



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

**October 21, 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*

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

**Processional Hymn: #601 “All Who Believe and Are Baptized”**

**Invocation/Confession/Absolution**

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

**C: Amen.**

P: Our help is in the name of the Lord,

**C: who made heaven and earth.**

P: If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?

**C: But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.**

P: Since we are gathered to hear God’s Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, and receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

**C: Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.**

**P: 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.**

<p><b>The Sacrament of Holy Baptism for Clarissa Jaclyn Jones</b></p>
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**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)*

**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.**

## First Lesson: Numbers 14:1-4, 10-12, 17-19, 26-30, 36-38

14 So all the congregation lifted up their voices and cried, and the people wept that night. <sup>2</sup> And all the children of Israel complained against Moses and Aaron, and the whole congregation said to them, "If only we had died in the land of Egypt! Or if only we had died in this wilderness! <sup>3</sup> Why has the LORD brought us to this land to <sup>[a]</sup>fall by the sword, that our wives and children should become victims? Would it not be better for us to return to Egypt?" <sup>4</sup> So they said to one another, "Let us select a leader and return to Egypt."

<sup>10</sup> And all the congregation said to stone them with stones. Now the glory of the Lord appeared in the tabernacle of meeting before all the children of Israel.

<sup>11</sup> Then the Lord said to Moses: "How long will these people reject <sup>[a]</sup>Me? And how long will they not believe Me, with all the <sup>[b]</sup>signs which I have performed among them? <sup>12</sup> I will strike them with the pestilence and disinherit them, and I will make of you a nation greater and mightier than they."

Moses said <sup>17</sup> And now, I pray, let the power of my Lord be great, just as You have spoken, saying, <sup>18</sup> 'The Lord is longsuffering and abundant in mercy, forgiving iniquity and transgression; but He by no means clears *the guilty*, visiting the iniquity of the fathers on the children to the third and fourth *generation*.' <sup>19</sup> Pardon the iniquity of this people, I pray, according to the greatness of Your mercy, just as You have forgiven this people, from Egypt even until now."

<sup>26</sup> And the Lord spoke to Moses and Aaron, saying, <sup>27</sup> "How long *shall I bear with* this evil congregation who complain against Me? I have heard the complaints which the children of Israel make against Me. <sup>28</sup> Say to them, 'As I live,' says the Lord, 'just as you have spoken in My hearing, so I will do to you: <sup>29</sup> The carcasses of you who have complained against Me shall fall in this wilderness, all of you who were numbered, according to your entire number, from twenty years old and above. <sup>30</sup> Except for Caleb the son of Jephunneh and Joshua the son of Nun, you shall by no means enter the land which I <sup>[a]</sup>swore I would make you dwell in."

<sup>36</sup> Now the men whom Moses sent to spy out the land, who returned and made all the congregation complain against him by bringing a bad report of the land, <sup>37</sup> those very men who brought the evil report about the land, died by the plague before the Lord. <sup>38</sup> But Joshua the son of Nun and Caleb the son of Jephunneh remained alive, of the men who went to spy out the land.

L: This is the Word of the Lord

**C: Thanks be to God.**

## **Second Lesson: Acts 4:31-37 (GNT)**

<sup>31</sup> When they finished praying, the place where they were meeting was shaken. They were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to proclaim God's message with boldness.

<sup>32</sup> The group of believers was one in mind and heart. None of them said that any of their belongings were their own, but they all shared with one another everything they had. <sup>33</sup> With great power the apostles gave witness to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and God poured rich blessings on them all. <sup>34</sup> There was no one in the group who was in need. Those who owned fields or houses would sell them, bring the money received from the sale, <sup>35</sup> and turn it over to the apostles; and the money was distributed according to the needs of the people.

<sup>36</sup> And so it was that Joseph, a Levite born in Cyprus, whom the apostles called Barnabas (which means "One who Encourages"), <sup>37</sup> sold a field he owned, brought the money, and turned it over to the apostles.

L: This is the Word of the Lord

**C: Thanks be to God**

*(Please Rise)*

## **Holy Gospel: John 1:32-34**

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. John the 1<sup>st</sup> chapter.

**C: Glory to You, O Lord**

<sup>32</sup> And John bore witness, saying, "I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and He remained upon Him. <sup>33</sup> I did not know Him, but He who sent me to baptize with water said to me, 'Upon whom you see the Spirit descending, and remaining on Him, this is He who baptizes with the Holy Spirit.' <sup>34</sup> And I have seen and testified that this is the Son of God."

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C: Praise to You O Christ.**

*(Be Seated)*

## **Children's Message**

**Hymn of the Day #740 "I Am Jesus' Little Lamb"**

**Sermon: "Satan's Toolbox"**

**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 “We are Ambassadors in the Name of Christ”**

Wagner Pastor, Barnabas Andrew Rene, Paul

**“HowLovelyarethemessengers”** Felix Mendelssohn from *St. Paul*  
(Please Rise)

## **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.

### **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 †**

### **Words of Institution**

(Be Seated)

**Distribution Hymns: #596 “All Christians Who Have Been Baptized”**  
**#590 “Baptized Into Your Name, Most Holy”**

## **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: #917 “Savior, Again to Thy Dear Name We Raise”**

**Postlude “Fugue in C”**

J.S. Bach

**The Altar Flowers** are given to the glory of God by Gwen Clocker in honor of all the ladies of St. John’s for your love and support for me.

**Today’s Ushers:** Holly Wilson, Ryan Davidson, Stephanie Kiel

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

**Lector:** Early Service – Kris Gartley Late Service – Nathan Kottlowski

**Altar Guild for October:** Gayle Barcio, Sarah Strahm

**Lock-ups for October:** Steve Anderson, Don Henderson

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

**Crisis Control Item for October:** Boxed Dinners (ex.: Hamburger Helper)

**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](mailto: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)



***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 8<sup>th</sup> grade.  
All programs/grades have full-time care available.*

**Pastor Thomas Clocker, 301-732-9203, revclocker@gmail.com**

**Mark Edmiston, Principal**

**Tom Baldwin, Director of Admissions and Community Relations**

**Sonia Davidson, Director of Preschool**

**Michael Zeoli, Director of Music for Contemporary Worship**

**Frances Burmeister, Director of Music for Traditional Worship**

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