



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

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ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

August 20, 2017 – 10:45 a.m.

Worship with Holy Communion

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

† Prayer Before Worship †

Almighty and everlasting Father, although we do not deserve to be heard, You invite us to call out to You in every circumstance. Grant us confident faith that You hear us and peace in our hearts that Your answers will meet our deepest needs; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Prelude “A Rondel”

Charles Callahan

Welcome & Sharing of the Peace We take a moment to greet one another, as brothers and sisters in Christ (often with the words “God’s peace be with you”). We enjoy this part of our worship; however, you are free to participate, or not, in any manner with which you are comfortable.

(Please Remain Standing)

Processional Hymn “O the Deep, Deep Love of Jesus” (Tune of “Thy Strong Word”)

O the deep, deep love of Jesus,
Vast, unmeasured, boundless, free,
Rolling as a mighty ocean
In its fullness over me.
Underneath me, all around me,
Is the current of Thy love;
Leading onward, leading homeward
To my glorious rest above.

O the deep, deep love of Jesus –
Spread His praise from shore to shore!
How He loveth, ever loveth,
Changeth never, nevermore;
How He watcheth o’er His loved ones,
Died to call them all His own;
How for them He intercedeth,
Watcheth o’er them from the throne.

O the deep, deep love of Jesus,
Love of ev'ry love the best!
'Tis an ocean vast of blessing;
'Tis a haven sweet of rest.
O the deep, deep love of Jesus –
'Tis a heav'n of heav'ns to me;
And it lifts me up to glory,
For it lifts me up to Thee.

(Be Seated)

Old Testament Lesson

Verses from Hosea

(Israel plays the harlot by chasing other gods, but the Lord loves and forgives.)

The Lord said to Hosea: “Go, show your love to your wife again, though she is loved by another and is an adulteress. Love her as the Lord loves His people, even though they turn to other gods.” So Hosea bought her for fifteen shekels of silver.

Hear the Word of the Lord, you Israelites, the Lord has a charge to bring against you: “There is no faithfulness, no love, no acknowledgment of God among you.”

“My people ask wisdom from other gods,... The spirit of harlotry causes them to stray. They have played the harlot against Me, their God.”

“Their (sinful) deeds do not permit them to return to their God. A spirit of prostitution is in their heart, they do not acknowledge the Lord.”

“The days of punishment are coming, the days of reckoning are at hand ... because your sins are so many You have sunk into corruption God will remember your wickedness and punish you for your sins....”

“Return, oh people, to the Lord, your God. Your sins have been your downfall. Take these words and return to the Lord. Say to God: Forgive all our sins and receive us graciously, that we may praise You.”

“I will heal their waywardness ... I will love them, FREELY, for my anger is turned away from them,” says the Lord.

Hosea 3:1-2; 4:1, 12; 5:4; 9:7, 9; 14:1-2, 4

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

Epistle Lesson

1 John 4:7-16

⁷Beloved, let us love one another, for love is from God, and whoever loves has been born of God and knows God. ⁸Anyone who does not love does not know God, because God is love. ⁹In this the love of God was made manifest among us, that God sent his only Son into the world, so that we might live through him. ¹⁰In this is love, not that we have loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins. ¹¹Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another. ¹²No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God abides in us and his love is perfected in us. ¹³By this we know that we abide in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit. ¹⁴And we have seen and testify that the Father has sent his Son to be the Savior of the world. ¹⁵Whoever confesses that Jesus is the Son of God, God abides in him, and he in God. ¹⁶So we have come to know and to believe the love that God has for us. God is love, and whoever abides in love abides in God, and God abides in him.

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

(Please Stand)

Holy Gospel

John 3:16

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the third chapter.

C: Glory to You, O Lord.

¹⁶[Jesus said:] “For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life.”

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 “Oh, How He Loves You and Me”

Oh, how He loves you and me,
Oh, how He loves you and me.
He gave His life, what more could He give?
(Chorus) Oh, how He loves you!
 Oh, how He loves me!
 Oh, how He loves you and me!

Jesus to Calv'ry did go,
His love for sinners to show.
What He did there brought hope from despair.
(Chorus)

He rose alive from the grave,
Sinners, like us, He did save!
Th'stone could not close; for in love, He arose!
(Chorus)

Jesus is ris'n – we rejoice!
Oh, let the world lift its voice.
Our sin is gone – removed by God's Son.
(Chorus)

Sermon “Hosea: A Picture of God's Love”

Offer Unto the Lord! The Bible gives these guidelines on our financial giving:

- 1) *“First Fruits”*: i.e. *Set aside a portion for God FIRST. He gets the best, not the leftovers.*
- 2) *“Portion/Percentage giving”*: *Give to God a percentage of our gross income; the Old Testament “tithe” was 10%; certainly “this side” of the cross we should be just as motivated, or more so, than the Old Testament believers!*
- 3) *“God's Blessings”*: *God promises if we are faithful in our giving, He will pour out blessing/abundance to us overflowing!*

Offering

Please take this time to sign the Pew Pads in your row and pass them down. We thank God for our visitors and guests. Please share your e-mail with us so that you can receive a weekly note of activities/announcements. Thank you for worshipping with us!

