



June 23, 2024
Fifth Sunday after Pentecost, Year B
9:00 a.m.

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WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, the God of manna, the God of miracles, the God of mercy.
Amen.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Let us confess our sins before God, who will listen and help us in our weakness. Loving God,
We confess that our faith is too small, our fear is too great. When we are overwhelmed, we think you do not care enough for us. When life is uncertain and risky, we are not sure we can trust you with our whole hearts. Even when you move among us in powerful ways, we question who you are. Forgive us and calm our fears, we pray. Teach us to trust in your power to save and guide us in every circumstance. Grant us your peace, which surpasses our understanding. In Christ we pray. Amen

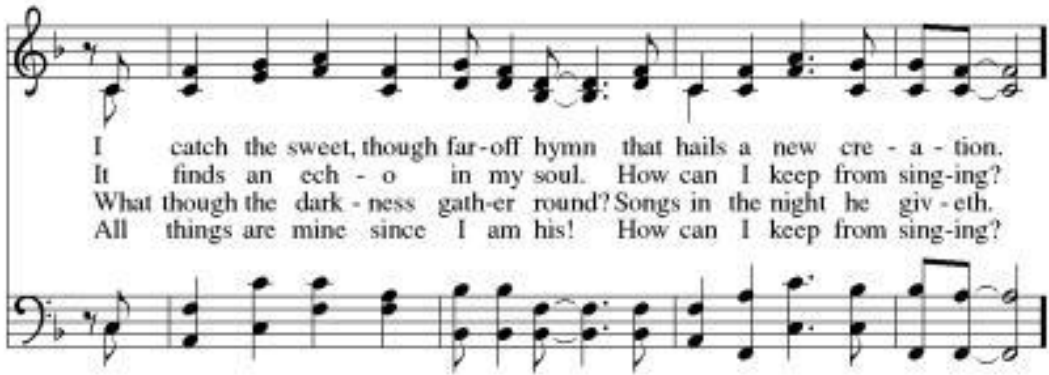
Christ offers peace to our troubled souls. Believe this One whom even the wind and the sea obey. In Jesus † Christ, we are forgiven.

Thanks be to God.

My Life Flows On in Endless Song

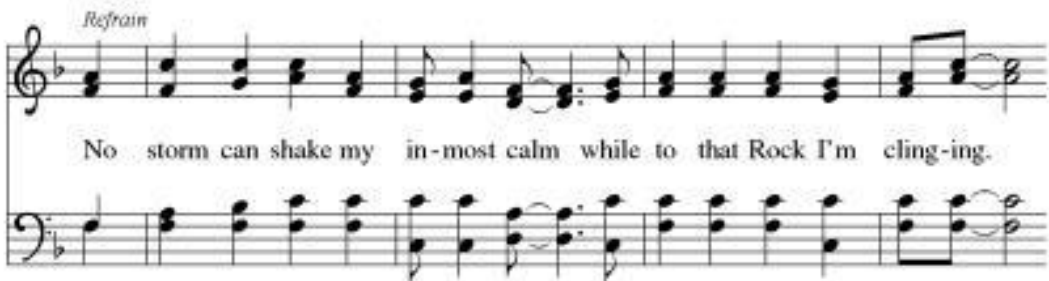


1 My life flows on in end-less song; a-bove earth's lam-en-ta-tion,
2 Through all the tu-mult and the strife, I hear that mu-sic ring-ing.
3 What though my joys and com-forts die? The Lord my Sav-ior liv-eth.
4 The peace of Christ makes fresh my heart, a foun-tain ev-er spring-ing!

