

**SERVICE OF THE WORD**  
8:30 and 10:45 a.m.

**THE LORD PREPARES OUR HEARTS**

The Prelude, "O Day Full of Grace" arr. Raymond Haan  
"Spirit of God" Atkinson

**THE LORD GATHERS US TOGETHER FOR WORSHIP**

The Gathering Song, "O Day Full of Grace" No. 627  
The Confession and Forgiveness Page 211  
The Greeting and Kyrie Page 213  
The Hymn of Praise Page 213

Refrain: Congregation  
Verse 1: Leader  
Verses 2 and 3: Congregation

The Prayer of the Day – In Unison

O God, on this day you open the hearts of your faithful people by sending into us your Holy Spirit. Direct us by the light of that Spirit, that we may have a right judgment in all things and rejoice at all times in your peace, through Jesus Christ, your Son and our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

The Anthem, 8:30 – "Gracious Spirit, Dwell with Me" arr. K. Lee Scott  
10:45 – "You Are the Hands" Bailey/Mayo

**THE LORD SPEAKS TO US**

The First Reading: Acts 2:1-21  
(8:30) The Psalm: Psalm 104:24-35 No. 104  
(10:45) The Anthem, "Love the Lord with All Your Heart" Larson/Williams  
The Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 12:3b-13  
The Gospel Acclamation Page 216  
The Gospel: John 20:19-23  
The Pulpit Hymn, "Gracious Spirit, Heed Our Pleading" No. 401, vs. 1,2  
The Children's Message, "Pentecost Day"  
The Pulpit Hymn, "Gracious Spirit, Heed Our Pleading" No. 401, vs. 3,4,5  
The Sermon: "THE GIFT OF FAITH"

**THE LORD CALLS FORTH OUR RESPONSE**

(8:30) The Hymn of the Day, "Holy Spirit, Ever Dwelling" No. 582  
(8:30) The Apostles' Creed Page 217  
(10:45) The Hymn of the Day, "Holy Spirit, Ever Dwelling" No. 582, vs. 1  
The Offering, "Holy Spirit, Rain Down" arr. Lynette Maynard  
The Canticle of Thanksgiving Page 219  
(10:45) The Holy Baptism Page 227  
(10:45) The Hymn of the Day, "Holy Spirit, Ever Dwelling" No. 582, vs. 2,3  
The Concerns of the Church  
The Prayers, Lord's Prayer, and Blessing  
The Sending Song, "Spirit of Gentleness" No. 396  
The Dismissal  
The Postlude, "Gracious Spirit, Heed Our Pleading" arr. Anne Krentz Organ

**A CORDIAL WELCOME TO YOU** from the entire family of believers in Christ of St. John's Church! May God the Father and the crucified and risen Lord Jesus Christ give you grace and peace by the power of the Holy Spirit. If you are a visitor, you are invited to sign the Welcome Pad and come and worship with us again! If you brought your **CELL PHONE** to church today, please be sure to turn it off as you prepare for worship. **A NURSERY** is available this morning down the southeast hallway in Matthew. If your **CHILD** needs a **BRIEF BREAK** from worship there is a **CRY ROOM** available, with sound, tables, chairs, and visibility into the sanctuary to your right as you exit the sanctuary.

**TODAY IS THE FESTIVAL OF THE DAY OF PENTECOST!** On the Day of Pentecost the church celebrates the coming of the promised Holy Spirit as sent by the risen Lord. The Acts account of the Pentecost event indicates that the Spirit descended upon the apostles as tongues of fire. Consequently, the flame has been used as a Pentecost symbol. Seven flames often have been employed to represent the traditional "seven gifts of the Spirit": wisdom, understanding, counsel, might, knowledge, fear of the Lord, and joy. Red is the suggested liturgical color for the day, symbolizing the fire of the Holy Spirit.

**BAPTIZED AT THE 10:45 SERVICE THIS MORNING ARE** Leah Elisabeth Wellington and Ethan Ross Wohlhuter. Leah's parents are Derek and Sarah Wellington. Leah's baptismal sponsors are Stephanie Havemeier and Shannon Schmitz. Ethan's parents are Ross Jon and Alison Wohlhuter. Ethan's baptismal sponsors are Ryan Fett, Ben and Tanya Stuber, and Emily Wohlhuter. Congratulations, Leah and Ethan, children of God!

**WORSHIP OF OUR LORD JESUS AT ST. JOHN'S CHURCH** is celebrated in the classic, historic, liturgical format that is practiced around the world and has sustained the faith of the Church for centuries. St. John's Church serves the greater Lakeville area through a membership of 1,578 baptized believers in Christ.



