



**WELCOME TO
ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH & SCHOOL**
2415 Silas Creek Parkway
Winston-Salem, NC 27103
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Traditional Service
Twenty-First Sunday after Pentecost
Divine Service Setting Two with Holy Communion
October 9, 2016 – 10:45 a.m.

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

“We are weak, but He is strong.” We sing these words in the familiar song “Jesus Loves Me.” It is the strength that is in Jesus that Paul desires for Timothy. This strength comes from trusting in the promises of the Gospel, namely that we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. Even if faced with persecution for speaking God’s Word, this strength can sustain the people of God. When we are weak, God is faithful to keep His promises—for He cannot deny Himself.

† Prayer Before Worship †

Almighty God, Your favor is shown to Your people through the grace that is in Christ Jesus. Strengthen us to endure hardship, to run the race in the manner of pilgrims, and to labor in Your harvest until You call us home; for You are always faithful, and You always keep Your 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

“Wedding Song, Opus 103a”

Flor Peeters

Teresa Bonavita, soprano

Welcome & Sharing of the Peace

(Please Stand)

Processional Hymn #528 – “Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing”

Confession and Forgiveness

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 *Psalm 34:2-4, 17; antiphon: Psalm 48:1*

P: Great is the Lord and greatly to be praised in the city of our God!

C: My soul makes its boast in the Lord; let the humble hear and be glad.

P: Oh, magnify the Lord with me, and let us exalt his name together!

C: I sought the Lord, and He answered me and delivered me from all my fears.

P: When the righteous cry for help, the Lord hears and delivers them out of all their troubles.

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: Great is the Lord and greatly to be praised in the city of our God!

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.



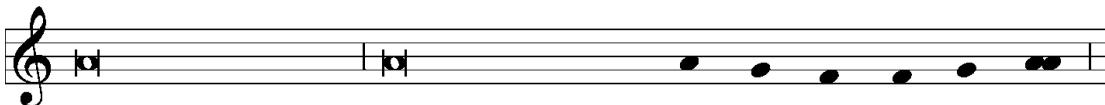
A For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



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



C Lord, have mer - cy.



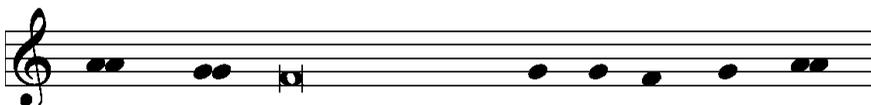
A For this holy house and for all who offer here their wor - ship and praise



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 – This is the Feast



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



C 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.



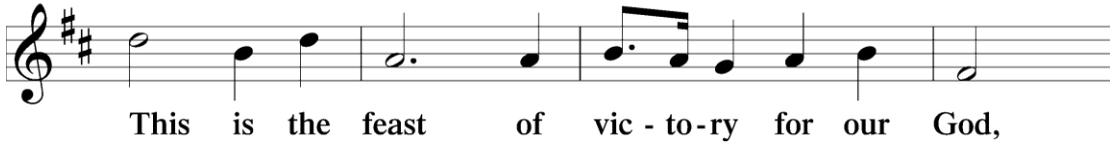
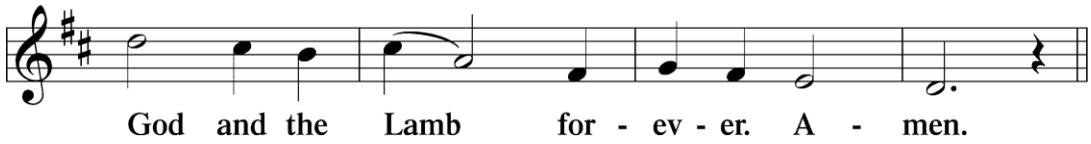
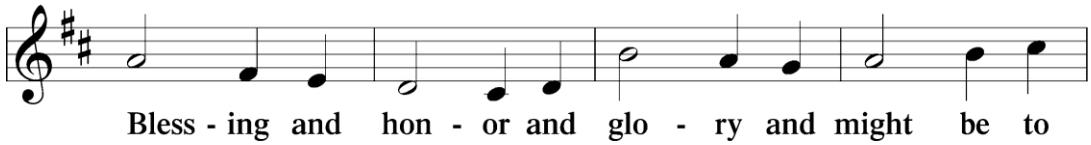
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lu - ia. Sing with all the peo - ple of



God, and join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion:



Salutation and Collect of the Day

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Let us pray.

