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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

If God kept track of sins, who would stand a chance? But with God, there is forgiveness. May God hear our request for mercy. Merciful God,

**We try to hide from your presence, knowing that we have traded your abundant life for a wasteland of sin. We have not followed your will, but instead heed other voices and pursue our own desires at the expense of others. We ask for the courage to tell you truthfully what we have done. We pray for forgiveness so that we can live with ourselves, with others, and with you. In steadfast love, look upon us and reclothe us in your grace; through Jesus Christ our Lord.**

**Amen.**

Siblings in Christ, do not lose heart. When we call, God hears us; when we confess, God forgives us. We believe and so we proclaim: In Jesus † Christ, we are forgiven.

**Thanks be to God.**

## Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies

1 Christ, whose glo - ry fills the skies, Christ, the true and on - ly light,  
 2 Dark and cheer-less is the morn un - ac - com - pa - nied by thee;  
 3 Vis - it then this soul of mine, pierce the gloom of sin and grief;

Sun of righ-teous-ness, a - rise, tri - umph o'er the shades of night;  
 joy-less is the day's re - turn, till thy mer-cy's beams I see,  
 fill me, ra - dian - cy di - vine, scat - ter all my un - be - lief;

Day-spring from on high, be near; Day-star, in my heart ap - pear.  
 till they in - ward light im - part, glad my eyes, and warm my heart.  
 more and more thy - self dis - play, shin - ing to the per - fect day.

Text: Charles Wesley, 1707-1788  
 Music: RAITSBON, J. G. Werner, *Choralbuch*, 1815

### PRAYER OF THE DAY

Once, dear God, we could hear you walking in the garden at the time of the evening breeze. Now, you call across the distance, “Where are you?” And we echo back the same question, “Where are you?” You wait and watch for us; we wait and watch for you. Help us to see beyond the temporary to the eternal so that we do not lose heart. Renew us day by day until we come again into your presence, where the weight of your glory lifts us in grace and light. In Christ, we pray.

**Amen.**

**READING: Genesis 3:8-15**

<sup>8</sup>[Adam and Eve] heard the sound of the LORD God walking in the garden at the time of the evening breeze, and the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the LORD God among the trees of the garden.<sup>9</sup>But the LORD God called to the man, and said to him, “Where are you?” <sup>10</sup>He said, “I heard the sound of you in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked; and I hid myself.” <sup>11</sup>He said, “Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten from the tree of which I commanded you not to eat?” <sup>12</sup>The man said, “The woman whom you gave to be with me, she gave me fruit from the tree, and I ate.” <sup>13</sup>Then the LORD God said to the woman, “What is this that you have done?” The woman said, “The serpent tricked me, and I ate.” <sup>14</sup>The LORD God said to the serpent, “Because you have done this, cursed are you among all animals and among all wild creatures; upon your belly you shall go, and dust you shall eat all the days of your life.

<sup>15</sup>I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and hers; he will strike your head, and you will strike his heel.”

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God**

**READING: Psalm 130**

Out of the depths I cry to you, O LORD;

**O LORD, hear my voice! Let your ears be attentive to the voice of my supplication.**

If you were to keep watch over sins, O LORD, who could stand?

**Yet with you is forgiveness, in order that you may be feared.**

I wait for you, O LORD; my soul waits; in your word is my hope.

**My soul waits for the Lord more than those who keep watch for the morning, more than those who keep watch for the morning.**

O Israel, wait for the LORD, for with the LORD there is steadfast love; with the LORD there is plenteous redemption.

**For the LORD shall redeem Israel from all their sins.**

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God**

**READING: 2 Corinthians 4:13—5:1**

<sup>13</sup>Just as we have the same spirit of faith that is in accordance with scripture—“I believed, and so I spoke”—we also believe, and so we speak, <sup>14</sup>because we know that the one who raised the Lord Jesus will raise us also with Jesus, and will bring us with you into his presence. <sup>15</sup>Yes, everything is for your sake, so that grace, as it extends to more and more people, may increase thanksgiving, to the glory of God.

