

St. John Lutheran Church

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July 19, 2026
EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

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

+ Confession and Forgiveness

Stand The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

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

C **Amen**

P Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C **Amen**

P If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Kneel/Stand Silence for reflection and self-examination.

P Most merciful God,

C **we confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen**

P Almighty God, in his mercy, has given his Son to die for us and, for his sake, forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen**

+ Entrance Hymn *All Creatures of Our God*
Please use your Green LBW Hymnal for hymn #527.

#527

+ Apostolic Greeting

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

C **And also with you.**

+ Kyrie

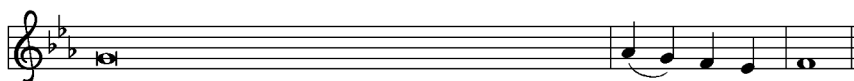
(Luke 17:13)



In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



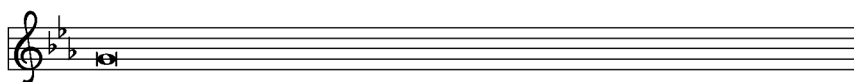
Lord, have mer - cy.



For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



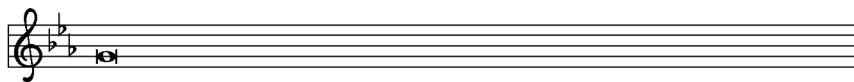
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



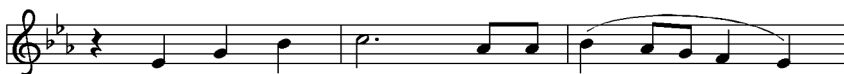
Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gra - cious Lord.



A - men, a - men.

+Hymn of Praise

Glory to God Luke 2:14, John 1:29 & Rev. 15:4



Glo - ry to God in the high -



est, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.



Lord God, heav - en - ly King, al - mighty God and



Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we



praise you for your glo - ry. Lord Je - sus



Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther,



Lord God, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the



world: have mer - cy on us; you are seat - ed at the



right hand of the Fa - ther: re - ceive our prayer.

For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a -

lone are the Lord, you a - lone are the Most High,

Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir - it, in the glo - ry of

God the Fa - ther. A - men.

Glo - ry to God in the high -

est, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.

+ Prayer of the Day

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

P Let us pray. . **Faithful God, most merciful judge, you care for your children with firmness and compassion. By your Spirit nurture us who live in your kingdom, that we may be rooted in the way of your Son, 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 44:6-8

¹³ For neither is there any god besides you whose care is for all people, to whom you should prove that you have not judged unjustly,

¹⁶ For your strength is the source of righteousness, and your sovereignty over all causes you to spare all.

¹⁷ For you show your strength when people doubt the completeness of your power,

and you rebuke any insolence among those who know it.

¹⁸ Although you are sovereign in strength, you judge fairly, and with great forbearance you govern us, for you have power to act whenever you choose.

¹⁹ Through such works you have taught your people that the righteous must be kind, and you have filled your children with good hope, because you give repentance for sins

Second Reading: Romans 8:12-25

¹² So then, brothers and sisters, we are obligated, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh—¹³ for if you live according to the flesh, you will die, but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. ¹⁴ For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. ¹⁵ For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, “Abba! Father!” ¹⁶ it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, ¹⁷ and if children, then heirs: heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ, if we in fact suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him.

¹⁸ I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory about to be revealed to us. ¹⁹ For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God, ²⁰ for the creation was subjected to futility, not of its own will, but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope ²¹ that the creation itself will be set free from its enslavement to decay and will obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. ²² We know that the whole creation has been groaning together as it suffers together the pains of labor, ²³ and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. ²⁴ For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope, for who hopes for what one already sees? ²⁵ But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

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 13:24-30, 36-43

The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew the 13th chapter.

C Glory to you, O Lord.

²⁴ [Jesus] put before [the crowds] another parable: “The kingdom of heaven may be compared to someone who sowed good seed in his field,²⁵ but while everybody was asleep an enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat and then went away.²⁶ So when the plants came up and bore grain, then the weeds appeared as well.²⁷ And the slaves of the householder came and said to him, ‘Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? Where, then, did these weeds come from?’²⁸ He answered, ‘An enemy has done this.’ The slaves said to him, ‘Then do you want us to go and gather them?’²⁹ But he replied, ‘No, for in gathering the weeds you would uproot the wheat along with them.³⁰ Let both of them grow together until the harvest, and at harvest time I will tell the reapers, Collect the weeds first and bind them in bundles to be burned, but gather the wheat into my barn.’”

