

SUNDAYS AFTER PENTECOST

August 16, 2026
9:00 a.m. Livestream

GATHERING

PRELUDES

Improvisation on a theme by David Briggs

E. WU

First Light

D. BURTON

RINGING OF THE BELLS

Order of St. John

WELCOME

Pastor Jon Haug

CALL TO WORSHIP

Fanfare on CHRISTPRAISE RAY

E. WU

As music begins, the congregation turns and faces the Processional Cross.

INVITATION TO WORSHIP

Welcome to all gathered here now.

Welcome all people, all nations, all tongues.

For this is God's house,
and we are God's people.

We are God's servants,
the body of Christ.

Therefore, 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.**

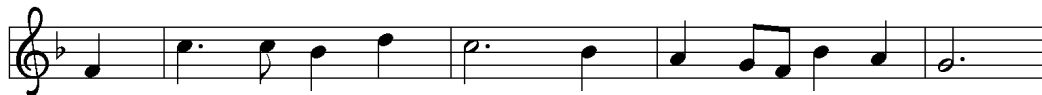
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.

GATHERING HYMN

CHRISTPRAISE RAY

Oh, Praise the Gracious Power

ELW HYMN 651



1 Oh, praise the gra - cious pow'r that tum - bles walls of fear
2 Oh, praise per - sis - tent truth that o - pens fist - ed minds
3 Oh, praise in - clu - sive love, en - cir - cling ev - 'ry race,
4 Oh, praise the word of faith that claims us as God's own,
5 Oh, praise the tide of grace that laps at ev - 'ry shore



and gath - ers in one house of faith all strang - ers far and near:
and eas - es from their anx - ious clutch the prej - u - dice that blinds:
ob - liv - i - ous to gen - der, wealth, to so - cial rank or place:
a liv - ing tem - ple built on Christ, our rock and cor - ner - stone:
with vi - sions of a world at peace, no lon - ger bled by war:

Refrain



We praise you, Christ! Your cross has made us one!

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. God of all peoples,
your arms reach out to embrace all those who call upon you. Teach us as
disciples of your Son to love the world with compassion and constancy,
that your name may be known throughout the earth, through Jesus Christ,
our Savior and Lord. Amen.

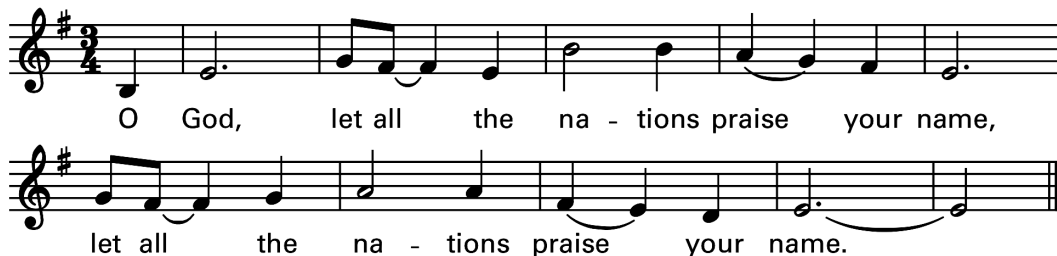
WORD

PSALM 67

O God, Let All the Nations

T. SMITH

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



Verses Lord, look with favor on us; show us your face.
Reveal to the faithful your way, Lord, salvation for all the world. **Refrain**
May the nations sing and be glad, for your word governs all the world.
Your justice will guide all nations, all peoples on earth. **Refrain**
Lord, may we sing your praise; may we sing to you all of our days.
O God, we ask you to bless us, as we honor your name. **Refrain**

LESSON

Isaiah 56:1, 6-8

The prophet calls upon Israel to do justice in view of God's imminent intervention to save. Righteousness and obedience define who belongs to the Israelite community—not race, nationality, or any other category.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

*For All the Faithful Women**Verse 1*


1 For all the faith-ful wom - en who served in days of old,
 2 All praise to God the Fa - ther! All praise to Christ the Son!

to you shall thanks be giv - en; to all, their stor - y told.
 All praise to God the Spir - it, who binds the church as one!

They served with strength and glad - ness in tasks your wis - dom gave.
 With saints who went be - fore us, with saints who wit - ness still,

To you their lives bore wit - ness, pro-claimed your pow'r to save.
 we sing glad al - le - lu - ias and strive to do your will.

Before the reading: The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the 15th Chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

GOSPEL READING

Matthew 15:21-28

Jesus teaches his disciples that true purity is a matter of the heart rather than outward religious observances.

