



The Greatest of These Is Love

Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

July 6, 2025

9:30 am

Welcome to St. John's UCC Lansdale!



Prayer Request and Information Cards are in pews for visitors, or anyone who would like to share information or a prayer request. Prayer requests will go to our prayer chain and pastors. These will not be read during service. **Visitors**, we are so glad you are here! Completed cards can be placed in the offering plates.



The **Book of Joys & Concerns** is a green binder on the podium at the front of the sanctuary on the right. If you have an Announcement, Joy or Concern you'd like stated, celebrated or prayed about during **Prayers of the People**, feel free to write inside before service begins!



Hymnals are on the back of the pew in front of you. **Bibles** are on a shelf beneath the pew in front of you. **Large Print Hymns** are available for those who need them.



For **Our Time with Children**, children and youth are invited to sit up front on the chancel steps for conversation and an age-appropriate message. They will then be dismissed and escorted downstairs for our youth programming – Connect 3. Connect 3 is aimed at ages 3 through 12, but all youth are welcome!



Hearing Assistance Devices are available in a basket at the back of the sanctuary if you are having trouble hearing the service. If the service is too loud, you may spend worship in the **Library**, which is to the right of the front of the Sanctuary, through the wall door.



Wheelchairs & First Aid Kit are stored in the labeled "First Aid Closet" near the Main Street entrance to the sanctuary. **AED** (Defibrillator) is in the church library on the wall closest to the Sanctuary by the window. When entering from the Sanctuary, turn left.



Audio Recordings of services can be found online on St. John's Website, Facebook Page, or YouTube. Sermons are available on Spotify at "St John's UCC Lansdale Sermons."



The Elevator can be found at the end of the hall, through the door on the right front side of the sanctuary. **Accessible Bathrooms** are on the basement level. Once within the elevator, press "B". Exit and go left down the ramp. Once in the hallway, turn left, go the length, and turn right. The bathrooms are to the left at the top of a small ramp.



The Nursery is open for you to use mindfully, and the service is audible from there. The Nursery is past the elevator, through the double doors, on the right hand side, before the steps. No volunteers will be on duty. A responsible adult **must** stay with their child.

St. John's United Church of Christ

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Order of Worship

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*You are invited to rise in body or spirit when indicated by an *asterisk
and **speak the words in bold.***

PRELUDE Three Hymntune Sketches.....Ronald A. Nelson

Come, Holy Ghost, Our Souls Inspire

O Trinity of Blessed Light

Children of the Heavenly Father

*Ronald A. Nelson was a predecessor of both Andrew Paulson and Michael Burkhardt at
Westwood Lutheran Church in St. Louis Park, MN. His music can be found in NCH.*

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Jesus, our teacher, you show us the ways of reciprocity.

**You offered your gifts of healing freely,
as others offered you what they had—
a place to stay, a meal, their friendship.**

Cultivate within us this open-heartedness and this devotion to one another.

For community sometimes involves inconvenience.

For abundance requires sharing.

Offering our gifts to each other and the world is one way we serve you.

Faith asks us to move at the speed of trust.

**It asks us to risk our illusion of control
for the sake of interdependent, abundant life.**

You taught us to love freely and with abandon.

By your grace, may we do the same. Amen.

*OPENING HYMN #532 Come, Labor On

Stanza 1: All

Stanza 3: Higher Voices

Stanza 2: Lower Voices

Stanza 4: All

CONFESSION

God of love and justice, we long for peace within and peace without.

**We long for harmony in our families, for serenity in the midst of struggle,
and for commitment to each other's growth.**

We long for our homes and our church to be dwelling places for your love.

Yet we confess that we are often anxious.

There are times that we do not trust each other, and we harbor ill will.

We are not willing to take the risks and make the hard choices that love requires.

Look upon us with kindness and grace.

**Rule in our homes and in all the world; show us how to walk in your paths,
through the mercy of our Savior.**

ASSURANCE

There will be days when we withhold our praise. There will be days when we dare not
follow. There will be days when we ignore God's call, when we choose comfort over

courage, and ourselves over others. But even on those days, even on our worst days, we belong to God. Hear and believe the good news of the gospel: Nothing can separate us from God's love. We are loved, forgiven, and called to serve. Amen.

SUNG RESPONSE Love Is of God



SCRIPTURE READINGS

Psalms 66:1-9.....Pew Bible Page 509

Luke 10:1-11

After this the Lord appointed seventy-two others and sent them on ahead of him in pairs to every town and place where he himself intended to go. 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. Go on your way; I am sending you out like lambs into the midst of wolves. Carry no purse, no bag, no sandals, and greet no one on the road. Whatever house you enter, first say, 'Peace to this house!' And if a person of peace is there, your peace will rest on that person, but if not, it will return to you. 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. Whenever you enter a town and its people welcome you, eat what is set before you; cure the sick who are there, and say to them, 'The kingdom of God has come near to you.' But whenever you enter a town and they do not welcome you, go out into its streets and say, 'Even the dust of your town that clings to our feet, we wipe off in protest against you. Yet know this: the kingdom of God has come near.'

OUR TIME WITH CHILDREN

THE 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 debts as we forgive our debtors.
And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen**

ANTHEM Fantaisie Pastorale Hongroise. Op. 26.....Fran ois Doppler
I. Molto Andante

SERMON "Interdependence Day"Rev. Dr. Linda Noonan

*HYMN I, the Lord of Sea and Sky (Here I Am, Lord)
See insert for hymn

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

SUNG RESPONSE #772 Nothing Can Trouble (Nada te turbe)

The response is sung twice and may be sung in harmony; first in English, second in Spanish.