³⁶ Then he left the crowds and went into the house. And his disciples approached him, saying, “Explain to us the parable of the weeds of the field.”³⁷ He answered, “The one who sows the good seed is the Son of Man;³⁸ the field is the world, and the good seed are the children of the kingdom; the weeds are the children of the evil one,³⁹ and the enemy who sowed them is the devil; the harvest is the end of the age, and the reapers are angels.⁴⁰ Just as the weeds are collected and burned up with fire, so will it be at the end of the age.⁴¹ The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will collect out of his kingdom all causes of sin and all evildoers,⁴² and they will throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.⁴³ Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Let anyone with ears listen!”

P The Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ

Silence For Reflection

Hymn of the Day

Sing to the Lord of Harvest

#412



1 Sing to the Lord of har - vest, sing songs of love and praise;
 2 God makes the clouds drop fat - ness, the des - erts bloom and spring,
 3 Bring to this sa - cred al - tar the gifts his good-ness gave,



with joy - ful hearts and voic - es your al - le - lu - ias raise.
 the hills leap up in glad - ness, the val - leys laugh and sing.
 the gold - en sheaves of har - vest, the souls Christ died to save.



By him the roll - ing sea - sons in fruit - ful or - der move;
 God fills them with his full - ness, all things with large in - crease;
 Your hearts lay down be - fore him when at his feet you fall,



sing to the Lord of har - vest a joy - ous song of love.
 he crowns the year with good - ness, with plen - ty and with peace.
 and with your lives a - dore him who gave his life for all.

Text: John S. B. Monsell, 1811–1875, alt.

Music: WIE LIEBLICH IST DER MAIEN, Johann Steurlein, 1545–1613

+ THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

P Let us pray.

P Trusting in God's steadfast love for all God has made, let us pray for the church, the world, and all of creation.

A brief silence.

- P God our source, protect your church from those who sow weeds among the wheat. Where we trade grace for judgment, restore us, and where we get lost among the complexities of life, guide us. God of grace,
C hear our prayer.
- P God our creator, sustain creation in places not easily seen; the depths of oceans, microscopic plants and animals, galaxies beyond our own. May we share earth's dedication to hope for what we do not yet see. God of grace,
C hear our prayer.
- P God our soil, we yearn to live on your lands and waters with justice and in righteousness. Renew the hearts of all in authority, that our leaders guide wisely toward the flourishing of all. God of grace,
C hear our prayer.
- P God our rock, be a source of constancy for those whose lives have been uprooted by war, eviction, global climate change, unemployment, harassment, false witness to their character, or illness or injury. (*We pray especially for . . .*) God of grace,
C hear our prayer.
- P God our teacher, guide and provide for all summer camp staff and campers, daycare professionals, librarians, summer school educators and coaches, teachers preparing for the coming academic year, and youth becoming first-time babysitters. God of grace,
C hear our prayer.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

- P God our hope, the message of your salvation is planted among us in all times and places. We give you thanks for the witness of all the saints who shine like the sun in your presence. God of grace,
C hear our prayer.
- P Grateful for your abundant provision and trusting in your goodness, we cast all our cares upon you, through the abundant grace of Christ Jesus.
C Amen.

+ The Peace

[shared among the congregation]

- P The peace of the Lord be with you always.
C And also with you.

The ministers and congregation may greet one another in the name of the Lord.

Peace be with you

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Peace be with you.

