

# Fourth Sunday after Pentecost July 3, 2022 | 9:15 AM



**Everyone is welcome.** As people of God, St. John's welcomes all regardless of age, economic status, ethnic background, gender, physical or mental ability, race or sexual orientation. We affirm that in Christ "there is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is neither male nor female." (Galatians 3:28) This is Christ's church, and Christ has bid you come.

**Guests are welcome.** We are pleased you are worshiping with us today. So that we may be in contact with you, we invite you to sign the guest book in the narthex. Our programs are open to all and you are invited to participate. We hope you will worship with us again soon.

**Children are welcome.** We encourage them to attend worship with their parents—even their noise and restlessness are surely a delight to God. Children's bulletins are available from the ushers and a professionally staffed nursery is available from 7:45 AM to 11:45 AM. Follow the signs or ask any member for directions.

**To assist you during worship**: Large print worship bulletins are available from the ushers. If you are unable to come forward for communion, please inform an usher and the pastors will be happy to commune you at your pew.

**Offerings**: St. John's is a tithing church. We dedicate a percentage of our offerings to the mission of the wider church through the NJ Synod of the ELCA and to many other mission partners. We are able to support these ministries because of your offerings and tithes.

**Assisted Listening:** To access assisted listening, Connect to the StJohnsALS WiFi network. Download the free WaveCast app to your phone. Tap ST\_JOHNS\_ALS to connect. Please use your own headphones to listen. Individual wired devices coming soon!



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We're delighted you're worshiping with us. As part of our ongoing outreach, your voice and your image may be videographed and photographed and used by St. John's for ministry purposes. For any questions or concerns, contact the church office.

#### **Prayer Before Worship**

O God, you send us out into the world as your disciples. Allow the church to be a healing presence, a place and a people that live out the essence of your kingdom, here and now; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever. Amen.

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#### Gathering

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

ELW Evangelical Lutheran Worship: Red Book ACS All Creation Sings: Purple Book

**PRELUDE** Setting of *Gott sei Dank* 

By Stephen P. Johnson (b. 20<sup>th</sup> C.)

#### WELCOME

#### Please stand.

#### **CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

Blessed be the Holy Trinity, + one God, whose steadfast love endures forever. Amen.

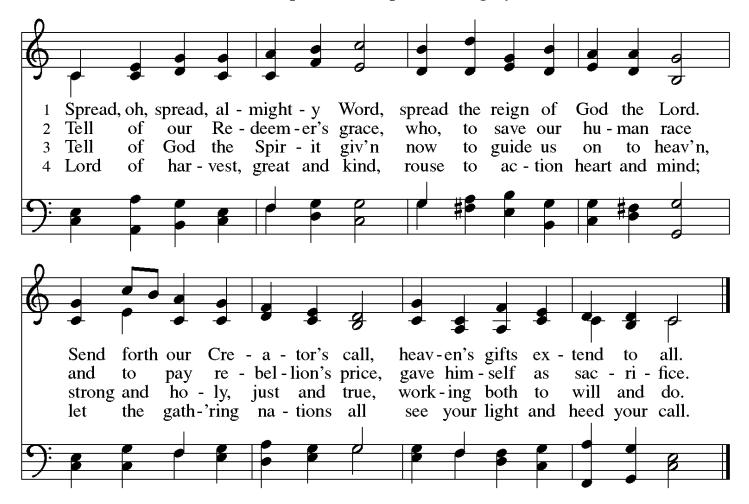
Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.** 

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Most merciful God, we confess that we are captive 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.

In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of word and sacrament in 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. **Amen.** 

#### GATHERING HYMN ELW 663 Spread, Oh, Spread Almighty Word



Text: Jonathan F. Bahnmaier, 1774–1841; tr. Lutheran Book of Worship, alt. Music: GOTT SEI DANK, J. A. Freylinghausen, Geistreiches Gesangbuch, 1704 Text © 1978 Lutheran Book of Worship, admin. Augsburg Fortress.

