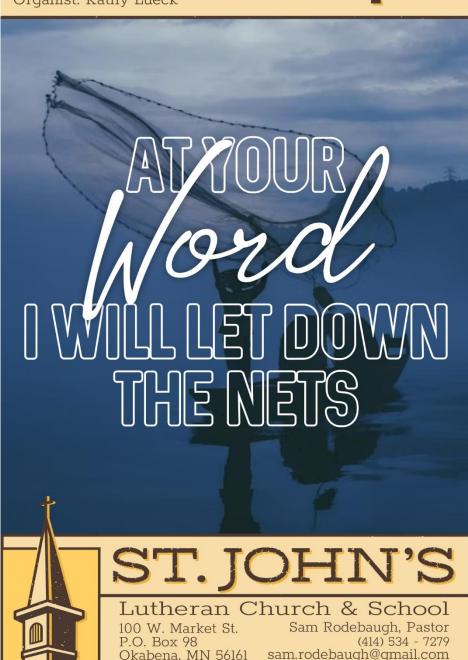
5th Sunday after Trinity

July 20th, 2025

Liturgy: TLH p. 5

Organist: Kathy Lueck





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# → Opening Prayer →

**Hymn: TLH #16** "Blessed Jesus, at Thy Word"

P In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** ♪ Amen.

# **Confession of Our Sins**

P Pastor

Congregation

We come before God recognizing that we are sinful and daily need His forgiveness.

- P Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.
- P Our help is in the name of the Lord,
- **©** ♪ Who made heaven and earth.
- P I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord.
- And Thou forgavest the iniquity of my sin.
- P Almighty God our Maker and Redeemer, we poor sinners confess unto Thee that we are by nature sinful and unclean and that we have sinned against Thee by thought, word, and deed. Wherefore we flee for refuge to Thine infinite mercy, seeking and imploring Thy grace for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ.
- O most merciful God, who hast given Thine only begotten Son to die for us, have mercy upon us and for His sake grant us remission of all our sins; and by Thy Holy Spirit increase in us true knowledge of Thee and of Thy will and true obedience to Thy Word, to the end that by Thy grace we may come to everlasting life, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

# **Absolution from Our God**

"If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness." (1 John 1:9)

- P Almighty God, our heavenly Father, hath had mercy upon us and hath given His only Son to die for us and for His sake forgives us all our sins. To them that believe on His name He giveth power to become the children of God and has promised them His Holy Spirit. He that believes and is baptized shall be saved. Grant this, Lord unto us all.

A collection of passages that set the tone for the service.

- P Hear, O Lord, when I cry aloud; be gracious to me and answer me!
- O you who have been my help, forsake me not, O God of my salvation!
- **P** The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear?
- Teach me your way, O Lord, and lead me on a level path because of my enemies.
- P Give me not up to the will of my adversaries; for false witnesses have risen against me, and they breathe out violence.
- Wait for the Lord; be strong, and let your heart take courage; wait for the Lord!
- P 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.

#### The Gloria Patri

TLH #271:5

Latin for "Glory be to the Father."

☐ ♪ Thee, th' almighty King eternal,
Father of th' eternal Word,
Thee, the Father's Word supernal,
Thee, of both the Breath adored,
Heaven and earth and realms infernal
Own one glorious God and Lord.

#### The Salutation

- P The Lord be with you.
- And with thy spirit.

# The Collect Prayer of the Day

- P O God, You have prepared for those who love You good things that surpass all understanding. Pour into our hearts such love toward You that we, loving You above all things, may obtain Your promises, which exceed all that we can desire; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C ♪ Amen.



# 1 Kings 19:11-21

And he said, "Go out and stand on the mount before the LORD." And behold, the

LORD passed by, and a great and strong wind tore the mountains and broke in pieces the rocks before the LORD, but the LORD was not in the wind. And after the wind an earthquake, but the LORD was not in the earthquake. 12 And after the earthquake a fire, but the LORD was not in the fire. And after the fire the sound of a low whisper. 13 And when Elijah heard it, he wrapped his face in his cloak and went out and stood at the entrance of the cave. And behold, there came a voice to him and said, "What are you doing here, Elijah?" 14 He said, "I have been very jealous for the LORD, the God of hosts. For the people of Israel have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword, and I, even I only, am left, and they seek my life, to take it away." 15 And the LORD said to him, "Go, return on your way to the wilderness of Damascus. And when you arrive, you shall anoint Hazael to be king over Syria. 16 And Jehu the son of Nimshi you shall anoint to be king over Israel, and Elisha the son of Shaphat of Abel-meholah you shall anoint to be prophet in your place. 17 And the one who escapes from the sword of Hazael shall Jehu put to death, and the one who escapes from the sword of Jehu shall Elisha put to death. 18 Yet I will leave seven thousand in Israel, all the knees that have not bowed to Baal, and every mouth that has not kissed him." 19 So he departed from there and found Elisha the son of Shaphat, who was plowing with twelve yoke of oxen in front of him, and he was with the twelfth. Elijah passed by him and cast his cloak upon him. 20 And he left the oxen and ran after Elijah and said, "Let me kiss my father and my mother, and then I will follow you." And he said to him, "Go back again, for what have I done to you?" 21 And he returned from following him and took the yoke of oxen and sacrificed them and boiled their flesh with the yokes of the oxen and gave it to the people, and they ate. Then he arose and went after Elijah and assisted him.



