



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

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TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

August 27, 2017 – 10:45 a.m.

Traditional Worship Service

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

† Prayer Before Worship †

Father of all mercy, You have not treated us as our sins deserve, nor have You regarded our feeble attempts at self-righteousness, but for the sake of Your Son, Jesus, You have poured out Your mercy upon us and adopted us in Baptism as Your own dear children; grant that we may be transformed into vessels of Your mercy toward others, both in the Church and throughout the world; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Prelude “All Glory Be to God on High”

Friedrich Wilhelm Zachau

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 “Christ for the World We Sing” (to the tune of “Come Thou Almighty King)

**Christ for the world we sing;
The world to Christ we bring
With loving zeal:
The poor, and those that mourn,
The faint and overborne,
Sin-sick and sorrow worn
Whom Christ doth heal.**

**Christ for the world we sing;
The world to Christ we bring
With fervent prayer:
The wayward and the lost,
By restless passions tossed,
Redeemed at countless cost
From dark despair.**

**Christ for the world we sing;
The world to Christ we bring
With one accord:
With us the work to share,
With us reproach to dare,
With us the cross to bear,
For Christ our Lord.**

Confession and Forgiveness

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

C: Amen.

L: Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness. Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C: who made heaven and earth.

L: I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,

C: and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

L: 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.

L: In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for His sake God forgives us all our sins. To those who believe in Jesus Christ He gives the power to become the children of God and bestows on them the Holy Spirit. May the Lord, who has begun this good work in us, bring it to completion in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.

C: Amen.

Salutation and Collect of the Day

L: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

L: Let us pray.

Almighty God, whom to know is everlasting life, grant us to know Your Son, Jesus, to be the way, the truth, and the life, that we may boldly confess Him to be the Christ and steadfastly walk in the way that leads to life eternal; through the same 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

Malachi 3:6-10

⁶“For I am the LORD, I do not change;
Therefore you are not consumed, O sons of Jacob.

⁷Yet from the days of your fathers
You have gone away from My ordinances
And have not kept them.

Return to Me, and I will return to you,”
Says the LORD of hosts.

“But you said,
'In what way shall we return?'

⁸“Will a man rob God?
Yet you have robbed Me!

But you say,
'In what way have we robbed You?'
In tithes and offerings.

⁹You are cursed with a curse,
For you have robbed Me,
Even this whole nation.

¹⁰Bring all the tithes into the storehouse,
That there may be food in My house,
And try Me now in this,”
Says the LORD of hosts,
“If I will not open for you the windows of heaven
And pour out for you such blessing
That there will not be room enough to receive it.

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Epistle (Sermon Text)

1 Corinthians 9:19-23

¹⁹ For though I am free from all men, I have made myself a servant to all, that I might win the more; ²⁰ and to the Jews I became as a Jew, that I might win Jews; to those who are under the law, as under the law, that I might win those who are under the law; ²¹ to those who are without law, as without law (not being without law toward God, but under law toward Christ), that I might win those who are without law; ²² to the weak I became as weak, that I might win the weak. I have become all things to all men, that I might by all means save some. ²³ Now this I do for the gospel's sake, that I may be partaker of it with you.

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

(Please Stand)

Holy Gospel

Matthew 18:11-14

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the eighteenth chapter.

C: Glory to You, O Lord.

¹¹ For the Son of Man has come to save that which was lost.

¹² "What do you think? If a man has a hundred sheep, and one of them goes astray, does he not leave the ninety-nine and go to the mountains to seek the one that is straying? ¹³ And if he should find it, assuredly, I say to you, he rejoices more over that sheep than over the ninety-nine that did not go astray. ¹⁴ Even so it is not the will of your Father who is in heaven that one of these little ones should perish.

L: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to You, O Christ.

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.**

(Be Seated)

Hymn of the Day #832 “Jesus Shall Reign”, verses 1-2, 4-5

(Note: Verse one in honor of this week’s wondrous solar eclipse)

Sermon “What Needs to Change Around Here!”

Written by Pastor Tom, delivered by Don Henderson

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 “tithes” 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 Cantabile”

Samuel Wesley

(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

Prayer of the Church

L: Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

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.**

Benedicamus and Benediction

L: Let us bless the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

L: 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 “Go Forth and Tell!” (Tune of “National Hymn”)

**Go forth and tell! O Church of God, awake!
God’s saving news to all the nations take.
Proclaim Christ Jesus, Savior, Lord, and King,
That all the world His worthy praise may sing.**

**Go forth and tell! Men still in darkness lie;
In wealth or want, in sin they live and die.
Give us, O Lord, concern of heart and mind –
A love like Yours which cares for all mankind.**

**Go forth and tell! O Church of God, arise!
Go in the strength which Christ your Lord supplies.
Go till all nations His great name adore,
And serve Him – Lord and King forevermore.**

Postlude “Sleepers, Awake!”

Johann Gottfried Walther

The Altar Flowers are given to the glory of God by Don & Clare Adamick in thanks to the Lord for 55 years of marriage.

Today's Ushers: Ryan Davidson, Bob Hoisington, Stephanie Kiel, Holly Wilson
Ushers for September: Larry Bowman, Lisa Little, John Williams

Worship Assistants: Steve Anderson, Don Henderson, Dale Mierisch

Altar Guild for August: Stephanie Guelzow, Sarah Strahm
Altar Guild for September: Gayle Barcio, Renee Henderson

Lock-ups for August: Bob Hoisington, Glenn Rullman
Lock-ups for September: Wes Walker, John Williams

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.

Crisis Control Item for September: Grits and oatmeal.
The collection basket for these items 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 send your prayer requests to Dale at this address.



St. John's

LUTHERAN

Church & School

Our Sunday Worship - Services are at 8:30 a.m. and 10:45 a.m.
Sunday School and Adult Bible Class both begin at 9:30 a.m. Please note that there will not be Sunday School for the children next Sunday, but will resume on September 10.

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: Monday thru Thursday, 8:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.