#### **APOSTOLIC GREETING**

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

#### Glo - ry 1 to you, God, for yours is the earth; 2 Glo - ry God, for yours is the earth; to you, 3 Glo - ry for yours is the to God, earth; you, 0. birth. the prom - ise, the bless - ing, the yours is yours the ho san - nas, the dy - ing, birth. \_ re ra - di yours the noint - ing, the ant worth. a for Word giv - en Ours the joic frame; re ing Ours the joic for claimed; re ing na - ture re -Ours the joic ing for spir - its flame; re a \_ ing the thanks giv to your ho - ly ours name. of deeds great - ly Ours be the tell done: ing yours be the glo Ο God, yours a - lone. ry, -

#### HYMN OF PRAISE

#### PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray. O God, the Father of our Lord Jesus, you are the city that shelters us, the mother who comforts us. With your Spirit accompany us on our life's journey, that we may spread your peace in all the world, through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.** 

#### Word

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching and song.

Please be seated.

FIRST READING Isaiah 66:10–14

<sup>10</sup>Rejoice with Jerusalem, and be glad for her, all you who love her; rejoice with her in joy, all you who mourn over her—<sup>11</sup>that you may nurse and be satisfied from her consoling breast; that you may drink deeply with delight from her glorious bosom.

<sup>12</sup>For thus says the Lord: I will extend prosperity to her like a river, and the wealth of the nations like an overflowing stream; and you shall nurse and be carried on her arm, and dandled on her knees. <sup>13</sup>As a mother comforts her child, so I will comfort you; you shall be comforted in Jerusalem.

<sup>14</sup>You shall see, and your heart shall rejoice; your bodies shall flourish like the grass; and it shall be known that the hand of the Lord is with his servants, and his indignation is against his enemies.

The reader concludes: The word of the Lord. The assembly responds: Thanks be to God.

PSALM 66:1-9

Spoken responsively.

<sup>1</sup>Be joyful in God, all you lands; be joyful, all the earth.

<sup>2</sup>Sing the glory of God's name;

sing the glory of God's praise.

<sup>3</sup>Say to God, "How awesome are your deeds!

Because of your great strength your enemies cringe before you.

<sup>4</sup>All the earth bows down before you,

sings to you, sings out your name."

<sup>5</sup>Come now and see the works of God,

how awesome are God's deeds toward all people.

<sup>6</sup>God turned the sea into dry land,

so that they went through the water on foot, and there we rejoiced in God.

<sup>7</sup>Ruling forever in might, God keeps watch over the nations; let no rebels exalt themselves.

<sup>8</sup>Bless our God, you peoples;

let the sound of praise be heard.

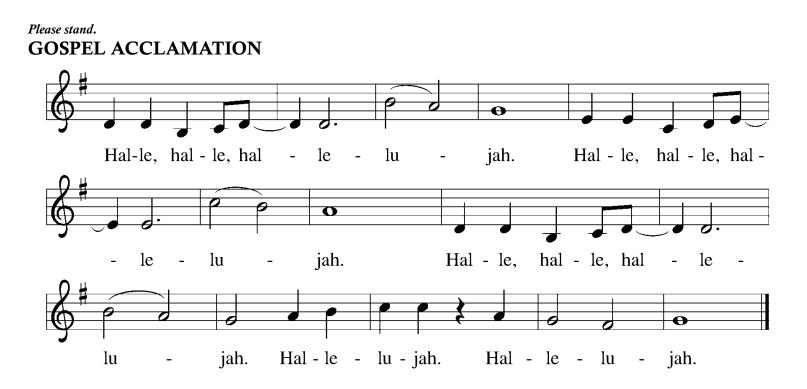
<sup>9</sup>Our God has kept us among the living and has not allowed our feet to slip.

#### SECOND READING Galatians 6:7–16

<sup>7</sup>Do not be deceived; God is not mocked, for you reap whatever you sow. <sup>8</sup>If you sow to your own flesh, you will reap corruption from the flesh; but if you sow to the Spirit, you will reap eternal life from the Spirit. <sup>9</sup>So let us not grow weary in doing what is right, for we will reap at harvest time, if we do not give up. <sup>10</sup>So then, whenever we have an opportunity, let us work for the good of all, and especially for those of the family of faith.

