



**WELCOME TO**  
**ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH & SCHOOL**  
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**THE TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**  
**October 16, 2016 – 10:45 a.m.**  
**Divine Service Setting Two**

***St. John's Mission: To help one more person get to Heaven  
by pointing them to Jesus Christ.***

We “ought always to pray and not lose heart.” This is how Luke introduces the Gospel today (18:1). Then he records Jesus’ telling of the parable of the persistent widow and the unjust judge. God the Father is kind, gracious, and loving. While we may not always receive the answer we are looking for or according to the time frame we stipulate, our dear Father always delights to hear and answer the prayers of His people. For He is a good God, and He loves us with His whole creation.

### † Prayer Before Worship †

Loving Father, You always delight to hear and answer the prayers of Your people. Grant that we may persist in crying out to You in prayer, always trusting in Your goodness and in Your gracious promises; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

**Prelude**

**“Tiento”**

Alonso Mudarra

### **Welcome & Sharing of the Peace**

*(Please Stand)*

### **Processional Hymn #578 “Thy Strong Word”**

### **Confession and Absolution**

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**P:** In the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C:** **Amen.**

**P:** If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

**C:** **But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

**P:** Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

**C:** **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. 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. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. 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 you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen.**

**Introit** *Ps. 74:18-19,21,20a,22a; antiphon: Ps. 74:2a*

P: Remember your congregation, which you have purchased of old, which you have redeemed to be the tribe of your heritage!

C: **Remember this, O Lord, how the enemy scoffs, and a foolish people reviles your name.**

P: Do not deliver the soul of your dove to the wild beasts; do not forget the life of your poor forever.

C: **Let not the downtrodden turn back in shame; let the poor and needy praise your name.**

P: Have regard for the covenant, Arise, O God, defend your cause.

**All: 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.**

P: Remember your congregation, which you have purchased of old, which you have redeemed to be the tribe of your heritage!

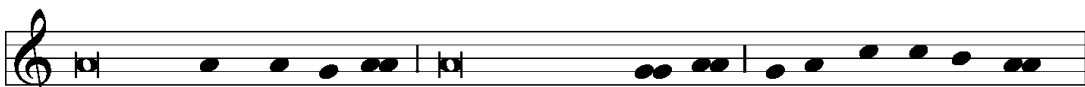
### Kyrie



**A** In peace let us pray to the Lord.



**C** Lord, have mer - cy.



**A** For the peace from a-bove and for our sal-va-tion let us pray to the Lord.



**C** Lord, have mer - cy.



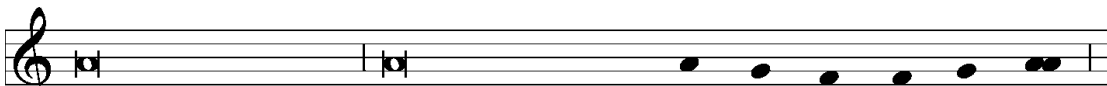
**A** For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



and for the uni-ty of all let us pray to the Lord.



**C** Lord, have mer - cy.



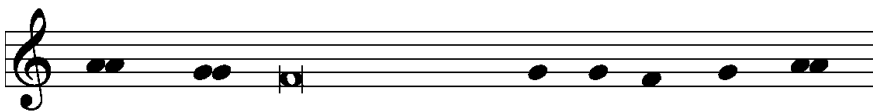
**A** For this holy house and for all who offer here their wor-ship and praise



let us pray to the Lord.



**C** Lord, have mer - cy.



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



**C** A - men.

### Hymn of Praise - Gloria in Excelsis



**A** Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and peace to His peo - ple on earth.



**C** Lord God, heav - en - ly king, al - might - y God and



Fa - ther: We wor - ship You, we give You thanks, we



praise You for Your glo - ry. Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly



Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God: You



take a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on



us. You are seat - ed at the right hand of the

Fa-ther; re-ceive our prayer. For You a-lone are the  
 Ho-ly One, You a-lone are the Lord, You a-  
 lone are the Most High, Je-sus Christ, with the Ho-ly Spir-it,  
 in the glo-ry of God the Fa-ther. A - men.

### Salutation and Collect of the Day

P: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

P: Let us pray.

