



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

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**FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

**September 10, 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.**

## † Prayer Before Worship †

Heavenly Father, You have made us Your children by our Baptism into Christ and given us the hope of eternal life in the forgiveness of our sins. Help us to share that life and forgiveness with all people, for all with us are in need of Your mercy and deliverance; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

### Prelude “Praise to The, Lord Jesus Christ”

Johann Heinrich Buttstedt

**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*

### Processional Hymn #644 “The Church’s One Foundation”

#### Confession and Forgiveness

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

C: **Amen.**

P: 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.**

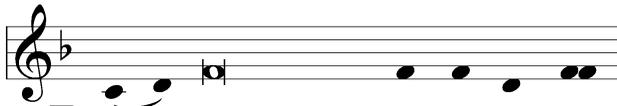
P: Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

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.**

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.**

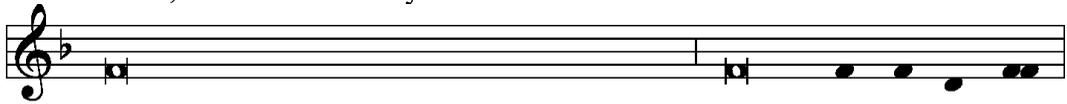
# Kyrie



**A** In peace let us pray to the Lord.



**C** 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.



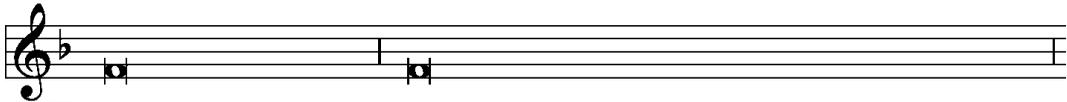
**A** For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



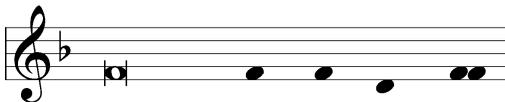
and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.



**C** Lord, have mer - cy.



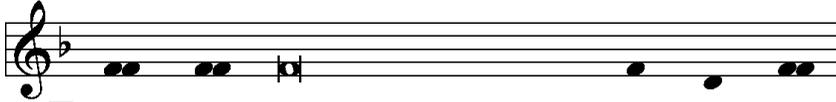
**A** For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise



let us pray to the Lord.



**C** Lord, have mer - cy.



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



**C** A - men.

### Salutation and Collect of the Day

P: The Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

P: Let us pray.

O God, from whom all good proceeds, grant to us, Your humble servants, Your holy inspiration, that we may set our minds on the things that are right and, by Your merciful guiding, accomplish them; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

*(Be Seated)*

### Old Testament Lesson

**Psalm 119:105-112**

<sup>105</sup> Your word *is* a lamp to my feet  
And a light to my path.

<sup>106</sup> I have sworn and confirmed  
That I will keep Your righteous judgments.

<sup>107</sup> I am afflicted very much;  
Revive me, O LORD, according to Your word.

<sup>108</sup> Accept, I pray, the freewill offerings of my mouth, O LORD,  
And teach me Your judgments.

<sup>109</sup> My life *is* continually in my hand,  
Yet I do not forget Your law.

<sup>110</sup> The wicked have laid a snare for me,  
Yet I have not strayed from Your precepts.

<sup>111</sup> Your testimonies I have taken as a heritage forever,  
For they *are* the rejoicing of my heart.

<sup>112</sup> I have inclined my heart to perform Your statutes  
Forever, to the very end.

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

## Epistle Lesson

**Acts 2:42-47**

<sup>42</sup> And they continued steadfastly in the apostles' doctrine and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in prayers. <sup>43</sup> Then fear came upon every soul, and many wonders and signs were done through the apostles. <sup>44</sup> Now all who believed were together, and had all things in common, <sup>45</sup> and sold their possessions and goods, and divided them among all, as anyone had need.

<sup>46</sup> So continuing daily with one accord in the temple, and breaking bread from house to house, they ate their food with gladness and simplicity of heart, <sup>47</sup> praising God and having favor with all the people. And the Lord added to the church<sup>[a]</sup> daily those who were being saved.

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

## Common Alleluia and Verse

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

Matthew 16:13-19

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the sixteenth chapter

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

### **Peter Confesses Jesus as the Christ**

<sup>13</sup> When Jesus came into the region of Caesarea Philippi, He asked His disciples, saying, "Who do men say that I, the Son of Man, am?"

<sup>14</sup> So they said, "Some say John the Baptist, some Elijah, and others Jeremiah or one of the prophets."

<sup>15</sup> He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?"

<sup>16</sup> Simon Peter answered and said, "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God."

