



**WELCOME TO
ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH & SCHOOL**
2415 Silas Creek Parkway
Winston-Salem, NC 27103
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**Traditional Service
The Tenth Sunday after Pentecost**
(Divine Service Setting One)
July 24, 2016 – 10:45 a.m.

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

Ask, Seek, Knock! Prayer is a significant part of our walk with God. It is appropriate that we come to God's House to talk to Him. We thank God that you have come to worship with us and join us in asking God for His blessings in our daily lives. May you be richly blessed as you hear His Word and grow in the grace of daily prayer.

† **Prayer Before Worship** †

Lord, teach us to pray! Help us to use this special privilege regularly and faithfully each day not only to request our needs but also to praise you for every situation in life. Give us a compassionate heart for those in need of Your mercy and grace through Jesus Christ. Create in us a child-like faith that asks in simple trust and with humble persistence like Abraham. Bless our worship that we may pray without ceasing in Jesus name. Amen.

Prelude

Romanza

Robert Schumann

Welcome

(Please Stand)

Processional Hymn #795 Voices Raised to You We Offer

Confession and Absolution

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

C: Amen.

P: As we come before the Father in worship and prayer, we confront our sins and implore His forgiveness for the sake of His Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. We pray:

You are merciful, O Lord, our God and You are gracious. You invite us to enter into Your presence and to pray with confidence through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord. Because of what He has accomplished for us and because of Your gracious invitation, we come before You today to confess our sin and to receive Your forgiveness.

(Silence for reflection)

P: Though You have made us Your children through Baptism and invited us to call You "Father," we confess that we have not lived as Your children.

C: We have not kept Your name holy either by word or deed.

P: Though You have reclaimed us from sin and death and given us new life and a new will in Christ, we confess that we continue to desire and do what is against Your will and wrong in Your sight.

C: We have rebelled against Your good and gracious will and against Your commandments designed to protect us.

P: Though You have made us members of Your kingdom through our Savior Jesus Christ, we confess that we have lived as though our citizenship were only earthly.

C: We have become too much a part of this world and its values and priorities instead of living in the world as Your children.

P: Though all we have comes from Your giving love, we confess that we have lived as if we earned it all, and we confess that we have abused Your gifts and failed to use them for Your glory.

C: We have allowed our possessions and wants to rule our hearts and have been neither grateful nor wise managers of Your resources.

P: Though You have given us Your Word and Your Spirit, we have sought instead the guidance of our own hearts and the wisdom of this world.

C: We have failed to honor Your Word, to grow in its wisdom and truth, and have too often chosen the false wisdom of the voices of our own hearts and this world.

P: Gracious Father,

C: hear our prayer and forgive us for the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, who died and rose to forgive our sins and restore us as Your own sons and daughters. Lead us to live to Your glory and to lead the holy lives that befit the children of God. Amen.

P: Almighty God our heavenly Father has had mercy upon you and has forgiven you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of the Word I announce the grace of God to you and in the stead and by the command of my Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

P: May He who began this good work within you bring it to completion on the day of our Lord, Jesus Christ.

C: Amen.

Kyrie

Cantor: In peace let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.

Cantor: For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.

Cantor: For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.

Cantor: For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.

Cantor: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

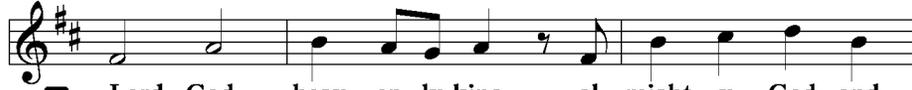


C A - men.

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.

Prayer of the Day

P: The Lord be with you!

C: **And with your spirit!**

P: Let us pray:

O almighty and most merciful God, Your ears are always open to the prayers of your servants. Open our hearts and minds to You, that we may live in harmony with Your holy will. Teach us to pray as we hear Your Word today that we may rightly receive the gifts You would give us with grateful hearts, through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C: **Amen.**

(Be Seated)

(Abraham's faith moves him to be persistent in prayer, driving a hard bargain with the Lord regarding the fate of Sodom and Gomorrah.)

