



WELCOME TO
ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH & SCHOOL
2415 Silas Creek Parkway
Winston-Salem, NC 27103
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Traditional Service
Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost
Divine Service Setting Two with Holy Communion
September 25, 2016 – 10:45 a.m.

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

“Won’t you be my neighbor?” Years ago, many kids who tuned in to a popular children’s show were asked this daily in song by Fred Rogers as a way for children to consider relationships with those around them. The Lord through His timeless Word also invites us to consider our neighbors. Not through song, but instead through various “woes” found in Amos, the people then and we today are called to ask ourselves, “Won’t you care for your neighbors? Won’t you help and love your neighbors?” By God’s grace and empowered by the Gospel, we find our answer in the joyous task He’s given to us.

† Prayer Before Worship †

God of truth and life, through Your Word You called people in comfort and complacency back to You and to the tasks You had prepared for the sake of Your kingdom. Continue to guide us in the direction of righteousness that we may trust in You rather than in ourselves, serving our neighbors to the glory of 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. Amen.

Prelude

“Alone to Thee, Lord Jesus Christ”

Johann Pachelbel

Welcome & Sharing of the Peace

(Please Stand)

Processional Hymn #902 “Lord Jesus Christ, Be Present Now”

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 119:73-75, 77; antiphon: Psalm 119:76*

P: Let your steadfast love comfort me according to your promise to your servant.

C: **Your hands have made and fashioned me; give me understanding that I may learn your commandments.**

P: Those who fear you shall see me and rejoice, because I have hoped in your word.

C: **I know, O Lord, that your just decrees are righteous, and that in faithfulness you have afflicted me.**

P: Let your mercy come to me, that I may live; for your law is my delight.

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: Let your steadfast love comfort me according to your promise to your servant.

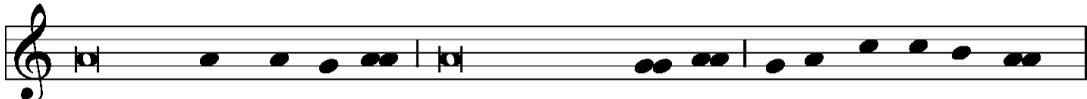
Kyrie



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.



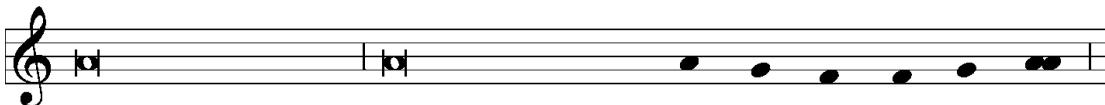
A For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



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



C Lord, have mer - cy.



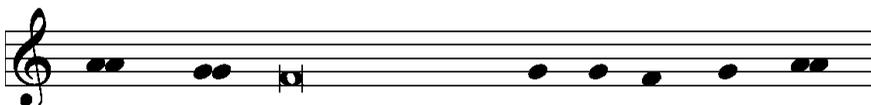
A For this holy house and for all who offer here their wor - ship and praise



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.



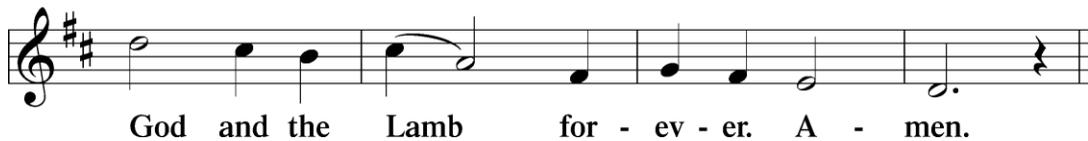
This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al - le -



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



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



Salutation and Collect of the Day

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Let us pray.

O God, You are the strength of all who trust in You, and without Your aid we can do no good thing. Grant us the help of Your grace that we may please You in both will and deed; 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

Amos 6:1-7

(Words of warning for people who remove God from their lives in complacency.)

¹“Woe to those who are at ease in Zion,
and to those who feel secure on the mountain of Samaria,
the notable men of the first of the nations,
to whom the house of Israel comes!
²Pass over to Calneh, and see,
and from there go to Hamath the great;
then go down to Gath of the Philistines.
Are you better than these kingdoms?
Or is their territory greater than your territory,
³O you who put far away the day of disaster
and bring near the seat of violence?
⁴“Woe to those who lie on beds of ivory
and stretch themselves out on their couches,
and eat lambs from the flock
and calves from the midst of the stall,
⁵who sing idle songs to the sound of the harp
and like David invent for themselves instruments of music,
⁶who drink wine in bowls
and anoint themselves with the finest oils,
but are not grieved over the ruin of Joseph!
⁷Therefore they shall now be the first of those who go into exile,
and the revelry of those who stretch themselves out shall pass away.”

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

1 Timothy 3:1-13

(Qualifications for overseers and deacons.)