<sup>16</sup>So we do not lose heart. Even though our outer nature is wasting away, our inner nature is being renewed day by day. <sup>17</sup>For this slight momentary affliction is preparing us for an eternal weight of glory beyond all measure, <sup>18</sup>because we look not at what can be seen but at what cannot be seen; for what can be seen is temporary, but what cannot be seen is eternal.

<sup>5:1</sup>For we know that if the earthly tent we live in is destroyed, we have a building from God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**



Al - le - lu - ia! Lord and Sav - ior: o - pen now your sav - ing word.



Let it burn like fire with - in us; speak un - til our hearts are stirred.



Al - le - lu - ia! Lord, we sing for the good news that you bring.

### **GOSPEL: Mark 3:20-35**

The holy gospel according to Mark.

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

[Jesus went home;] <sup>20</sup>and the crowd came together again, so that [Jesus and the disciples] could not even eat. <sup>21</sup>When his family heard it, they went out to restrain him, for people were saying, “He has gone out of his mind.” <sup>22</sup>And the scribes who came down from Jerusalem said, “He has Beelzebul, and by the ruler of the demons he casts out demons.” <sup>23</sup>And he called them to him, and spoke to them in parables, “How can Satan cast out Satan? <sup>24</sup>If a kingdom is divided against itself, that kingdom cannot stand. <sup>25</sup>And if a house is divided against itself, that house will not be able to stand. <sup>26</sup>And if Satan has risen up against himself and is divided, he cannot stand, but his end has come. <sup>27</sup>But no one can enter a strong man’s house and plunder his property without first tying up the strong man; then indeed the house can be plundered.

<sup>28</sup>“Truly I tell you, people will be forgiven for their sins and whatever blasphemies they utter; <sup>29</sup>but whoever blasphemes against the Holy Spirit can never have forgiveness, but is guilty of an eternal sin”—<sup>30</sup>for they had said, “He has an unclean spirit.”

<sup>31</sup>Then his mother and his brothers came; and standing outside, they sent to him and called him. <sup>32</sup>A crowd was sitting around him; and they said to him, “Your mother and your brothers and sisters are outside, asking for you.” <sup>33</sup>And he replied, “Who are my mother and my brothers?” <sup>34</sup>And looking at those who sat around him, he said, “Here are my mother and my brothers! <sup>35</sup>Whoever does the will of God is my brother and sister and mother.”

The Gospel of The Lord.

#### **Praise to you, O Christ.**

### **SERMON**

## Take My Life, That I May Be

The musical score is written for voice and piano. It features a treble and bass clef with a key signature of two sharps (D major). The melody is simple and hymn-like, with a steady rhythm. The lyrics are printed below the notes, with some words hyphenated across lines. The score is divided into two systems, each with a vocal line and a piano accompaniment line.

1 Take my life, that I may be con - se - crat - ed, Lord, to thee;  
2 Take my hands and let them move at the im - pulse of thy love;  
3 Take my voice and let me sing al - ways, on - ly, for my King;  
4 Take my sil - ver and my gold, not a mite would I with - hold;

take my mo - ments and my days; let them flow in cease - less praise.  
take my feet and let them be swift and beau - ti - ful for thee.  
take my lips and let them be filled with mes - sag - es from thee.  
take my in - tel - lect, and use ev - 'ry pow'r as thou shalt choose.

5 Take my will and make it thine;  
it shall be no longer mine.  
Take my heart, it is thine own;  
it shall be thy royal throne.

6 Take my love; my Lord, I pour  
at thy feet its treasure store;  
take myself, and I will be  
ever, only, all for thee.

Text: Frances R. Havergal, 1836-1879, alt.  
Music: PATMOS, William H. Havergal, 1793-1870

### 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

Let us show our friendship with Christ and our love for our neighbors by giving generously so that we may bear the lasting fruit of Christ’s love.

## Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful

### Offering Song

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 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

Gracious God,

Your son Jesus teaches us that a house divided cannot stand. Together, we offer ourselves and our gifts, that they may be used to extend your grace to others for your glory, through Jesus our Lord.

**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. Amen.

Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on  
 us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have  
 mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the  
 sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.



## Jesus Loves Me!

1 Je - sus loves me! this I know, for the Bi - ble tells me so;  
2 Je - sus loves me! he who died heav - en's gates to o - pen wide;  
3 Je - sus loves me! he will stay close be - side me all the way;

The first system of music features a treble and bass staff in G major. The treble staff contains a melody of eighth and quarter notes, while the bass staff provides a simple harmonic accompaniment of chords and single notes.

lit - tle ones to him be - long, they are weak, but he is strong.  
he will wash a - way my sin, let his lit - tle child come in.  
when at last I come to die, he will take me home on high.

The second system continues the melody and accompaniment from the first system, maintaining the same musical structure.

*Refrain*

Yes, Je - sus loves me, yes, Je - sus loves me,

The refrain begins with a treble and bass staff. The treble staff has a melody with a repeat sign at the end of the first phrase. The bass staff provides accompaniment.

yes, Je - sus loves me, the Bi - ble tells me so.

The second part of the refrain continues the melody and accompaniment, ending with a final chord in the bass staff.

Text: Anna B. Warner, 1820-1915, alt.  
Music: JESUS LOVES ME, William B. Bradbury, 1816-1868

## What a Friend We Have in Jesus

1 What a friend we have in Je - sus, all our sins and griefs to bear!  
2 Have we tri - als and temp - ta - tions? Is there trou - ble an - y - where?  
3 Are we weak and heav - y - lad - en, cum - bered with a load of care?

What a priv - i - lege to car - ry ev - 'ry - thing to God in prayer!  
We should nev - er be dis - cour - aged— take it to the Lord in prayer.  
Pre - cious Sav - ior, still our ref - uge— take it to the Lord in prayer.

Oh, what peace we of - ten for - feit; oh, what need - less pain we bear—  
Can we find a friend so faith - ful who will all our sor - rows share?  
Do your friends de - spise, for - sake you? Take it to the Lord in prayer.

all be - cause we do not car - ry ev - 'ry - thing to God in prayer!  
Je - sus knows our ev - 'ry weak - ness— take it to the Lord in prayer.  
In his arms he'll take and shield you; you will find a so - lace there.

Text: Joseph Scriven, 1820-1886  
Music: CONVERSE, Charles C. Converse, 1832-1918

## **PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

Jesus, Bread of life,

We have received from your table more than we could ever ask. As you have nourished us in this meal, now strengthen us to love the world with your own life. In your name we pray.

**Amen.**

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **BLESSING**

May the steadfast love of God give you hope,

May the redeeming power of Christ give you courage,

May the abiding presence of the Spirit give you strength,

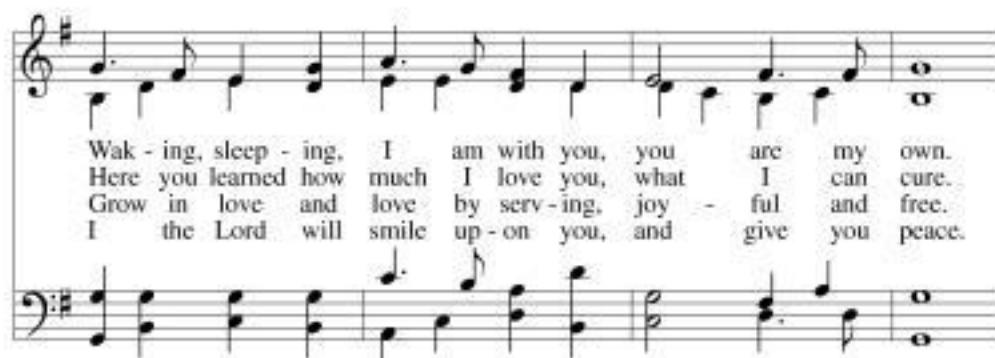
And may you serve the will of God this day and every day.

