

Proper 15 August 15, 2021 St John's Ev. Lutheran Church and School  
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**10 AM By phone 1(888) 788-0099 Meeting ID 886 7604 5376 for Personal ID use “ # ”**

We are on Zoom and have established an 800 number for those who wish to use their phone to connect and not be charged long distance. Our weekly invitation link can also be used by Wi-Fi connection. The Zoom computer connection or 800 number is a good way for you to have our service available to you and your family and friends **1(888) 788-0099** is the free 800 phone number. For Sunday worship the meeting ID is **886 7604 5376**, no personal ID is required. Just hit the # sign when asked for personal ID. If you have a smart phone you can enter with video connection or not. If you do not get in please call 385-234-1931 before 10 AM and I will try to help you connect.

The easiest way to come on Zoom by computer is to have an invitation email with a link. You will need to send your email address to me or Susan, so we can send out an invitation with a link to our meeting. If you notice someone missing from the email addresses in your email or want to invite someone you know, either forward this to them or send an email to Susan Roberts or Pastor Hank so we can include them in our ongoing email invitations if they desire.

**We are privileged and commanded by God to worship Him. Worship is the highest art form and good work that humans can do before and with God. Worship brings us into God's presence, where we first confess our sins and receive His forgiveness to enter His presence as well as receive His blessings for life now and in eternity. Worship establishes and maintains eternal fellowship with God. Worship is not an entertainment activity. Do not sit back and watch; true worship requires your active listening and participation. Even while muted, sing the hymns and speak the responses, prayers and confessions.**

Because of the second to second and a half lag-time between you and the source of the music or leading voice, unison participation requires us to mute our mic or phone if this feature is available, or cover the mouth-piece/mic. Only one voice should be heard responding to avoid confusion of the feedback and distract from our worship.. Our joyful noise is certainly heard by our Lord, but it is distracting to our worship concentration with the lag time. Remember, worship is not worship unless you are involved in the worship acts, so don't just watch, -- join in, listen, and participate.

You will have opportunity to speak to and greet each other both before and after worship. The actual worship will start at 10 AM, but we will establish our meeting for you to connect at or after 9:45 AM. You will come into the zoom waiting room and be brought in by the host or co-host ASAP. Your wait time will be very short.

We have opened up the church, so you can worship in it. **We will need to social distance as family units, wear masks, wash hands and enjoy fellowship together.** Cell Phones dialed into our zoom program will allow you to fellowship with and be active together in worship if you choose to worship from home. You are asked to mute your phone while service is going on and to worship normally. Communion is offered on the 1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, and 5<sup>th</sup> Sundays after completion of the worship on zoom. Private communion is offered upon request. We will continue to utilize Zoom for Sunday worship as part of our outreach to the community and for those who are at home or traveling.

Thank you for joining our worship today.  
Pastor Hank & St. John's Congregation

**St. John's Lutheran Church & CCDC**

**August 15, 2021 Proper 15 / 12<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**

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Divine Service Setting 1 / Service of the Word & Sacrament**

**GREETINGS:**

*P: We worship in the name of the Father and of the (+) Son and of the Holy Spirit.*

**C: Amen**

*P: The fear of the LORD is beginning of wisdom; all those who practice it have a good understanding.*

**C: His praise endures forever!**

**Opening Hymn LSB 497 “Come, Holy Ghost, God and Lord**

1. Come, Holy Ghost, God and Lord, With all Your graces now out-poured  
On each believer's mind and heart; Your fervent love to them impart.  
Lord, by the brightness of Your light In holy faith Your Church unite, From every land and  
ev'ry tongue This to Your praise, O Lord, our God, be sung: Alleluia, alleluia!
2. Come holy Light, guide divine, Now cause the Word of life to shine. Teach us to know our God  
a-right And call Him Father with delight. From ev'ry error keep us free; Let none but Christ  
our master be That we in living faith abide, In Him our Lord, with all our might confide.  
Alleluia, alleluia!
3. Come, holy Fire, comfort true, Grant us the will Your work to do And in Your service to  
abide; Let trials turn us not a-side. Lord, by Your pow'r prepare each heart, And to our  
weakness strength impart That bravely here we may contend, Through life and death to You,  
our Lord, ascend. Alleluia, alleluia!

