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**FIFTEENTH SUNDAY  
AFTER PENTECOST**

September 5, 2021  
11:00 am



## OUR MISSION STATEMENT

***“St. John will do whatever it takes for the sake of God’s Kingdom.”***

We accomplish this by:

**RELY**(ing) on God; **RELATE** (ing) to each other as Christ taught;  
**RESPOND** (ing) to His grace with the help of the Holy Spirit

## WELCOME TO OUR GUESTS!

Friend, welcome to St. John! This bulletin will lead you through today’s service. Following the service, please introduce yourself to Pastor Cosgrove. We pray God would use today’s worship service to touch your heart with His grace.

## HOLY COMMUNION

We invite baptized Christians who acknowledge their sinfulness, trust in Christ as their Savior, and recognize the real presence of Christ’s Body and Blood in the bread and wine for the forgiveness of their sins, to join us for the Lord’s Supper. On **June 6<sup>th</sup>**, we went back to offering communion at the rail with individual cups for those that want it. The all-in-one communion cups can still be picked up in the Narthex when you arrive for those who do not yet feel comfortable coming to the rail to receive communion.

## IF YOU ARE A VISITOR:

We thank you for worshipping with us today! If you would like to be part of our daily email, please fill out the form at the back of this bulletin and leave it on your seat. If you do not have a writing implement available, there are some pencils located on a table in the Narthex. You can fill the form out there and place it in the basket when complete. Thank you; and you are always free to speak to the Pastor after the service, or you can email him any questions you may have considering the ministry of St. John at [pstrcosgrove@comcast.net](mailto:pstrcosgrove@comcast.net).

**Large print bulletins** are available upon request.

**THANK YOU** to the Volunteers who served us today.

***If you have a special PRAYER REQUEST to be included on our prayer list, please fill out the blue “Prayer Request” card and place it in the wooden offering box.***



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## PRELUDE

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*Congregation stands*

### INVOCATION

- P** In the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.  
**C** Amen.

### CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

- P** Yes, the Lord reigns over every nation, language, and people. Yet, we have not loved all people as Christ has loved us. The fruits of our faith are not always evident. But our Lord is gracious and merciful, and He offers His forgiveness to all.

*Silence for reflection.*

- P** Heavenly Father,  
**C** **we have failed to love others as You love them. We have failed to reflect Your grace to the world in service and sacrifice. We have failed in our actions and in our unwillingness to act. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may follow You in joy. Amen.**
- P** Almighty God in His mercy sent Jesus Christ into our world to serve and save all people, showing no partiality or favoritism. By His death, He forgives all our sins. By His resurrection, He destroys death forever and offers us eternal life. Therefore, as a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I 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.
- C** Amen.

## ✠ THE SERVICE OF THE WORD ✠

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

*Congregation is seated***OLD TESTAMENT READING**

Isaiah 35

<sup>1</sup>The wilderness and the dry land shall be glad; the desert shall rejoice and blossom like the crocus; <sup>2</sup>it shall blossom abundantly and rejoice with joy and singing. The glory of Lebanon shall be given to it, the majesty of Carmel and Sharon. They shall see the glory of the LORD, the majesty of our God. <sup>3</sup>Strengthen the weak hands, and make firm the feeble knees. <sup>4</sup>Say to those who have an anxious heart, “Be strong; fear not! Behold, your God will come with vengeance, with the recompense of God. He will come and save you.” <sup>5</sup>Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf unstopped; <sup>6</sup>then shall the lame man leap like a deer, and the tongue of the mute sing for joy. For waters break forth in the wilderness, and streams in the desert; <sup>7</sup>the burning sand shall become a pool, and the thirsty ground springs of water; in the haunt of jackals, where they lie down, the grass shall become reeds and rushes. <sup>8</sup>And a highway shall be there, and it shall be called the Way of Holiness; the unclean shall not pass over it. It shall belong to those who walk on the way; even if they are fools, they shall not go astray. <sup>9</sup>No lion shall be there, nor shall any ravenous beast come up on it; they shall not be found there, but the redeemed shall walk there. <sup>10</sup>And the ransomed of the LORD shall return and come to Zion with singing; everlasting joy shall be upon their heads; they shall obtain gladness and joy, and sorrow and sighing shall flee away.

**L** This is the Word of the Lord.**C** Thanks be to God.*Congregation stands***HOLY GOSPEL**

Mark 7:31-37

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the seventh chapter.**C** Glory to You, O Lord.

<sup>31</sup>Then he returned from the region of Tyre and went through Sidon to the Sea of Galilee, in the region of the Decapolis. <sup>32</sup>And they brought to him a man who was deaf and had a speech impediment, and they begged him to lay his hand on him. <sup>33</sup>And taking him aside from the crowd privately, he put his fingers into his ears, and after spitting touched his tongue. <sup>34</sup>And looking up to heaven, he sighed and said to him, “Ephphatha,” that is, “Be opened.” <sup>35</sup>And his ears were opened, his tongue was released, and he spoke plainly. <sup>36</sup>And Jesus charged them to tell no one. But the more he charged them, the more zealously they proclaimed it. <sup>37</sup>And they were astonished beyond measure, saying, “He has done all things well. He even makes the deaf hear and the mute speak.”

**P** This is the Gospel of our Lord.

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

## **APOSTLES' CREED**

*(words on screen)*

*Congregation is seated*

## **CHILDRENS MESSAGE**

Lydia Woods, DCE Intern

## **WORSHIP AND PRAISE**

“Cornerstone”

*(words on screen)*

## **MESSAGE**

Frontal Lobe Faith

## **WORSHIP AND PRAISE**

“Yes He Can”

*(words on screen)*

*Congregation stands*

## **OFFERING PRAYER**

## **PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH**

✠ HOLY COMMUNION ✠

**PREFACE**

**WORDS OF OUR LORD**

**PROCLAMATION OF CHRIST**

*(words on screen)*

**LORD'S PRAYER**

*(words on screen)*

**THE PEACE OF THE LORD**

*(words on screen)*

*Congregation is seated*

**DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION**

**DISTRIBUTION SONG**

“Great is Thy Faithfulness”

Praise Team

✠ WE DEPART IN PEACE ✠

*Congregation stands*

**BENEDICTION**

**CLOSING SONG**  
*screen)*

“No Longer Slaves”

*(words on*

**DISMISSAL**

*(words on screen)*

**POSTLUDE**

**Pastor:** *Tab E. Cosgrove*

**Director of Spiritual Growth:** *Denise Wright*

**DCE Intern:** *Lydia Woods*

**Audio/Visual Specialist:** *Mike Pearl*

**Parish Administrator:** *Sherry Gable*

**DSG Ministry Assistant:** *Chris Hanes*

**Music:** *Led by Praise Team*

**St John** Lives the  
**W.H.I.T.**  
**Principle**

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