<sup>17</sup> Jesus answered and said to him, "Blessed are you, Simon Bar-Jonah, for flesh and blood has not revealed *this* to you, but My Father who is in heaven. <sup>18</sup> And I also say to you that you are Peter, and on this rock I will build My church, and the gates of Hades shall not prevail against it. <sup>19</sup> And I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed<sup>[a]</sup> in heaven."

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 #650 "Holy Spirit, Ever Dwelling"**

**Sermon:** See Handout

**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 "With a Voice of Singing"**

Martin Shaw

*(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.

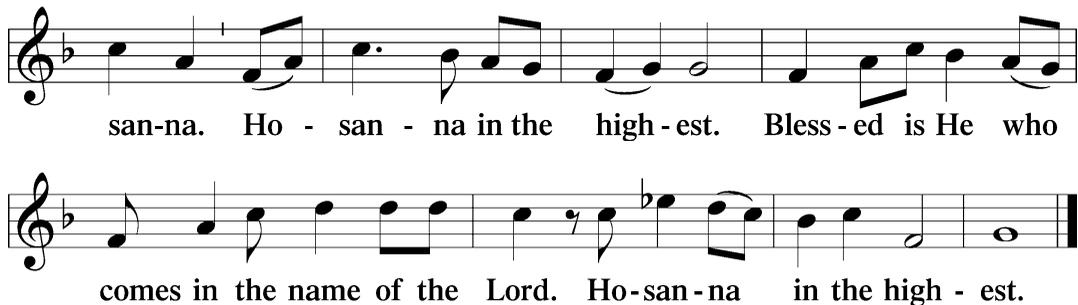
**Sanctus**



**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.

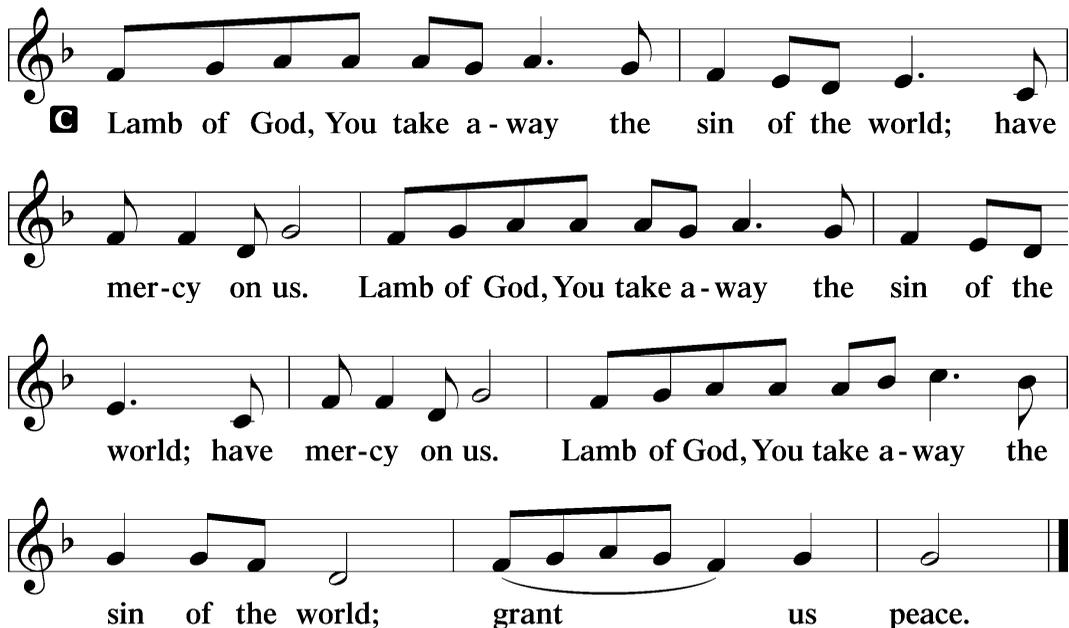
## The Words of Our Lord

### 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: #651 "I Love Your Kingdom, Lord"**  
**#829 "Christ the Eternal Lord"**

*(Please stand)*

**Post-Communion Collect**

P: With thankful hearts we give You praise, gracious Father, for renewing and strengthening our baptismal faith by Your Holy Spirit, the Spirit of Christ and of His resurrection, with the very body and blood of Your Son, the price of our salvation. Because He lives we will live also; through the same 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 #813 "Rejoice, O Pilgrim Throng"**  
**Vs. 1, 3, 5, 7**

**Postlude "La Romanesca"**

Antonio Volente

**Cantor:** Andrew Rene

**The Altar Flowers** are given to the glory of God by Martha Tegeler

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

**Worship Assistants:** email mark meier if I don't hear from anyone

**Lector:**

**Altar Guild for September:** Gayle Barcio, Renee Henderson

**Lock-ups for September:** Wes Walker, John Williams

**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 September:** Grits and oatmeal. 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](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.



# 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.  
*Please note that there will not be Sunday School for the children today,  
but will resume next Sunday, September 10.*

***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.