**CONFESSION OF SINS**

*P: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.*

**C: but if we confess our sins, God, Who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins  
and  
cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

*P: Let us then, confess our sins to God our Father.*

**C: Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. 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. We justly deserve Your present and eternal  
punishment. 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 you and for His sake, forgives you  
all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore  
forgive you all your sins in the Name of the Father and of the (+) Son and of the Holy Spirit.*

**C: Amen!**

**INTROIT** (Ps.111:1-5, 9; Antiphon Ps.111:10)

*P: The fear of the LORD is beginning of wisdom; all those who practice it have a good understanding.*

**C: His praise endures forever!**

*P: Praise the LORD! I will give thanks to the LORD with my whole heart,*

**C: in the company of the upright, in the congregation.**

*P: Great are the works of the LORD,*

**C: studied by all who delight in them.**

*P: Full of splendor and majesty is His work,*

**C: and His righteousness endures forever.**

*P: He has caused His wondrous works to be remembered;*

**C: The LORD is gracious and merciful.**

*P: He provides food for those who fear Him;*

**C: He remembers His covenant forever.**

*P: He sent redemption to His people; He has commanded His covenant forever.*

**C: Holy and awesome is His Name!**

**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.**

*P: The fear of the LORD is beginning of wisdom; all those who practice it have a good understanding.*

**C: His praise endures forever!**

#### **KYRIE:**

*P: In peace, let us pray to the Lord.*

Sing **C: Lord, have mercy.**

*P: For the peace from above and for our salvation. Let us pray to the Lord.*

Sing **C: Lord, have mercy.**

*P: For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, & the unity of all,  
Let us pray to the Lord.*

Sing **C: Lord, have mercy.**

*P: For this holy house & for all who offer here their worship & praise. Let us pray to the Lord.*

Sing **C: Lord, have mercy.**

*P: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.*

Sing **C: Amen.**

#### **HYMN OF PRAISE LSB pg. 154: "This Is the Feast"**

**Refrain : This is the feast of victory for our God. Al-le-lu-ia. Al-le-lu-ia, Al-le-lu-ia**

1. --Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, Whose blood set us free to be people of God. *Refrain.*
2. Power, riches, wisdom, and strength, and honor, blessing, and glory are His. *Refrain*
3. Sing with all the people of God, and join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion. Stanza 4
4. Blessing, honor, glory, and might be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen *Refrain*
5. For the Lamb -- Who was slain has begun His reign. *Refrain*

#### **SALUTATION**

*P: The Lord be with you.*

Sing **C: And also with you.**

**COLLECT of the Day:**

*P: Let us pray. Almighty God, Whom to know is everlasting life, grant us to know Your Son, Jesus, to be the way, the truth, and the life, that we may steadfastly follow His steps in the way that leads to life eternal; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.*

Sing **C: AMEN.**

**FIRST READING: Joshua 24:1-2a, 14-18**

<sup>1</sup> Joshua gathered all the tribes of Israel to Shechem and summoned the elders, the heads, the judges, and the officers of Israel. And they presented themselves before God. <sup>2</sup> And Joshua said to all the people, . . . <sup>14</sup> “Now therefore fear the LORD and serve Him in sincerity and in faithfulness. Put away the gods that your fathers served beyond the River and in Egypt and serve the LORD. <sup>15</sup> And if it is evil in your eyes to serve the LORD, choose this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your fathers served in the region beyond the River, or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you dwell. But as for me and my house, we will serve the LORD.” <sup>16</sup> Then the people answered, “Far be it from us that we should forsake the LORD to serve other gods, <sup>17</sup> for it is the LORD our God Who brought us and our fathers up from the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery, and Who did those great signs in our sight and preserved us in all the way that we went, and among all the peoples through whom we passed. <sup>18</sup> And the LORD drove out before us all the peoples, the Amorites who lived in the land. Therefore we also serve the LORD, for He is our God.”