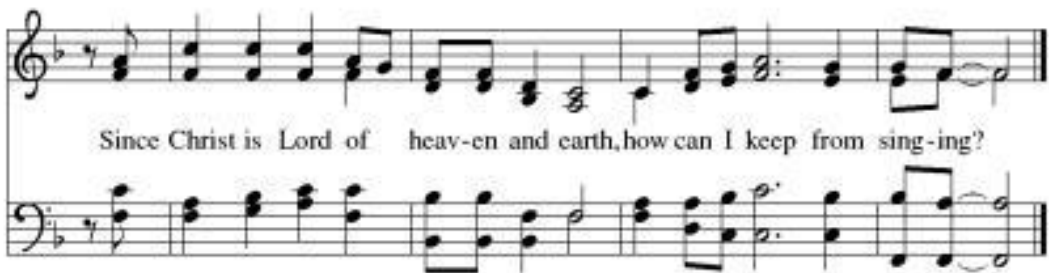


I catch the sweet, though far-off hymn that hails a new cre-a-tion.
It finds an ech-o in my soul. How can I keep from sing-ing?
What though the dark-ness gath-er round? Songs in the night he giv-eth.
All things are mine since I am his! How can I keep from sing-ing?

Refrain



No storm can shake my in-most calm while to that Rock I'm cling-ing.



Since Christ is Lord of heav-en and earth, how can I keep from sing-ing?

Text: Robert Lowry, 1826–1899
Music: HOW CAN I KEEP FROM SINGING, Robert Lowry, alt.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Good & Gracious God,

When we cry out to you in distress, you bring us through desperate circumstances. You can quiet the storm to a whisper and hush the sea's waves, so great is your power. Help us to trust you, then, whatever we may face, knowing that you will lead us to the harbor we have been hoping for.

Amen.

READING: Job 38:1-11

¹The LORD answered Job out of the whirlwind: ²“Who is this that darkens counsel by words without knowledge? ³Gird up your loins like a man, I will question you, and you shall declare to me.

⁴“Where were you when I laid the foundation of the earth? Tell me, if you have understanding.

⁵Who determined its measurements—surely you know! Or who stretched the line upon it? ⁶On what were its bases sunk, or who laid its cornerstone ⁷when the morning stars sang together and all the heavenly beings shouted for joy? ⁸“Or who shut in the sea with doors when it burst out from the womb?—⁹when I made the clouds its garment, and thick darkness its swaddling band,

¹⁰and prescribed bounds for it, and set bars and doors, ¹¹and said, ‘Thus far shall you come, and no farther, and here shall your proud waves be stopped’?”

Word of God. Word of Life.

Thanks be to God.

READING: Psalm 107:1-3, 23-32

Give thanks to the LORD, for the LORD is good, for God's mercy endures forever.

Let the redeemed of the LORD proclaim that God redeemed them from the hand of the foe, gathering them in from the lands; from the east and from the west, from the north and from the south.

Some went down to the sea in ships, plying their trade in deep waters.

They beheld the works of the LORD, God's wonderful works in the deep.

Then God spoke, and a stormy wind arose, which tossed high the waves of the sea.

They mounted up to the heavens and descended to the depths; their souls melted away in their peril.

They staggered and reeled like drunkards, and all their skill was of no avail. Then in their trouble they cried to the LORD, and you delivered them from their distress.

You stilled the storm to a whisper and silenced the waves of the sea.

Then were they glad when it grew calm, when you guided them to the harbor they desired.

Let them give thanks to you, LORD, for your steadfast love and your wonderful works for all people.

Let them exalt you in the assembly of the people; in the council of the elders, let them sing hallelujah.

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Thanks be to God

READING: 2 Corinthians 6:1-13

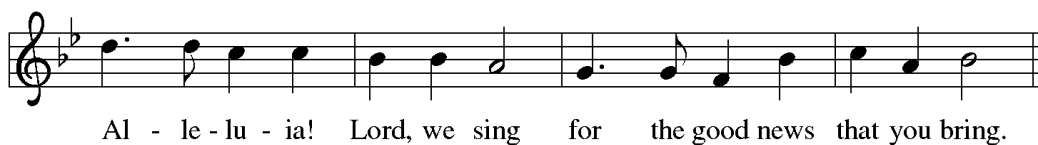
¹As we work together with him, we urge you also not to accept the grace of God in vain. ²For he says, “At an acceptable time I have listened to you, and on a day of salvation I have helped you.”

