



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

November 5, 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 “Cancao”

Francisco Yepes

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: #661 “The Son of God Goes Forth to War”

Invocation

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

C: Amen.

Confession & Forgiveness

Confession

P: We are admonished by the Word of God (Hebrews 13:3) to: “Remember those who are imprisoned, as if you were their fellow prisoners. And those who are tortured, as if you were being tortured with them.” In our comfort we have often failed to remember those who suffer for Jesus’ sake. We have failed to pray and a call upon our Father to send holy angels to comfort them in their trials. We have not spoken out on their behalf or worked to help set them free. We have often and daily forgotten them.

Prayer of Confession

C: Heavenly Father, you have taught us to remember those who endure imprisonment and torture for the sake of your name, and we have failed. We have not remembered them in our prayers. We have not spoken out on their behalf. We have not worked to deliver them from their suffering. In this, and in many other ways, we have failed to keep your teaching. Hear us, and forgive us, for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Lord, in whom alone we trust for our salvation, and in whose name we pray. Amen

Salutation and Collect of the Day

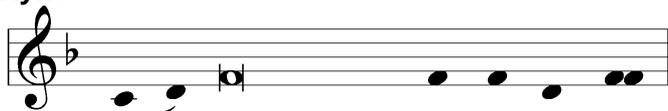
P: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

P: Almighty God, by gift of Your Son our Savior Jesus, You have opened to us the door of everlasting life. Guide us to walk in the footsteps of our ancestors in the faith, that we would always trust that we are saved by grace through faith and faithfully proclaim and demonstrate this good news to everyone; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever

C: **Amen.**

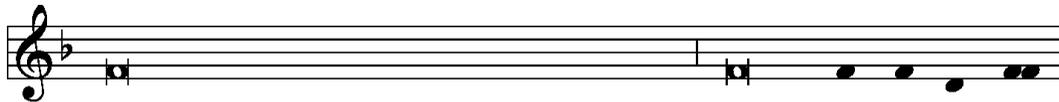
Kyrie



A In peace let us pray to the Lord.



G Lord, have mer - cy.



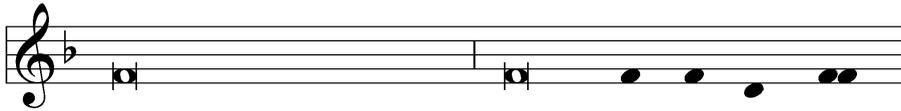
A For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.



G Lord, have mer - cy.



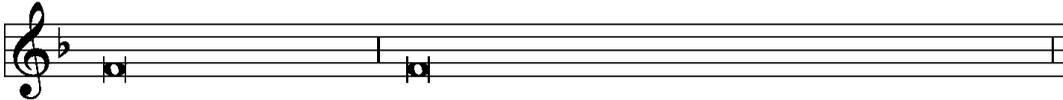
A For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



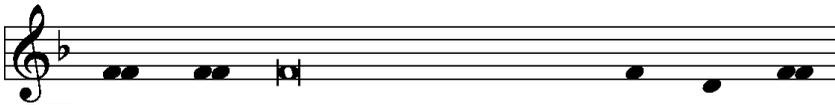
A For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise



let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



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



C A - men.

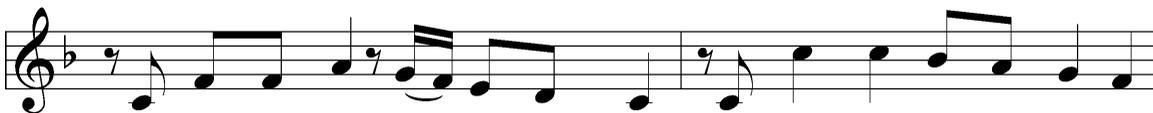
Gloria in Excelsis



A Glory to God in the highest, and peace to His peo - ple on earth.



C Lord God, heav-en-ly king, al-might-y God and Fa - ther:



We wor-ship You, we give You thanks, we praise You for Your glo-ry.



Lord Je-sus Christ, on-ly Son of the Fa-ther, Lord God, Lamb of God:



You take a - way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.



You are seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa-ther; re-ceive our prayer.



For You a-lone are the Ho-ly One, You a-lone are the Lord,



You a-lone are the Most High, Je-sus Christ, with the Ho-ly Spir-it,



in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

(Please be seated)

First Lesson: Daniel 6:13-18

¹³ Then they said to the king, “Daniel, who is one of the exiles from Judah, pays no attention to you, Your Majesty, or to the decree you put in writing. He still prays three times a day.” ¹⁴ When the king heard this, he was greatly distressed; he was determined to rescue Daniel and made every effort until sundown to save him.

¹⁵ Then the men went as a group to King Darius and said to him, “Remember, Your Majesty, that according to the law of the Medes and Persians no decree or edict that the king issues can be changed.”

¹⁶ So the king gave the order, and they brought Daniel and threw him into the lions’ den. The king said to Daniel, “May your God, whom you serve continually, rescue you!”

¹⁷ A stone was brought and placed over the mouth of the den, and the king sealed it with his own signet ring and with the rings of his nobles, so that Daniel’s situation might not be changed. ¹⁸ Then the king returned to his palace and spent the night without eating and without any entertainment being brought to him. And he could not sleep.

L: This is the Word of the Lord

C: Thanks be to God

Hymn of Response: #861 “Christ Be My Leader”

Second Lesson: Daniel 6:19-28

¹⁹ At the first light of dawn, the king got up and hurried to the lions’ den. ²⁰ When he came near the den, he called to Daniel in an anguished voice, “Daniel, servant of the living God, has your God, whom you serve continually, been able to rescue you from the lions?”

