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Service of the Word

Leader: People of St. John, what is our purpose?

All: To live for the Lord who made us, to love as Jesus taught us, and to serve where the Spirit leads us.

PRELUDE

+ GATHERING SONG

Lord of All Nations, Grant Me Grace



1 Lord of all na - tions, grant me grace to love all
2 Break down the wall that would di - vide thy chil - dren,
3 For - give me, Lord, where I have erred speak by love - less
4 Give me thy cour - age, Lord, to speak when - ev - er
5 With thine own love may I be filled and by thy



peo - ple, ev - 'ry race; and in each per - son may I
Lord, on ev - 'ry side. My neigh - bor's good let me pur -
act and thought - less word. Make me to see the wrong I
strong op - press the weak. Should I my - self the vic - tim
Ho - ly Spir - it willed, that all I touch, wher - e'er I



see my kin - dred, loved, re - deemed by thee.
sue; let Chris - tian love bind warm and true.
do will cru - ci - fy my Lord a - new.
be, help me for - give, re - mem - b'ring thee.
be, may be di - vine - ly touched by thee.

Text: Olive Wise Spannaus, b. 1916, alt.

Music: BEATUS VIR, *Šamotulský Kancionál*, 1561

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+ GREETING

P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. (*2 Corinthians 13:13*)

C And also with you.

P You are the treasured people of the Lord,

C a people holy to the Lord our God.

P Keep the words of the Lord in your heart; teach them to your children,

P Talk about them when you are at home and when you are away, when you lie down and when you rise.

P One does not live by bread alone,

C but by every word that comes from the mouth of the Lord.

+ SCRIPTURE SONG



☐ Sal-va-tion be-ongs to our God and to Christ the Lamb for-ev-er and ev - er.



☐ Great and won-der-ful are your deeds, O God of the u-ni-verse;



just and true are your ways, O Rul - er of all the na-tions.



Who can fail to hon-or you, Lord, and sing the glo-ry of your name?



☐ Sal-va-tion be-ongs to our God and to Christ the Lamb for-ev-er and ev - er.



☐ For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One. All



na - tions will draw near and wor - ship be - fore you,



for your just and ho - ly works have been re - vealed.



☐ Sal-va-tion be-ongs to our God and to Christ the Lamb for-ev-er and ev - er.

+ PRAYER OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

C O Lord God, we bring before you the cries of a sorrowing world. In your mercy set us free from the chains that bind us, and defend us from everything that is evil, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

CHILDREN'S SERMON

Children will be dismissed to Children's Church following the Children's Sermon

FIRST READING: Isaiah 65:1-9

¹ I was ready to be sought out by those who did not ask,
to be found by those who did not seek me.

I said, "Here I am, here I am,"
to a nation that did not call on my name.

² I held out my hands all day long
to a rebellious people,
who walk in a way that is not good,
following their own devices;

³ a people who provoke me
to my face continually,

sacrificing in gardens
and offering incense on bricks;

⁴ who sit inside tombs,
and spend the night in secret places;
who eat swine's flesh,

with broth of abominable things in their vessels;

⁵ who say, "Keep to yourself,
do not come near me, for I am too holy for you."

These are a smoke in my nostrils,
a fire that burns all day long.

⁶ See, it is written before me:

I will not keep silent, but I will repay;

I will indeed repay into their laps

⁷ their iniquities and their ancestors' iniquities together,
says the LORD;

because they offered incense on the mountains
and reviled me on the hills,

I will measure into their laps
full payment for their actions.

⁸ Thus says the LORD:

As the wine is found in the cluster,
and they say, "Do not destroy it,
for there is a blessing in it,"

so I will do for my servants' sake,
and not destroy them all.

⁹ I will bring forth descendants from Jacob,
and from Judah inheritors of my mountains;
my chosen shall inherit it,
and my servants shall settle there.