Parish Announcements

Offering

+ Offertory

Let the Vineyards be Fruitful, Lord

1 Corinthians 10:16 & John 6:35

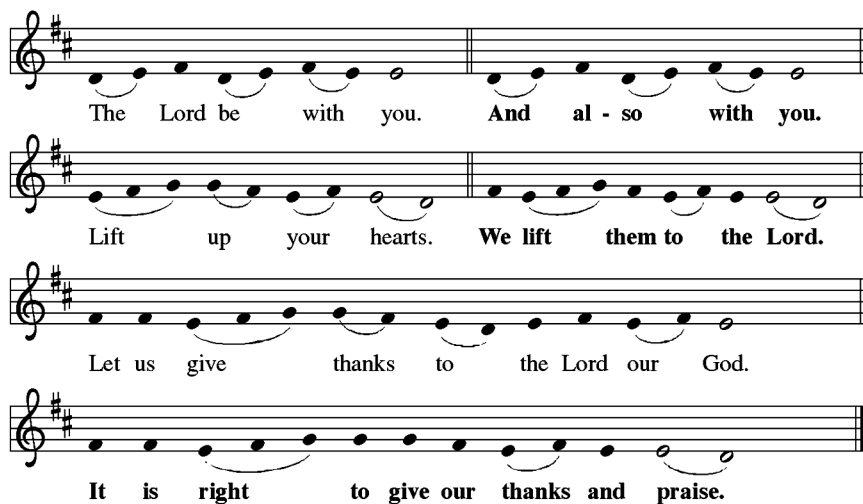
Let the vine - yards be fruit - ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our
cup of bless - ing. Gath - er a har - vest from the
seeds that were sown, that we may be fed with the bread of life.
Gath - er the hopes and the dreams of all; u - nite them with the
prayers we of - fer now. Grace our ta - ble with your
pres - ence, and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

+ The Prayer

P Let us pray. Merciful Father,

C we offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us—our
selves, our time, and our possessions, signs of your gracious love. Receive
them for the sake of him who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen

+ The Great Thanksgiving



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

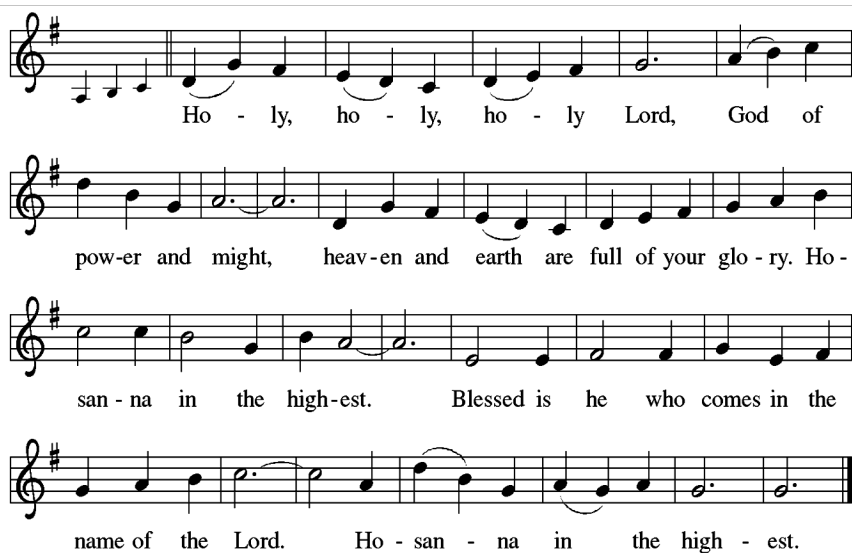
Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

P It is indeed right and salutary that we should at all times and in all places offer thanks and praise to you, O Lord, holy Father, through Christ our Lord; 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 the Church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Isaiah 6:3 & Matthew 21:9



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of

pow-er and might, heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -

san - na in the high-est. Blessed is he who comes in the

name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Matthew 26:26-28, Luke 22:17-20
Mark 14:22-24, 1Corinthians 11:23-26

P Blessed are you, Lord of heaven and earth.
In mercy for our fallen world you gave your only Son,
that all those who believe in him
should not perish, but have eternal life.
We give thanks to you
for the salvation you have prepared for us through Jesus Christ.
Send now your Holy Spirit into our hearts,
that we may receive our Lord with a living faith
as he comes to us in his holy supper.

C **Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

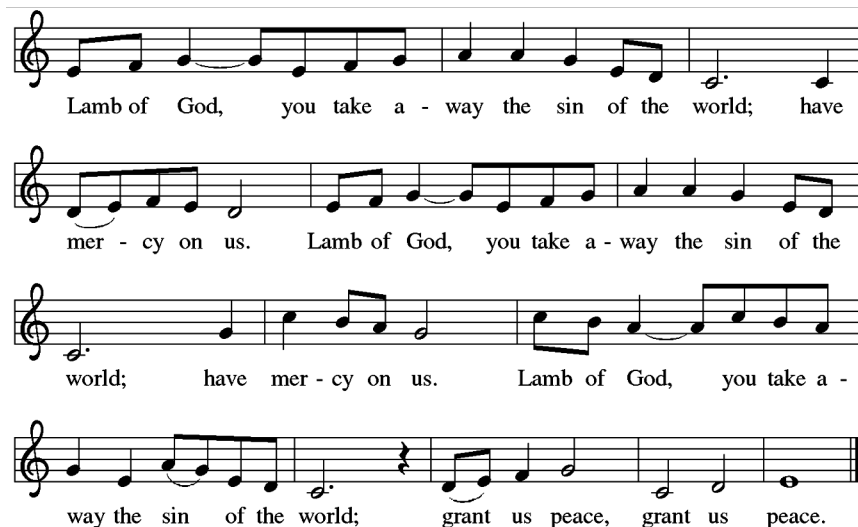
P In the night in which he was betrayed,
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

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.