Almighty God, You show mercy to Your people in all their troubles. Grant us always to recognize Your goodness, give thanks for Your compassion, and praise Your holy 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

Ruth 1:1-19

("Where you go I will go.")

¹In the days when the judges ruled there was a famine in the land, and a man of Bethlehem in Judah went to sojourn in the country of Moab, he and his wife and his two sons. ²The name of the man was Elimelech and the name of his wife Naomi, and the names of his two sons were Mahlon and Chilion. They were Ephrathites from Bethlehem in Judah. They went into the country of Moab and remained there. ³But Elimelech, the husband of Naomi, died, and she was left with her two sons. ⁴These took Moabite wives; the name of the one was Orpah and the name of the other Ruth. They lived there about ten years, ⁵and both Mahlon and Chilion died, so that the woman was left without her two sons and her husband.

⁶Then she arose with her daughters-in-law to return from the country of Moab, for she had heard in the fields of Moab that the Lord had visited his people and given them food. ⁷So she set out from the place where she was with her two daughters-in-law, and they went on the way to return to the land of Judah. ⁸But Naomi said to her two daughters-in-law, "Go, return each of you to her mother's house. May the Lord deal kindly with you, as you have dealt with the dead and with me. ⁹The Lord grant that you may find rest, each of you in the house of her husband!" Then she kissed them, and they lifted up their voices and wept. ¹⁰And they said to her, "No, we will return with you to your people." ¹¹But Naomi said, "Turn back, my daughters; why will you go with me? Have I yet sons in my womb that they may become your husbands? ¹²Turn back, my daughters; go your way, for I am too old to have a husband. If I should say I have hope, even if I should have a husband this night and should bear sons, ¹³would you therefore wait till they were grown? Would you therefore refrain from marrying? No, my daughters, for it is exceedingly bitter to me for your sake that the hand of the Lord has gone out against me." ¹⁴Then they lifted up their voices and wept again. And Orpah kissed her mother-in-law, but Ruth clung to her.

¹⁵And she said, "See, your sister-in-law has gone back to her people and to her gods; return after your sister-in-law." ¹⁶But Ruth said, "Do not urge me to leave you or to return from following you. For where you go I will go, and where you lodge I will lodge. Your people shall be my people, and your God my God. ¹⁷Where you die I will die, and there will I be buried. May the Lord do so to me and more also if anything but death parts me from you." ¹⁸And when Naomi saw that she was determined to go with her, she said no more.

¹⁹So the two of them went on until they came to Bethlehem. And when they came to Bethlehem, the whole town was stirred because of them. And the women said, "Is this Naomi?"

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

GRADUAL *Psalm 91:11; 103:1*

**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

2 Timothy 2:1-13

(The Word of God is not bound!)

¹You then, my child, be strengthened by the grace that is in Christ Jesus, ²and what you have heard from me in the presence of many witnesses entrust to faithful men who will be able to teach others also. ³Share in suffering as a good soldier of Christ Jesus. ⁴No soldier gets entangled in civilian pursuits, since his aim is to please the one who enlisted him. ⁵An athlete is not crowned unless he competes according to the rules. ⁶It is the hard-working farmer who ought to have the first share of the crops. ⁷Think over what I say, for the Lord will give you understanding in everything.

⁸Remember Jesus Christ, risen from the dead, the offspring of David, as preached in my gospel, ⁹for which I am suffering, bound with chains as a criminal. But the word of God is not bound! ¹⁰Therefore I endure everything for the sake of the elect, that they also may obtain the salvation that is in Christ Jesus with eternal glory. ¹¹The saying is trustworthy, for:

If we have died with him, we will also live with him;

¹²if we endure, we will also reign with him;

if we deny him, he also will deny us;

¹³if we are faithless, he remains faithful—

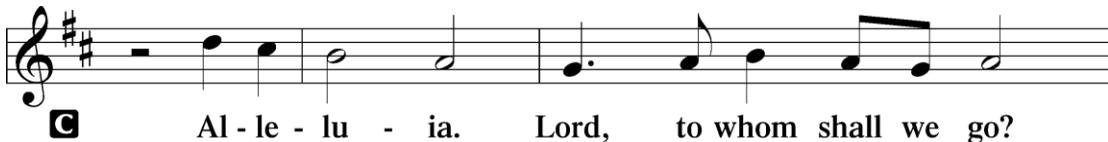
for he cannot deny himself.