²¹ Daniel answered, "May the king live forever! ²² My God sent his angel, and he shut the mouths of the lions. They have not hurt me, because I was found innocent in his sight. Nor have I ever done any wrong before you, Your Majesty."

²³ The king was overjoyed and gave orders to lift Daniel out of the den. And when Daniel was lifted from the den, no wound was found on him, because he had trusted in his God.

²⁴ At the king's command, the men who had falsely accused Daniel were brought in and thrown into the lions' den, along with their wives and children. And before they reached the floor of the den, the lions overpowered them and crushed all their bones.

²⁵ Then King Darius wrote to all the nations and peoples of every language in all the earth:

"May you prosper greatly!

²⁶ "I issue a decree that in every part of my kingdom people must fear and reverence the God of Daniel.

"For he is the living God

and he endures forever;

his kingdom will not be destroyed,

his dominion will never end.

²⁷ He rescues and he saves;

he performs signs and wonders

in the heavens and on the earth.

He has rescued Daniel

from the power of the lions."

²⁸ So Daniel prospered during the reign of Darius and the reign of Cyrus^[a] the Persian.

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Alleluia 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, al - le - lu - ia.

(Please Stand)

Holy Gospel: John 15:18-21, 16:1-4, 32-33

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 15th and 16th chapter.

C: Glory to You, O Lord.

¹⁸ “If the world hates you, keep in mind that it hated me first. ¹⁹ If you belonged to the world, it would love you as its own. As it is, you do not belong to the world, but I have chosen you out of the world. That is why the world hates you. ²⁰ Remember what I told you: ‘A servant is not greater than his master.’^[a] If they persecuted me, they will persecute you also. If they obeyed my teaching, they will obey yours also. ²¹ They will treat you this way because of my name, for they do not know the one who sent me.

“All this I have told you so that you will not fall away. ² They will put you out of the synagogue; in fact, the time is coming when anyone who kills you will think they are offering a service to God. ³ They will do such things because they have not known the Father or me. ⁴ I have told you this, so that when their time comes you will remember that I warned you about them. I did not tell you this from the beginning because I was with you,

³² “A time is coming and in fact has come when you will be scattered, each to your own home. You will leave me all alone. Yet I am not alone, for my Father is with me.

³³ “I have told you these things, so that in me you may have peace. In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world.”

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: #850 "God of Grace and God of Glory"

Sermon: "In The Lion's Den"

Sermon Prayer

P: First, we are going to acknowledge our sin and ask God to forgive us.

We Pray:

C: Heavenly Father, you have taught us to care for others, and especially for fellow Christians who are suffering for their faith in you. We confess that we have not remembered them as we ought to do. We confess that we have not considered ourselves as fellow-sufferers with them. We confess that we have not tried to help them. Forgive us, Lord, for these failings, and keep us ever-mindful of their suffering. Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer for Jesus; sake. Amen

P: Now we are going to pray for our fellow Christians who are suffering persecution for Christ's sake:

Lord Jesus you know what it is to suffer unjustly: to be beaten and spit upon, to be locked in a cold stone prison, to have the very clothes stripped from your back, to be put to a cruel and painful death. Today your people are suffering for the sake of your name. They are robbed and beaten, abused and made to starve and thirst; they are kidnapped and sold into slavery. Comfort them in their Spirit. Send your holy angels to watch over them and protect them. **Lord, in your mercy hear our prayer. Amen.**

P: Now we are going to pray for the persecutors, for those who have killed and robbed and abused and enslaved men and women and children that believe in Jesus.

Lord Jesus, you taught us to pray for those who hate us, even for those who have killed and robbed and abused and enslaved men and women and children that believe in Jesus.

Lord Jesus, you taught us to pray for those who hate us, even as you prayed for those who crucified you. Soften the hard hearts of those who have lifted their hands against your people. Forgive them, O Lord, and grant them the grace to hear your Word, to receive forgiveness of their sins, and to follow you in faith and become the instruments of your peace. **Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer. Amen**

P: Finally, we are going to pray for the leaders of our government, and for all the governments of this earth:

C: Heavenly Father, you established civil authority to govern the affairs of the nations of the earth, to suppress evil and to do good. Move the leaders of the nations to understand that it is evil to inflict harm on people in the form of religious persecution. Give the leaders of all the nations the wisdom to work for peace and tolerance. Especially do we pray, O Lord, for the leaders of our land. Make them bold to cry out against this injustice. Make them determined to work for an end to this great wickedness. Give us, as citizens of a democratic land, strong voices to speak on behalf of those who cannot speak for themselves, and to urge our government to hold accountable those who continue to plunder, imprison, torture, and kill your people. Lord, in your mercy hear our prayer for Jesus' sake. Amen.

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 Anthem "Didn't My Lord Deliver Daniel?"

arr. Roger Emerson

(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.

Prayer of the Church

P: 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.

Sanctus



C Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might:



Heav-en and earth are full of Your glo - ry. Ho - san-na. Ho -



san-na. 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.

The Words of Our Lord

Pax Domini

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

C: Amen.

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.

(Be Seated)

Distribution Hymns: #680 “Thine the Amen
#718 “Jesus Lead Thou On”

(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 #660 “Stand Up, Stand Up, for Jesus”

Postlude “Battalla – Battle Between Good and Evil”

Juan Cabanilles

The Altar Flowers are given to the glory of God in honor and memory of Richard Blizard (husband) by Jeanne Blizard.

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

Worship Assistant: Early Service – Tom Baldwin, Mark Edmiston; Late Service – Dale Mierisch, Rob Schwabe

Lector: Early Service – Kris Gartley, Late Service – Beth Meier

Altar Guild for October: Mary Rochester, Kae & Mae Elliott, Jackie Downey

Lock-ups for October: Don Henderson & Steve Anderson

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.



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.