See, now is the acceptable time; see, now is the day of salvation! ³We are putting no obstacle in anyone’s way, so that no fault may be found with our ministry, ⁴but as servants of God we have commended ourselves in every way: through great endurance, in afflictions, hardships, calamities, ⁵beatings, imprisonments, riots, labors, sleepless nights, hunger; ⁶by purity, knowledge, patience, kindness, holiness of spirit, genuine love, ⁷truthful speech, and the power of God; with the weapons of righteousness for the right hand and for the left; ⁸in honor and dishonor, in ill repute and good repute. We are treated as impostors, and yet are true; ⁹as unknown, and yet are well known; as dying, and see—we are alive; as punished, and yet not killed; ¹⁰as sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; as poor, yet making many rich; as having nothing, and yet possessing everything.

¹¹We have spoken frankly to you Corinthians; our heart is wide open to you. ¹²There is no restriction in our affections, but only in yours. ¹³In return—I speak as to children—open wide your hearts also.

Word of God. Word of Life.

Thanks be to God.



GOSPEL: Mark 4:35-41

The holy gospel according to Mark.

Glory to you, O Lord.

³⁵When evening had come, [Jesus said to the disciples,] “Let us go across to the other side.” ³⁶And leaving the crowd behind, they took him with them in the boat, just as he was. Other boats were with him. ³⁷A great windstorm arose, and the waves beat into the boat, so that the boat was already being swamped. ³⁸But he was in the stern, asleep on the cushion; and they woke him up and said to him, “Teacher, do you not care that we are perishing?” ³⁹He woke up and rebuked the wind, and said to the sea, “Peace! Be still!” Then the wind ceased, and there was a dead calm. ⁴⁰He said to them, “Why are you afraid? Have you still no faith?” ⁴¹And they were filled with great awe and said to one another, “Who then is this, that even the wind and the sea obey him?”

The Gospel of The Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

HOLY BAPTISM

Candidates for baptism, sponsors, and parents gather with the minister at the font. The assembly is seated.

God, who is rich in mercy and love, gives us a new birth into a living hope through the sacrament of baptism. By water and Word God delivers us from sin and death and raises us to new life in Jesus Christ. We are united with all the baptized in the one body of Christ, anointed with the gift of the Holy Spirit, and joined in God's mission for the life of the world...

The presiding minister addresses the assembly:

Response: We do.

PROFESSION OF FAITH

The presiding minister addresses sponsors and parents.

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The presiding minister addresses sponsors, parents, and assembly.

People of St. John, do you believe in God the Father?

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

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

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.

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

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.

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning your Spirit moved...

Jesus said, I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will have the light of life. Let us welcome the newly baptized.

We welcome you into the body of Christ and into the mission we share:

join us in giving thanks and praise to God and bearing God's creative and redeeming word to all the world.

Borning Cry



- 1 "I was there to hear your born-ing cry, I'll be there when you are old.
- 2 "When you heard the won-der of the Word I was there to cheer you on;
- 3 "In the mid-dle a-ges of your life, not too old, no lon-ger young,



I re-joiced the day you were hap-tized to see your life un-fold.
you were raised to praise the liv-ing Lord, to whom you now be-long.
I'll be there to guide you through the night, com-plete what I've be-gun.



I was there when you were but a child, with a faith to suit you well;
If you find some-one to share your time and you join your hearts as one,
When the eve-ning gent-ly clos-es in and you shut your wea-ry eyes,



in a blaze of light you wan-dered off to find where de-mons dwell."
I'll be there to make your vers-es rhyme from dusk till ris-ing sun."
I'll be there as I have al-ways been, with just one more sur-prise."



- 4 "I was there to hear your born-ing cry, I'll be there when you are old.



I re-joiced the day you were hap-tized to see your life un-fold."

Text: John C. Ylvisaker, b. 1937
Music: WATERLIFE, John C. Ylvisaker
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PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Responding to “Merciful God,” with “**receive our prayer.**”

PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

We are invited, even urged, to open our hearts wide and to place no boundaries on our affection for God’s people. Let us share generously our provisions with others.

Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful

Offering Song



Let the vine-yards be fruit-ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of



bles-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 dreams of



all; u-nite them with the prayers we of-fer. Grace our ta-ble



with your pres-ence, and give us a fore-taste of the feast to come.

Text: John W. Arthur, 1922-1980

Music: Ronald A. Nelson, b. 1927

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OFFERING PRAYER

Life-giving God,

Accept, we pray, these offerings from our hands. May they contribute to what you are doing so that life may flourish. In Jesus’ name we pray.

Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING DIALOGUE

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

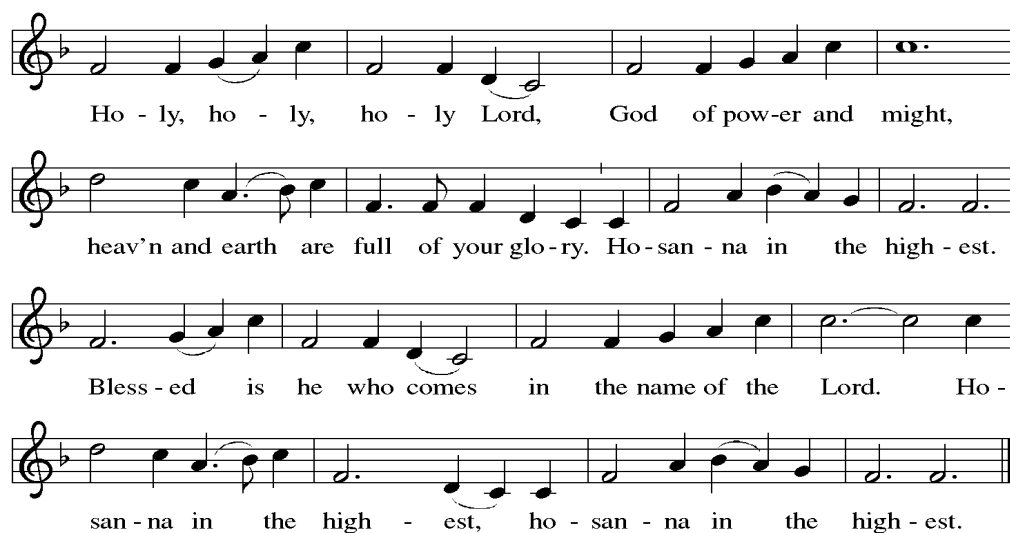
Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

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:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might,
heav'n and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho-san - na in the high - est.
Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

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.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

We are here because Jesus has called us – strangers and friends, locals and visitors, believers and doubters, the certain and the curious. All are invited to Christ's table where, in bread and wine, he meets us, and through him we, who are different, are joined to each other. So come now to Christ's banquet.

COMMUNION HYMNS

Precious Lord, Take My Hand, this sheet music is not available, but here are the lyrics taken from <https://glenelgumc.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/06/Songbook-For-June-27-2021.pdf>

Precious Lord, Take My Hand [Lyrics] [474 UMH] by Thomas A. Dorsey

Verse 1 Precious Lord, take my hand Lead me on, let me stand, I am tired, I am weak, I am worn;
Through the storm, through the night, Lead me on to the light: Take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home.

Verse 2 When my way grows drear, Precious Lord, linger near, When my life is almost gone, Hear my cry, hear my call, Hold my hand lest I fall: Take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home.

Verse 3 When the darkness appears And the night draws near, And the day is past and gone, At the river I stand, Guide my feet, hold my hand: Take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home.

What Feast of Love



- 1 What feast of love is of - fered here, what ban-quet come from heav - en?
- 2 What light of truth is of - fered here, what cov - e - nant from heav - en?
- 3 What wine of love is of - fered here, what crim-son drink from heav - en?



What food of ev - er - last - ing life, what gra - cious gift is giv - en?
What hope of ev - er - last - ing life, what won - drous word is giv - en?
What stream of ev - er - last - ing life, what pre - cious blood is giv - en?



This, this is Christ the king, the bread come down from heav - en.
This, this is Christ the king, the sun come down from heav - en.
This, this is Christ the king, the sweet - est wine of heav - en.



