



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

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FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

September 17, 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 †

O God, our righteousness, restore the broken relationships in Your Church, especially between family members. Provide reconciliation and peace where Satan has sown division and discord, through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Prelude “Rhosymedre”

Ralph Vaughan Williams

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 #790 “Praise to the Lord, Almighty”

Confession and Forgiveness

Pastor: The Lord works righteousness and justice for all who are oppressed. Joseph’s brothers cast him into a pit, sold him into slavery, and then lied to their father about what had happened.

People: We, too, are guilty of sinning against our own families. We have harmed our brothers and sisters. We have lied to our parents. We have covered up our sins, hoping to get away with evil.

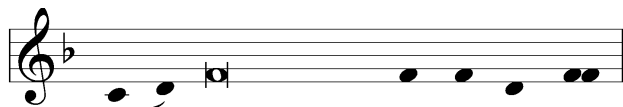
Pastor: We turn to our heavenly Father, who is merciful and gracious, and repent of our sins.

Silence for reflection

Pastor: As a father shows compassion to his children, so the Lord shows compassion to those who fear Him. He showed compassion to us by sending His Son, Jesus Christ, who died for our forgiveness and rose again to bring us new life. Because of Jesus, God does not deal with us according to our sins, nor repay us according to our iniquities. Therefore, as a called and ordained servant of Christ and by His authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen. As far as the east is from the west, so far does God remove our transgressions from us.

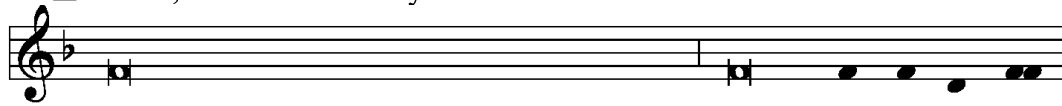
Kyrie



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.



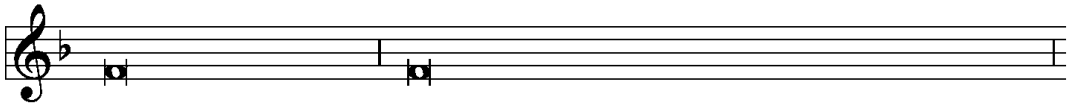
A For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



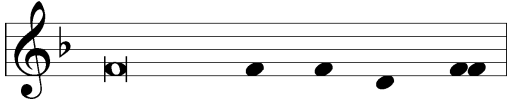
and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



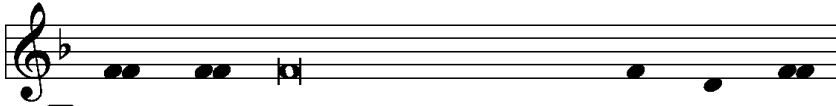
A For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise



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, our refuge and strength, the author of all godliness, hear the devout prayers of Your Church, especially in times of persecution, and grant that what we ask in faith we may obtain; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

(Be Seated)

**First Lesson
(responsively)**

Litany from Romans (based on Romans 12 and 13)

L: I urge you brothers and sisters, by the mercy of God, that you present yourselves as a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to God – for this is your reasonable service. Do not be conformed to this world but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. And let no one think of himself more highly than he ought.

C: For as we are many members, in one body, yet not all the members have the same function, so although we are many, we are one body in Christ and members of one another.

L: Having the gifts that differ according to the grace by which they have been given to us.

C: Let us use our gifts. Let us love without hypocrisy. Let us hate evil and cling to good. Let us be kind and affectionate to one another with love; in honor giving preference to others. Let us not lag in our diligence but fervent in Spirit, let us serve the Lord.

L: Rejoice in hope, be patient in trial, continue steadfast in prayer, meet the needs of brothers and sisters. Bless even those who persecute you. Rejoice with those who rejoice. Weep with those who weep.

C: If it is possible, as much as it depends on us, we will live peaceable with all people. We will seek to overcome evil with good.

L: Knowing this, that now it is high time to awake from our sleep. Our salvation is nearer than when we first believed. The night is far spent. The day is at hand.

C: Let us cast off works of darkness and put on the armor of light. Let us put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh.

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Second Lesson:

II Timothy 2:22-24; Titus 3:2, 9-11

“Pursue righteousness, faith, love and peace with those who call on the Lord, out of a pure heart. Avoid foolish and ignorant disputes – knowing that this generates strife. A servant of the Lord must not quarrel but be gentle to all...”

“Speak evil of no one, be peaceable and gentle, showing humility to all people. Avoid foolish disputes, arguments and strivings about the law – these are unprofitable and useless. Reject a divisive person after warning them – knowing that such a person is warped and sinful; condemning themselves.”

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

John 17:1-3, 20-22

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, 17th chapter

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

Jesus Prays to Be Glorified

After Jesus said this, he looked toward heaven and prayed:

“Father, the hour has come. Glorify your Son, that your Son may glorify you. ² For you granted him authority over all people that he might give eternal life to all those you have given him. ³ Now this is eternal life: that they know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom you have sent.

Jesus Prays for All Believers

²⁰ "My prayer is not for them alone. I pray also for those who will believe in me through their message, ²¹ that all of them may be one, Father, just as you are in me and I am in you. May they also be in us so that the world may believe that you have sent me. ²² I have given them the glory that you gave me, that they may be one as we are one

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to You, O Christ.

Nicene Creed

**I believe in one God,
the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth
and of all things visible and invisible.**

**And in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the only-begotten Son of God,
begotten of His Father before all worlds,
God of God, Light of Light,
very God of very God,
begotten, not made,
being of one substance with the Father,
by whom all things were made;
who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary
and was made man;
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.
He suffered and was buried.
And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures
and ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of the Father.
And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead,
whose kingdom will have no end.**

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**And I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord and giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified,
who spoke by the prophets.
And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,
and I look for the resurrection of the dead
and the life † of the world to come. Amen.**

(Be Seated)

Children's Message

Hymn of the Day #649 "Blest Be the Tie that Binds"

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 "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 "This 'Lil Light of Mine"

Spiritual arr. Anthony Leach

(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



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: #680 “Thine the Amen, Thine the Praise”
#686 “Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing”

(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 #817 “Earth and All Stars” vs. 1-3, 7

Postlude “Praise to the Lord”

Johann Walther

Cantor: Tom Loke

Piano: Andrew Rene

The Altar Flowers are given to the glory of God and for thanks to the anniversary of Beth's Birth by Mark Meier

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

Worship Assistants: Early Service – Mark Edmiston, Tom Baldwin, Late Service – Steve Anderson, Larry Bowman

Lector: Early Service - Rachel Orsborn

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://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.



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 8th 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.