**PARTY DETAILS:**

- Date: This Thursday, May 15, 2008
- Time: 7:15 p.m.
- Location: Let's Dish! Apple Valley, 5052 Gleason Path (between Panera Bread and Super Target) Apple Valley, (952) 997-2380
- Who: All women of St. John's

**What's Let's Dish!?** Let's Dish! is an innovative meal preparation store where you can make ready-to-cook meals for your family in just two hours. You simply go online to register or call the store and choose your menu. Then, when you come to the store, you'll find the ingredients for your meals sliced, diced and ready to go - you just assemble your dishes, spend time with your friends, and enjoy refreshments along the way. Visit [www.letsdish.com](http://www.letsdish.com) to learn more.

**What does it Cost?** You can prepare a total of 4 dishes for \$89.00 or 8 dishes for \$155.00 or 12 dishes for \$209.00. If more than 10 people register for the party before Thursday, May 15, 2008 at 7:15 p.m., each attendee will get a bonus dish - Oatmeal Cake with Caramel Glaze - FREE. Each dish equals six portions. Two people may split the dishes, but just one should sign up and pay.

**R.S.V.P.** today if you can attend, visit [www.letsdish.com](http://www.letsdish.com) to register now or call the store. Choose "R.S.V.P. to a Private Party", then select "St. John's Lutheran Women's Party," enter your private party password when prompted, and then follow the directions to select your meals and pay. Your private party password is: Act Boldly (Don't forget - register by Thursday, May 15, 2008 at 7:15 p.m. to help the group get the bonus dish.) Hope to see you there.

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<p><b><u>St. John's Program Staff</u></b>          Pastor: Gregg Helland          Administrator: Judith Nyssen          Youth Director: Peter St. Lawrence          Parish Nurse: Margaret Sharkey          Director of Children's Ministry: Kristi Paulson</p>	<p><b><u>St. John's Music Staff</u></b>          Director of Music: Deborah Helland          Organist: Shirley Peterson  <i>Praise Singers</i> Director: Julie Brott  <i>GRACE Singers</i> Director: Jamye Casperson  <i>Sonshine Singers</i> Director: Barbara Ross</p>
<p><b><u>St. John's Support Staff</u></b>          Administrative Secretary: Jill Fioreck          Nursery Attendants: Carrie Flesch, Jenna Holm, Set-up: Leon Nyssen</p>	

<h1 style="margin: 0;">St. John's Notebook</h1>
<p><b>Mission Statement</b>          "We are here to share the Good News of Jesus Christ and to reach out in his love to all people."</p>

**ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK AT ST. JOHN'S CHURCH**

<b>SUN</b> 5/11	8:30/10:45 a.m.	Worship/Pentecost/Teacher Appreciation Sunday
	9:40 a.m.	Education Hour 3-year-olds through Adult
	6:00 p.m.	<i>Reflect</i>
<b>MON</b> 5/12	3:00 p.m.	Piano Lessons
	6:15 p.m.	Firelight Committee Meeting
	7:00 p.m.	Boy Scouts/Committee Night
<b>TUE</b> 5/13	8:30 a.m.	St. John's Quilters
	10:00 a.m.	Staff Meeting
	6:30 p.m.	Global Missions Meeting
	7:00 p.m.	Technology Meeting
<b>WED</b> 5/14	5:00/6:00/7:00 p.m.	<i>Affirm</i> Classes
	5:00 p.m.	<i>Pizza, Subs, and More</i>
	6:00 p.m.	<i>Sonshine, GRACE Singers</i> Rehearsal/ Women's Group
	7:00 p.m.	<i>Chancel Choir, Praise Singers</i> Rehearsal/ <i>Ablaze</i> , 6 <sup>th</sup> Grade Education/Men's Group
<b>THUR</b> 5/15	3:00-5:00/5:00-7:00 p.m.	Loaves and Fishes, Bloomington
	7:15 p.m.	Let's Dish, Apple Valley
<b>SUN</b> 5/18	8:30/10:45 a.m.	Worship/Communion/Choir Festival Sunday
	9:40 a.m.	Education Hour 3-year-olds through Adult
	6:00 p.m.	<i>Reflect</i>

**A VERY BLESSED MOTHER'S DAY** to all mothers who are worshipping with us today! God bless you in your important calling of parenting.

**LARGE PRINT HYMNALS** for today's worship services are available on the small table by the entrance to the sanctuary.

**HEARING ASSISTANCE** devices are available at the sound desk. Please talk to one of St. John's sound team technicians in the sound booth.

