

Living

TIME AFTER PENTECOST
July 13, 2025 | 11:30 a.m.

GATHERING

RINGING OF THE BELLS

*WELCOME


Pastor Frank Espegren

*GATHERING SONG

There Is a Longing


A. QUIGLEY

Refrain




There is a long-ing in our hearts, O Lord, for you to re-
veal your - self to us. There is a long-ing in our hearts for

Verses




love we on - ly find in you, our God.

1. For jus - tice,
2. For wis - dom,
3. For heal - ing,



1. for free - dom, for mer - cy: hear our prayer. In
2. for cour - age, for com - fort: hear our prayer. In
3. for whole - ness, for new life: hear our prayer. In

to Refrain



1. sor - row, in grief: }
2. weak - ness, in fear: } be near, hear our prayer, O God.
3. sick - ness, in death: }

*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.

**You are invited to stand.*

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

GATHERING SONG REPRISE

There Is a Longing

See previous, refrain only

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

*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.

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

NICO HEATH LEYTON & LILIANA ANTOINETTE LEYTON

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.

Nico | Liliana, called by the Holy Spirit, trusting in the grace and love of God,
do you desire to be baptized into Christ?

I do.

Courtney & Oscar, called by the Holy Spirit, trusting in the grace and love of God,
do you desire to have Nico & Liliana baptized into Christ?

We do.

As you bring Nico & Liliana to receive the gift of baptism, you are entrusted with responsibilities:

to live with them among God's faithful people,
bring them to the word of God and the holy supper,
teach them the Lord's Prayer, the Creed, and the Ten Commandments,
place in their hands the holy scriptures,
and nurture them in faith and prayer,
so that they 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 Nico & Liliana grow in the Christian faith and life?

We do.

People of God, do you promise to support Nico & Liliana and pray for them in their 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

Presider All



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

Presider All



Let us give thanks _ to _ the Lord our God. _ It is right to give our thanks and praise.

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.

BAPTISM

STEVEN JOHNSON

Presider



Nico, I bap - tise _ you _ in _ the name of the Fa - _ ther

and of the Son, and the Ho - ly - Spi - rit. _

Presider



Liliana, I bap - tise _ you _ in _ the name of the Fa - _ ther

and of the Son, and the Ho - ly - Spi - rit. _

All



You be-long to Christ, on the wings of mer - cy. Our

God of Love and Prince of E - ter - _ nal Life.

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 Nico & Liliana 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.

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

Liliana, 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

*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.

*WORDS OF INSTITUTION

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.

*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

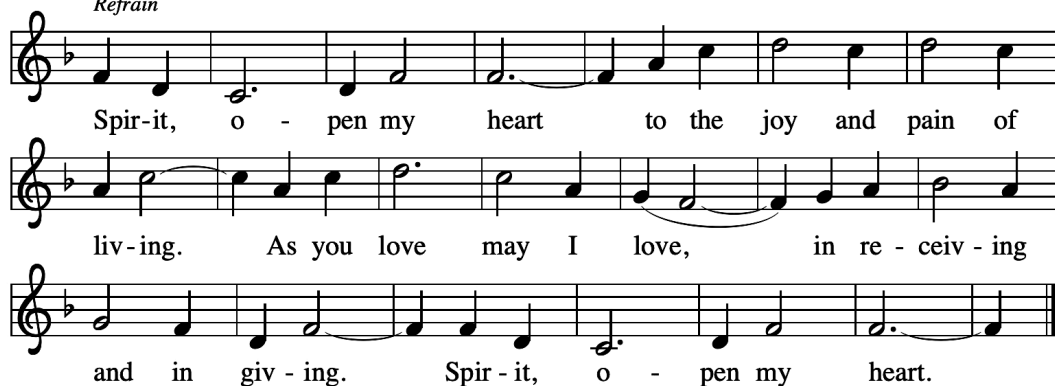
All are welcome here at God's table. We believe Christ is truly present in the bread and wine through the faith of those who gather. Jesus invites you to this meal that imparts God's free gift of grace.

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.**

*Spirit, Open My Heart**Refrain*


Spir-it, o - pen my heart to the joy and pain of
 liv-ing. As you love may I love, in re - ceiv - ing
 and in giv - ing. Spir - it, o - pen my heart.

- 1 God, re - place my ston - y heart with a heart that's
 2 Write your love up - on my heart as my law, my
 3 May I weep with those who weep; share the joy of



kind and ten - der. All my cold - ness and
 goal, my sto - ry. In each thought, word, and
 friend and neigh - bor. As I live from day to

Refrain


fear to your grace I now sur - ren - der.
 deed, may my liv - ing bring you glo - ry.
 day, love will be my fin - est la - bor.

**SACRAMENTAL BLESSING*

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

Amen.

SENDING

*BENEDICTION

*SENDING FORTH SONG

Bring Forth the Kingdom of God

M. HAUGEN

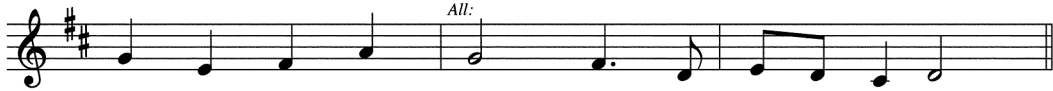
Verses



1. You are salt for the earth, O peo - ple:
2. You are a light on the hill, O peo - ple:
3. You are a seed of the Word, O peo - ple:
4. We are a blest and a pil - grim peo - ple:



Salt for the King-dom of God! Share the fla - vor of
Light for the Cit - y of God! Shine so ho - ly and
Bring forth the King-dom of God! Seeds of mer - cy and
Bound for the King-dom of God! Love our jour - ney and



life, O peo - ple: Life in the King-dom of God!
bright, O peo - ple: Shine for the King-dom of God!
seeds of jus - tice, Grow in the King-dom of God!
love our home - land: Love is the King-dom of God!

Refrain



Bring forth the King-dom of mer - cy, Bring forth the



King-dom of peace; Bring forth the King-dom of jus - tice,



Bring forth the Cit - y of God!

***DISMISSAL**

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

*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)*

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SERVING IN WORSHIP

Preacher	Pastor Jon Haug
Presider/First Glance	Pastor Frank Espegren
Assisting Minister	Gary Cadwising
Lector	Terri Baumberger
Organ	Dr. Ryan Enright
Piano	Steven Johnson
Clarinet	Chris Cook
Cantors in Rotation	Joel Barkel, Linda Bush, Dr. Ryan Enright, Heather Mercer, Kathryn Mercer, Eliseo Paniagua, Jessica Reveles Bee Davis
Altar Guild	Terri Baumberger, Libby Bullock
Eucharistic Servers	Rhonda Holmen, Kathy Martinson
Greeters	Amy & Dean Chance
Usher	John Bogni
Audio Technician	Tim Reese & Esperanza Foft
Visual Technician	Amy Afoa, Helen Disho
Nursery Attendants	

ST. JOHN'S STAFF

Director of Mission	Rev. Frank Espegren, Senior Pastor
Director of Youth and Family	Rev. Jon Haug, Associate Pastor
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Organist	Dr. Ryan Enright
Audio Technician	John Bogni
Video Technicians	Tim Reese, Esperanza Foft
Nursery Attendants	Amy Afoa, Helen Disho

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!

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.