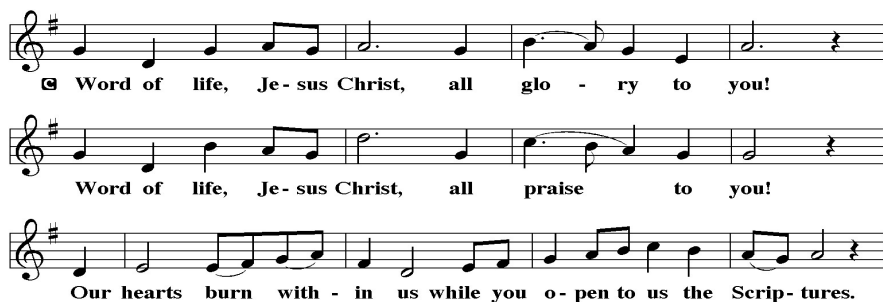
PSALM: 22:19-28

- P ¹⁹ But you, O LORD, be not far away;
O my help, hasten to my aid.
- C ²⁰ **Deliver me from the sword,
my life from the power of the dog.**
- P ²¹ Save me from the lion's mouth!
From the horns of wild bulls you have rescued me.
- C ²² **I will declare your name to my people;
in the midst of the assembly I will praise you.**
- P ²³ You who fear the LORD, give praise! All you of Jacob's line, give glory.
Stand in awe of the LORD, all you offspring of Israel.
- C ²⁴ **For the LORD does not despise nor abhor the poor in their poverty;
neither is the LORD's face hidden from them;
but when they cry out, the LORD hears them.**
- P ²⁵ From you comes my praise in the great assembly;
I will perform my vows in the sight of those who fear the LORD.
- C ²⁶ **The poor shall eat and be satisfied,
Let those who seek the LORD give praise! May your hearts live forever!**
- P ²⁷ All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the LORD;
all the families of nations shall bow before God.
- C ²⁸ **For dominion belongs to the LORD,
who rules over the nations.**

SECOND READING: Galatians 3:23-29

²³ Now before faith came, we were imprisoned and guarded under the law until faith would be revealed. ²⁴ Therefore the law was our disciplinarian until Christ came, so that we might be justified by faith. ²⁵ But now that faith has come, we are no longer subject to a disciplinarian, ²⁶ for in Christ Jesus you are all children of God through faith. ²⁷ As many of you as were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ. ²⁸ There is no longer Jew or Greek, there is no longer slave or free, there is no longer male and female; for all of you are one in Christ Jesus. ²⁹ And if you belong to Christ, then you are Abraham's offspring, heirs according to the promise.

+ GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Word of life, Je- sus Christ, all glo - ry to you!

Word of life, Je- sus Christ, all praise to you!

Our hearts burn with - in us while you o - pen to us the Scrip- tures.



+ THE GOSPEL: Luke 8:26-39

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke the 8th chapter.

C **Glory to you, O Lord.**

²⁶ Then [Jesus and his disciples] arrived at the country of the Gerasenes, which is opposite Galilee. ²⁷ As he stepped out on land, a man of the city who had demons met him. For a long time he had worn no clothes, and he did not live in a house but in the tombs. ²⁸ When he saw Jesus, he fell down before him and shouted at the top of his voice, “What have you to do with me, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I beg you, do not torment me”—²⁹ for Jesus had commanded the unclean spirit to come out of the man. (For many times it had seized him; he was kept under guard and bound with chains and shackles, but he would break the bonds and be driven by the demon into the wilds.) ³⁰ Jesus then asked him, “What is your name?” He said, “Legion”; for many demons had entered him. ³¹ They begged him not to order them to go back into the abyss.

³² Now there on the hillside a large herd of swine was feeding; and the demons begged Jesus to let them enter these. So he gave them permission. ³³ Then the demons came out of the man and entered the swine, and the herd rushed down the steep bank into the lake and was drowned.

³⁴ When the swineherds saw what had happened, they ran off and told it in the city and in the country. ³⁵ Then people came out to see what had happened, and when they came to Jesus, they found the man from whom the demons had gone sitting at the feet of Jesus, clothed and in his right mind. And they were afraid. ³⁶ Those who had seen it told them how the one who had been possessed by demons had been healed. ³⁷ Then all the people of the surrounding country of the Gerasenes asked Jesus to leave them; for they were seized with great fear. So he got into the boat and returned. ³⁸ The man from whom the demons had gone begged that he might be with him; but Jesus sent him away, saying, ³⁹ “Return to your home, and declare how much God has done for you.” So he went away, proclaiming throughout the city how much Jesus had done for him.

P The Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise to you, O Christ**

SERMON

Linda Kruse

SILENCE FOR REFLECTION

Refrain

There is a balm in Gil-e-ad to make the wound-ed whole;

there is a balm in Gil-e-ad to heal the sin-sick soul.

1 Some - times I feel dis - cour - aged and think my work's in vain,
 2 If you can - not preach like Pe - ter, if you can - not pray like Paul,
 3 Don't ev - er be dis - cour - aged, for Je - sus is your friend;

Refrain

but then the Ho - ly Spir - it re - vives my soul a - gain.
 you can tell the love of Je - sus and say, "He died for all."
 and if you lack for knowl-edge, he'll ne'er re - fuse to lend.

Text: African American spiritual

Music: BALM IN GILEAD, African American spiritual

+ RESPONSE TO THE WORD: CREED AND CONFESSION

P In Christ, you have heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation.
C **We believe in him and are marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit.** (*Ephesians 1:13-14*)

P Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith.

