



**WELCOME TO
ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH & SCHOOL**

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THE TWENTIETH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Lutheran Women's Missionary League Sunday

October 2, 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.***

At work, home, and even at times in the church, we often do the things we do seeking or expecting some kind of recognition or reward. As Christians, though, we are reminded that through our Spirit-given faith, the greatest reward we could ever desire has already been attained for us through the life, death, and rising of Jesus, who came into the flesh not to be served, but to serve and to give His life as a ransom for many. With our hearts and minds on His sacrificial service for us, in response to His eternally rewarding grace, we can humbly go about our lives with these simple words: “We are unworthy servants; we have only done what was our duty” (Luke 17:10).

† Prayer Before Worship †

Gracious God and Father, we give you thanks this day for the labors of all Your saints, especially Lutheran Women in Mission, and we pray that You will empower us by Your Holy Spirit to invite neighbors of all nations living in our midst to come and see Your awesome deeds of salvation; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Prelude

“When Adam Fell”

Johann Pachelbel

Welcome & Sharing of the Peace

(Please Stand)

Processional Hymn #811 “Oh, That I Had a Thousand Voices”

Confession and Absolution

I

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. 119:162, 164-165, 167; antiphon: Ps. 119:166*

P: I hope for your salvation, O Lord, and I do your commandments.

C: **I rejoice at your word like one who finds great spoil.**

P: Seven times a day I praise you for your just and righteous decrees.

C: **Great peace have those who love your law; nothing can make them stumble.**

P: My soul keeps your testimonies; I love them exceedingly.

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: I hope for your salvation, O Lord, and I do your commandments.

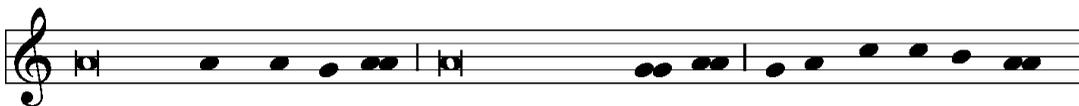
Kyrie



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

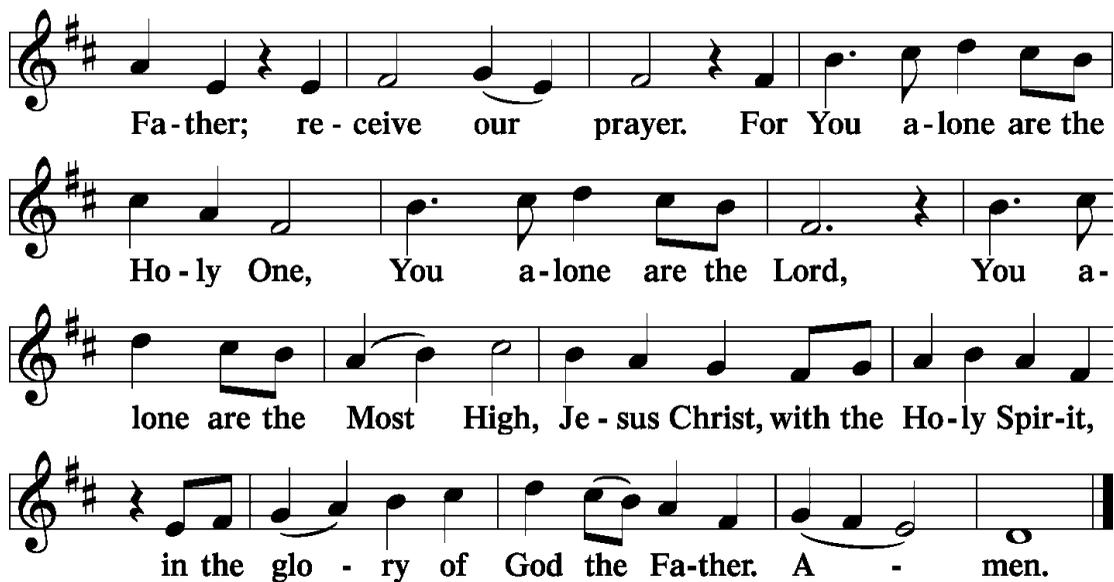
Fa - ther: We wor - ship You, we give You thanks, we

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 God, Your gift of faith is a blessing to us and gives us the confidence that You are continually by our side. Teach us to live our lives as a reflection of Your love that we may serve You and humbly serve others in truth, that all may give honor to You; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

(Be Seated)

Old Testament Lesson

Habakkuk 1:1-4; 2:1-4

(Habakkuk's complaint and the Lord's answer.)

