

St. John's Lutheran Church

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September 15, 2024

11:00 a.m. WORSHIP SERVICE



St. John's Lutheran Church is part of the North American Lutheran Church. We welcome you and are glad you are participating in the Service of the Word this morning as we celebrate the **Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost**. Please register your attendance in the blue pad at the end of the pew. HOLY COMMUNION is celebrated the first and third Sundays of each month and on Festival Sundays. All who are baptized and believe that Christ is truly present in the Lord's Supper are invited to receive this Sacrament with us.

THE SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST (PR 19) SEPT 15, 2024

Prayer upon entering God's House:

Loving Father, whatever stage of life we are in – infant, child, adult, elder – we know we can turn to You for comfort. Thank you for our life, may we use it to serve and honor You. Amen.

PRELUDE *“O The Deep, Deep Love of Jesus”* *Westenkueler*

***BRIEF ORDER FOR CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

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

C **Amen**

P Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of Your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love You and worthily magnify Your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C **Amen**

P If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Silence for self-examination.

P Most merciful God,

C **we confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. 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. 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 us and, for His sake, forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore 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**

***PROCESSIONAL HYMN** *“O, Jesus, I Have Promised”* *LBW 503*

P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C **And also with you.**

*Those who are able, please stand

LBW—Green Hymnal WOV—Blue Hymnal

*KYRIE



Ⓐ In peace, let us pray to the Lord. ⓐ Lord, have mer - cy.



Ⓐ For the peace from a - bove, and for our sal - vation, let us pray to the Lord.



ⓐ Lord, have mer - cy.



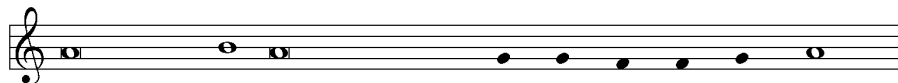
Ⓐ For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



and for the u - ni - ty of all, let us pray to the Lord.



ⓐ Lord, have mer - cy.



Ⓐ For this holy house, and for all who offer here their wor - ship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord. ⓐ Lord, have mer - cy.



Ⓐ Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gra - cious Lord. ⓐ A - men

*HYMN OF PRAISE



Ⓐ This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al - le - lu - ia.



Ⓑ Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us



free to be peo-ple of God. Pow - er and rich - es and wis - dom and



strength, and hon - or and bless - ing and glo - ry are his.



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al - le - lu - ia.



Sing with all the peo - ple of God and join in the



hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless - ing and hon - or and glo - ry and



might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.

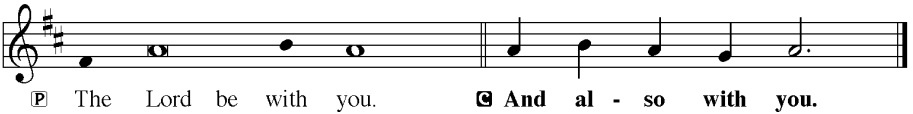


This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God, for the Lamb who was slain



has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

***PRAYER OF THE DAY**



P Let us pray.

O God, You declare Your almighty power chiefly in showing mercy and pity. Grant us the fullness of Your grace, that, pursuing what You have promised, we may share Your heavenly glory; through Your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

C Amen

FIRST LESSON:

ISAIAH 50:4–9A

A The First Lesson is from the fiftieth chapter of Isaiah.

⁴ The Lord GOD has given me the tongue of those who are taught, that I may know how to sustain with a word him who is weary.

Morning by morning he awakens;

he awakens my ear to hear as those who are taught.

⁵ The Lord GOD has opened my ear, and I was not rebellious;

I turned not backward.

⁶ I gave my back to those who strike,

and my cheeks to those who pull out the beard;

I hid not my face from disgrace and spitting.

⁷ But the Lord GOD helps me;

therefore I have not been disgraced;

therefore I have set my face like a flint,

and I know that I shall not be put to shame.

⁸ He who vindicates me is near.

Who will contend with me? Let us stand up together.

Who is my adversary? Let him come near to me.

⁹ Behold, the Lord GOD helps me; who will declare me guilty?

Behold, all of them will wear out like a garment;

the moth will eat them up.

A Here ends the reading.

PSALM:**PSALM 116:1-8**

I will walk in the pres - ence of the LORD.



¹I love the LORD, because he has heard the voice of my | supplication,
because he has inclined his ear to me whenever I | called upon him.

**²The cords of death entangled me;
the grip of the grave took | hold of me;
I came to | grief and sorrow.**

³Then I called upon the name | of the LORD:
“O LORD, I pray you, | save my life.”