OFFERING OUR GIFTS TO GOD

Offering plates will be passed to the congregation in the pews.



*SUNG RESPONSE Praise God, the Giver and the Gift



*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Holy Provider, may we not be overwhelmed by the needs of the world, but focused on what is ours to do today. Bless our offerings towards care and embolden our actions towards love. Amen.

*CLOSING HYMN #347 Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Following worship, you are invited to join us for
Fellowship in the Assembly Hall.

The Assembly Hall is located downstairs. From the Narthex – the room at the back of the Sanctuary – go down the steps on the left as you exit the Sanctuary and straight down the hallway. From the **Elevator**, go to the “B” level, go down the ramp and turn right

Worship Leaders

Rev. Dr. Linda Noonan, Senior Pastor

Andrew Paulson, Minister of Music

Rev. Tom Adil, Bridge Support Pastor

Michael Burkhardt, Guest Organist

Nicole Albright, Flute

Worship Assistants

Hospitality:	Bill Leslie, Bob Bertollette, Gale Linderman, Rick O'Connor, Scott Vanderburg
Elder of the Morning:	Bill Cagney
Deacon of the Morning:	Judy Johnston
Audio Technician:	Matt Rivett
Chancel Flowers:	Gayle & Bob George
Driver:	Scott Vanderburg

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Serviceberries -	Text: 1 John 4:7-12	and Sky (Here I Am,	Giver and the Gift
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Weekly Current Income Needed:	\$7,884.62
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A Look at the Week of June 22, 2025	
Attendance: June 22, Pride Sunday	124
Offering For Current Income	\$3,957.00
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A Look at the Week of June 28, 2025	
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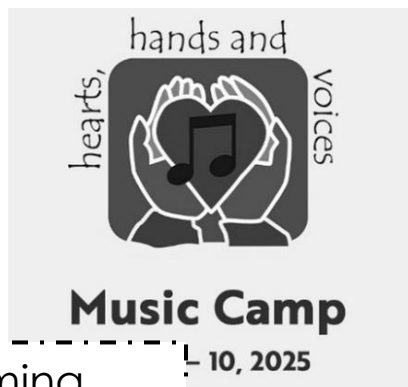
In memory of Fred Brunner's July 7th Birthday
To the Chancel Flower fund
from his wife Thelma

This Week at St. John's

If you would like more information about St. John's, please speak with one of the staff or contact the church office at 215.855.5489 or office@st-johns-ucc.org

6-July	Sun	8:30 AM	Fourth Sunday after Pentecost Praying Hands Stitchers, Library
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7-July	Mon	9:00 3:00		
8-July	Tues	9:00 3:00 7:00		
9-July	Wed	9:00 AM – 3:00 PM	Hearts, Hands, and Voices Music Camp, Trinity Lutheran	
10-July	Thurs	9:00 AM – 3:00 PM 7:00 PM	Hearts, Hands, and Voices Music Camp, Trinity Lutheran Music Camp Community Presentation, Trinity Lutheran	
11-July	Fri	6:00 PM	North Penn Chess Club, Assembly Hall	
12-July	Sat	9:30 AM	Art of Living Foundation, Assembly Hall Lansdale "Second Saturday", Memorial Park	
13-July	Sun	9:30 AM 10:00 AM 10:30 AM 3:00 pm	Fifth Sunday after Pentecost Sunday Morning Worship, Sanctuary Connect3, Activity Room Fellowship, Assembly Hall "An Afternoon of Song" with Ruth & David Michel, Sanctuary	



Upcoming Listening Session

Join our pastors in a discussion about your experiences and needs:

Accessibility

**Sunday, July 6
10:45 am | Library**

Tell us what is making St.

Family Game
Night
At St. John's UCC!
Thursday, July 17
6:30 - 8:30 pm
Assembly Hall

All are welcome!

Save the Date:
Family Vacation
Bible School

Saturday, August 23
9 am - noon



More info coming soon!

Announcing the 2026 St. John's Printed Calendar!

Sponsor a month for \$185 and choose that month's image from a wonderful collection of photos taken by the St. John's community.

Act quickly!
Only a few slots remain.

Contact the office to claim your month. Deadline to sponsor is **Friday, August 15.**



Water Sunday

September 7th at 10:15 am

Please collect some water from a place over the summer where you experience refreshment, grace, or joy. Bottles available in the sanctuary!

Water will be purified and used for baptisms throughout the year.

Are you wearing your
name tag?

Printed name tags are located in the narthex and library on magnetic boards.

Don't have one? Write your name on a sign up sheet and it will be ready by next Sunday!

*HYMN I, the Lord of Sea and Sky (Here I Am, Lord)

1. "I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my peo - ple cry.
2. "I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my peo - ple's pain.
3. "I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame.

All who dwell in deep - est sin my hand will save.
I have wept for love of them. They turn a - way.
I will set a feast for them. My hand will save.

Psalm 66:1-9

Make a joyful noise to God, all the earth;
sing the glory of his name;
give to him glorious praise.

Say to God, "How awesome are your deeds!

Because of your great power, your enemies cringe before you.

All the earth worships you;
they sing praises to you,
sing praises to your name." Selah

Come and see what God has done:
he is awesome in his deeds among mortals.
He turned the sea into dry land;
they passed through the river on foot.
There we rejoiced in him,
who rules by his might forever,
whose eyes keep watch on the nations—
let the rebellious not exalt themselves. Selah

Bless our God, O peoples;
let the sound of his praise be heard,
who has kept us among the living
and has not let our feet slip.

Luke 10:1-11

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