

500 Reformation Five Hundred Years 1517-2017

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

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NINETEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

October 15, 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.**

The Celebration Continues

Prelude “Schmücke dich”

J.S. Bach

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

Call to Worship:

P: The Lutheran Church and the entire Christian Church is a church of the Word. Hebrews 4:12 says that God’s Word is Living and Powerful – sharper than a two-edged sword, piercing to the division of soul and Spirit, a discerner of our thoughts and our hearts, hiding nothing from God’s sight, but laying all things naked and open to the eyes of Him to whom we must give account.

There is Word of Law that lays us bare – revealing our Sin.

There is Word of Gospel that brings the Restoring, Renewing and Reforming Spirit to our souls.

Therefore, confessing sin and rejoicing in forgiveness is a necessary and ongoing part of our daily Christian lives and of our gathering in worship.

(Please Rise)

Processional #578 “Thy Strong Word” vs. 1-3

Confession/Forgiveness

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

C **Amen.**

L If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

C **But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

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 Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C 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.

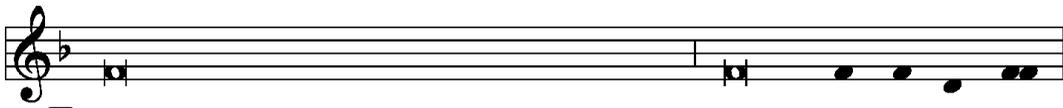
Kyrie



A In peace let us pray to the Lord.



G Lord, have mer - cy.



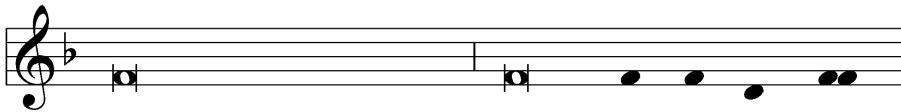
A For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



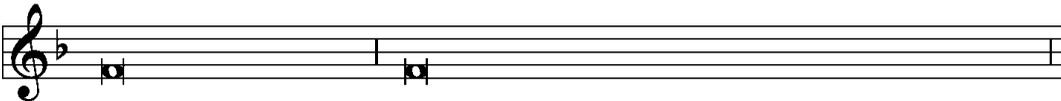
A For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



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



C Lord, have mer - cy.



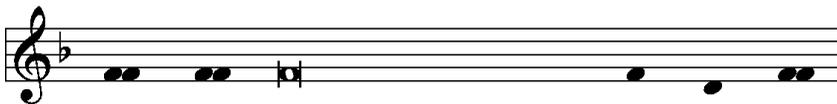
A For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise



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

Isaiah 55:1-3, 6-12

“Ho! Everyone who thirsts,
 Come to the waters;
 And you who have no money,
 Come, buy and eat.
 Yes, come, buy wine and milk
 Without money and without price.
²Why do you spend money for *what*
is not bread,
 And your wages for *what* does not
 satisfy?
 Listen carefully to Me, and eat *what*
is good,
 And let your soul delight itself in
 abundance.
³Incline your ear, and come to Me.

Hear, and your soul shall live;
 And I will make an everlasting covenant
 with you—
 The sure mercies of David.

⁶Seek the LORD while He may be
 found,
 Call upon Him while He is near.
⁷Let the wicked forsake his way,
 And the unrighteous man his
 thoughts;
 Let him return to the LORD,
 And He will have mercy on him;
 And to our God,
 For He will abundantly pardon.

⁸“For My thoughts *are* not your thoughts,
Nor *are* your ways My ways,” says the LORD.

⁹“For as the heavens are higher than the earth,
So are My ways higher than your ways,
And My thoughts than your thoughts.

¹⁰“For as the rain comes down, and the snow from heaven,
And do not return there,
But water the earth,
And make it bring forth and bud,
That it may give seed to the sower

And bread to the eater,
¹¹So shall My word be that goes forth from My mouth;

It shall not return to Me void,
But it shall accomplish what I please,
And it shall prosper *in the thing* for which I sent it.

¹²“For you shall go out with joy,
And be led out with peace;
The mountains and the hills
Shall break forth into singing before you,
And all the trees of the field shall clap *their* hands.

L: This is the Word of the Lord

C: Thanks be to God

Second Lesson: 2 Timothy 3:12-17

¹²In fact, everyone who wants to live a godly life in Christ Jesus will be persecuted, ¹³while evildoers and impostors will go from bad to worse, deceiving and being deceived. ¹⁴But as for you, continue in what you have learned and have become convinced of, because you know those from whom you learned it, ¹⁵and how from infancy you have known the Holy Scriptures, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. ¹⁶All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, ¹⁷so that the servant of God^[a] may be thoroughly equipped for every good work.

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

**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 T everlasting. Amen.**

(Be Seated)

Children's Message

Hymn of the Day: #655 "Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word"

Sermon: Sola Scriptura (Scripture Alone)

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 worshiping with us!

Offertory Anthem "I Would See Jesus"

arr. Kenneth Lowenberg

(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

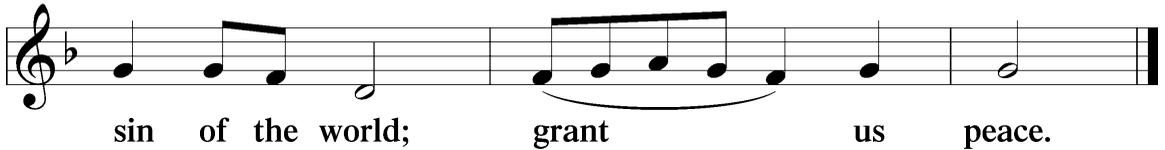
Pax Domini

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



(Be seated)

Distribution Hymns: #617 “O Lord, We Praise You”
#636 “Soul, Adorn Yourself with Gladness” vs. 1-4
#638 “Eat This Bread”

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.

(Please stand)

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 #578 “Thy Strong Word” vs. 4-6

Postlude “Gigue Fugue”

Dietrich Buxtehude

Cantor: Tom Loke

The Altar Flowers are given to the glory of God in memory of Vipparti Satyam by Vipparti Anil Kumar & Anila Rani Pullagura

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

Worship Assistant: Early Service – Mark Edmiston, Tom Baldwin, Late Service – Steve Anderson, Rob Schwabe

Lector: Early Service – Claudia Essbach, 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 October: Boxed Dinners (ex: Hamburger Helper). The collection basket is in the Narthex.

The Sermons are available on-line at <http://stjohnsww.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.

One service on Sunday, October 29, 2017 at 10:30am

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THE CHRISTIAN FAITH!

***THE WORD ALONE
Declares we are saved***

BY GRACE ALONE

Through

FAITH ALONE

In

CHRIST ALONE

◆ ***Sola Scriptura***
◆ ***Sola Gratia***

◆ ***Sola Fide***
◆ ***Sola Christos***



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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Tom Baldwin, Director of Admissions and Community Relations

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Frances Burmeister, Director of Music for Traditional Worship

Church Office Hours Monday through Thursday,
9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.