# Corinthians 1:18-25

For the word of the cross is folly to those who are perishing, but to us who are

being saved it is the power of God. <sup>19</sup> For it is written, "I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart." <sup>20</sup> Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? <sup>21</sup> For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, it pleased God through the folly of what we preach to save those who believe. <sup>22</sup> For Jews demand signs and Greeks seek wisdom, <sup>23</sup> but we preach Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and folly to Gentiles, <sup>24</sup> but to those who are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. <sup>25</sup> For the foolishness of God is wiser than men, and the weakness of God is stronger than men.



# **The Baptism of**Silas Schaller Rodebaugh



**Confession of Faith** 

The Apostles' Creed

C 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.

**Hymn: WS #750** "See This Wonder in the Making"



# Luke 5:1-11

On one occasion, while the crowd was pressing in on him to hear the word of God, he

was standing by the lake of Gennesaret, 2 and he saw two boats by the lake, but the fishermen had gone out of them and were washing their nets. <sup>3</sup> Getting into one of the boats, which was Simon's, he asked him to put out a little from the land. And he sat down and taught the people from the boat. <sup>4</sup> And when he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, "Put out into the deep and let down your nets for a catch." 5 And Simon answered, "Master, we toiled all night and took nothing! But at your word I will let down the nets." 6 And when they had done this, they enclosed a large number of fish, and their nets were breaking. <sup>7</sup> They signaled to their partners in the other boat to come and help them. And they came and filled both the boats, so that they began to sink. 8 But when Simon Peter saw it, he fell down at Jesus' knees, saying, "Depart from me, for I am a sinful man, O Lord." 9 For he and all who were with him were astonished at the catch of fish that they had taken, 10 and so also were James and John, sons of Zebedee, who were partners with Simon. And Jesus said to Simon, "Do not be afraid; from now on you will be catching men." 11 And when they had brought their boats to land, they left everything and followed him.

# Hang Upon the Word of Jesus

I. Listen to it
II. Depend upon it

# The Offertory

☐ ☐ Create in me a clean heart, O God, And renew a right spirit within me Cast me not away from Thy presence; And take not Thy Holy Spirit from me. Restore unto me the joy of thy salvation; And uphold me with thy free spirit. Amen.

+ The Offering of Thankful Hearts +

**Hymn: TLH #261** "Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Thy Word"

## + The General Prayer & The Lord's Prayer +

### The Benediction

Numbers 6:24-26

The blessing given by God for His people.

- The LORD bless you and keep you; The LORD make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you; The LORD lift up His countenance upon you and give you His peace.
- ☐ 
  ☐ Amen, amen, a men.

**Hymn: TLH #283** "God's Word Is Our Great Heritage"

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July Quarterly Meeting Today – The voting members of St. John's are invited and encouraged to attend our July Quarterly Meeting today in the auditorium after church. Besides regular Board reports, the agenda will include: St. John's Budget for the next fiscal year (July 1, 2025 – June 30, 2026), Reformation Service schedule, possibly hosting a Joint Mission Festival – schedule/speaker, School Board to call prospective Sunday School teachers, October Quarterly Meeting date.

Ladies Night Out – Thursday, August 21st at 6:30 PM at Meadow Forge Flower Farm in Lakefield. Join us for a relaxing evening of fellowship, including a tour of the flower fields and guidance on picking and arranging your own bouquet. Each participant will take home their personally created arrangement. The cost is \$35 per person, and all supplies are included. Space is limited to 20 participants, so please RSVP by August 14th to reserve your spot. Sign up-sheet is in the entryway. Payment can be placed in Mary Albrecht's mailbox, and any questions can be directed to her.

**<u>VBS</u>** will be held this week from 9-11:30 am, Monday through Friday. If you are able and willing, please take one last look at the snacks list to see if there are any other snacks that you might be able to donate. Thank you!

<u>VBS Picnic</u> – The VBS Picnic will be held next Sunday after church. Please be sure to plan on staying after church for this fellowship meal. Congregation members are asked to bring side dishes and desserts. Thank you!

<u>Peyton and Kendall Bose</u> have completed their confirmation instruction and, after an examination with Pastor, have been approved for communicant membership at St. John's. They will be confirmed and welcomed into full membership during the church service next weekend via affirmation of faith (rather than a full examination). Cake will be provided after!

Save Your Pop Tabs! Pastor Joe Naumann's family (Mankato) is collecting pop tabs to support the Ronald McDonald House. The organization recycles the tabs and uses the funds to help families facing difficult medical situations. Pastor Naumann's daughter, Adelaide, now four years old, spent 164 days in the hospital after birth. During that time, the Ronald McDonald House served as a home away from home for their family. Please consider saving your pop tabs and placing them in the container on the coat rack. Thank you for supporting this meaningful cause!

**Thank you** for the many prayers this past week. Silas was born on Monday evening, weighing 8 lbs, 3 oz and 21" in length. Jess and Silas are both doing very well, praise the Lord!

Ushers	7/20	Phil S, Nathan V, Anthony F, Daniel R.
	7/27	Trevor B, Tim Z, Josh E, Christian K, David R.
	8/3	Kendall B, Larry B.
Cleaning		This Week – The Boernsens (wk. 4)
		Up Next – Lueck, Liepold