C **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**

P Build yourselves up on your most holy faith;
C **pray in the Holy Spirit.** (*Jude 20*)

P Keep yourselves in the love of God;
C **look forward to the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ.** (*Jude 21*)

P If anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation:
C **Everything old has passed away; behold, everything has become new!**
(*2 Corinthians 5:17*)

P God has given us the ministry of reconciliation.
C **Therefore, let us be reconciled to God and to one another.**

Silence for reflection and self examination.

P Gracious God,
C **have mercy on us. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things done and left undone. Uphold us by your Spirit so that we may live and serve you in newness of life, to the honor and glory of your holy name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen**

P Almighty God have mercy on you,
forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ,
strengthen you in all goodness,
and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life.

C **Amen**

+ PEACE

P Sisters and brothers, rejoice. Mend your ways, encourage one another, agree with one another, live in peace. (*2 Corinthians 13:11*)

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C And also with you.

The ministers and congregation may greet one another with a gesture of peace, using these or similar words:

Peace be with you.

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENT

OFFERING

+ OFFERTORY



Glo - ry to you, God, for yours is the earth;
yours the a - noint - ing, the ra - di - ant worth.
Ours the re - joic - ing for spir - its a - flame;
ours the thanks - giv - ing to your ho - ly name.
Ours be the tell - ing of deeds great - ly done;
yours be the glo - ry, O God, yours a - lone.

+ OFFERTORY PRAYER

P Let us pray.

P God, our Creator,

C you open wide your hand and satisfy the desire of every creature. With these gifts we bless you for your tender nurture and care. Help us to delight in your will and walk in your ways, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

+ THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

P Drawn into the embrace of the holy Trinity, we lift our prayers for the wholeness of the church, the world, and all creation.

A brief silence.

P We pray for the church. Clothe us in Christ, shower us in mercy, send us in love. Strengthen the faith and witness of Christians across the planet (*international companion churches and synods may be named*) and Christians in our community (*local congregations may be named*). God of grace,

C hear our prayer.

P We pray for creation. Deliver the earth from disaster, bring forth life amid uncertainty, inspire wonder at all you have made. Sustain all people who delight in the well-being of your creation: farmers, agricultural workers, gardeners, birdwatchers, conservationists, scientists, advocates, and policy makers. God of grace,

C hear our prayer.

P We pray for the nations. Pave a way to justice, drown the forces of oppression, bring peace on earth. Give leaders the will to turn from war and violence (*areas in crises may be named*). When people must flee their homes, guide them to safety. God of grace,

C hear our prayer.

P We pray for people in need. Satisfy all who are poor, soothe those in pain, accompany all who are sick (*especially*). Give perseverance to each of us living with mental illness, and shield us from discrimination due to race, class, gender, or any other human distinction. God of grace,

C hear our prayer.

P We pray for this assembly. Listen to our cries, come to our aid, make us one. Weave among us the fabric of belonging so that we rejoice in each person gathered here, and enliven our proclamation of how much you have done for us. God of grace,

C hear our prayer.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

P “Raise up and send to us our next pastor (deacon). We pray for our call committee, that your wisdom will rest upon them, that they may know and recognize the person you are sending. Grant us patience and faith as we wait. Amen”

“We pray for the our call committee as they continue their work, that they may know your will, and have the faith and courage to follow your leading.”

“Grant that your Holy Spirit may rest upon our call committee as they listen for your will. Grant us patience and hope that comes by faith in you.” God of grace,

C hear our prayer.

P Eternal God, your hope does not disappoint. We give you thanks for all who have died in the hope of the resurrection (*especially the Emanuel Nine, martyrs*). Hold us in our grief, and bring us at last to fullness of life in you. God of grace,

C hear our prayer.

P We offer our thanksgiving for all people who have died in faith. Keep them in your peace, comfort us in sorrow, raise us to new life. As we remember their faith and witness, may we trust your promise that we are yours forever. God of grace,

C hear our prayer.

P Gather all our prayers in your mercy, O God, through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

C Amen.

P Lord, remember us in your kingdom, and teach us to pray:

+ **THE LORD'S PRAYER** (Matthew 6:9-13)

**C 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**

+ **BLESSING**

P Almighty God, Father, ✠ Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

C Amen

+ **SENDING SONG** *In Christ There Is No East or West* **#359**



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.

Text: John Oxenham, 1852-1941

Music: MCKEE, African American spiritual; adapt. Harry T. Burlcigh, 1866-1949

+ Dismissal

P	Go in peace.
Children	Serve the Lord.
C	Thanks be to God.

Postlude

+Stand as you are able

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SERVING TODAY

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WELCOME TO ST. JOHN LUTHERAN CHURCH. We are pleased you are here. If you are visiting with us this morning, please sign our guest book in the entrance area. We hope you will join us again very soon.