¹The saying is trustworthy: If anyone aspires to the office of overseer, he desires a noble task. ²Therefore an overseer must be above reproach, the husband of one wife, sober-minded, self-controlled, respectable, hospitable, able to teach, ³not a drunkard, not violent but gentle, not quarrelsome, not a lover of money. ⁴He must manage his

own household well, with all dignity keeping his children submissive, ⁵for if someone does not know how to manage his own household, how will he care for God's church? ⁶He must not be a recent convert, or he may become puffed up with conceit and fall into the condemnation of the devil. ⁷Moreover, he must be well thought of by outsiders, so that he may not fall into disgrace, into a snare of the devil.

⁸Deacons likewise must be dignified, not double-tongued, not addicted to much wine, not greedy for dishonest gain. ⁹They must hold the mystery of the faith with a clear conscience. ¹⁰And let them also be tested first; then let them serve as deacons if they prove themselves blameless. ¹¹Their wives likewise must be dignified, not slanderers, but sober-minded, faithful in all things. ¹²Let deacons each be the husband of one wife, managing their children and their own households well. ¹³For those who serve well as deacons gain a good standing for themselves and also great confidence in the faith that is in Christ Jesus.

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 16:19-31

(The rich man and Lazarus.)

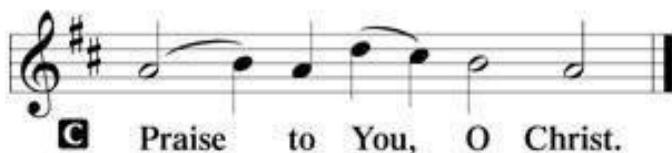
P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the sixteenth chapter.

C Glo - ry to You, O Lord.

¹⁹[Jesus said:] “There was a rich man who was clothed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day.

²⁰And at his gate was laid a poor man named Lazarus, covered with sores, ²¹who desired to be fed with what fell from the rich man’s table. Moreover, even the dogs came and licked his sores. ²²The poor man died and was carried by the angels to Abraham’s side. The rich man also died and was buried, ²³and in Hades, being in torment, he lifted up his eyes and saw Abraham far off and Lazarus at his side. ²⁴And he called out, ‘Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus to dip the end of his finger in water and cool my tongue, for I am in anguish in this flame.’ ²⁵But Abraham said, ‘Child, remember that you in your lifetime received your good things, and Lazarus in like manner bad things; but now he is comforted here, and you are in anguish. ²⁶And besides all this, between us and you a great chasm has been fixed, in order that those who would pass from here to you may not be able, and none may cross from there to us.’ ²⁷And he said, ‘Then I beg you, father, to send him to my father’s house— ²⁸for I have five brothers—so that he may warn them, lest they also come into this place of torment.’ ²⁹But Abraham said, ‘They have Moses and the Prophets; let them hear them.’ ³⁰And he said, ‘No, father Abraham, but if someone goes to them from the dead, they will repent.’ ³¹He said to him, ‘If they do not hear Moses and the Prophets, neither will they be convinced if someone should rise from the dead.’”

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.



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 #727 "On Eagles' Wings"

Sermon

"A Tale of Two Beggars"

Luke 16:19-31

Prayer of the Church

Pastor: Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs. Lord God, like the people to whom Your prophet Amos spoke, You have taught us through Your Word that the pursuit of a self-centered and

complacent faith is not what You have intended for us. Rather, You call us to walk in Your will and ways for the furthering of Your kingdom and the loving of our neighbors.
People: We praise You for Your wisdom, Lord. You know our struggles and our weaknesses and how easily we are deterred from Your will. Empower us to live a life focused on faith, love, care for others, endurance, and joy in You.

Pastor: Lord God, Jesus taught us that there is no eternal value in placing the pursuit of riches as the priority of our life as it leads to a path of separation from You.

People: Strengthen our faith, Lord. Teach us to rely on You rather than our own pursuits and interests. Strengthen us through the work of Your Spirit in us.

Pastor: Grant that those whom You have called and placed as overseers and leaders in Your places of worship may faithfully fulfill the calling in which You have placed them that they may speak Your Word in confidence.

People: Grant that each person in every vocation serve You and others in Your name all the days of their life.

Pastor: Lord God, let the cries of all in need come before You, [*especially . . .*]. By Your merciful goodness, grant healing to their bodies and peace to their souls.

People: Comfort and support all who are burdened and sorrowful, that in all their sadness, faith may remain firm.

Pastor: Bless all who commune at this altar today, that through the body and blood of Your Son, Jesus, they may be strengthened in Your forgiveness, enabled to withstand temptations of the devil, and empowered to lovingly serve neighbors in Your name. Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord.

People: Amen.

Offering

Choir Anthem **“Ye Watchers and Ye Holy Ones”** 17th century German melody

(Please Stand)

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

Sanctus



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.



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: #694 "Thee Will I Love, My Strength, My Tower"

#702 "My Faith Looks Up to Thee"

#748 "I'm But a Stranger Here"

(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 #922 “Go, My Children, with My Blessing”

Dismissal

P: Go in peace and serve the Lord!

C: Thanks be to God!

Postlude

“What God Ordains Is Always Right”

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:

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

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