¹The oracle that Habakkuk the prophet saw.

²O LORD, how long shall I cry for help,
and you will not hear?

Or cry to you "Violence!"
and you will not save?

³Why do you make me see iniquity,

and why do you idly look at wrong?
Destruction and violence are before me;
strife and contention arise.

⁴So the law is paralyzed,
and justice never goes forth.
For the wicked surround the righteous;
so justice goes forth perverted.

¹I will take my stand at my watchpost
and station myself on the tower,
and look out to see what he will say to me,
and what I will answer concerning my complaint.

²And the LORD answered me:

“Write the vision;
make it plain on tablets,
so he may run who reads it.

³For still the vision awaits its appointed time;
it hastens to the end—it will not lie.
If it seems slow, wait for it;
it will surely come; it will not delay.

⁴“Behold, his soul is puffed up; it is not upright within him,
but the righteous shall live by his faith.”

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: 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 1:1-14

(Paul's encouragement to be faithful as a servant.)

¹Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God according to the promise of the life that is in Christ Jesus,

²To Timothy, my beloved child:

Grace, mercy, and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord.

³I thank God whom I serve, as did my ancestors, with a clear conscience, as I remember you constantly in my prayers night and day. ⁴As I remember your tears, I long to see you, that I may be filled with joy. ⁵I am reminded of your sincere faith, a faith that dwelt first in your grandmother Lois and your mother Eunice and now, I am sure, dwells in you as well. ⁶For this reason I remind you to fan into flame the gift of God, which is in you through the laying on of my hands, ⁷for God gave us a spirit not of fear but of power and love and self-control.

⁸Therefore do not be ashamed of the testimony about our Lord, nor of me his prisoner, but share in suffering for the gospel by the power of God, ⁹who saved us and called us to a holy calling, not because of our works but because of his own purpose and grace, which he gave us in Christ Jesus before the ages began, ¹⁰and which now has been manifested through the appearing of our Savior Christ Jesus, who abolished death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel, ¹¹for which I was appointed a preacher and apostle and teacher, ¹²which is why I suffer as I do. But I am not ashamed, for I know whom I have believed, and I am convinced that he is able to guard until that Day what has been entrusted to me. ¹³Follow the pattern of the sound words that you have heard from me, in the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. ¹⁴By the Holy Spirit who dwells within us, guard the good deposit entrusted to you.

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

(Please Stand)

Alleluia and Verse

C Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?

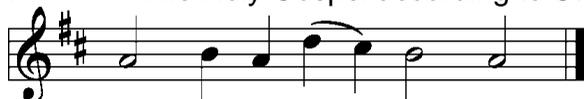
You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

Holy Gospel

Luke 17:1-10

(Temptations, repentance, forgiveness and growing faith as Christ's servants.)

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



G Glo - ry to You, O Lord.

¹And he said to his disciples, "Temptations to sin are sure to come, but woe to the one through whom they come! ²It would be better for him if a millstone were hung around his neck and he were cast into the sea than that he should cause one of these little ones to sin. ³Pay attention to yourselves! If your brother sins, rebuke him, and if he repents, forgive him, ⁴and if he sins against you seven times in the day, and turns to you seven times, saying, 'I repent,' you must forgive him."

⁵The apostles said to the Lord, "Increase our faith!" ⁶And the Lord said, "If you had faith like a grain of mustard seed, you could say to this mulberry tree, 'Be uprooted and planted in the sea,' and it would obey you."

⁷"Will any one of you who has a servant plowing or keeping sheep say to him when he has come in from the field, 'Come at once and recline at table'? ⁸Will he not rather say to him, 'Prepare supper for me, and dress properly, and serve me while I eat and drink, and afterward you will eat and drink'? ⁹Does he thank the servant because he did what was commanded? ¹⁰So you also, when you have done all that you were commanded, say, 'We are unworthy servants; we have only done what was our duty.'"

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.



G Praise to You, O Christ.

(Be Seated)

Order of Holy Baptism – William Banks MacKeen (Banks)

Son of Blake & Andrea Atwell MacKeen

Godparents: Nathan & Kaitlin Battle

Congregation will speak the Apostles' Creed and Lord's Prayer within the Baptismal service:

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.**

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.**

Children's Message

Hymn of the Day #827 “Hark, the Voice of Jesus Calling”

Sermon

“Big Stuff from Little Things”

Luke 17:1-10

Rededication of Lutheran Women in Mission – Women of the congregation, please rise.

