



**WELCOME TO
ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH & SCHOOL**
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Twenty-third Sunday after Pentecost

November 12, 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.**

Prelude “Voluntary in G”

Francis Linley

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)*

If at any point you need to or prefer to sit, please feel free to do so

(Please Rise)

Processional Hymn: #817 “Earth and All Stars”

Invocation

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

C: Amen.

Call to Worship

P: Oh come, let us worship and bow down; Let us kneel before the Lord our Maker. (Psalm 95:6)

C: Be exalted, O God, above the heavens, And Your glory above all the earth. (Psalm 108:5)

P: He has made the earth by His power, He has established the world by His wisdom, And has stretched out the heavens at His discretion. (Jeremiah 10:12)

C: ‘Ah, Lord God! Behold, You have made the heavens and the earth by Your great power and outstretched arm. There is nothing too hard for You. (Jeremiah 32:17)

P: By the word of the Lord the heavens were made, And all the host of them by the breath of His mouth. (Psalm 33:6)

C: In the beginning was the Word (Jesus), and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things were made through Him (Jesus), and without Him nothing was made that was made. (John 1:1-3)

P: For since the creation of the world His invisible attributes are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, even His eternal power and Godhead, so that they are without excuse. (Romans 1:20)

C: By faith we understand that the worlds were framed by the word of God, so that the things which are seen were not made of things which are visible. (Hebrews 11:3)

P: The earth is the Lord's, and everything in it, the world, and all who live it; for he founded it on the seas. (Psalm 24:1)

C: The heavens are yours and yours also the earth; you founded the world and all that is in it. (Psalm 89:11)

P: In his hand are the depths of the earth, and the mountain peaks belong to him. The sea is his for he made it, and his hands formed the dry land. (Psalm 95:4-5)

C: Before the mountains were born or you brought forth the whole world, from everlasting to everlasting you are God. (Psalm 90:2)

P: Come, let us sing for joy to the Lord; let us shout aloud to the Rock of our Salvation. (Psalm 95:1)

C: For the Lord is the great God, the great King above all gods. (Psalm 95:3)

P: We worship in the name of our Creator God, Father, Son

C: And Holy Spirit. Amen.

The Sacrament of Holy Baptism for Benjamin Luther Spittler

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.

(Please be seated)

First Lesson: Psalm 104:1-6, 14-21, 24-25, 27, 31-35
(Read Responsively; **Congregation-Bold**)

¹Bless the Lord, O my soul! O Lord my God, You are very great: You are clothed with honor and majesty,

²**Who cover *Yourself* with light as *with* a garment, Who stretch out the heavens like a curtain.**

³He lays the beams of His upper chambers in the waters, Who makes the clouds His chariot, Who walks on the wings of the wind,

⁴**Who makes His angels spirits, His ministers a flame of fire.**

⁵*You who* laid the foundations of the earth, So *that* it should not be moved forever,

⁶**You covered it with the deep as *with* a garment; The waters stood above the mountains.**

¹⁴He causes the grass to grow for the cattle, And vegetation for the service of man, That he may bring forth food from the earth,

¹⁵**And wine *that* makes glad the heart of man, Oil to make *his* face shine, And bread *which* strengthens man's heart.**

¹⁶The trees of the Lord are full of *sap*, The cedars of Lebanon which He planted,

¹⁷**Where the birds make their nests; The stork has her home in the fir trees.**

¹⁸The high hills *are* for the wild goats; The cliffs are a refuge for the rock badgers. ^[a]

¹⁹**He appointed the moon for seasons; The sun knows its going down.**

²⁰You make darkness, and it is night, In which all the beasts of the forest creep about.

²¹**The young lions roar after their prey, And seek their food from God.**

²⁴O Lord, how manifold are Your works! In wisdom You have made them all.

The earth is full of Your possessions—

²⁵**This great and wide sea, In which *are* innumerable teeming things, Living things both small and great.**

²⁷These all wait for You, That You may give *them* their food in due season.

³¹**May the glory of the Lord endure forever; May the Lord rejoice in His works.**

³²He looks on the earth, and it trembles; He touches the hills, and they smoke.

³³**I will sing to the Lord as long as I live; I will sing praise to my God while I have my being.**

³⁴ May my meditation be sweet to Him; I will be glad in the Lord.