**⁴Gracious is the | LORD and righteous;
our God is full | of compassion. R**

⁵The LORD watches o- | ver the innocent;
I was brought very low, | and he helped me.

**⁶Turn again to your rest, | O my soul.
for the LORD has treat- | ed you well.**

⁷For you have rescued my | life from death,
my eyes from tears, and my | feet from stumbling.

**⁸I will walk in the presence | of the LORD
in the land | of the living. R**

SECOND LESSON:**JAMES 3:1-12**

A The Second Lesson is from the third chapter of James.

Not many of you should become teachers, my brothers, for you know that we who teach will be judged with greater strictness. ²For we all stumble in many ways. And if anyone does not stumble in what he says, he is a perfect man, able also to bridle his whole body. ³If we put bits into the mouths of horses so that they obey us, we guide their whole bodies as well. ⁴Look at the ships also: though they are so large and are driven by strong winds, they are guided by a very small rudder wherever the will of the pilot directs. ⁵So also the tongue is a small member, yet it boasts of great things.

How great a forest is set ablaze by such a small fire! ⁶And the tongue is a fire, a world of unrighteousness. The tongue is set among our members, staining the whole body, setting on fire the entire course of life, and set on fire by hell. ⁷For every kind of beast and bird, of reptile and sea creature, can be tamed and has been tamed by mankind, ⁸but

no human being can tame the tongue. It is a restless evil, full of deadly poison. ⁹With it we bless our Lord and Father, and with it we curse people who are made in the likeness of God. ¹⁰From the same mouth come blessing and cursing. My brothers, these things ought not to be so. ¹¹Does a spring pour forth from the same opening both fresh and salt water? ¹²Can a fig tree, my brothers, bear olives, or a grapevine produce figs? Neither can a salt pond yield fresh water.

A Here ends the reading

***VERSE**

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?
 You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

GOSPEL:

MARK 8:27-38

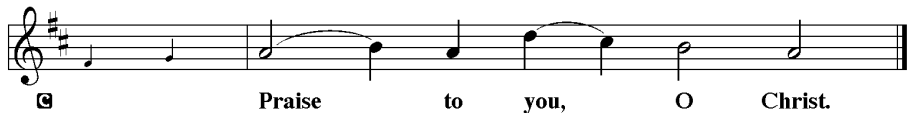
P The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark the eighth chapter.

Glo - ry to you, O Lord.

²⁷ And Jesus went on with his disciples to the villages of Caesarea Philippi. And on the way he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that I am?" ²⁸ And they told him, "John the Baptist; and others say, Elijah; and others, one of the prophets." ²⁹ And he asked them, "But who do you say that I am?" Peter answered him, "You are the Christ." ³⁰ And he strictly charged them to tell no one about him. ³¹ And he began to teach them that the Son of Man must suffer many things and be rejected by the elders and the chief priests and the scribes and be killed, and after three days rise again. ³² And he said this plainly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. ³³ But turning and seeing his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, "Get behind me, Satan! For you are not setting your mind on the things of God, but on the things of man." ³⁴ And calling the crowd to him with his disciples, he said to them, "If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me. ³⁵ For whoever would save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake and the gospel's will save it. ³⁶ For what does it profit a man to gain the whole world and forfeit his soul?

³⁷ For what can a man give in return for his soul? ³⁸ For whoever is ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of him will the Son of Man also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels.”

P The Gospel of the Lord.



CHILDREN'S SERMON

***HYMN**

“Beneath the Cross of Jesus”

LBW 107

SERMON

***APOSTLES' CREED**

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord.

**He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the virgin Mary.**

He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried.

He descended into hell. On the third day He rose again.

He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church,

the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,

the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen

***THE PRAYERS**

Trusting in the goodness of the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, let us pray in the power of the Holy Spirit for the Church, the world, and one another.

Heavenly Father, thank you for your steadfast love, even when we don't deserve it. Thank you for your apparent weakness and folly, which are stronger than human might or wisdom. Thank you for Jesus, who from his Cross draws us to himself.

Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

(Other intercessions are offered.)

L Into your hands, O LORD, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy; through Jesus Christ our LORD.

C Amen

*PEACE

P The peace of the LORD be with you always.

C And also with you.

ANTHEM

"Take Me Back to the Cross"

Pethel

OFFERTORY



C Let the vine-yards be fruit-ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of



bles-sing. Gath-er a har-vest from the seeds that were sown, that we may be



fed with the bread of life. Gath-er the hopes and dreams of all; u -



nite them with the prayers we of - fer. Grace our ta - ble with your



pres - ence, and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

*OFFERTORY PRAYER

A Let us pray.