Oh, taste and see and sing! How sweet the man - na giv - en!
Oh, see and hear and sing! The Word of God is giv - en!
Oh, taste and see and sing! The Son of God is giv - en!

Text: Delores Dufner, OSB, b. 1939

Music: GREENSLEEVES, English ballad, 16th cent.

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PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Jesus, Bread of life,

At your table, we have tasted your goodness. With the eyes of our hearts open to your promise,
empower us to hear the needs of our neighbors
and touch the world with your love.

Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BLESSING

May the God of Sea and Sky calm your storms, and renew you.

May Christ's love rain down on you, and sprout up hope.

May the Spirit guide you to move mountains, and bring you strength.

And may the still small voice of the Holy \mp Trinity bring you peace. **Amen.**

Here I Am, Lord



1 "I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my peo - ple cry.
2 "I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my peo - ple's pain.
3 "I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame.



All who dwell in dark and sin my hand will save.
I have wept for love of them. They turn a - way.
I will set a feast for them. My hand will save.



I, who made the stars of night, I will make their dark-ness bright.
I will break their hearts of stone, give them hearts for love a - lone.
Fin-est bread I will pro-vide till their hearts be sat - is - fied.



Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?"
I will speak my word to them. Whom shall I send?"
I will give my life to them. Whom shall I send?"



Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard you



call-ing in the night. I will go, Lord, if you



lead me. I will hold your peo - ple in my heart.

Text: Daniel L. Schutte, b. 1946

Music: HERE I AM, LORD, Daniel L. Schutte

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DISMISSAL

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Welcome to all! On this first official Sunday of summer, I greet you in the bright, warm love of Jesus! Welcome to worship.

May I meet today's challenges in your name, O God, as David faced Goliath: "I come against you in the name of the Lord Almighty" (1 Samuel 17:45, NIV).

Please remember to silence pagers and cell phones during services.

To those who are visiting: Welcome to St. John and thank you for joining us! You are welcome to sign our registry in the narthex.

Reminder! If you are in need of Pastoral care, please contact St. John (715) 675-6950

Holy Communion is celebrated every Sunday. All are welcome to Christ's Table.

Food Basket. Each week you are invited to bring non-perishable grocery items to be given to a local food pantry. Place your gift in the *Shopping Cart* next to the main entrance. **Reminder, food pantries cannot accept expired donations.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

VBS starts today at 5:30! VBS will run through Thursday June, 27. We will meet 5:30p.m.-8:00 p.m. Register on our website <https://stjohnwausau.org/education/vbs/>

July 12-13 Volunteer at Taste 'N Glow for St. John! Volunteer slots are 4 hours each.

Your time will be donated to St. John at the rate of \$12.50/hour. Sign-up on their website: <https://tastenglowfest.com/>

Monday, July 22 at 6:30 p.m. Book Club will discuss *Help, Thanks, Wow: The Three Essential Prayers* by Anne Lamott.

Tuesday, August 6 at 6:30 p.m. The Adult Study will discuss pages 45—61 from *A is for Alabaster: 52 Reflections on the Stories of Scripture* by Anna Carter Florence.

St. John Choir will be getting back together, please watch for future dates to meet. Thank you, Amanda Grueneberg, for leading.

Kwik Trip Gift Cards Sign-up in the Fellowship Hall. Help support St. John when buying groceries, gas, or getting your car washed at Kwik Trip!

St. John Quilting Wishlist. Left over fabric or never used fabric, light weight denim, cotton or flannel sheets, pillow cases, cotton curtains (unlined), cotton shower curtains. If you are interested, come join us! You can also sew a quilt top from home. Size needed is 60 x 80. They do not need to be fancy. Thank you!

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Coming This Week @ St. John June 23– June 30

Today

9:00 a.m. Worship

5:30 p.m. VBS

June 24

5:30 p.m. VBS

June 25

9:00 a.m. Pr. Maggie @ Pr. Meeting

5:30 p.m. VBS

June 26

5:30 p.m. VBS

June 27

5:30 p.m. VBS

June 30

9:00 a.m. Worship