Offertory “Aria”

anonymous Italian

(Please Stand)

Offertory Hymn #805 “Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host:
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen

TODAY WE CELEBRATE THE LORD'S SUPPER.

St. Paul wrote, "Let a man examine himself, and so let him eat of the bread and drink of the cup". Ask yourself: Am I sorry for my sins? Do I believe that Jesus died for my sins? Am I resolved, by the work of the Holy Spirit, to use the power of Christ which is offered in this Sacrament, to amend my sinful life? St. Paul also wrote, "He who eats and drinks, eats and drinks judgment to himself, if he does not judge the body rightly". Do you believe that you receive the TRUE/REAL BODY AND BLOOD of Christ in, under and with the bread and wine for the full pardon of sins? (Please use pages 329-330 in the front of your hymn book to examine yourself.)
Children are invited forward to receive a blessing.

Confession

C: Lord, we confess that we play the harlot whenever we love the things of this world – more than we love You. We are continually unfaithful. We turn away from You and chase sin and self-indulgence. We bring shame to Your name. We are sinners by nature. Sinners in much of what we do. And sinners in things we should do, but do not. The heart of our sin is self-focus: the desire for self-satisfaction. We serve the god of self, the god of our flesh, the gods of this sinful world. Lord Jesus, we are sorry for our sin – sorry for wandering from You and Your love. Receive us back again – and always. We praise and thank you that you were willing to pay the price to purchase our return to Your love. We rejoice in Your love – a love so great – so free – a love willing to die – for sinners such as we are. We are unworthy of Your tremendous sacrificial love – but we rejoice in it – by Your Spirit we cling to Your love, for our forgiveness – and for eternal life. Lord have mercy, Christ have mercy, Lord have mercy!

Forgiveness

P: Rejoice, brothers and sisters. Jesus willingly purchased your return to God's love. He died. He paid the price that sets you free from EVERY SINGLE ONE of your sins. As a called and ordained servant of God, I announce to you the forgiveness of all your sin. For Jesus' sake, God loves you now and forever. 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.

The Words of Our Lord

Sanctus



C Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth a - dored;



Heav'n and earth with full ac-claim shout the glo-ry of Your name.



Sing ho - san-na in the high-est, sing ho-san - na to the Lord;



Tru - ly blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord!

Pax Domini

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

C: Amen.

Agnus Dei



1 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,
2 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,



You take the sin of the world a - way;
You take the sin of the world a - way;



O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,
Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus Christ,



Have mer - cy on us, Lord, we pray.
And grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.

(Be seated)

Distribution Hymns: #709 "The King of Love My Shepherd Is"

#700 "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"

(Please stand)

Post-Communion Collect

P: Gracious God, our heavenly Father, You have given us a foretaste of the feast to come in the Holy Supper of Your Son's body and blood. Keep us firm in the true faith throughout our days of pilgrimage that, on the day of His coming, we may, together with all Your saints, celebrate the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

Benedicamus and Benediction

P: Let us bless the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

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 “Freely, Freely”

God forgave my sin in Jesus' name;

I've been born again in Jesus' name;

And in Jesus' name I come to you

To share His love as He told me to.

(Chorus) He said, “Freely, freely you have received;

Freely, freely give.

Go in My name and, because you believe,

Others will know that I live.”

All pow'r is giv'n in Jesus' name,

In earth and heav'n in Jesus' name;

And in Jesus' name I come to you

To share His pow'r as He told me to.

(Chorus)

Postlude “Trumpet Voluntary”

John Stanley

The Altar Flowers are given to the glory of God by Barbara Byrnes (Nancy Roberts' daughter) in honor of August and September birthdays.

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

Worship Assistants: Mark Meier, Dale Mierisch

Altar Guild for August: Stephanie Guelzow, Sarah Strahm

Lock-ups for August: Bob Hoisington, Glenn Rullman

Pew Pads: Please remember to sign the pew pads. Thank you.

Nursery is available in Preschool Room 106 during the 10:45 Worship Service for children ages 3 and under.

Crisis Control Item for August: Jelly. The collection basket is in the narthex.

The Sermons are available on-line at <http://stjohnsws.com/weekly-sermons-2/>

St. John's Prayer and Care Notes are distributed each Saturday. If you would like to receive this document and be listed on the email distribution, please send a request to:

- Dale Mierisch at wb9szl@triad.rr.com and include "St John's Prayer and Care Notes Subscription" in the subject line of your email.
- You may also email prayer requests to Dale at this address.



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Church & School

Our Sunday Worship - Services are at 8:30 a.m. and 10:45 a.m.
Holy Communion is celebrated at every service.
Sunday School and Adult Bible Class both begin at 9:30 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.*

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Church Office Hours: 8:00 – 3:30, Monday through Thursday