A Blessed are You,

C O Lord our God, maker of all things. Through Your goodness You have blessed us with these gifts. With them we offer ourselves to Your service and dedicate our lives to the care and redemption of all that You have made, for the sake of Him who gave Himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING



P The Lord be with you. **C** And al - so with you.



P Lift up your hearts. **C** We lift them to the Lord.

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C It is right to give him thanks and praise.

PREFACE

P It is indeed right and salutary that we should at all times and in all places offer thanks and praise to you, O Lord, holy Father, through Christ our Lord; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. And so, with the Church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

C Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might:

Heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.

Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes

in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

P Blessed are You, LORD of heaven and earth. In mercy for our fallen world You gave Your only Son, that all those who believe in Him should not perish, but have eternal life. We give thanks to You for the salvation You have prepared for us through Jesus Christ. Send now Your Holy Spirit into our hearts, that we may receive our Lord with a living faith as He comes to us in His holy supper.

C Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

P In the night in which He was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to His disciples, saying:

Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.

Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, He took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying:

This cup is the new covenant in my blood,
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

***THE LORD'S PRAYER**

C: 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

***AGNUS DEI**



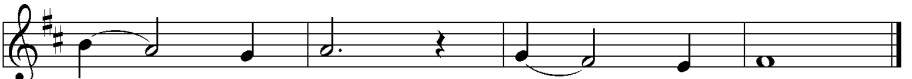
C Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world;



grant us peace, grant us peace.

COMMUNION HYMNS

LBW 205, 198, 212, WOV 709

***COMMUNION**

All who are baptized and believe that Christ is truly present in the Lord's Supper are invited to receive this Sacrament with us. Please inform the Pastor if you need a gluten-free communion wafer.

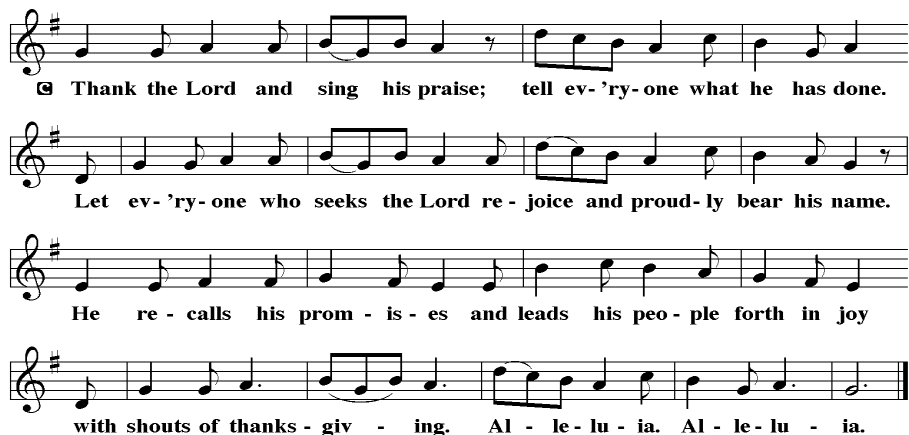
The body of Christ, given for you.
Amen.

The blood of Christ, shed for you.

P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in His grace.

C Amen

*CANTICLE



☩ Thank the Lord and sing his praise; tell ev- 'ry- one what he has done.
Let ev- 'ry- one who seeks the Lord re- joice and proud- ly bear his name.
He re- calls his prom- is- es and leads his peo- ple forth in joy
with shouts of thanks- giv- ing. Al- le- lu- ia. Al- le- lu- ia.

*POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

A Let us pray....Pour out upon us the spirit of Your love, O LORD, and unite the wills of those whom You have fed with one heavenly food; through Jesus Christ our LORD.

C Amen

*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. In the name of the Father, and of the ✕ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.



☩ A - men

*RECESSIONAL HYMN

"Built on a Rock"

LBW 365

*DISMISSAL

A Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

"Postlude"

Rinck

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A Nursery/Cry Room is available on the second floor of the Education Building for those who may need it.

THIS WEEK AT ST. JOHNS

Today	8:30 a.m.	Worship: Rock of our Salvation
	9:45 a.m.	Sunday School
	10:00 a.m.	Senior Choir
	11:00 a.m.	Worship: Communion
	noon noon	Progressive Workshop Dinner Youth Group Service Project
Monday 9/16	6:00 p.m.	Evangelism Committee
	7:00 p.m.	Fellowship
	8:00 p.m.	Christian Ed.
Tuesday 9/17	6:15 p.m.	Spark Event
Wednesday 9/18	9:30 a.m.	Children's Hour
	5:30 p.m.	Junior Choir/New Bells
	6:15 p.m.	Senior Bells
	7:00 p.m.	PJ's Bible Study
	7:30 p.m.	Senior Choir
Thursday 9/19	9:30 a.m.	Children's Hour
	2:45 p.m.	Catechism
	7:00 p.m.	Catechism
Sunday 9/22	8:30 a.m.	Worship: Rock of our Salvation
	9:45 a.m.	Sunday School
	10:00 a.m.	Senior Choir
	11:00 a.m.	Worship: Communion