³⁵ **May sinners be consumed from the earth, And the wicked be no more.
Bless the Lord, O my soul! Praise the Lord!**

L: This is the Word of the Lord

C: Thanks be to God

Second Lesson: Romans 1:18-21

¹⁸ For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who suppress the truth in unrighteousness, ¹⁹ because what may be known of God is manifest in them, for God has shown *it* to them. ²⁰ For since the creation of the world His invisible *attributes* are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, *even* His eternal power and Godhead, so that they are without excuse, ²¹ because, although they knew God, they did not glorify *Him* as God, nor were thankful, but became futile in their thoughts, and their foolish hearts were darkened.

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

(Please Stand)

Holy Gospel: Luke 16:19-31

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 16th chapter.

C: Glory to You, O Lord.

¹⁹ “There was a certain rich man who was clothed in purple and fine linen and fared sumptuously every day. ²⁰ But there was a certain beggar named Lazarus, full of sores, who was laid at his gate, ²¹ desiring to be fed with the crumbs which fell ^[a] from the rich man’s table. Moreover the dogs came and licked his sores. ²² So it was that the beggar died, and was carried by the angels to Abraham’s bosom. The rich man also died and was buried. ²³ And being in torments in Hades, he lifted up his eyes and saw Abraham afar off, and Lazarus in his bosom.

²⁴ “Then he cried and said, ‘Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus that he may dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue; for I am tormented in this flame.’ ²⁵ But Abraham said, ‘Son, remember that in your lifetime you received your good things, and likewise Lazarus evil things; but now he is comforted and you are tormented. ²⁶ And besides all this, between us and you there is a great gulf fixed, so that those who want to pass from here to you cannot, nor can those from there pass to us.’

²⁷ “Then he said, ‘I beg you therefore, father, that you would send him to my father’s house, ²⁸ for I have five brothers, that he may testify to them, lest they also come to this place of torment.’ ²⁹ Abraham said to him, ‘They have Moses and the prophets; let them hear them.’ ³⁰ And he said, ‘No, father Abraham; but if one goes to them from the dead, they will repent.’ ³¹ But he said to him, ‘If they do not hear Moses and the prophets, neither will they be persuaded though one rise from the dead.’”

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to You, O Christ.

(Be Seated)

Children’s Message

Sermon Hymn: #816 “From All that Dwells Below the Skies”

Sermon: Creation and the Gospel

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 worshiping with us!

Offertory Anthem “The Gift of Love”

arr. Hal Hopson

(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 & Forgiveness

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

C: Amen

P: 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.

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

C: and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

P: Almighty God, our maker and redeemer, we poor sinners confess unto You that we are by nature sinful and unclean and that we have sinned against You by thought, word and deed. Wherefore we flee for refuge to Your infinite mercy, seeking and imploring Your grace for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ.

C: O most merciful God, who has given Your only-begotten Son to die for us, have mercy upon us and for His sake grant us remission of all our sins; and by Your Holy Spirit increase in us true knowledge of You and of Your will and true obedience to Your Word, to the end that by Your grace we may come to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

P: Almighty God, our heavenly Father, has had mercy upon us and has given His only Son to die for us and for His sake forgives us all our sins. To those who believe on His name He gives power to become the children of God and has promised them His Holy Spirit. He that believes and is baptized shall be saved. Grant this, Lord, unto us all.

C: Amen

Prayer of the Church

P: Lord in Your Mercy

C: Hear our prayer

The Words of Our Lord

(Be Seated)

Distribution Hymns: #620 “Jesus Comes Today with Healing”

#804 “O Worship the King”

(Please Stand)

Post-Communion Collect

P: O God the Father, the fountain and source of all goodness, who in loving-kindness sent Your only-begotten Son into the flesh, we thank You that for His sake You have given us pardon and peace in this Sacrament, and we ask You not to forsake Your children but always to rule our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit that we may be enabled constantly to serve You; 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: #803 “Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee”

Postlude “Psalm 19”

Benedetto Marcello

The Altar Flowers are given to the glory of God in memory of Sylvia Williams (mother) by John Williams.

Today's Ushers: John Williams, Bob Sparks, Lisa Little, Larry Bowman

Worship Assistant: Early Service – Tom Baldwin, Bob Burke; Late Service – Steve Anderson, Larry Bowman

Lector: Early Service – Jenelle Lanham, Late Service – Stephanie Guelzow

Altar Guild for November: Sue & Ted Frake, Sarah Strahm,

Lock-ups for November: Glenn Rullman and Brad Honeycutt

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 November: Cooking Oil. 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 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.

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 through Thursday,
9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.