

**WELCOME TO
ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH & SCHOOL**
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TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

November 4, 2018 – 10:45 a.m.

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

Welcome

We are delighted to have you with us as we celebrate God’s love for us in Jesus! If you have any questions or needs please feel free to ask an usher, Pastor Tom, or anyone here at St. John’s.

As We Worship

Prepare for worship in stillness and prayer.

Enjoy worship by lifting your voice and heart to God.

Close worship by enjoying the fellowship of one another.

After worship, the service begins! Go out and serve the Lord in all areas of life!

“I urge you, in view of God’s mercy to you, present yourselves as living sacrifices to God, this is your spiritual act of worship.” — Romans 12:1

Please silence all devices. If at any point you need to or prefer to sit, please feel free to do so.

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)*

(Please Rise)

Processional Hymn: #672 “Jerusalem the Golden”

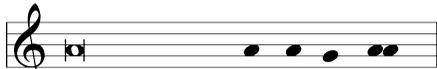
Call to Worship (Invocation): Pastor Tom

Prayer of Confession

C: Heavenly Father, You have told us to care for others, especially our fellow Christians who are suffering, for their faith in You. We confess that we have not remembered them as we should. We have not actively helped them as we are able. And O Lord, we have infrequently prayed for them. Forgive us, these our failings, and make us ever mindful of their sufferings. For these and all others sins we have done, and good left undone, forgive us our sin and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. Amen.

Word of Forgiveness (Absolution): Pastor Tom

Kyrie



A In peace let us pray to the Lord.



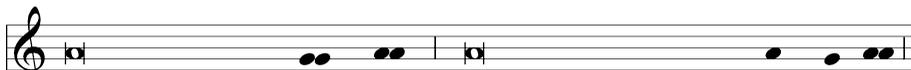
C Lord, have mer - cy.



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.



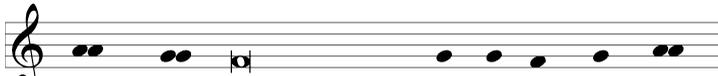
A For this holy house and for all who offer here their wor-ship and praise



let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



A Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gra - cious Lord.



A - men.

(Be Seated)

Solo: "Jerusalem" from *St. Paul*
Ranara Rahimova, soprano

Felix Mendelssohn

Jerusalem, Jerusalem,
thou that killest the prophets, and stonest them which are sent unto thee,
how often would I have gathered unto me thy children, and ye would not.
Matthew 23: 37

First Lesson: Psalm 31:1-11, 14-20, 23-24 (Read Responsively)

In You, O Lord, I **l**put my trust;
Let me never be ashamed;
Deliver me in Your righteousness.

² Bow down Your ear to me,

Deliver me speedily;

Be my rock of **lrefuge,**

A **lfortress of defense to save me.**

³ For You *are* my rock and my fortress;

Therefore, for Your name's sake,

Lead me and guide me.

⁴ Pull me out of the net which they have secretly laid for me,

For You *are* my strength.

⁵ Into Your hand I commit my spirit;

You have redeemed me, O Lord God of truth.

⁶ I have hated those who regard useless idols;

But I trust in the Lord.

⁷ I will be glad and rejoice in Your mercy,

For You have considered my trouble;

You have known my soul in **l**adversities,

⁸ And have not shut **lme up into the hand of the enemy;**

You have set my feet in a wide place.

⁹ Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I am in trouble;
My eye wastes away with grief,
Yes, my soul and my ^lbody!

¹⁰ **For my life is spent with grief,
And my years with sighing;
My strength fails because of my iniquity,
And my bones waste away.**

¹¹ I am a ^lreproach among all my enemies,
But especially among my neighbors,
And *am* repulsive to my acquaintances;
Those who see me outside flee from me.

¹⁴ **But as for me, I trust in You, O Lord;
I say, "You *are* my God."**

¹⁵ My times *are* in Your hand;
Deliver me from the hand of my enemies,
And from those who persecute me.