²⁰Then the Lord said, "Because the outcry against Sodom and Gomorrah is great and their sin is very grave, ²¹I will go down to see whether they have done altogether according to the outcry that has come to me. And if not, I will know."²²So the men turned from there and went toward Sodom, but Abraham still stood before the Lord. ²³Then Abraham drew near and said, "Will you indeed sweep away the righteous with the wicked?" ²⁴Suppose there are fifty righteous within the city. Will you then sweep away the place and not spare it for the fifty righteous who are in it? ²⁵Far be it from you to do such a thing, to put the righteous to death with the wicked, so that the righteous fare as the wicked! Far be that from you! Shall not the Judge of all the earth do what is just?" ²⁶And the Lord said, "If I find at Sodom fifty righteous in the city, I will spare the whole place for their sake."²⁷Abraham answered and said, "Behold, I have undertaken to speak to the Lord, I who am but dust and ashes. ²⁸Suppose five of the fifty righteous are lacking. Will you destroy the whole city for lack of five?" And he said, "I will not destroy it if I find forty-five there." ²⁹Again he spoke to him and said, "Suppose forty are found there." He answered, "For the sake of forty I will not do it." ³⁰Then he said, "Oh let not the Lord be angry, and I will speak. Suppose thirty are found there." He answered, "I will not do it, if I find thirty there." ³¹He said, "Behold, I have undertaken to speak to the Lord. Suppose twenty are found there." He answered, "For the sake of twenty I will not destroy it." ³²Then he said, "Oh let not the Lord be angry, and I will speak again but this once. Suppose ten are found there." He answered, "For the sake of ten I will not destroy it." ³³And the Lord went his way, when he had finished speaking to Abraham, and Abraham returned to his place.

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

Gradual

Romans 10:15b, 18b; Isaiah 52:7b, alt.

P: How beautiful are the feet of those who preach the good news,

C: **who publish peace and bring good news of salvation.**

P: Their voice has gone out to all the earth,

C: **and their words to the ends of the world.**

Epistle Lesson

Colossians 2:6-15

(Once we were dead in trespasses and sins but God made us alive in Christ.)

⁶Therefore, as you received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk in him, ⁷rooted and built up in him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving.

⁸See to it that no one takes you captive by philosophy and empty deceit, according to human tradition, according to the elemental spirits of the world, and not according to Christ. ⁹For in him the whole fullness of deity dwells bodily, ¹⁰and you have been filled in him, who is the head of all rule and authority. ¹¹In him also you were circumcised with a circumcision made without hands, by putting

off the body of the flesh, by the circumcision of Christ, ¹²having been buried with him in baptism, in which you were also raised with him through faith in the powerful working of God, who raised him from the dead. ¹³And you, who were dead in your trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made alive together with him, having forgiven us all our trespasses, ¹⁴by canceling the record of debt that stood against us with its legal demands. This he set aside, nailing it to the cross. ¹⁵He disarmed the rulers and authorities and put them to open shame, by triumphing over them in him.

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

(Please Stand)

Intervening Song

“Seek Ye First”

LSB 712

1. Seek ye first the kingdom of God and His righteousness
And all these things shall be added unto you! Allelu, Alleluia!
2. Ask and it shall be given unto you, Seek and ye shall find,
Knock and the door shall be opened unto you. Allelu, Alleluia!

Holy Gospel

Luke 11:1-13

(Jesus teaches his disciples to pray and encourages them to be persistent in prayer.)

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



C: **G** Glo - ry to You, O Lord.

¹Now Jesus was praying in a certain place, and when he finished, one of his disciples said to him, “Lord, teach us to pray, as John taught his disciples.” ²And he said to them, “When you pray, say: “Father, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come. ³Give us each day our daily bread, ⁴and forgive us our sins, for we ourselves forgive everyone who is indebted to us. And lead us not into temptation.” ⁵And he said to them, “Which of you who has a friend will go to him at midnight and say to him, ‘Friend, lend me three loaves, ⁶for a friend of mine has arrived on a journey, and I have nothing to set before him’; ⁷and he will answer from within, ‘Do not bother me; the door is now shut, and my children are with me in bed. I cannot get up and give you anything’? ⁸I tell you, though he will not get up and give him anything because he is his friend, yet because of his impudence he will rise and give him whatever he needs. ⁹And I tell you, ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you. ¹⁰For everyone who asks receives, and the one who seeks finds, and to the one who knocks it will be opened. ¹¹What father among you, if his son asks for a fish, will instead of a fish give him a serpent; ¹²or if he asks for an egg, will give him a scorpion? ¹³If

you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!"

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.



C:  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)

Hymn of the Day #770 What a Friend we have in Jesus

What a friend we have in Jesus,
All our sins and griefs to bear!

What a privilege to carry
Ev'rything to God in prayer!
Oh, what peace we often forfeit;
Oh, what needless pain we bear—
All because we do not carry
Ev'rything to God in prayer!

Have we trials and temptations?
Is there trouble anywhere?
We should never be discouraged—
Take it to the Lord in prayer.
Can we find a friend so faithful
Who will all our sorrows share?
Jesus knows our ev'ry weakness—
Take it to the Lord in prayer.

