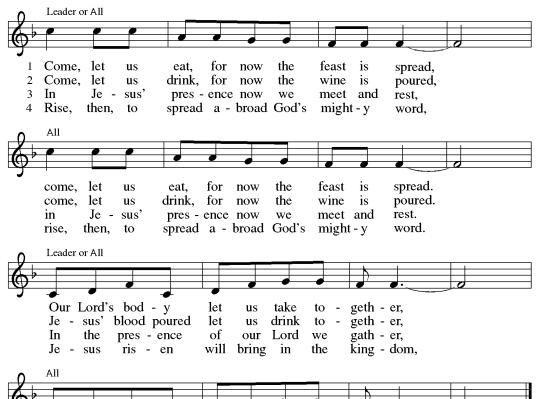
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Come, Let Us Eat

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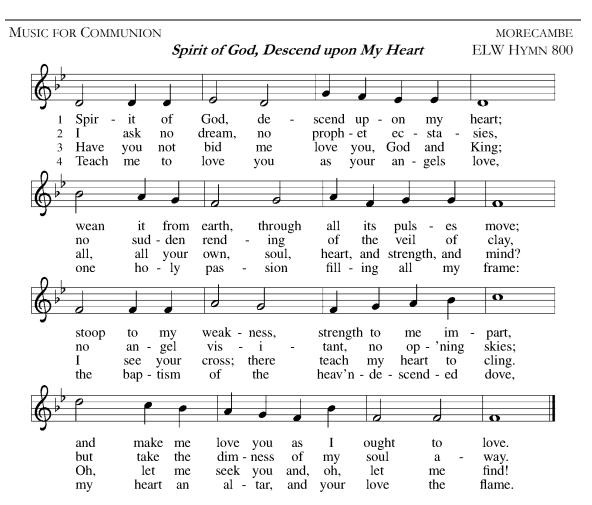
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*SACRAMENTAL BLESSING

May the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in God's grace.

Amen.

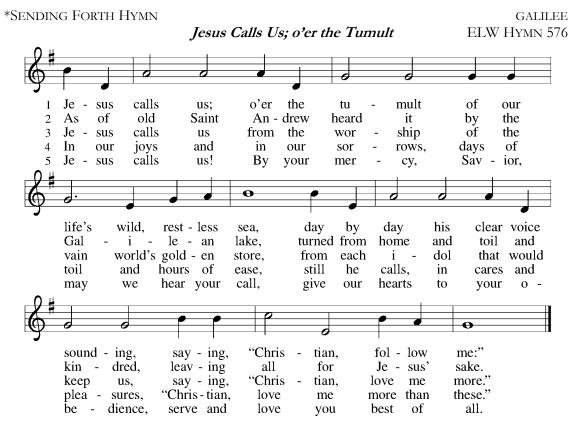
*POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Let us pray. Mothering God,

you gathered us to your table and we drank deeply of your grace. Send us out by your Spirit to love our neighbors as ourselves and proclaim your love in Jesus' name. Amen.

SENDING

*BENEDICTION



*DISMISSAL

Go in peace, serve the Lord,

and live God's love in the world.

POSTLUDE

Veni, Creator Spiritus (from Gregoriana: Twelve chant-based open pieces by contemporary women composers) C. McDowall

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)

This summer at St. John's, during this season of transition, we invite all to gather as a community around the heart of our mission: Living God's Love in the World. Through worship, we will reflect deeply on what this mission means for us as followers of Christ. We'll begin by exploring what it means to Live - how we embody our faith in daily life, guided by grace, shaped by the cross, and rooted in the Gospel. Next, we'll turn to God's Love - the unmerited, transformative love at the center of our Lutheran identity. Finally, we'll consider what it means to live this love In the World - recognizing that God calls us beyond our sanctuary to be active in love and justice for our neighbors near and far. Together, we will reflect, grow, and be sent—grounded in God's grace, called into faithful living, and renewed in our shared purpose.

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SERVING IN WORSHIP

Preacher Pastor Jon Haug

Presider/First Glance Pastor Frank Espegren

Assisting Minister Gary Cadwising

LectorMary RobinsonOrganDr. Ryan EnrightPianoSteven Johnson

Clarinet Chris Cook

Cantors in Rotation Joel Barkel, Linda Bush, Dr. Ryan Enright,

Heather Mercer, Kathryn Mercer,

Eliseo Paniagua, Jessica Reveles

Altar Guild Karen Olson

Eucharistic Servers Lester Chew, Pam Roberts

Greeters Mark Carlson, Karen Rosenak

Ushers Barbara & Terry Battenberg, Anne Smith

Audio Technician John Bologni

Visual Technicians
Nursery Attendants
Tim Reese & Esperanza Foft
Amy Afoa, Helen Disho

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ST. JOHN'S MINISTRY ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Congregation Matters
 Sunday, July 20th | 10:15 a.m. | The Gathering Place & Zoom

 The leadership of St. John's continues the tradition of gathering to discuss important transition and business matters happening in the congregation! Join July's Congregation Matters meeting to hear updates from the Call Committee and Church Council.
- Celebration of Life for Jason Pettit
 Sunday, July 20th | 3:00 p.m | St. John's Lutheran Church
 Beloved community member and former St. John's staff member Jason Pettit passed away
 after a multi-year battle against cancer. In loving memory of Jason, a Celebration of Life
 will be held here at St. John's, with a reception following the service.
- Christianity & Politics from Harlem: with Reggie L. Williams, Ph.D. Saturday, July 26th | 10:00 a.m. | St. John's Lutheran Church
 Reggie L. Williams, Ph.D., Associate Professor of Black Theology at Saint Louis University and author, will join us for a lunch and lecture discussing Bonhoeffer's theology and the influence the black church had on his life. RSVP on the St. John's website to attend!
- Mt. Cross Day Camp: Word of Life
 Monday, July 28th—Friday, August 1st | 9:00 a.m. 3:00 p.m | St. John's Lutheran Church
 Camp Counselors from Mt. Cross Ministries will lead this year's VBS themed "Word of
 Life". Open to youth in grades Kindergarten-5th, there are just a few more spots available
 for this year's VBS. Register your children on the St. John's website today!
- Rollin' in Dough Pasta Night Fundraiser
 Friday, August 22nd | 5:00 p.m | Oehler Hall

Enjoy an evening of all-you-can-eat pasta, warm fellowship, and support a great cause - new flooring for the St. John's Choir Loft. Tickets are \$25 per person or \$75 for families of three or more. Seating is limited, so RSVP on the St. John's website to reserve your spot. Come hungry, leave happy, and help keep our church home looking its best!

TODAY AT ST. JOHN'S

Animate Faith - Summer Faith Formation Series | 10:15 a.m. | The Gathering Place
 Animate Faith is an ELCA faith curriculum we'll be utilizing this summer at St. John's.
 All are invited to join this summer's animated conversation and reflection around different aspects of our life together as church. This morning, we will discuss Money: The Joy of Sharing.