¹⁶ **Make Your face shine upon Your servant;
Save me for Your mercies' sake.**

¹⁷ Do not let me be ashamed, O Lord, for I have called upon You;
Let the wicked be ashamed;
Let them be silent in the grave.

¹⁸ **Let the lying lips be put to silence,
Which speak insolent things proudly and contemptuously against the righteous.**

¹⁹ Oh, how great *is* Your goodness,
Which You have laid up for those who fear You,
Which You have prepared for those who trust in You
In the presence of the sons of men!

²⁰ **You shall hide them in the secret place of Your presence
From the plots of man;
You shall keep them secretly in a ^lpavilion
From the strife of tongues.**

²³ Oh, love the Lord, all you His saints!
For the Lord preserves the faithful,
And fully repays the proud person.

²⁴ **Be of good courage,
And He shall strengthen your heart,
All you who hope in the Lord.**

L: This is the Word of the Lord

C: Thanks be to God.

Second Lesson: 2 Corinthians 4:7-11, 16-18

⁷ But we have this treasure in earthen vessels, that the excellence of the power may be of God and not of us. ⁸ *We are* hard-pressed on every side, yet not crushed; *we are* perplexed, but not in despair; ⁹ persecuted, but not forsaken; struck down, but not destroyed— ¹⁰ always carrying about in the body the dying of the Lord Jesus, that the life of Jesus also may be manifested in our body. ¹¹ For we who live are always delivered to death for Jesus' sake, that the life of Jesus also may be manifested in our mortal flesh.

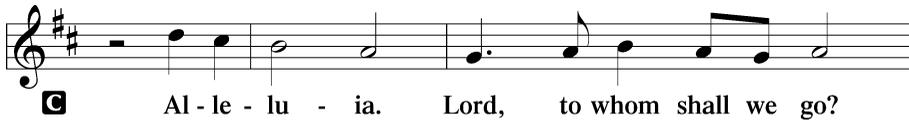
¹⁶ Therefore we do not lose heart. Even though our outward man is perishing, yet the inward *man* is being renewed day by day. ¹⁷ For our light affliction, which is but for a moment, is working for us a far more exceeding *and* eternal weight of glory, ¹⁸ while we do not look at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen. For the things which are seen *are* temporary, but the things which are not seen *are* eternal.

L: This is the Word of the Lord

C: Thanks be to God

(Please Rise)

Alleluia and Verse



Holy Gospel: Matthew 5:10-12, 43-45

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew the 5th chapter.

C: Glory to You, O Lord

¹⁰ Blessed *are* those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, For theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

¹¹ Blessed are you when they revile and persecute you, and say all kinds of evil against you falsely for My sake. ¹² Rejoice and be exceedingly glad, for great *is* your reward in heaven, for so they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

⁴³ “You have heard that it was said, ‘You shall love your neighbor and hate your enemy.’ ⁴⁴ ^[a] But I say to you, love your enemies, bless those who curse you, do good to those who hate you, and pray for those who spitefully use you and persecute you, ⁴⁵ that you may be sons of your Father in heaven; for He makes His sun rise on the evil and on the good, and sends rain on the just and on the unjust.

P: 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)

Children’s Message

Hymn of the Day #678 “We Sing for All the Unsung Saints”

Sermon: “Where is the Church?”

Sermon Text: Hebrews 13:1-3 (NIV)

Let brotherly love continue. ² Do not forget to entertain strangers, for by so *doing* some have unwittingly entertained angels. ³ Remember the prisoners as if chained with them—those who are mistreated—since you yourselves are in the body also.

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 “Of Love”

Dede Duson

(Please Rise)

Offertory



What shall I ren - der to the Lord for all His ben - e-fits to



me? I will of - fer the sac - ri - fice of thanks - giv - ing and will



call on the name of the Lord. I will take the cup of sal-



va - tion and will call on the name of the Lord. I will pay my



vows to the Lord now in the pres - ence of all His peo - ple, in the



courts of the Lord's house, in the midst of you, O Je - ru - sa - lem.

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.

Please take a moment to sign the attendance pad in your pew.

† Service of the Sacrament †

Preface



P The Lord be with you.



