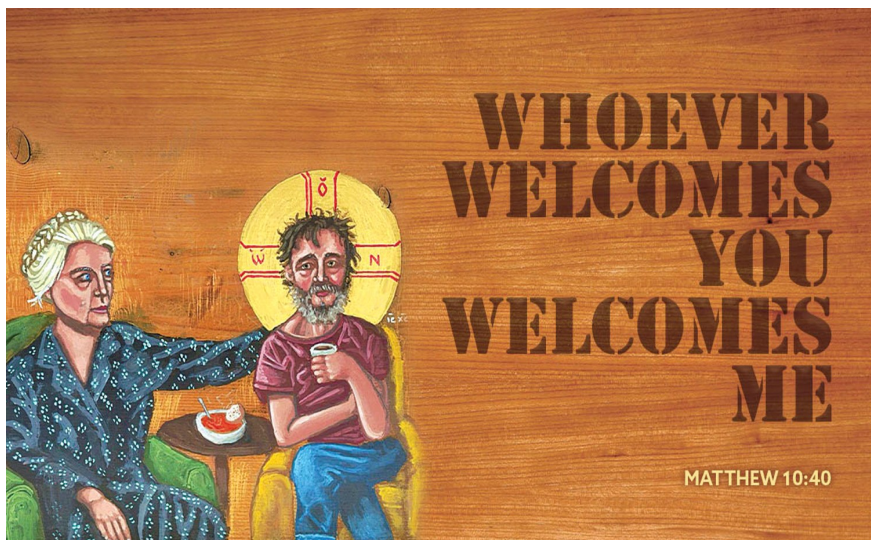




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Service of the Word

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

Leaning On the Everlasting Arms



- 1 What a fel - low-ship, what a joy di - vine, lean-ing on the ev-er-last-ing arms;
- 2 Oh, how sweet to walk in this pil-grim way, lean-ing on the ev-er-last-ing arms;
- 3 What have I to dread, what have I to fear, lean-ing on the ev-er-last-ing arms?



what a bless-ed-ness, what a peace is mine, lean-ing on the ev-er-last-ing arms.
oh, how bright the path grows from day to day, lean-ing on the ev-er-last-ing arms.
I have bless-ed peace with my Lord so near, lean-ing on the ev-er-last-ing arms.



Refrain

The musical score is written for a two-part setting (Soprano and Bass) in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is simple and hymn-like. The lyrics are: 'Lean - ing, lean - ing, safe and se - cure from all a - larms; Lean - ing on Je - sus, lean - ing on Je - sus, lean - ing, lean - ing, lean - ing on the ev - er - last - ing arms. lean - ing on Je - sus, lean - ing on Je - sus,'.

Lean - ing, lean - ing, safe and se - cure from all a - larms;
Lean - ing on Je - sus, lean - ing on Je - sus,
lean - ing, lean - ing, lean - ing on the ev - er - last - ing arms.
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Text: Elisha A. Hoffman, 1839–1919
Music: SHOWALTER, Anthony J. Showalter, 1858–1924

+ CALL TO WORSHIP

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.

C 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.

+ APOSTLES' CREED

P God has made us his people through our Baptism into Christ. 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**



CELEBRATION HYMN

All Creatures of Our God and King

All creatures of our God and King,
Lift up your voice with us and sing.
Alleluia! Alleluia!
O burning sun with golden beam
And silver moon with softer gleam,
O praise Him! O praise Him!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!



+ PRAYER OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.
C And also with you.

P Let us pray. . O God, you direct our lives by your grace, and your words of justice and mercy reshape the world. Mold us into a people who welcome your word and serve one another, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

FIRST READING: Jeremiah 28:5-9

⁵ The prophet Jeremiah spoke to the prophet Hananiah in the presence of the priests and all the people who were standing in the house of the Lord, ⁶ and the prophet Jeremiah said, “Amen! May the Lord do so; may the Lord fulfill the words that you have prophesied and bring back to this place from Babylon the vessels of the house of the Lord and all the exiles.” ⁷ But listen now to this word that I speak in your hearing and in the hearing of all the people. ⁸ The prophets who preceded you and me from ancient times prophesied war, famine, and pestilence against many countries and great kingdoms. ⁹ As for the prophet who prophesies peace, when the word of that prophet comes true, then it will be known that the Lord has truly sent the prophet.”

PSALM: 89:1-4, 15-18

- P ¹ Your love, O LORD, forever will I sing;
from age to age my mouth will proclaim your faithfulness.
- C **For I am persuaded that your steadfast love is established forever;
you have set your faithfulness firmly in the heavens.**
- P ³ “I have made a covenant with my chosen one;
I have sworn an oath to David my servant:
- C ⁴ **‘I will establish your line forever,
and preserve your throne for all generations.’ ”**
- P ¹⁵ Happy are the people who know the festal shout!
They walk, O LORD, in the light of your presence.
- C ¹⁶ **They rejoice daily in your name;
they are jubilant in your righteousness.**
- P ¹⁷ For you are the glory of their strength,
and by your favor our might is exalted.
- C ¹⁸ **Truly, our shield belongs to the LORD;
our king to the Holy One of Israel.**

SECOND READING: Romans 6:12-23

¹² Do not let sin reign in your mortal bodies, so that you obey their desires. ¹³ No longer present your members to sin as instruments of unrighteousness, but present yourselves to God as those who have been brought from death to life, and present your members to God as instruments of righteousness. ¹⁴ For sin will have no dominion over you, since you are not under law but under grace.