*P: This is the Word of the Lord!*

**C: Thanks be to God!**

**GRADUAL:** (Rom. 11:33,36)

*P: Fear the LORD, you His saints,*

**C: for those who fear Him lack nothing!**

*P: Many are the afflictions of the righteous,*

**C: but the LORD delivers him out of them all.**

**EPISTLE READING: Ephesians 5:6-21**

<sup>6</sup> Let no one deceive you with empty words, for because of these things the wrath of God comes upon the sons of disobedience. <sup>7</sup> Therefore do not become partners with them; <sup>8</sup> for at one time you were darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Walk as children of light <sup>9</sup> (for the fruit of light is found in all that is good and right and true). <sup>10</sup> and try to discern what is pleasing to the Lord. <sup>11</sup> Take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness, but instead expose them. <sup>12</sup> For it is shameful even to speak of the things that they do in secret. <sup>13</sup> But when anything is exposed by the light, it becomes visible, <sup>14</sup> for anything that becomes visible is light. Therefore it says “Awake, O sleeper, and arise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you.” <sup>15</sup> Look carefully then how you walk, not as unwise but as wise, <sup>16</sup> making the best use of the time, because the days are evil. <sup>17</sup> Therefore do not be foolish but understand what the will of the Lord is. <sup>18</sup> And do not get drunk with wine, for that is debauchery, but be filled with the Spirit, <sup>19</sup> addressing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody to the Lord with your heart, <sup>20</sup> giving thanks always and for everything to God the Father in the Name of our Lord Jesus Christ, <sup>21</sup> submitting to one another out of reverence for Christ.

*P: This is the Word of the Lord.*

**C: Thanks be to God.**

**Common Verse:**

Sing **Al-le-lu-ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. Al-le-lu-ia. Al-le-lu-ia.**

**GOSPEL LESSON: John 6: 51-69**

*P: The Holy Gospel according to St. John the 6th chapter.*

**Sing C: Glory to You, O Lord.**

<sup>51</sup> I am the living bread that came down from heaven. If anyone eats of this bread, he will live forever. And the bread that I will give for the life of the world is My flesh.” <sup>52</sup> The Jews then disputed among themselves, saying, “How can this man give us His flesh to eat? <sup>53</sup> So Jesus said to them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink His blood, you have no life in you. <sup>54</sup> Whoever feeds on My flesh and drinks My blood has eternal life, and I will raise him up on the last day. <sup>55</sup> For My flesh is true food, and My blood is true drink. <sup>56</sup> Whoever feeds on My flesh and drinks My blood abides in Me, and I in him. <sup>57</sup> As the living Father sent Me, and I live because of the Father, so whoever feeds on Me, he also will live because of Me. <sup>58</sup> This is the bread that came down from heaven, not like the bread the fathers ate and died. Whoever feeds on this bread will live forever. <sup>59</sup> Jesus said these things in the synagogue, as He taught at Capernaum. <sup>60</sup> When many of His disciples heard it, they said, “This is a hard saying; who can listen to it? <sup>61</sup> But Jesus, knowing in Himself that His disciples were grumbling about this said to them, “Do you take offense at this? <sup>62</sup> Then what if you were to see the Son of Man ascending to where He was before? <sup>63</sup> It is the Spirit Who gives life; the flesh is no help at all. The words that I have spoken to you are Spirit and life. <sup>64</sup> But there are some of you who do not believe.” (For Jesus knew from the beginning who those were who did not believe, and who it was who would betray Him. <sup>65</sup> And He said, “This is why I told you that no one can come to Me unless it is granted him by the Father.” <sup>66</sup> After this many of His disciples turned back and no longer walked with Him. <sup>67</sup> So Jesus said to the Twelve, “Do you want to go away as well?” <sup>68</sup> Simon Peter answered Him, “Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life, <sup>69</sup> and we have believed, and have come to know, that you are the Holy One of God.”

*This is the Gospel of the Lord.*

**Sing C: Praise to You, O Christ.**

**SERMON HYMN: Hymn LSB 601 “All Who Believe and Are Baptized”**

1. All who believe and are baptized Shall see the Lord’s salvation; Baptized into the death of Christ,  
They are a new creation. Through Christ’s redemption they shall stand  
Among the glorious, heav’nly band of ev’ry tribe and nation.
2. With one accord, O God, we pray: Grant us Your Holy Spirit. Help us in our infirmity  
Through Jesus’ blood and merit. Grant us to grow in grace each day  
That by this sacrament we may Eternal life inherit.