Almost immediately, this teaching is tested when a woman considered to be a religious outsider approaches him for help.

After the reading: The Gospel of our Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

ACCLAMATION REPRISE

For All the Faithful Women

See previous, verse 2

FIRST GLANCE

Chris Dawson

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 Chris Dawson

After each petition: Merciful God,
receive 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 visit our giving
page link at [https:// www.stjohnslc.org/giving](https://www.stjohnslc.org/giving) and leave an online offering.*

OFFERTORY MUSIC

***Allegretto
(from Sonatina No. II)***

F. J. NADERMAN

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

Great are you, O God, and greatly to be praised. All your works in heaven and on earth proclaim your glory.

You reveal your steadfast love throughout all generations. In covenant with our ancestors in Eden and in exile, in the Promised Land and throughout all lands, you demonstrate your abounding grace.

Long ago you spoke to us by your prophets, but now in these last days you have spoken to us by your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, your Word made flesh for our salvation.

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.

We give you thanks, O God, for the gift of your Son Jesus, whose coming again in glory we await.

Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

Send your Holy Spirit upon us and upon this meal, that we may be fed by your presence with us, among us, and within us.

Amen. Come, Holy Spirit.

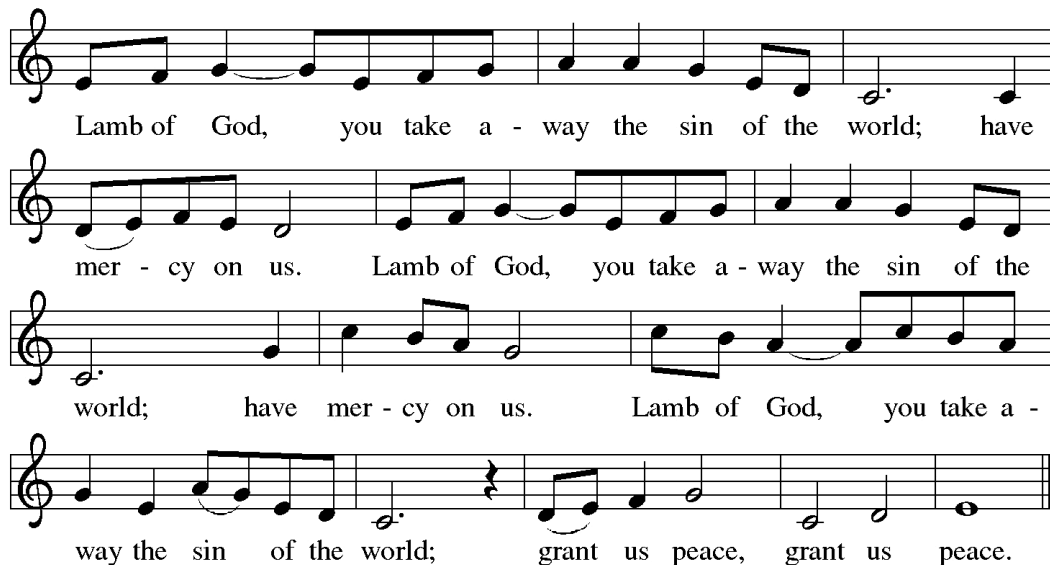
LORD'S PRAYER

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.

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.

SELF-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.

You are invited to partake of the meal with the bread and juice/wine you prepared saying:

"The body of Christ given for me/us." And *"The blood of Christ shed for me/us."*

Build a Longer Table

1 Build a long - er ta - ble, not a high - er wall,
 2 Build a saf - er ref - uge, not a larg - er jail;
 3 Build a broad - er door - way, not a long - er fence.
 4 When we lived as ex - iles, ref - u - gees a - broad,



feed - ing those who hun - ger, mak - ing room for all.
 where the weak find shel - ter, mer - cy will not fail.
 Love pro - tects all peo - ple, spar - ing no ex - pense.
 Christ be - came our door - way to the reign of God.



Feast - ing to - geth - er, strang - er turns to friend,
 For an - y place where jus - tice is de - nied,
 When we em - brace com - pas - sion more than fear,
 So must our ta - bles wel - come those who roam.



Christ breaks walls to piec - es; false di - vi - sions end.
 Christ will breach the jail wall, free - ing all in - side.
 Christ tears down our fenc - es; all are wel - come here.
 None can be ex - clud - ed; all must find a home.

Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service

1 Lord, whose love in hum-ble ser-vice bore the weight of hu-man need,
 2 Still your chil-dren wan-der home-less; still the hun-gry cry for bread;
 3 As we wor-ship, grant us vi-sion, till your love's re-veal-ing light
 4 Called by wor-ship to your ser-vice, forth in your dear name we go,



who up-on the cross, for-sak-en, worked your mer-cy's per-fect deed:
 still the cap-tives long for free-dom; still in grief we mourn our dead.
 in its height and depth and great-ness dawns up-on our quick-ened sight,
 to the child, the youth, the a-ged, love in liv-ing deeds to show;



we, your ser-vants, bring the wor-ship not of voice a-lone, but heart;
 As you, Lord, in deep com-pas-sion healed the sick and freed the soul,
 mak-ing known the needs and bur-dens your com-pas-sion bids us bear,
 hope and health, good-will and com-fort, coun-sel, aid, and peace we give,



con-se-crating to your pur-pose ev-'ry gift which you im-part.
 by your Spir-it send your pow-er to our world to make it whole.
 stir-ring us to ar-dent ser-vice, your a-bun-dant life to share.
 that your ser-vants, Lord, in free-dom may your mer-cy know and live.

POST-COMMUNION MEDITATION

Canto nel Vento

D. GARELLA

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

In Christ There Is No East or West

MCKEE

ELW HYMN 650



- 1 In Christ there is no east or west, in him no south or north,
- 2 In Christ shall true hearts ev-'ry-where their high com-mu-nion find;
- 3 Join hands, dis-ci-ples of the faith, what-e'er your race may be.
- 4 In Christ now meet both east and west, in him meet south and north;



but one com-mu-ni-ty of love through-out the whole wide earth.
his ser-vice is the gold-en cord close bind-ing hu-man-kind.
All chil-dren of the liv-ing God are sure-ly kin to me.
all Christ-ly souls are one in him through-out the whole wide earth.

DISMISSAL

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

POSTLUDE

Tocatta in E minor, P.462

J. PACHELBEL

SERVING IN WORSHIP

Presider	Pastor Jon Haug
Preacher	Pastor Paul Baglyos
Assisting Minister/First Glance	Chris Dawson
Lector	Barbara Battenberg
Organ	Elie Wu
Harp	Dr. Jacquelyn Venter
Flute	Bill Damian
Piano	Steven Johnson
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	Mike Long, Melanie Turner
Altar Guild	Karen Olson
Eucharistic Servers	Ingrid Garland, Leah Lind
Greeter	Ellen Chrismer, Linda Eytcheson, Cory Hollingsworth
Ushers	Frank Blaha, David Byrd, Mary Robinson
Audio Technician	John Bogni
Video Technicians	Tim Reese, Melody Struckmann
Nursery Attendants	Helen Disho, Lauren Kelley



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ST. JOHN'S MINISTRY ANNOUNCEMENTS

- 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.
- Congregation Matters Meeting
Sunday, August 30th | 10:15 a.m. | Oehler Hall
Join the Council leadership of St. John's for this quarterly Congregation Matters meeting! Discussion will include the upcoming Pastoral transition. See you there!
- Special LLL Book Club with the Justice Making Ministry
Thursday, September 17th | 11 a.m. in the St. John's Library | 6:30 p.m. via Zoom
Please join the LLL Book Club and Justice Making Ministry in September to read and discuss *Cobalt Red* by Siddharth Kara. *Cobalt Red* challenges us to examine the ethical cost of modern technology and ask ourselves what this means to us as Christians.
- Faith in Action: Living out Your Faith with Hope and Courage
Saturday, October 3rd | 8:30 a.m. - 3 p.m. | The Gathering Place
This one-day workshop will center primarily around how we as people of faith and as congregations can better organize and take action in response to issues of immigration. We'll welcome guest speaker the Rev. Ingrid Rasmussen from Minneapolis who has been on the front-line of ICE occupation in the city. In the afternoon, we'll host 4 different workshops led by nonprofit leaders currently involved in migration justice issues. Purchase your tickets on the St. John's website today!

TODAY AT ST. JOHN'S

- Practicing Prayer Class | 10:15 a.m. | Oehler Hall
Regardless of one's age, or whether one is a newbie or a veteran in the practice of prayer, learning to pray is a life-long discipline. Pastor Baglyos concludes this morning with the final session on prayer – discussing suggested practices for prayers with and within one's household.
- Sunday School Launch | 10:15 a.m. | Youth Room
Welcome the school year at the Sunday School Launch get-together! Parents and children are invited to gather in the youth room to learn more about the year ahead, meet your teachers, and collect key information and save-the-dates for the year.