¹⁵ What then? Should we sin because we are not under law but under grace? By no means! ¹⁶ Do you not know that, if you present yourselves to anyone as obedient slaves, you are slaves of the one whom you obey, either of sin, which leads to death, or of obedience, which leads to righteousness? ¹⁷ But thanks be to God that you who were slaves of sin have become obedient from the heart to the form of teaching to which you were entrusted ¹⁸ and that you, having been set free from sin, have become enslaved to righteousness. ¹⁹ I am speaking in human terms because of your limitations. For just as you once presented your members as slaves to impurity and lawlessness, leading to even more lawlessness, so now present your members as slaves to righteousness, leading to sanctification.

²⁰ When you were slaves of sin, you were free in regard to righteousness. ²¹ So what fruit did you then gain from the things of which you now are ashamed? The end of those things is death. ²² But now that you have been freed from sin and enslaved to God, the fruit you have leads to sanctification, and the end is eternal life. ²³ For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

+ GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,
al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Repeat alleluia

Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of e - ter - nal life.



+ THE GOSPEL: Matthew 10:40-42

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew the 10th chapter.

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

³⁸ Now as [Jesus and his disciples] went on their way, he entered a certain village where a woman named Martha welcomed him. ³⁹ She had a sister named Mary, who sat at Jesus's feet and listened to what he was saying. ⁴⁰ But Martha was distracted by her many tasks, so she came to him and asked, "Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me to do all the work by myself? Tell her, then, to help me." ⁴¹ But the Lord answered her, "Martha, Martha, you are worried and distracted by many things, ⁴² but few things are needed—indeed only one. Mary has chosen the better part, which will not be taken away from her."

P The Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise to you, O Christ**

Rainforest Falls

Exploring the Nature of God

2026 Vacation Bible School Program

Bible School Songs
Dr. Flutterby Skit
Picture Slideshow



+ THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

P Gathered together by the Holy Spirit, let us pray for the church and the needs of the world.

A brief silence.

P Faithful God, establish your church to offer welcome and proclaim your peace. Nourish us so we can proclaim your hope to the world. God of grace,

C hear our prayer.

P Creator God, bring life to places experiencing drought, deforestation, and pollution. Help us to cultivate and care for the natural world around us. God of grace,

C hear our prayer.

P Loving God, bring an end to conflict and division (*places experiencing division may be named*). Sustain the work of prophets in our time, and work through world leaders to foster understanding, justice, and peace. God of grace,

C hear our prayer.

P Provider God, give your children what they need physically, emotionally, and spiritually. (*We pray especially for . . .*) Bless caregivers as they show God's hospitality through their generous service. God of grace,

C hear our prayer.

P Living God, lead us from death to life. Inspire new ministries and endeavors, renew established ones, and strengthen our welcoming presence to our neighbors. God of grace,

C **hear our prayer.**

Here other intercessions may be offered.

P Eternal God, we remember the faithful departed of this community and of the wider church and world. We give thanks for saints of all times and places (*like Irenaeus, Bishop of Lyons whom the church remembers today*). God of grace,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Trusting you receive all our prayers, we commend our spoken and unspoken prayers to you, O God, through Jesus our Savior.

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.**

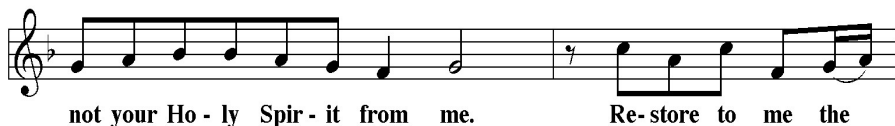
The ministers and congregation may greet one another with a gesture of peace, using these or similar words:

Peace be with you.

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENT

OFFERING

+ OFFERTORY



+ 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 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**

+ BENEDICTION

P The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.

+In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen



**Shake another hand, shake a hand next to you,
Shake another hand as you sing this song.
Shake another hand shake a hand next to you,
Shake another hand as you sing, sing this song...**

Chorus: Al-la la la la le-lu-ia (4X)

**Give a high five, give a five next to you,
Give a high five as you sing this song.
Give a high five, give a five next to you,
Give a high five as you sing this song...**

Chorus-Al-la la la la le-lu-ia (4X)

**Hug another friend, hug a friend next to you,
Hug another friend as you sing this song.
Hug another friend, hug a friend next to you,
Hug another friend as you sing this song...**

Chorus-Al-la la la la le-lu-ia (4X)

**Praise the GOD of all, praise the GOD who loves you,
Praise the GOD of all, as you sing this song.
Praise the GOD of all, praise the GOD who loves you,
Praise the GOD of all, as you sing, sing this song...**

Chorus-Al-la la la la le-lu-ia (4X)