P: Sisters in Christ, “Come and see what God has done; He is awesome in His deeds toward the children of man.” In Holy Baptism, the Holy Spirit has called us to faith in Jesus Christ and enlightened us with His gifts for faithful discipleship and acts of service on behalf of many neighbors. In the Holy Supper, the Holy Spirit gathers us from the four corners of the earth to receive the Lord’s body and blood for the forgiveness of our sins and unites us to Christ and to one another in joyous fellowship. We rejoice in the gift of the Holy Spirit, who, through Holy Scripture, comes to us and opens our eyes to see the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ and the needs of vulnerable neighbors near and far.

W: Today we celebrate God’s invitation to come and see His redemption at work in our lives and in the lives of others. We rededicate ourselves to the mission of our Lord among and with people of every tribe, nation and language living both abroad and in our own neighborhoods.

P: Let us pray. Almighty and merciful God, You have showered Your people with many and various gifts. We thank You for calling these women to declare Your glory among the nations here and abroad through their faithful witness and loving hospitality. Continue to fill them with Your Holy Spirit to reach out to and work with neighbors from various ethnic, language and cultural groups in the extension of Your kingdom.

W: Amen.

P: Be strong and courageous for the Lord Your God will go with you wherever you go. The Almighty and most merciful Lord, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, bless and preserve you.

W: Amen.

W: In fervent gratitude for the Savior's dying love and His blood-bought gift of redemption we dedicate ourselves to Him with all that we are and have; and in obedience to His call for workers in the harvest fields, we pledge Him our willing service wherever and whenever He has need of us. We consecrate to our Savior our hands to work for Him, our feet to go on His errands, our voice to sing His praises, our lips to proclaim His redeeming love, our silver and our gold to extend His Kingdom, our will to do His will and every power of our life to the great task of bringing the lost and the erring into eternal fellowship with Him. Amen. (*League Pledge*)

(Be Seated)

Offering

Choir Anthem

"I Will Sing with the Spirit"

John Rutter

(Please Stand)

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

Prayer of the Church

P: Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs. For the Church, that we may ever stand faithful to the Word of God and confess that Christ lived, suffered and died to reveal His glory to all nations, let us pray to the Lord:

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: For the President of our Synod, the President of our District and for all servants of the Church, that they may be filled with the Holy Spirit as they do the work of ministry and missions You have given them to do with excellence and faithfulness, let us pray to the Lord:

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: For the women of the Lutheran Women's Missionary League, that they continue to joyfully invite neighbors into their lives to come and see Christ's redemption from the power of sin, evil and death for all who put their trust in Him, let us pray to the Lord:

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: For the leaders of these United States, for the President of our nation, our representatives and senators and all public servants who strive to advocate for vulnerable neighbors, that the plight of the unborn, the poor, widows, orphans, strangers, immigrants, the lonely and other needy and suffering persons be present in their every thought, word and deed, let us pray to the Lord:

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: For the sick, the suffering, the grieving and the dying, especially _____, that they would be healed, comforted, consoled, and delivered, let us pray to the Lord:

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: We submit these prayers, those spoken and those pondered in the silence of our hearts, along with these offerings, for the praise of Your glory. For all these and whatever other things You would have us ask, Heavenly Father, we pray for the sake of Jesus Christ, Your only Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

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.

C: Amen.

Recessional Hymn, Tune #662, "Serve the Lord with Gladness!"

Serve the Lord with gladness! It is He alone
Who redeemed us sinners, guides us as His own
To enjoy the blessings of His love and grace,
Will at last in glory meet us face to face.
Onward, then, for Jesus! Let this be our aim:
Serve the Lord with gladness! Glorify His name.

Serve the Lord with gladness! He gave us command
To proclaim His Gospel now in every land
So that fellow sinners may, like us, be blest.
Leading them to Jesus, We can serve Him best.
Onward, then, for Jesus! Let this be our aim:
Serve the Lord with gladness! Glorify His name!

Serve the Lord with gladness! There's no greater joy
Than to serve the Master, work in His employ.
As we build His kingdom, angels too rejoice
Over every sinner brought to hear His voice.
Onward, then, for Jesus! Let this be our aim:
Serve the Lord with gladness! Glorify His name!

Dismissal

P: Go in peace and serve the Lord!

C: Thanks be to God!

Postlude

"Toccata in E Minor"

Pachelbel



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Church & School

Our Sunday Worship - Morning 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 8th grade. All programs/grades have full-time care available.

Rev Dr. Keith G. Less, Pastor

Office Hours:

7:30 a.m. - 3 p.m. Monday & Wednesday; 7:30 a.m. - 1 p.m. Tuesday & Thursday;

10:00 a.m. - 1 p.m. Saturday

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