O Lord, almighty and everlasting God, you have commanded us to pray and have promised to hear us. Mercifully grant that Your Holy Spirit may direct and govern our hearts in all things that we may persevere with steadfast faith in the confession of Your name; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

*(Be Seated)*

### Old Testament Lesson

**Genesis 32:22-30**

*(I will not let You go unless You bless me.)*

<sup>22</sup>The same night he arose and took his two wives, his two female servants, and his eleven children, and crossed the ford of the Jabbok. <sup>23</sup>He took them and sent them across the stream, and everything else that he had. <sup>24</sup>And Jacob was left alone. And a man wrestled with him until the breaking of the day. <sup>25</sup>When the man saw that he did not prevail against Jacob, he touched his hip socket, and Jacob's hip was put out of joint as he wrestled with him. <sup>26</sup>Then he said, "Let me go, for the day has broken." But

Jacob said, "I will not let you go unless you bless me." <sup>27</sup>And he said to him, "What is your name?" And he said, "Jacob." <sup>28</sup>Then he said, "Your name shall no longer be called Jacob, but Israel, for you have striven with God and with men, and have prevailed." <sup>29</sup>Then Jacob asked him, "Please tell me your name." But he said, "Why is it that you ask my name?" And there he blessed him. <sup>30</sup>So Jacob called the name of the place Peniel, saying, "For I have seen God face to face, and yet my life has been delivered."

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

P: **Thanks be to God.**

**Gradual** *Psalm 91:11; 103:1*

**All: He will command His angels concerning you to guard you in all your ways.  
Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless His holy name!**

**Epistle Lesson**

**2 Timothy 3:14-4:5**

*(Continue in the Word of God you have learned and have believed.)*

<sup>14</sup> As for you, continue in what you have learned and have firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it <sup>15</sup>and how from childhood you have been acquainted with the sacred writings, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. <sup>16</sup>All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, <sup>17</sup>that the man of God may be competent, equipped for every good work.

<sup>1</sup>I charge you in the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who is to judge the living and the dead, and by his appearing and his kingdom: <sup>2</sup>preach the word; be ready in season and out of season; reprove, rebuke, and exhort, with complete patience and teaching.

<sup>3</sup>For the time is coming when people will not endure sound teaching, but having itching ears they will accumulate for themselves teachers to suit their own passions, <sup>4</sup>and will turn away from listening to the truth and wander off into myths. <sup>5</sup>As for you, always be sober-minded, endure suffering, do the work of an evangelist, fulfill your ministry.

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

*(Please Stand)*

## Alleluia and Verse



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

## Holy Gospel

Luke 18:1-8

*(God hears and answers the prayers of His people.)*

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the eighteenth chapter.



Glo - ry to You, O Lord.

<sup>1</sup>And he told them a parable to the effect that they ought always to pray and not lose heart. <sup>2</sup>He said, "In a certain city there was a judge who neither feared God nor respected man. <sup>3</sup>And there was a widow in that city who kept coming to him and saying, 'Give me justice against my adversary.' <sup>4</sup>For a while he refused, but afterward he said to himself, 'Though I neither fear God nor respect man, <sup>5</sup>yet because this widow keeps bothering me, I will give her justice, so that she will not beat me down by her continual coming.'" <sup>6</sup>And the Lord said, "Hear what the unrighteous judge says. <sup>7</sup>And will not God give justice to his elect, who cry to him day and night? Will he delay long over them? <sup>8</sup>I tell you, he will give justice to them speedily. Nevertheless, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?"

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.



Praise to You, O Christ.

*(Be Seated)*



## **Apostles' Creed**

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth.**

**And 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 sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.  
From thence 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.**

## **Children's Message**

**Hymn of the Day #576 "My Hope is Built on Nothing Less"**

**Sermon**

**"The Irritant"**

**Luke 18:1-8**

**Dedication of Prayer Shawls**

**Offering**

**Choir Anthem**

**"Speak to One Another of Psalms"**

**Jean Berger**

*(Please Stand)*

**Offertory Hymn #781 "We Give Thee But Thine Own," v. 1**

## **Prayer of the Church**

**P:** Lord, in Your mercy,

**C:** hear our prayer.

## **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 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.**

## **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.

**C: Amen.**

## **Recessional Hymn, #924, "Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing"**

## **Dismissal**

**P:** Go in peace and serve the Lord!

**C: Thanks be to God!**

## **Postlude**

**"La Romanesca"**

Antonio Valente



# St. John's LUTHERAN

Church & School

**Our Sunday Worship** - Services are at 8:30 a.m. and 10:45 a.m.  
Holy Communion is celebrated at 8:30 a.m. on the first and third Sundays,  
at 10:45 a.m. on the second and fourth Sundays, and at both services  
if there is a fifth Sunday in the month.  
Sunday School and Adult Bible Class both begin at 9:45 a.m.

### **A Great Place to Grow in Christ**

As a part of our outreach ministry, we have a  
Preschool/Pre-K program and Kindergarten through 8<sup>th</sup> grade.  
All programs/grades have full-time care available.

**Rev Dr. Keith G. Less, Pastor**

Office Hours:

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**Frances Burmeister, Director of Music for Traditional Worship**

**Altar Flowers** are given to the Glory of God by Gayle Barcio

**Today's Ushers:** Bob Hoisington, Holly Richardson, Ryan Davidson, Stephanie Kiel

**Lector:** Steve Anderson