Are we weak and heavy laden,
Cumbered with a load of care?
Precious Savior, still our refuge—
Take it to the Lord in prayer.
Do thy friends despise, forsake thee?
Take it to the Lord in prayer.
In His arms He'll take and shield thee;
Thou wilt find a solace there.

Sermon

Offering

Offertory

Tom Loke, baritone

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.

(Silence)

Gracious God, You have made us Your children and have invited us to call upon You as our dear Father,

C: Give us courage and confidence to trust in You and await Your loving answer to our heart's requests.

P: Before we bring our requests to you, remind us of the virtue of humility, lest we forget all that you bestow upon us by Your love and grace.

C: Teach us, O Lord, to pray with a heart of love for you that we would fervently seek to obey your holy will.

*Sung: May we your precepts, Lord, fulfill
And do on earth our Father's will
As angels do above;
Still walk in Christ, the living way,
With all your children and obey
The law of Christian love.*

P: Your name, O Lord is holy.

C: Help us to lead holy lives according to Your Word.

P: We pray that the glory of Your name may be made known far and wide.

C: Give us opportunities to tell others of the wonders of Your mercy through Jesus Christ that they also may turn from their sinful ways to follow You.

P: When our last hour comes, O Lord,

C: give us a blessed end, and graciously take us from this valley of sorrow to Yourself in heaven.

*Sung: So may we join Your name to bless,
Your grace adore, Your pow'r confess,
To flee from sin and strife.
One is our calling, one our name,
The end of all our hopes the same,
A glorious crown of life.*

P: Grant us Your Spirit, O Lord,

C: That we may have a heart of prayer for all people that they and we would lead godly lives here in time, and through faith in Jesus live eternally with You.

P: Clothe the nations and peoples with peace.

C: Guide us in the pursuit of justice and freedom for all people everywhere. Protect all in the armed services who are in danger.

P: Strengthen our life together as Your children, who receive Your mercy.

C: Move us to forgive and love one another as we have been forgiven and loved.

P: Give comfort, healing, and peace to the sick, the suffering, the aged, and the dying...*(especially for....)* and all whom we name in our hearts. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer.

*Sung: Spirit of life, of love and peace,
Our hearts unite, our joy increase,
Your gracious help supply.*

san-na. 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

P: Blessed are You, O Lord our God, King of all creation, for You have had mercy on us and given Your only-begotten Son that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life. In Your righteous judgment, You condemned the sin of Adam and Eve, who ate the forbidden fruit, and You justly barred them and all their children from the tree of life. Yet, in Your great mercy, You promised salvation by a Second Adam, Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, and made His cross a life-giving tree for all who trust in Him. We give You thanks for the redemption You have prepared for us through Jesus Christ. Grant that by the power of Your Holy Spirit, we may faithfully eat and drink of the fruits of His cross and receive the blessings of forgiveness, life, and salvation that come to us in His body and blood.

C: Amen.

Lord's Prayer

(Matthew 6:9-13)

**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.**

Words of our Lord *(Matthew 26:26-28; Mark 14:22-24; Luke 22:19-20; 1 Corinthians 11:23-25)*

P: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat;

this is My † body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My † blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

Pax Domini

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

C: And also with you.

Agnus Dei



G 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:

628 Your Table I Approach

779 Come, My Soul, with Every Care

773 Hear Us, Father, When We Pray

(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 all who seek 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

P: O Father, who loves to hear and answer the prayers of Your people, we thank You for Your good gifts of forgiveness, life, and salvation, which You have bestowed upon us in the Holy Supper of Your Son's body and blood. Make our union with Christ a fruitful one. Teach us through Him how to call upon You confidently and faithfully throughout the days of our journey to Your eternal Kingdom; 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 # 687 Thine Forever, God of Love

Dismissal

P: Go in Peace and Serve the Lord!

C: Thanks be to God!

Postlude

Toccata in E Minor

Johann Pachelbel

**Did you pick up the Separate Announcement
sheet "**Weekly News**" in the church entry?**



***Our Sunday Worship - Morning services are at
8:30 a.m. and 10:45 a.m. 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.*

Mark Edmiston, Principal

Tom Baldwin, Director of Admissions and Community Relations

Sonia Davidson, Director of Preschool

Michael Zeoli, Director of Music for Contemporary Worship

Frances Burmeister, Director of Music for Traditional Worship

Altar Flowers are given to the Glory of God by Glory of God by Jackie Downey
in memory of Barbara Troutman

July Alter Guild: Gayle Barcio & Sue and Ted Frake

July Ushers: John Williams, Bob Sparks, Lisa Little, Larry Bowman