**SERMON: “Committing to Jesus is Wisdom Leading to Eternal Life”**

**Rite of Confirmation:**

**Confirmation of Jangjuol Paul Chuol’s Faith and Baptismal Covenantal Promise**

*Beloved in the Lord, our Lord Jesus Christ said to His apostles: “All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. Therefore, go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age.” You have been baptized and catechized in the Christian faith according to our Lord’s bidding. Jesus said, “Whoever confesses Me before men, I will also confess before My Father who is in*

*heaven. But whoever denies Me before men, I will also deny before My Father who is in heaven.” Lift up your hearts, therefore, to the God of all grace and joyfully give answer to what I now ask you in the Name of the Lord.*

*P: Do you this day in the presence of God and of this congregation acknowledge the gifts that God gave you in your Baptism?*

**Cat.: Yes, I do.**

*P: Do you renounce the devil?*

**Cat.: Yes, I renounce him.**

*P: Do you renounce all his works?*

**Cat.: Yes, I renounce them.**

*P: Do you renounce all his ways?*

**Cat.: Yes, I renounce them.**

*P: Do you believe in God, the Father Almighty?*

**Cat.: Yes, I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.**

*P: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord?*

**Cat.: Yes, 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 sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.**

*P: Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?*

**Cat.: Yes, 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.**

*P: Do you hold all the prophetic and apostolic Scriptures to be the inspired Word of God?*

**Cat.: I do.**

*P: Do you confess the doctrine of the Evangelical Lutheran Church, drawn from the Scriptures, as you have learned to know it from the Small Catechism, to be faithful and true?*

**Cat.: I do**

*P: Do you intend to hear the Word of God and receive the Lord’s Supper faithfully?*

**Cat.: I do, by the grace of God.**

*P: Do you intend to live according to the Word of God, and in faith, word, and deed to remain true to God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, even to death?*

**Cat.: I do, by the grace of God.**

*P: Do you intend to continue steadfast in the confession and Church and to suffer all, even death, rather than fall away from it?*

**Cat.: I do, by the grace of God.**

*P: We rejoice with thankful hearts that you have been baptized and have received the teaching of the Lord. You have confessed the faith and have been absolved of your sins. As you*

*continue to hear the Lord's Word and receive His blessed Sacrament, He who has begun a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ.*

**Cat.: Amen**

*P: Jangjuol Paul Chuol, the almighty God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, Who has given you the new birth of water and of the Spirit and has forgiven you all your sins, strengthen you with His grace to life (+) everlasting.*

### **Jangjuol Paul Chuol's Confirmation Verse**

**Prayer: Let us pray;**

**Almighty and most merciful Father, in the waters of Holy Baptism You have united Your child JJ in the suffering and death of Your Son Jesus Christ, cleansing him by Christ's blood. Renew in him the gift of Your Holy Spirit, that he may live in daily contrition and repentance with a faith that ever clings to his Savior. Deliver him from the power of Satan and preserve him from false and dangerous doctrines, that he may remain faithful in hearing Christ's Word and receiving His body and blood. By the Lord's Supper strengthen him to believe that no one can make satisfaction for sin but Christ alone. Enable him to find joy and comfort only in Christ, learning from this Sacrament to love You and his neighbor, and to bear his cross with patience and joy until the day of the resurrection of their bodies to life immortal; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.**

**C: Amen**

**Peace (+) be with you**

**C: Amen**

**Prayer Hymn: LSB 809 "Great Is Thy Faithfulness"**

*Refrain: Great is Thy faithfulness! Great is Thy Faithfulness! Morning by morning new mercies I see;*

*All I have needed Thy hand hath provided; Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!*

- 1. Great is Thy faithfulness, O God my Father; There is no shadow or turning with Thee. Thou changest not: Thy compassions, they fail not; As thou has been, Thou forever wilt be. (refrain)*
- 2. Summer and winter and springtime and harvest, Sun, moon, and stars in their courses above, Join with all nature in manifold witness To Thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love. (refrain)*
- 3. Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth, Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide; Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow, Blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside! (refrain)*