+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**



The Holy Communion

As the ministers give the bread and wine, they say these words to each communicant:

The body of Christ, given for you. The blood of Christ, shed for you.

The communicant may say: Amen

Music during the Communion:

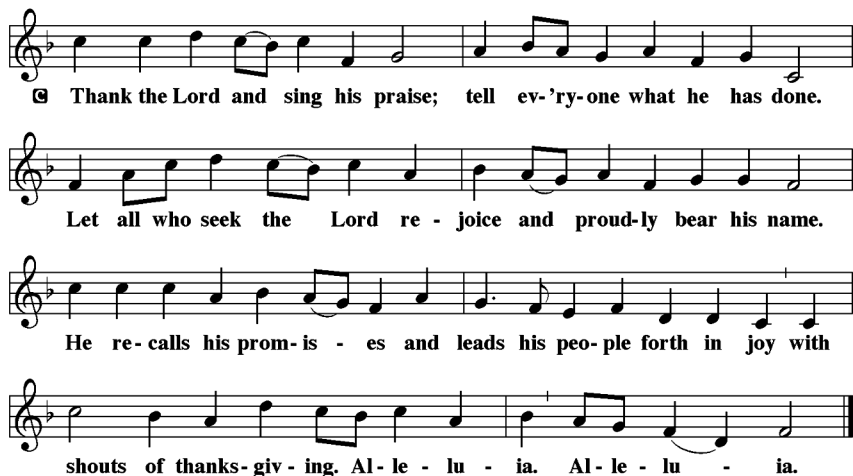
Stand

P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ
strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

C **Amen**

+ Post-Communion Canticle

Thank the Lord



C Thank the Lord and sing his praise; tell ev-'ry-one what he has done.

Let all who seek the Lord re - joice and proud-ly bear his name.

He re- calls his prom- is - es and leads his peo- ple forth in joy with

shouts of thanks- giv - ing. Al- le - lu - ia. Al- le - lu - ia.

+ Post Communion Prayer

Romans 5:5

P Let us pray. We give you thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us through the healing power of this gift of life; and we pray that in your mercy you would strengthen us, through this gift, in faith toward you and in fervent love toward one another; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.

C **Amen**

+ The Benediction

Go Now In Peace

Choir

The musical score is written for three voices (Soprano, Alto, and Tenor) and piano accompaniment. It is in the key of D major (indicated by two sharps) and 4/4 time. The score consists of four systems of music, each with a vocal line and a piano accompaniment line. The lyrics are printed below the vocal line.

1 This is my Fa-ther's world, and to my lis-t'ning ears all
 2 This is my Fa-ther's world; the birds their car-ols raise; the
 3 This is my Fa-ther's world; oh, let me not for-get that,

na-ture sings, and round me rings the mu-sic of the spheres.
 morn-ing light, the lil-y white, de-clare their mak-er's praise.
 though the wrong seems oft so strong, God is the rul-er yet.

This is my Fa-ther's world; I rest me in the thought of
 This is my Fa-ther's world; he shines in all that's fair. In the
 This is my Fa-ther's world; why should my heart be sad? The

rocks and trees, of skies and seas; his hand the won-ders wrought.
 rus-ling grass I hear him pass; he speaks to me ev'-ry-where.
 Lord is king, let the heav-ens ring; God reigns, let the earth be glad!

Text: Maltbie D. Babcock, 1858–1901

Music: TERRA PATRIS, Franklin L. Sheppard, 1852–1930, adapt.

+ 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

Organist

Worship Assistant

Lay Reader

Prayer Leader

Greeter

Acolytes

Altar Committee

Council President

Leigh Ann Henry

Vivian Riffel

Dawn Scott

Vivian Riffel

Vivian Riffel

Sonny & Sherry Mullins

Rick Williams

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.