<sup>11</sup>See what large letters I make when I am writing in my own hand! <sup>12</sup>It is those who want to make a good showing in the flesh that try to compel you to be circumcised—only that they may not be persecuted for the cross of Christ. <sup>13</sup>Even the circumcised do not themselves obey the law, but they want you to be circumcised so that they may boast about your flesh. <sup>14</sup>May I never boast of anything except the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by which the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world. <sup>15</sup>For neither circumcision nor uncircumcision is anything; but a new creation is everything! <sup>16</sup>As for those who will follow this rule—peace be upon them, and mercy, and upon the Israel of God.

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#### **GOSPEL** Luke 10:1–11, 16–20

The Holy Gospel according to Luke. Glory to you, O Lord.

<sup>1</sup>After this the Lord appointed seventy others and sent them on ahead of him in pairs to every town and place where he himself intended to go. <sup>2</sup>He said to them, "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest. <sup>3</sup>Go on your way. See, I am sending you out like lambs into the midst of wolves. <sup>4</sup>Carry no purse, no bag, no sandals; and greet no one on the road. <sup>5</sup>Whatever house you enter, first say, 'Peace to this house!' <sup>6</sup>And if anyone is there who shares in peace, your peace will rest on that person; but if not, it will return to you. <sup>7</sup>Remain in the same house, eating and drinking whatever they provide, for the laborer deserves to be paid. Do not move about from house to house. <sup>8</sup>Whenever you enter a town and its people welcome you, eat what is set before you; <sup>9</sup>cure the sick who are there, and say to them, 'The kingdom of God has come near to you.' <sup>10</sup>But whenever you enter a town that clings to our feet, we wipe off in protest against you. Yet know this: the kingdom of God has come near.'"

<sup>16</sup>"Whoever listens to you listens to me, and whoever rejects you rejects me, and whoever rejects the one who sent me."

<sup>17</sup>The seventy returned with joy, saying, "Lord, in your name even the demons submit to us!" <sup>18</sup>He said to them, "I watched Satan fall from heaven like a flash of lightning. <sup>19</sup>See, I have given you authority to tread on snakes and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy; and nothing will hurt you. <sup>20</sup>Nevertheless, do not rejoice at this, that the spirits submit to you, but rejoice that your names are written in heaven."

The Gospel of the Lord. Praise to you, O Christ.

#### Please be seated. CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

#### **SERMON**

The Rev. Blake A. Scalet



Please stand.

#### HYMN OF THE DAY LBW 381 Hark, the Voice of Jesus Calling



Text: Daniel March, 1816–1909, alt. Music: GALILEAN, Joseph Barnby, 1838–1896

#### **APOSTLES CREED**

Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith:

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

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.

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.

#### PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

God of mercy, **Hear our prayer.** *Response at the conclusion of the prayer:* **Amen.** 

#### PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always. And also with you.

## Please be seated. PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR MISSION

#### **GATHERING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS**

We present monetary, food, and other offerings for God's mission through this congregation. Both visitors and members alike may use the pew envelope to make a contribution. A collection plate can be found at the entrance of the sanctuary. If you would like to make a one-time or recurring electronic contribution, you may visit www.stjohnssummit.org or scan this code.