**FLOWERS TODAY:** Ardyce and Wally Potter, in memory of Randy. Irene Peterson, in memory of parents.

**BULLETIN SPONSORSHIP:** Glenn and Ardelle Kirkeby, in memory of Ardelle's mother.

**THOSE AIDING OUR WORSHIP TODAY**

Ministers: Every member of St. John's Church

Deacons: Dan Brown, David Casperson

Organist: Shirley Peterson

*Chancel Choir* Director: Jamye Casperson

*Sonshine Singers* Director: Barb Ross

*Praise Singers* Director: Julie Brott

Sound Technician: Dave Coldren

Nursery Attendant: Jenna Holm

**8:30**

**10:45**

Greeters: Wheeler family

Usher Teams: Mel Lehmann

Crucifers: Sierra Charbonneau

Acolytes: Caitlin Casperson

Choirs: *Chancel Choir*

Iversen & Foster families

Lexi Halvorson

Matthew Vollmar

*Sonshine Singers*

*Praise Singers*

Readers: Karen Paul

Nursery Helpers: Grant Gangeness

Shari Howell

Blake Olmscheid

**ADULTS JOIN US IN THE SANCTUARY AT 9:40 TODAY:**



Our guest Bible teacher for April 27 – May 11 is Dr. Frederick Gaiser, Professor of Old Testament at Luther Seminary in St. Paul, MN. Dr. Gaiser's topic for discussion in A.C.E. will be "**Evil in the Bible**". We

will consider "Evil in the Bible" for three weeks and in three ways—each of them with a biblical basis. **Today's topic:** In a haunting passage, God announces, "I form the light, and create darkness: I make peace, and create evil: I the Lord do all these things" (Isaiah 45:6 KJV). So, is it worse than we thought? Is it all God's fault? Does God really create evil? Do we like what the Bible says about evil? And, finally, where do we go from here?

**NEXT WEEK:** Pastor Helland will conclude this year's sessions of A.C.E. on Sunday, May 18 which happens to be the Sunday the church observes as the Festival of the Trinity. Pastor Helland will lead a discussion on the topic, "The Triune God: Simply Doctrine or Truth for Christian Faith and Life?"

**LOAVES AND FISHES** St. John's will be serving a hot meal this Thursday, May 15, at the Creekside Community Center in Bloomington. Would you like to help prepare or serve this meal? Please sign up today on the sheet located on the bulletin board near the coat racks.

- Michael and Julie Brott, in honor of Alexander, Christian, and Jacob
- Don and Mary Cross, in honor of grandchildren
- Nancy Cross, in memory of parents

- Debbie and Joe Damiano, in memory of Dorothy Fagerness, Tony Damiano, Aunt Lil, and Uncle Stan Larson and in honor of Kyle, Sarah and Kayla Damiano
- Del and Betty Doetkott, in honor of new great-grandson, Caleb Swedin
- Kristi, Patrick, and Ben Doherty, in memory of Grandma K, Grandma Marge, and Michelle Renn and in memory of our family and friends
- Jerry and Doreen Enggren, in memory of parents and brother
- Kathleen Harter, in memory of Phil
- Margaret Havemeier, in honor of children and grandchildren
- Jim and Selma Holm, in memory of our fathers and in honor of our mothers and children
- The Dave Horn family, in honor of our Sunday School classes
- Betty Langord, in honor of granddaughter Julie
- Mel and Susan Lehmann, in memory of parents and loved ones
- Jo Lorentson, in memory of Vern
- Marv and Linda Moe, in honor of grandchildren
- Clarice Norgaard
- Leon and Judy Nyssen, in honor of children and grandchildren
- Darlene Pedersen, in memory of loved ones
- Duane and Marilyn Petersen, in honor of grandchildren
- Burt and Shirley Peterson, in memory of Ted Berndt, Morris and Myrtle Peterson
- Rose Marie and Elaine Ratzlaff, in memory of Rich, Art and Rose Ratzlaff
- Barb Reber, in memory of loved ones
- Stacey Simonett, in honor of Joel and Joan Schrock
- Keith and Stacy Stanek, in memory of Edna Kroiss and in honor of Emma and Lucas Stanek
- Gary and Judy Stinar, in honor of Irene Stinar on her 97<sup>th</sup> birthday today
- Jack and Barb Strommer
- Roger and Judy Tews, in memory of mother, Margaret Exe and in honor of grandchildren
- Mary Ann and Jim White, in memory of our parents and son
- Paul and Becky Wigley, in memory of Richard Wigley
- Helen and Don Wysocki, in honor of children and grandchildren

**TO PREPARE FOR NEXT SUNDAY'S WORSHIP,** you are invited to read next Sunday's readings in advance. The readings will be as follows: First Reading – Genesis 1:1 – 2:4a; Second Reading – 2 Corinthians 13:11-13; Gospel – Matthew 28:16-20. Pastor Helland plans to be preaching on the Gospel.