Church Picnic

Sunday, September 29, 2024

- 4:00 p.m. – ??? p.m.
 - Eat at 5:00
 - The Fleeger Meadow
 - 253 Pump Station Rd,
 - Worthington, 16262
- 4.4 miles from Main St. Worthington
 - Drinks, hot dogs will be provided.
- Please bring your own tableware
- and a covered dish or dessert to share.
- Bring clothes to play in the creek!
 - Activities for all ages!
 - Evening ends with a bonfire.
 - Hope to see you there!!!!



*For 200 years St. John's
has been a bright beacon
of Christ's light and life
for the world.*

*200 years and the work continues:
That all might know Christ's Love.*

Katie's Cupboard Supply List

Personal Care Items

- Shampoo/conditioner, Soap, Toothpaste, Toothbrushes
- Moisturizer, Pads/tampons, Diapers/wipes, Deodorant,

Paper Products

- Paper towels, Toilet paper, Kleenex

Nonperishable Foods

- Peanut butter and jelly in plastic
- Boxed/bagged grains/beans: rice, couscous, quinoa, red beans, white beans
- Pasta: dry pasta, bagged pasta meals, mac n' cheese
- Pasta sauce in plastic, Cereal: cold and hot
- Peanut butter and other snack crackers
- Applesauce, Dried fruits, Granola bars
- Canned complete meals (Dinty Moore, Lasagna, Spaghetti O's)
- Canned vegetables, Canned fruits
- Dry Goods (coffee, hot chocolate, tea, flour, powdered milk, sugar), Cake mixes, cornbread mixes, muffin/pastry mixes
- Canned meats (SPAM, Vienna sausage, tuna, chicken)

“The Bucket List”



The Social Ministry project is collecting items to be inserted and stored in 5 gallon “flood buckets” for disasters. These buckets can then be sent where emergency relief efforts are needed following floods, hurricanes and other natural disasters.

- ✓ **Bleach (two 1 quart or one 82 oz. bottle)**
- ✓ **1 Air freshener, 8 oz. or 9 oz. can**
- ✓ **5 scouring pads**
- ✓ **1 insect repellent spray, 6-14 oz. can**
- ✓ **7 sponges**
- ✓ **1 pair work gloves**
- ✓ **Disinfectant dish soap, 16-28 oz. bottle**
- ✓ **18 cleaning towels (reusable wipes)**
- ✓ **24 bag roll of heavy-duty trash bags, 33-45 gallon**
- ✓ **2-25 oz. or one 50 oz. bottle of liquid laundry detergent**
- ✓ **1 household cleaner 12 to 16 oz. bottle**
- ✓ **50 clothes pins**
- ✓ **2-50 ft. or one 100 ft. clothes line**
- ✓ **5 dust masks**
- ✓ **2 pair of latex gloves**



In addition to the items listed here, we will need to obtain clean 5 gallon buckets with lids. Please fill free to donate this item as well. If you don't wish to shop for any of these items, we welcome cash donations so that the Social Ministry Committee can do the shopping for you. Thank you for your support!



SERVICE PARTICIPANTS

Assisting Ministers	Karen Waugaman(E) Lance Whiteman(L)
Lectors	Jill Wranich(E) Elijah Holt(L)
Comm Assistants	Nick & Jill Wranich(E)
	Keith Livengood ,Charley Bleakney, Elijah Holt & Sophia Whiteman(L)
Acolytes	Mitchell Wranich(E)
	Lucas and Camryn Bowser, Anna and Stella Venesky (L)
Camera Operators	Elizabeth John(E) Keith Livengood(L)

STAFF MEMBERS

Director of Children's & Youth Ministry	Julie Smith
Secretary	Angela Clever
Sexton	Colin Toy
Organist/Choir Director/Director of Music	Rebecca Veith
Sr. Choir Accompanist	Elizabeth Cramer



The flowers on the altar this morning are presented to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Lila Hughes by Gene Hughes.

OUR MISSION

St. John's Lutheran Church is a group of people who believe that we are saved by God's grace and who respond to God's love by joyfully serving God, each other, our community and our world. We will humbly and lovingly serve by proclaiming the Gospel, teaching the Word, offering Sacraments, leading others to fellowship, supporting those in need, giving generously of our talents and resources as well as our resources and by thanking and praising God.

GRACE
happens



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