**OFFERING MUSIC** Setting of Galilean

By Robert Lind (b. 1940)

#### **OFFERTORY PRAYER**

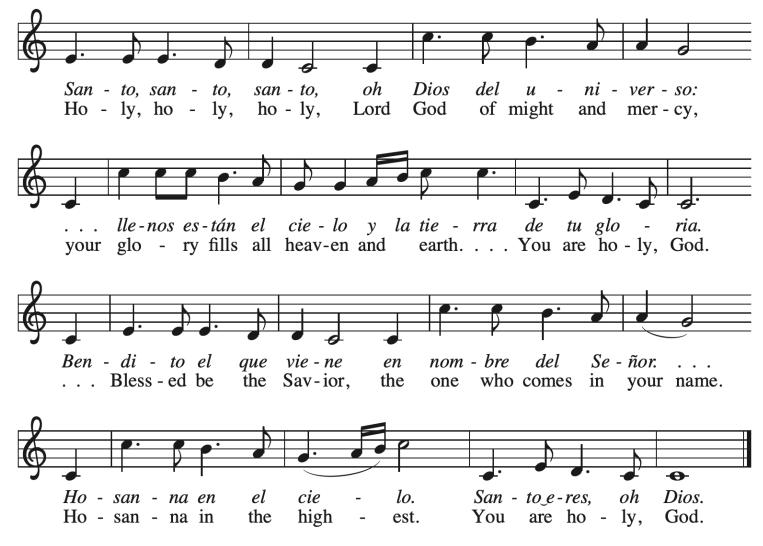
Let us pray. Gracious God, you bless us with gifts of guidance, new life, growth in grace, and fruitful labor. Accept the first fruits of time and toil, field and orchard we offer here. Bless and multiply these gifts to our nurture and the care of your creation; for the sake of your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.

**Meal** God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

#### **GREAT THANKSGIVING**

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 . . . we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



#### **EUCHARISTIC PRAYER**

#### LORD'S PRAYER

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us:

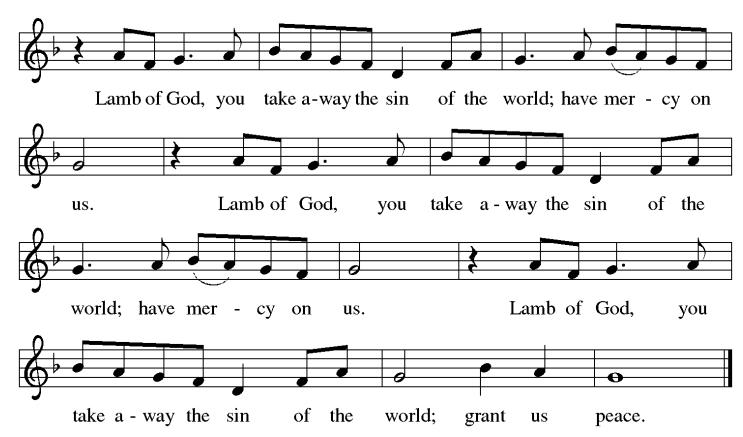
Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.



#### Please be seated. RECEPTION OF COMMUNON

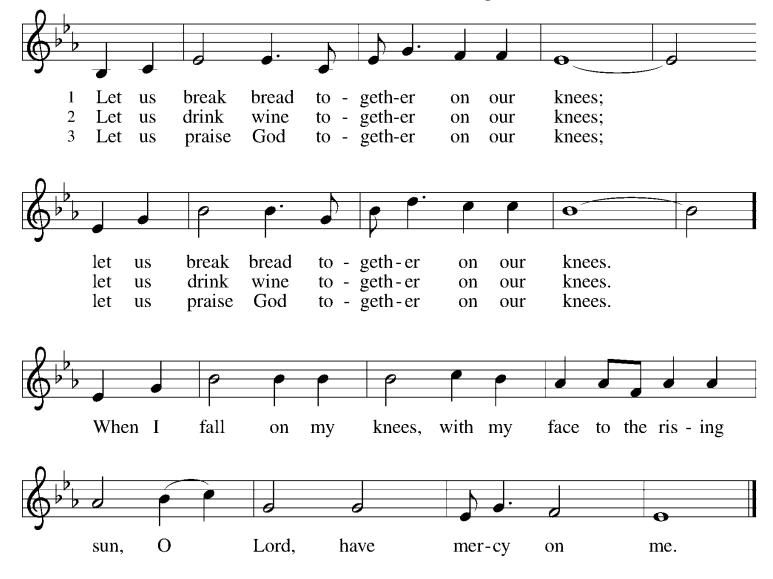
If you wish to receive communion, please approach the pastor one at a time. The pastor will place a wafer in your open hands. Please indicate if you need a gluten free wafer. The vicar serves the wine from the chalice—either by intinction or drinking from the common cup. The assisting minister serves the wine/grape juice in pre-filled individual cups.