### **PRAYER OF THE CHURCH:**

*(after each petition ending in Lord in your mercy-- the congregational response is): **Hear our prayer.***

**P:** *Almighty God and gracious Father We pray for our members and friends Dru Gylten, Robert Schiavo, Sharyn Oliver, Louise Merritt, Bob Malinsky, Dorothy Erickson, Joan Schrank, Lola Stopper, Irma Keil, Irmgard Ristau, Maurine Rathje, Barbara Clark, and Colleen & Ray Johnson. In Your mercy look on us whose increasing years bring weakness, anxiety, distress, or loneliness. Grant that we may always know care and respect, concern and understanding. Grant us willing hearts to accept help and, as our strength wanes, increase our faith with the constant assurance of Your love, through Jesus Christ, our Savior;*

*Lord in Your mercy:*

**C: Hear our prayer.**

... etc

**P:** *and teach us to pray;*

**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.**

*Sing* **OFFERTORY:**

**All:** What shall I render to the Lord for all His benefits to me?

I will offer the sacrifice of thanksgiving and will call on the Name of the Lord.

I will take the cup of salvation, and will call on the Name of the Lord.

I will pay my vows to the Lord now in the presence of all His people,

In the courts of the Lord's house, in the midst of you, O Jerusalem.

**OFFERING:** (As you are privileged, do contribute to our Lord's ministry by sending your offering in support of God's ministry at St. John's Lutheran Church, 475 East Herbert Ave., Salt Lake City, UT 84111)  
*In the House of the Lord, the Offering is taken for the partnership with God in His ministry in our community and through this congregation. To participate, you will need to send it to the address above or use the PayPal app on our website. [stjohnslutheranslc.org](http://stjohnslutheranslc.org)*

**Offering Hymn LSB 789 Praise and Thanksgiving**

1. Praise and thanks-giving, Father, we offer For all things living, Created good: Harvest of sown fields, Fruits of the orchard, Hay from the mown fields, Blossom and wood.
2. Bless, Lord, the labor We bring to serve You That with our neighbor We may be fed. Sowing or tilling, We would work with You, Harvesting, milling For daily bread.
3. Father, providing Food for Your children, By Your wise guiding Teach us to share One with another, So that, rejoicing With us, all others May know Your care.

**BENEDICTION**

*P: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and (+) give you peace.*

**C: AMEN.**

**Closing Hymn LSB 837 "Lift High the Cross"**

**Refrain: Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim Till all the world adore His sacred Name.**

1. Come, Christians, follow where our Captain trod, Our King victorious, Christ, the Son of God. *Refrain*
2. Led on their way by this triumphant sign, The hosts of God in conqu'ring ranks combine. *Refrain*
3. All new born soldiers of the Crucified Bear on their brows the seal of Him who died. *Refrain*
4. O Lord, once lifted on the glorious tree, As Thou hast promised, draw us all to Thee. *Refrain*
5. Let ev'ry race and ev'ry language tell of Him Who saves our lives from death and hell. *Refrain*

6. So shall our song of triumph ever be: Praise to the Crucified for victory! *Refrain*

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

1. Please keep in your prayers: Dru Gylten, Robert Schiavo, Sharyn Oliver, Louise Merritt, Bob Malinsky, Dorothy Erickson, Joan Schrank, Lola Stopper, Irma Keil, Irmgard Ristau, Maurine Rathje, Barbara Clark, and Colleen & Ray Johnson.

2. Wednesday Bible Study is at 10 AM on zoom. Request a link from Susan. All are invited. We will be beginning the First Letter of Peter. [susan.roberts.utah@gmail.com](mailto:susan.roberts.utah@gmail.com)

3. The church is open for at-church worship. Please social distance. Wearing masks is back especially if you have not been vaccinated for Covid 19.

4. Continue to gather your yard sale donation stuff together. We will be holding the sale in September.

5. Our Mission in Akobo South Sudan needs our prayers for their people and Pastor Stevens and others who are sharing the Gospel and need economic support. Poor economic / food shortages due to war and pandemic along with a rainy season that is extreme challenge to our ministry there. Continued mission outreach is critical as this open door seems to be in danger of closing.