C And al-so with you.



P Lift up your hearts.



C We lift them to the Lord.



P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



C It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

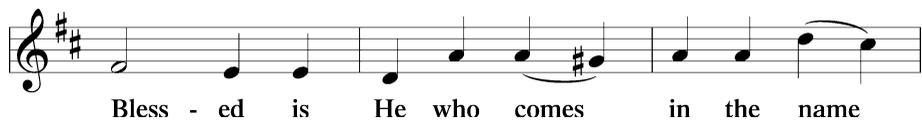
Prayer of Thanksgiving

P: Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross.

Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

Sanctus



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.

Words of Institution

Agnus Dei



☐ 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;



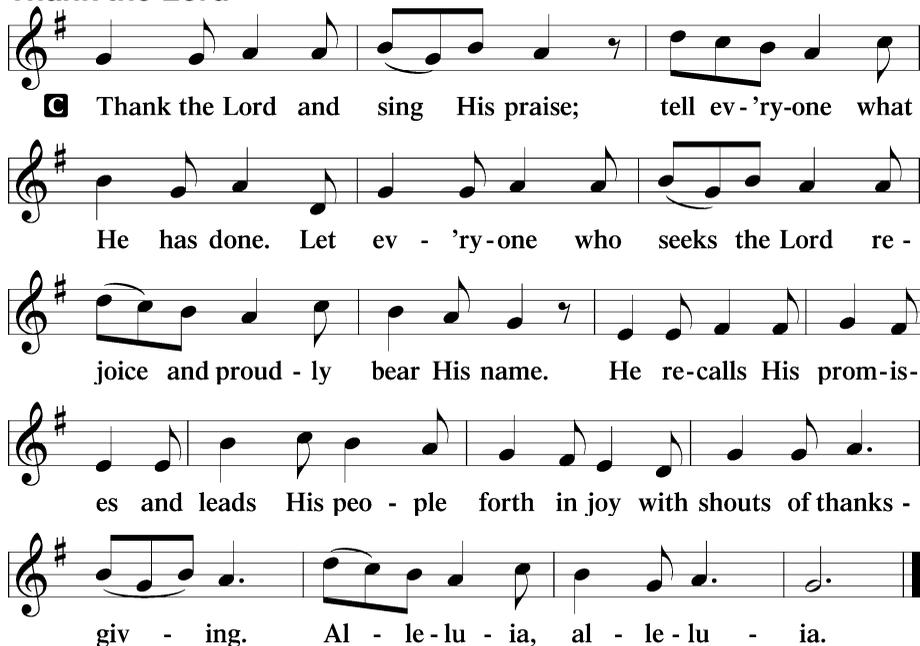
grant us peace, grant us peace.

(Be Seated)

Distribution Hymns: #668 "Rise! To Arms! With Prayer Employ You"
#664 "Fight the Good Fight"
#673 "Jerusalem, My Happy Home"

(Please Rise)

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-
joice and proud-ly bear His name. He re-calls His prom-
ises and leads His peo-ple forth in joy with shouts of thanks-
giv-ing. Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia.

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: #680 "Thine the Amen, Thine the Praise"

Postlude "Psalm 19"

Benedetto Marcello

The Altar Flowers are given to the glory of God by Fran Johnson in memory of her husband Jim – gone one year on 11-6-17.

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

Worship Assistant: Early Service – Tom Baldwin, Bob Burke Late Service – Larry Bowman, Don Henderson

Lector: Early Service – Rachel Orsborn Late Service – Alan Hall

Altar Guild for November: Sue & Ted Frake, Stephanie Guelzow, Claudia Essbach

Lock-ups for November: Glenn Rullman, Brad Honeycutt

Nursery is available in **Preschool Room 101** during the 10:45 Worship Service for children ages 3 and under.

Crisis Control Item for November: Cooking Oil, Thank You for your October donations - 28lbs of food were collected!

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.

(Restrooms: Exit the left-side door on the pulpit side. Go straight thru the Fellowship Hall and the two doors leading to our school building. Restrooms are on your right in the school lobby)



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.