#### All baptized Christians are welcome at the Lord's table. If you do not wish to commune, you may come forward for a blessing.



#### LAMB OF GOD

**COMMUNION HYMN** ELW 471 Let Us Break Bread Together



Text: African American spiritual Music: BREAL BREAD TOGETHER, African American spiritual COMMUNION HYMN ELW 887 This Is My Song



Text: Lloyd Stone, 1912–1993, sts. 1–2; Georgia Harkness, 1891–1974, st. 3 Music: FINLANDIA, Jean Sibelius, 1865–1957 Text sts. 1–2 © 1934, 1962 Lorenz Publishing Company, st. 3 © 1964 Lorenz Publishing Company. All rights reserved. Outside USA: Music © Breitkopf & Härtel, Wiesbaden. Please stand.

BLESSING

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

#### POST COMMUNION CANTICLE

Now, Lord, you let your servant go in peace: your word has been fulfilled. My own eyes have seen the salvation which you have prepared in the sight of every people: a light to reveal you to the nations and the glory of your people Israel. 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.

#### VERSICLE

O give thanks unto the Lord, for the Lord is good. **God's mercy endures forever.** 

#### PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

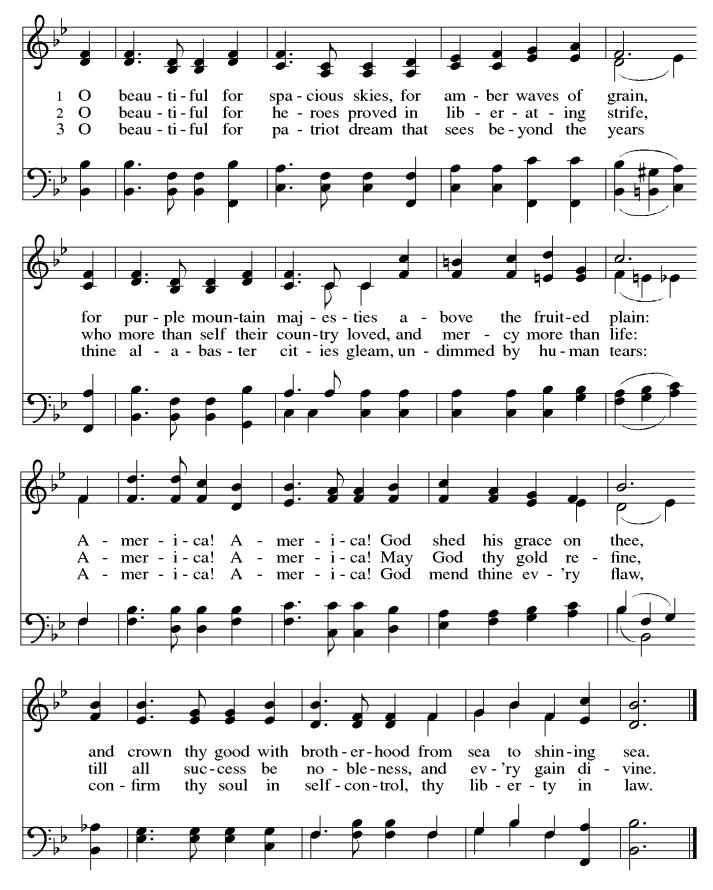
Let us pray. We give you thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us through the healing power of this gift of life. In your mercy, strengthen us through this gift, in faith toward you and in fervent love toward one another; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

