ST. JOHN’S EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH
SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
June 14, 2020

Thank you for being with us today!
M: We begin in the name in which we were washed clean of our sins—in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

M: This is the day the Lord has made.

C: Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

M: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

M: Let us pray.

O Lord, our heavenly Father, almighty and everlasting God, you have brought us safely to this new day. Defend us with your mighty power, and grant that this day we neither fall into sin nor run into any kind of danger; and in all we do, direct us to what is right in your sight, through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord.

C: Amen.

please stand

CONFESSION of sins | with the HYMN OF THE DAY (190)

M: God brought us to faith in him and to know the forgiveness of sins and eternal life we have in our Savior Jesus. He brought us to new life and a new way of living. But we have not always lived according to this new status. Let us ask him in song to strengthen our faith.

1 We now implore God the Holy Ghost
For the true faith which we need the most,
That in our last moments he may befriend us
And, as homeward we journey, attend us. Lord, have mercy!

2 Shine in our hearts, O most precious Light,
That we Jesus Christ may know aright,
Clinging to our Savior, whose blood has bought us,
Who again to our homeland has brought us. Lord, have mercy!
M: Gracious Lord God, we are so grateful to you that you have given to us as a free gift a new life in you. Forgive us for when we have not lived this new life, for when we give people no reason to ask us about the hope we have, for when we bring shame upon ourselves and shame upon you when we sin. Have mercy upon us for Jesus’ sake.

3 O sacred Love, grace on us bestow,  
Set our hearts with heav’nly fire aglow  
That with hearts united we love each other,  
Of one mind, in peace with ev’ry brother. Lord, have mercy!

silent confession of personal sins (one-stanza musical interlude)

M: Our amazing Lord God has forgiven you. He sent his Son into the world to take upon himself the sins of the world. By his blood shed at Calvary he washed you clean of all your sins of thought, word, and action. His Spirit brings you to know this truth and trust it for yourself. Be at peace in the name of the Father and of the Son ✠ and of the Holy Spirit.

4 O highest Comfort in ev’ry need,  
Grant that neither shame nor death we heed  
That e’en then our courage may never fail us  
When the foe shall accuse and assail us. Lord, have mercy!

PRAYER OF THE DAY

M: O God, you rule over all things in wisdom and kindness. Take away everything that may be harmful and give us whatever is good; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen. (spoken)

please be seated
FIRST LESSON  |  Deuteronomy 11:18-21, 26-28 (EHV)

18 Put these words of mine in your hearts and in your soul, and tie them on your wrists as signs and as symbols on your forehead. 19 Teach them to your children by talking about them when you sit in your house and when you travel on the road, when you lie down and when you get up. 20 Write them on the doorframes of your houses and on your gates, so that your days and the days of your children may be many on the land that the Lord promised to your fathers with an oath, as many as the days that the heavens remain over the earth. ... 26 You see, I am placing before you today a blessing and a curse: 27 the blessing, if you listen to the commandments of the Lord your God that I am giving you today, 28 or the curse, if you do not listen to the commandments of the Lord your God and you turn away from the path that I am commanding you today by walking after other gods whom you did not know.

PSALM OF THE DAY  |  Psalm 78 (spoken responsively)

M:  O my people, hear my teaching;
C:  listen to the words of my mouth.
M:  I will utter things from of old,
C:  what we have heard and what our fathers have told us.
M:  We will not hide them from our children;
C:  we will tell the next generation the praiseworthy deeds of the LORD.
M:  The LORD decreed statutes for Jacob
C:  and established the law in Israel,
M:  so the next generation would know them,
C:  and they in turn would tell their children.
M:  Then they would put their trust in God
C:  and would not forget his deeds but would keep his commands.

All:  Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

PSALM PRAYER
M: Let your Word, loving Father, be a lamp for our feet and a light to our path so that we and our children may understand what you would have us know and believe, as we walk on the way that leads to eternal life; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord.