In the name of the Creator, Son ✠ and Holy Spirit, One God. **Amen.**

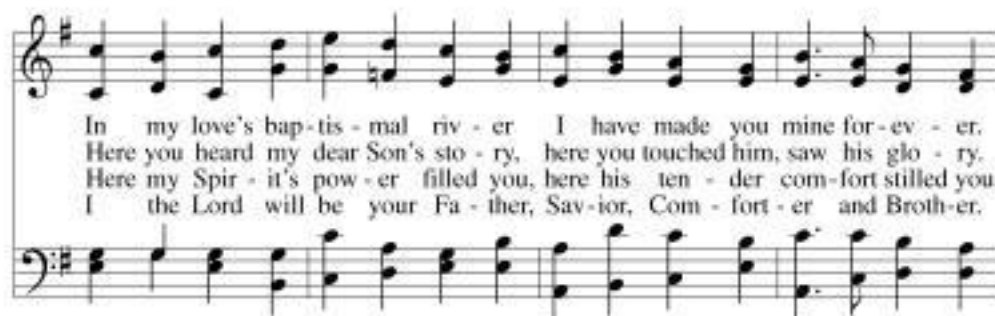
## Go, My Children, with My Blessing



1 "Go, my chil - dren, with my bless - ing, nev - er a - lone,  
 2 "Go, my chil - dren, sins for - giv - en, at peace and pure.  
 3 "Go, my chil - dren, fed and nour - ished, clos - er to me.  
 4 "I the Lord will bless and keep you, and give you peace.



Wak - ing, sleep - ing, I am with you, you are my own.  
 Here you learned how much I love you, what I can cure.  
 Grow in love and love by serv - ing, joy - ful and free.  
 I the Lord will smile up - on you, and give you peace.



In my love's bap - tis - mal riv - er I have made you mine for - ev - er.  
 Here you heard my dear Son's sto - ry, here you touched him, saw his glo - ry.  
 Here my Spir - it's pow - er filled you, here his ten - der com - fort stilled you.  
 I the Lord will be your Fa - ther, Sav - ior, Com - fort - er and Broth - er.



Go, my chil - dren, with my bless - ing, you are my own."  
 Go, my chil - dren, sins for - giv - en, at peace and pure."  
 Go, my chil - dren, fed and nour - ished, joy - ful and free."  
 Go, my chil - dren, I will keep you, and give you peace."

Text: Jaroslav J. Vajda, b. 1919  
 Music: AR HYDY NOS, Welsh; arr. R. Vaughan Williams

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## DISMISSAL

Go in peace. You are the body of Christ.

**Thanks be to God.**

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**Welcome to all!** Welcome to worship and fellowship as the family of God this day. Your presence adds joy to our gathering.

The first humans hid from you, God, but you longed to walk with them in the cool evening (Genesis 3:8-9). May we eagerly walk with you, here in worship and all day long.

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

**Monday, June 10 at 6:30 p.m.** The Book Club will discuss, *The Mighty Queens of Freeville: A Mother, a Daughter, and the Town That Raised Them* by Amy Dickinson.

**Tuesday, June 18 at 6:30 p.m.** The Adult Study will discuss pages 26—44 from *A is for Alabaster: 52 Reflections on the Stories of Scripture* by Anna Carter Florence.

**Vacation Bible School Registration is open!** VBS will be Sunday, June 23 – Thursday June, 27. Register on our website <https://stjohnwausau.org/education/vbs/>

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

**Kwik Trip Scrip Cards Sign Up in the Fellowship Hall.** Help support St. John when buying groceries 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 9– June 16**

**Today**

9:00 a.m. Worship

**June 10**

6:30 p.m. Book Club

**June 11**

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

10:00 a.m. Pr. Maggie @ conference meeting

**June 12**

6:00 p.m. Church Council

**June 16**

9:00 a.m. Worship