**Sending** God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

#### PRAYER FOR THE NATION

Let us pray. Almighty God, you have given us this good land as our heritage. Make us always remember your generosity and constantly do your will. Bless our land with honesty in the workplace, truth in education, and honor in daily life. Save us from violence, discord, and confusion; from pride and arrogance; and from every evil course of action. When times are prosperous, let our hearts be thankful; and, in troubled times, do not let our trust in you fail. We pray in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.** 

#### HYMN ELW 888 O Beautiful for Spacious Skies



Text: Katherine L. Bates, 1859–1929 Music: MATERNA, Samuel A. Ward, 1848–1903

#### BLESSING

The God of peace, Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you, comfort you, and show you the path of life this day and always. **Amen.** 

SENDING HYMN ELW 550 On What Has Now Been Sown



Text: John Newton, 1725–1807, alt. Music: DARWALL'S 148TH, John Darwall, 1731–1789

#### DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Serve the Lord. Thanks be to God.

**POSTLUDE** Setting of *Darwall's* 148<sup>th</sup>

By Larry Shackley (b. 1956)

#### July 3, 2022

**Today's altar flowers** are given to the glory of God and in memory of their parents by Mike and Bev Kaczmarski.

**Our Appalachia Service Project** volunteers are overwhelmed by the response of St. John's members and visitors to our "Peace by Piece" fundraiser. You all helped us 'repair' our model house and raised \$5040 for our upcoming trip to McDowell County, WV. Thank you very much for your generosity and ongoing support of 22 years for this worthwhile and rewarding mission trip. You can view all McDowell County, WV projects at <u>https://www.facebook.com/</u><u>ASPMcDowellWV</u>, and you may even see a few photos of us at work!

**Celebration of Completion of Ministry**: Join us **TODAY** at **10:30 AM** out on the front lawn to give thanks for Donna Garzinsky's tenure among us as she steps down as our Director of Music.

The Church Office will be closed on July 4 & 5 in observance of July 4<sup>th</sup>.

**Rummage Sale, July 8–9**: Donations will be accepted starting **TODAY**. If you would like to drop off items over the holiday, please make arrangements with Jane Bowman or the church office. All money raised supports the Youth Missions Fund. Then, make sure to come to the Rummage Sale on **July 8 & 9** from **9–4:00** to buy some new treasures!

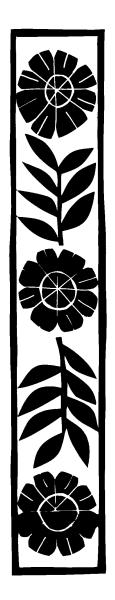
**Reconciling in Christ:** The Social Justice Social Ministry (SJSM) Committee is proposing that St. John's becomes a "Reconciling in Christ" church. For nearly 50 years, ReconcilingWorks: Lutherans for Full Participation has advocated for the full welcome, inclusion, and equity of LGBTQIA+ Lutherans in the life of their Church, congregation, and community. Over the next several months, our congregation will offer several educational opportunities. Their goal is to present a motion at the February congregational meeting to adopt a welcome statement and officially become an RIC church. More details to come!

Monday Movie Nights: The SJSM committee will hold two evening movie nights this summer, in Hinman Hall to watch LGBTQIA+ themed movies. The first movie will be on Monday, July 11 at 7:00 PM to watch *Saved!* (2004). Popcorn and post-movie discussion included! Our second movie night will be on Monday, August 15, also at 7:00 PM. Hope to see you there!

Anti-Racism Committee Summer reading books available with discussions after Labor Day. Small Great Things, recommended donation \$10. Sum of Us: What Racism Costs Everyone and How We Can Prosper Together recommended donation \$15. Books available in the church office.

**The Hinman Scholarship Fund** applications are now being accepted. Applications can be found in the church office. Contact Linda Mesenbrink with questions.

**Congregational Retreat—Save the date, September 30–October 2:** Join us for a fun weekend at Cross Roads for activities for all ages, faith formation, building connections with other church members, or simply recharge by connecting to nature. We have reserved the entire Christ Center, a modern hotel-like retreat space with private bathrooms. Speak to Pastor Scalet or Jane Bowman with questions or put your name on the list.



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