+ Dismissal

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

Postlude

+Stand as you are able

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Council President

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, Patricia Cavendish, Jim Skipworth, Galen Gleim, Grace Mootz, Marcella Mootz, Kay Staker, Kimberly Tolliver, Bill Murphy, Linda Martin, Melaine Hawk, Nicholas Young, Jason Pierce, Beth Miller, Jane Staker, Rod Schneider, Ed Hughes, Brenda Moore, Ken Staker, Greg Pignet, Mary McQuay, Chris Parish, Charles Ricketts, Chris Young,, Ginger Setverson, Tom Bussler, Kendra Hughes, Jeff Dettwiller, Virginia Nickel, Luke White, Jack Clevenger, Bob Rase, Glenn Rase, Jim Webb, Leah Willis, Dennis Klaiber, James & Kym Hayman, Bryan Hicks, Congregation of the Mountain Church in Asmushausen, Germany, the members of our armed forces, and those we hold privately in our hearts.

MANY, MANY THANKS to all who made our Vacation Bible School such a success this week! It took lots of preparation, hard work, and love to do so, but we had a great time!

A BIG THANK YOU to the congregation for their unwavering support of Bible School every year. The snacks, drinks, encouragement, and prayers were appreciated!!!

This Week at St. John

Today—*Sixth Sunday after Pentecost*
10:00 a.m. **Worship**—VBS Closing

Next Sunday—*Seventh Sunday after Pentecost*
10:00 a.m. **Worship**—Holy Communion

Attendance	
2026 Average	65
2025 Average:	62

SERVING NEXT SUNDAY, JULY 5

<i>Organist</i>	<i>Leigh Ann Henry</i>
<i>Lay Reader</i>	
<i>Prayer Leader</i>	
<i>Greeter</i>	
<i>Altar Committee</i>	<i>Sonny & Sherry Mullins</i>
<i>Council President</i>	<i>Rick Williams</i>

CELEBRATING THIS WEEK

BIRTHDAYS: Alice Skipworth, Patty Staker, Dale Ramey, Ophelia Hatfield, Joanne Oakes, Connie Conley, Rick Williams

BAPTISMS: Emily Skipworth

ANNIVERSARIES: Daniel & Heather Mullins, Ron & Barb Willis, Tom & Vicki Bradley

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

“Rainforest Falls” Classes

Group A

Leader: Eli DeGonzague

Madelynn Hacker
Emmitt Mercer
Alissa Staker
Kwynn Thackston

Braxton Hickman
Elaina Riffe
Kloey Summer
Isabella Lewis

Group B

Leader: Kymber Thackston

Adalyn Bradley
Wade Otworth
Paxtyn Riffe
Olivia Stafford
Addie Love

Cheyenne Otworth
Gavyn Riffe
Murphy Salisbury
Gage Snyder

Group C

Leaders: Hayley Ramey / Brian Ramey

Alex DeGonzague
Chase Hickman
Owen Ramey
Kasyn Thackston

Mason Hammond
Evan Ramey
Hattie Stevens
Marley Hammond

Group D

Leader: Bethany Hacker

Hudson Allen
Sienna Wilson
CiCi Salisbury

Scarlett Wilson
Piper Harris

“Rainforest Falls” Staff

VBS Director: Vivian Riffel

Registration: Wendy Queen / Kara Tieman

Rainforest Falls Music and Opening/Closing: Elaina Salyers/Anneliese Rivera

Dr. Flutterby: Anneliese Rivera, Grant Stevenson, Bethany Hacker

Bible Adventures: Sherry Mullins / Sonny Mullins

Sticky Scriptures: Dené DeGonzague / Vicki Floyd

Crafts: Vicki Nye-Titus / Barb Montgomery / Elaina Salyers/Bethany Thackston, Anneliese Rivera/Grant Steveson

Kitchen Krew: Debbie Clevenger / Joanne Oakes / Vicki Floyd / Wendy Queen / Kara Tieman / Amy Fraulini / Jerry Clevenger / Vicki Nye-Titus

Photography: Kym Hayman

Slide Show: Hayley Ramey

Helper: James Hayman

Decorations: Sonny and Sherry Mullins / Vicki Nye Titus /Paul Titus / Adalyn Bradley / Adree Bradley / Vicki Bradley / Dené DeGonzague / and Vivian Riffel.

Vivian would like to thank all guides, site leaders, helpers, and decorators who made VBS possible. Thank you also to those who donated money to support our VBS program this week and those who donated snacks and drinks.. It is impossible to list the many workers who put so much time and effort into making VBS a success. Your help and support is greatly appreciated!

Special thanks to Debbie Clevenger for all the delicious food she lovingly prepared for us!

Special thanks to Shaun Allen for his generous donation of Giovanni's pizza to kick off our VBS!

Special thanks to the Green Fire Department, George Moore, and Colton Stafford for providing water for our VBS water slide!

Special thanks to Daniel Mullins and Chris Allen for setting up the water slide for the kids.

Special thanks to the Thackston family for the donation for the Kona Ice Truck.

Special thanks to The Rock Church in Wheelersburg for the generous donation of decorations to add to our VBS experience!