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(Please Stand)

Alleluia and Verse



The musical notation is on a single staff with a treble clef and a key signature of two sharps (F# and C#). The time signature is common time (C). The melody consists of the following notes: a whole rest, a quarter note G4, a quarter note A4, a half note B4, a quarter note C5, a quarter note B4, a quarter note A4, a quarter note G4, a quarter note F#4, a quarter note E4, a quarter note D4, and a quarter note C4. The lyrics are: 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 17:11-19

(One leper returned to thank Jesus, but what about the other nine?)

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



G Glo - ry to You, O Lord.

¹¹On the way to Jerusalem [Jesus] was passing along between Samaria and Galilee. ¹²And as he entered a village, he was met by ten lepers, who stood at a distance ¹³and lifted up their voices, saying, “Jesus, Master, have mercy on us.” ¹⁴When he saw them he said to them, “Go and show yourselves to the priests.” And as they went they were cleansed. ¹⁵Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice; ¹⁶and he fell on his face at Jesus’ feet, giving him thanks. Now he was a Samaritan. ¹⁷Then Jesus answered, “Were not ten cleansed? Where are the nine? ¹⁸Was no one found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?” ¹⁹And he said to him, “Rise and go your way; your faith has made you well.”

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.



G Praise to You, O Christ.

Nicene Creed

**I believe in one God,
the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth
and of all things visible and invisible.**

**And in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the only-begotten Son of God,
begotten of His Father before all worlds,
God of God, Light of Light,
very God of very God,
begotten, not made,
being of one substance with the Father,
by whom all things were made;
who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary
and was made man;
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.
He suffered and was buried.
And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures
and ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of the Father.
And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead,
whose kingdom will have no end.**

**And I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord and giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified,
who spoke by the prophets.
And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,
and I look for the resurrection of the dead
and the life † of the world to come. Amen.**

(Be Seated)

Children's Message

Hymn of the Day #685 – “Let Us Ever Walk With Jesus”

Sermon – “Tagalong” – Ruth 1:15-18

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. Faithful and loving God, You have taken us like Ruth from being alone and brought us into the family of Your people. You continue to strengthen us like Timothy with Your favor that is ours through Baptism into Christ Jesus, renewing us

again today with the promises of Your Gospel and the food of resurrection life that is the body and blood of Jesus.

C: Hear us, O God!

P: Faithful and loving God, remember all people in positions of civil authority in this world. Grant that they may come to know and to believe that You are good and You love Your whole creation, remembering especially before You Barack, our president, and Pat, our governor, that trusting in Your faithful love, they may find strength to serve the people of the world in wisdom, justice, and peace.

C: Hear us, O God!

P: Faithful and loving God, remember all pastors and church workers, remembering especially before You Matthew, our Synod president, John, our district president, and David, our circuit visitor, as well as all the faithful baptized who speak of Jesus in our daily vocations and callings. Season our speech with grace that we may speak of Your truth lovingly and speak of Your faithful love truthfully.

C: Hear us, O God!

P: Faithful and loving God, remember all people who suffer with sickness, injury, or any afflictions of body, mind, or spirit, remembering especially before You [*names*]. Use Your strengthening favor and powerful Word to minister healing and peace according to Your will. For You are always good, and we are in Your hands.

C: Hear us, O God!

P: Faithful and loving God, remember all people who mourn and their loved ones who now rest in Your presence. Grant to each of us the strength of Your favor that we may run the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith, who will one day by His mighty Word call us out of our graves and into the glorious light of the reign of God.

C: Hear us, O God!

P: For all these things and whatever else You know that we need, we ask You, faithful and loving God, in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

Offering

Offertory Anthem

“For God So Loved the World”

Johannes Herbst

(Please Stand)

Hymn- #781 “We Give Thee but Thine Own”, v 1

Sanctus



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.

Prayer of Thanksgiving C: Amen.

Words of our Lord

Lord's Prayer

Peace of the Lord

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.



C A - men.

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.

(Be Seated)

Distribution Hymns: #806 – “Give Thanks with a Grateful Heart”

#661 – “The Son of God Goes Forth to War”

#694 – “Thee Will I Love, My Strength, My Tower”

(Please Stand)

Post-Communion Canticle - Thank the Lord



C Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell ev - 'ry-one what

He has done. Let ev - 'ry-one who seeks the Lord re -
 joyce 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. We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your 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 #790 – “Praise to the Lord, the Almighty”

Dismissal

P: Go in peace and serve the Lord!

C: Thanks be to God!

Postlude

“Praise to the Lord the Almighty” arr. by Johann Gottfried Walther



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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