C: Amen. (spoken)

SECOND LESSON | Romans 3:21-25a, 27, 28 (EHV)

21 But now, completely apart from the law, a righteousness from God has been made known. The Law and the Prophets testify to it. 22 This righteousness from God comes through faith in Jesus Christ to all and over all who believe. In fact, there is no difference, 23 because all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God 24 and are justified freely by his grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, 25 whom God publicly displayed as the atonement seat through faith in his blood. ... 27 What happens to boasting then? It has been eliminated. By what principle—by the principle of works? No, but by the principle of faith. 28 For we conclude that a person is justified by faith without the works of the law.

VERSE OF THE DAY | Psalm 119:105 (spoken responsively)

M: Alleluia. Your word is a lamp to my feet

C: and a light for my path. Alleluia.

please stand

GOSPEL LESSON | Matthew 7:15-29 (EHV)

15 "Watch out for false prophets. They come to you in sheep’s clothing, but inwardly they are ravenous wolves. 16 By their fruit you will recognize them. You do not gather grapes from thorn bushes or figs from thistles, do you? 17 So then, every good tree produces good fruit, but a bad tree produces bad fruit. 18 A good tree cannot produce bad fruit, and a bad tree cannot produce good fruit. 19 Every tree
that does not produce good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire. 20 So then, by their fruit you will recognize them. 21 Not everyone who says to me, ‘Lord, Lord,’ will enter the kingdom of heaven, but only the one who does the will of my Father in heaven. 22 Many will say to me on that day, ‘Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in your name and drive out demons in your name and perform many miracles in your name?’ 23 Then I will tell them plainly, ‘I never knew you. Depart from me, you evildoers.’ 24 “Everyone who hears these words of mine and does them will be like a wise man who built his house on bedrock. 25 The rain came down, the rivers rose, and the winds blew and beat against that house. But it did not fall, because it was founded on bedrock. 26 Everyone who hears these words of mine but does not do them will be like a foolish man who built his house on sand. 27 The rain came down, the rivers rose, and the winds blew and beat against that house, and it fell—it was completely destroyed.” 28 When Jesus finished speaking these words, the crowds were amazed at his teaching, 29 because he taught them as one who had authority, and not like their experts in the law.

M: This is the Gospel of the Lord.
C: Praise be to you, O Christ! (spoken)

please be seated

HYMN   | 735   | stanzas 1 & 2

1 Speak, O Lord, as we come to you To receive the food of your Holy Word.
2 Teach us, Lord, full obedience, Ho - ly rever - ence, true hu - mil - i - ty.
3 Speak, O Lord, and renew our minds; Help us grasp the heights of your plans for us.
Take your truth, plant it deep in us; Shape and
Test our thoughts and our attitudes In the
Truths unchanged from the dawn of time, That will
fashion us in your likeness That the
radiance of your purity. Cause our
echo down through eternity. And by
light of Christ might be seen today In our acts of
faith to rise, cause our eyes to see Your majestic grace we'll stand on your promises, And by faith we'll
love and our deeds of faith. Speak, O Lord, and full-
love and authority. Words of pow'r that can walk as you walk with us. Speak, O Lord, as your
fill in us All your purposes for your never fail, Let their truth prevail over Church is built And you fill the earth with your
glory.
unbelief.
glory.

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MESSAGE ON THE GOSPEL

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APOSTLES’ CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his 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 into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty. From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

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

please be seated

HYMN | 756 | stanzas 1 – 4

1 We walk by faith and not by sight;
2 We may not touch his hands and side
3 Help then, O Lord, our un - be - lief,
4 For you, O res - sur - rec - ted Lord,
5 Lord, when our life of faith is done,
OFFERING

We thank the Lord Jesus for the gifts of his grace with our offerings. We won’t be passing the plates today. Instead, we have offering plates in the back for your convenience after the service. Guests, please don’t feel obligated to participate in this offering.
Please stand

**PRAYER OF THE CHURCH/LORD’S PRAYER**

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.

**AARONIC BLESSING**

M: The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.  
The Lord look on you with favor and give you peace.

C: **Amen. (spoken)**

Please remain standing

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Thank you for worshiping with us!