LET US PRAY FOR: Dale Ramey, Emily Smith, Peggy Butler, Roberta Sommer, Rosemarie Becker, Patricia Cavendish, Jim Skipworth, Galen Gleim, Paul Means, Grace Mootz, Marcella Mootz, Barb Coakley, Kay Staker, Kimberly Tolliver, Ophelia Hatfield, Barbara Redmond, Amy Nelson, Brian & Carol Hicks, Tim Coldiron, Danica Clarkson, Bill Murphy, Frank Dodd, Michael Copeland, The Congregation of the Mountain Church in Asmushausen, Germany, the members of our armed forces, and those we hold privately in our hearts

PLEASE PRAY FOR the Call Committee and Church Council as we search for a new pastor. May God bless and guide them in this journey.

TUESDAY, JUNE 24 600 p.m. Dinner/Bonfire at Basham's Farm Everyone is welcome to show up! Bring something to drink and a chair, we'll have hotdogs and smores. Address is 244 Country Road 43, Ironton.

SATURDAY, JUNE 28 travel to Cincinnati . Attend a Cincinnati Reds Baseball Game. Dinner at the Reds Stadium. All is invited. Sign up if interested.

FAMILY FAVORITES POTLUCK/CARRY-IN DINNER is being planned for Sunday, June 29 in honor, of our Visitors from Germany, immediately following worship. Please bring a dish or two and a dessert to share..

A GET-TOGETHER is being planned for the evening of Sunday, June 29 at 6:00 p.m.. There will be pizza, s'mores and drinks, bonfire and hayride.

THE DATES FOR VBS 2025 have been set! Please mark your calendars for July 14--18 from 5:30-8:15 p.m. The theme for this year is **True North: Trusting Jesus in a Wild World.**

So, kids invite your friends and plan to come early to register on Monday, July 14th. A light supper will be provided each evening.

Please plan to bring your children be part of this special week at St. John.

Encourage your kids to invite there friends and neighbors to join the fun. .

It will be exciting to see what special activities are being planned for Friday, July 18st. Traditionally, we have had a water slide and pie-in-the-face to

culminate the week's activities. As usual, the Vacation Bible School program will be during morning worship Sunday, July 20. During this time the congregation will have an opportunity to see what an enthusiastic group of kids (of all ages) participate in our VBS and what a

wonderful group of adult volunteers working together accomplish during this most important week of summer vacation!

This Week at St. John

Today—*Second Sunday of Pentecost*

10:00 a.m. **Worship**

Tuesday

6:00 p.m. Evening Dinner/ Bonfire at Basham's Farm.
Bring something to drink and a chair.

Saturday

Cincinnati Reds Game

Next Sunday—*Third Sunday of Pentecost*

10:00 a.m. **Worship**—*Holy Communion*

11:00 a.m. Family Favorites Potluck/carry-in

6:00 p.m. Dinner/Bonfire

Attendance

2025 Average	64
2024 Average	62

Serving Next Sunday, June 29

Organist
Worship Assistant
Lay Reader
Prayer Leader
Altar Committee
Greeter
Council President

Leigh Ann Henry
Vivian Riffel

James Hayman
Julie Gleim, Wendy Queen

Rick Williams

CELEBRATING THIS WEEK

BIRTHDAYS: Jessica Miller, Arabella Ruggles, Jim Larter, Alice Skipworth

BAPTISMS: Dale Ramey, Hayley Ramey, Owen Ramey, Alex Smith, Cole Long, Callie Long, Colin Long, Lisa Long

ANNIVERSARIES: John & Cheryl Crank, George & Brenda Moore, Pastor Brent & Laura Cavendish, Daniel & Heather Mullins

IF WE MISSED ANYONE please let Vicki Bradley know so we can add you to the list.

Coming Events

The Germans will be visiting June 23-30

Tuesday, June 24 at 6:00 p.m. Dinner/ Bonfire at Basham's Farm. Bring something to drink and a chair.

Saturday, June 28 Cincinnati Reds Ballgame. Dinner at the stadium.

Sunday, June 29 immediately following worship a Family Favorites Potluck/ carry-in dinner in being planned in honor of our Visitors from Germany.

Also at 6:00 p.m. will be a Get-together with pizza and s'mores, bon-fire, and hayride.

Vacation Bible School
July 14-18 5:30 p.m.– 8:15 p.m.

Sunday, July 20 Vacation Bible School Closing
during worship

Sunday, July 27 during worship Honoring Our 80 Plus
Potluck/carry-in dinner following worship

Sunday, August 17 at 11:00 a.m. Church Council Meeting

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Honoring Our 80 Plus

Sunday, July 27

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