**PARTICIPANTS FOR WORSHIP NEXT SUNDAY, MAY 18**

Deacons: Dan Brown, Dave Casperson

Choirs: *Sonshine Singers, GRACE Singers, Praise Singers, Chancel Choir*  
Flute: Shari Howell  
Sound Technician: Blair Aakre  
Nursery Attendant: Jenna Holm

	<b>8:30</b>	<b>10:45</b>
Greeters:	Schaller family	Wright family
Usher Teams:	Mark Miller	Ross & Walker families
Crucifers:	Grant McDonald	Abbie Ness
Acolytes:	Megan Carlone	Grant McDonald
Communion:	Danny Barth	Barry Fick
	John & Jeanne Hartwig	Tess Gustafson
	Ron Swagger	Keith & Shari Howell
		Fran Wood
Nursery Helpers:	Abby Heiller	Rachel Zahratka

**FROM THE YOUTH DIRECTOR:** Hi everyone! Just a few reminders; we still need some youth, grades 6-12, to volunteer at our Vacation Bible School this June. The workshop will be held May 22 at 6:00 p.m. here at St. John's, and VBS itself will be June 9-13. Please sign-up with Kristi because it's going to be very fun and helpful to the younger kids. Also, everyone look out for the "Hands with Purpose" mission week volunteer sign-ups. It is the first time we've ever done this and we are hoping to get support and collaboration from the whole congregation. Thanks for reading and have a blessed week everyone. – Peter "Whosoever shall seek to save his life shall lose it; and whosoever shall lose his life shall preserve it. - Luke 17:33

**CONGRATULATIONS TO THE FIRST AND SECOND GRADERS AND THEIR TEACHERS!**

They helped to collect and personalize with special notes **578 children's books!** How amazing to think what can be done in only one month! Some of the books will be donated to the Lewis House in Eagan. Others are already on their way to the children that were affected by Hurricane Katrina. (Thank you to the Market family for their help with delivering!) We even used some of the children's books to update our Sunshine bags for the little ones at St. John's. (Thank you to our third graders and their teachers!) Your help as a congregation with this special project is very much appreciated! God bless you!

**WHERE IN THE WORLD DID I PUT THAT?** If you've asked yourself this question recently, check out the lost and found table located in the narthex, next to where coffee and donuts are being served, this morning.

**NEW MEMBER SUNDAY WILL BE CELEBRATED** Sunday, June 15. If you have interest in membership at St. John's Church you are invited to contact Pastor Helland by phone, 952-469-4916, or by e-mail, [pastor@sjlcl.org](mailto:pastor@sjlcl.org) We would love to have you on board!

## **SUNDAY MORNING SUMMER SCHEDULE**

begins at St John's Church on Sunday, May 25, Memorial Day Weekend! The Sunday morning schedule May 25 through the Sunday of Labor Day Weekend, August 31 will be:

**8:30 a.m. – WORSHIP**

**10:00 a.m. – WORSHIP**

**PLEASE NOTE THAT SECOND SERVICE IS SCHEDULED 45 MINUTES EARLIER DURING THE SUMMER THAN DURING OUR REGULAR PROGRAM YEAR!!!** See you in church this summer!

**THE 2008 ASSEMBLY OF THE SAINT PAUL AREA SYNOD** will be held Friday, May 30, 8:45 a.m. – 8:30 p.m. and Saturday, May 31, 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. at Prince of Peace Lutheran Church in Burnsville. This is the annual meeting of the synod and is attended by delegates of the congregations of the synod. Presently Pastor Helland, Barry Fick, and Ginger Gustafson are planning to attend from St. John's Church. The congregation is currently in need of one more female delegate to attend with the delegation. If you would be willing to attend with the delegation as a female delegate, please call the church office, 952-469-4916 or e-mail Pastor Helland at [pastor@sjlcl.org](mailto:pastor@sjlcl.org) and let him know.

**THANK YOU TO ALL WHO donated geraniums to decorate our chancel this morning on this festive day.** You are encouraged to return after the 10:45 service today to pick up your geraniums. They will also be available throughout the week, Monday through Friday, 8:00-4:30 p.m.

- John and Bea Antolik, in memory of Marie Lambader
- Dave and Alice Anton, in honor of our grandchildren, Raven, Lauren, Kyle and Blake
- Barbara L. Bailey, in memory of David C. Bailey
- Eleanor Bergland, in memory of husband and parents
- Larry and Glory Blakeborough, in honor of grandson's high school graduation
- George and Margory Boss
- Jan Brandes, in memory of Dick Brandes and Charles and Emma Erickson