THIS MORNING WE CELEBRATE HOLY COMMUNION. St John observes open communion. Christians of all Churches and all denominations are invited and encouraged to join us at our Lord's table. You may drink from either the Common Cup or individual cups. Grape juice is offered as an alternative for those who wish it. Young children who have not yet gone through Preparation for Communion may be brought forward for a blessing.

These are the words of Martin Luther from The Small Catechism.

The benefits of this sacrament are pointed out by the words, **given and shed for you for the remission of sins.** The words assure us that in the sacrament we receive forgiveness of sins, life and salvation. For where there is forgiveness of sins, there is also life and salvation.

It is not eating and drinking that does this, but the words, **given and shed for you for the remission of sins.** These words, along with eating and drinking, are the main thing in the sacrament. And whoever believes these words has exactly what they say, forgiveness of sins.

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 Piguet, 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, Mackenzie Gleim, Derrick Gleim, Sharon McMackin, Cheryl Crank, Congregation of the Mountain Church in Asmushausen, Germany, the members of our armed forces, and those we hold privately in our hearts.

TOM BUSSLER would like to thank everyone for their prayers and cards during recent surgery.

VICAR TIM JORDAN'S ORDINATION SERVICE will be on Saturday. August 8 at 11:00 a.m. at St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church, 67 North 5th St., Newark, OH 43055

Accommodations:

Double Tree by Hilton

50 North 2nd St.

Newark, OH 43055

If you participate in another chain's rewards program or have an interest in historic inns, here are some additional options in other parts of the area:

Addresses: Courtyard by Marriott Holiday Inn Express & Suites

500 Highland Blvd. 1405 Hebron Rd.

Newark, OH 43055 Heath, OH 43056

(740) 344-1800 (740) 915-9999

Granville Inn Buxton Inn

314 E Broadway 313 E Broadway,

Granville, OH 43023 Granville, OH 43023

(740) 587-3333 (740) 587-0001

Holiday Inn Express & Suites

1405 Hebron Rd.

Heath, OH 43056

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Buxton Inn*

313 E Broadway,

Granville, OH 43023

(740) 587-0001

VICAR TIM JORDAN'S INSTALLATION SERVICE will be on Sunday, August 9 during worship service We will celebrate with a potluck / carry-in dinner immediately following.

GET READY for the next St. John kid's activity! On Sunday, July 26, after church, we will meet at the Ramey/Salyers pool to enjoy an afternoon of fun! Bring your swim suits to church to change and head on down to the pool! Lunch will be provided. Questions see Vivian Riffel or Dené DeGonzague.

This Week at St. John

Today—*Eighth of Pentecost*

9:00 a.m. Lite Breakfast

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

Next Sunday—*Ninth Sunday of Pentecost*

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

Immediately after worship Youth Group Swim Party at the Ramey/Salyers

Attendance

2026 Average 63

2025 Average 62

Serving Next Sunday, July 26

Organist

Leigh Ann Henry

Lay Reader

Vivian Riffel

Prayer Leader

Greeter

Vicki Nye Titus

Acolytes

Altar Committee

Sonny & Sherry Mullins

Council President

Rick Williams

CELEBRATING THIS WEEK

BIRTHDAYS: Lois Hoisey, Sue Williams, Kyle Cline, Ashton Mullins, Kaci Jo Gleim, Brenda Moore

BAPTISMS: Sherry Patterson, Ophelia Hatfield,

ANNIVERSARIES: Amy & Michael Fraulini, Mary & Dale Ramey

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

Coming Events

Sunday, July 19 Vicar Tim Jordan's first Sunday
Sunday, July 19 at 9:00 a.m. Light Breakfast

Sunday, July 26 immediately after worship Youth Group Pool Activity at the
Ramey/Salyers pool

Saturday, August 8 Vicar Tim Jordan's Ordination at St. Paul's Evangelical
Lutheran Church

Sunday, August 9 Vicar Tim Jordan's installation service at St. John
Potluck / carry-in dinner immediately after worship

Sunday, August 16 Church Council Meeting

Sunday, July 26

**Youth Group Pool Activity at the Ramey/Salyers
immediately following worship. Lunch will be provided.**

Saturday, August 8

**Vicar Tim Jordan's Ordination Service at 11:00 a.m. at
St. Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church, 67 North 5th St.,
Newark, OH 43055**

Sunday, August 9

**Installation Service for Pastor Tim Jordan
Potluck / carry-in dinner immediately after worship
Evangelical Lutheran Church, 67 North 5th St., Newark,
OH 43055**