



**WELCOME TO
ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH & SCHOOL**
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Traditional Service
The Twenty-Fourth Sunday after Pentecost
(Divine Service Setting One)
November 8, 2015 – 10:45 a.m.

***St. John's Mission: To help one more person get to Heaven
by pointing them to Jesus Christ.***

LOVING GOD FIRST! The Widow put God first and responded with an offering from her thankful heart. Jesus recognized her faith, saw her love and dedication. Recognizing all that God has given us, His love, His forgiveness, His gift of eternal life, we to are moved to respond with loving gratitude. Our heart reveals what we really treasure - Jesus and His Love! *That is priceless!*

† Prayer Before Worship †

Heavenly Father, we thank you for your bountiful goodness to us, providing for our soul and body. Create within us thankful hearts moved to love You First and then to use Your gifts for the glory of Your name and to the growth of Your kingdom. In Jesus name I come to worship and praise You. Amen.

Prelude

Récit de Chromhorne

François Couperin

Welcome

(Please Stand)

Processional Hymn #728 *How Firm a 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.

Introit *Psalm 107:1–2; 41–42; antiphon: Psalm 107:8*

P: Let them thank the LORD for his steadfast love, for his wondrous works to the children of men!

C: Oh give thanks to the LORD, for he is good, for his steadfast love endures forever!

P: Let the redeemed of the LORD say so, whom he has redeemed from trouble.

C: He raises up the needy out of affliction and makes their families like flocks.

P: The upright see it and are glad, and all wickedness shuts its mouth.

All: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

P: Let them thank the LORD for his steadfast love, for his wondrous works to the children of men!

Kyrie

Cantor: In peace let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.

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



C Lord, have mer - cy.

Cantor: 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.

Cantor: 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.

Cantor: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.



C A - men.

This Is the Feast

Refrain



C This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.



1 — Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose
2 Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and strength, and
3 Sing with all the peo - ple of God, and
4 Bless - ing, hon - or, glo - ry, and might be to
5 For the Lamb who was slain has be -



blood set us free to be peo - ple of God. *Refrain*
hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are His. *Refrain*
join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion: *Stanza 4*
God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men. *Refrain*
gun His reign. Al - le - lu - ia. *Final Refrain*

Final Refrain



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Prayer of the Day

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Let us pray.

Lord God Almighty, You have provided a way from uncertainty and fear to confidence and hope through the once-for-all sacrifice of Jesus on the cross. By Your Word and Spirit, open our hearts to receive Your help in every part of life in which we are still afraid; 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.

(Be Seated)

Old Testament Lesson

1 Kings 17:8–16

(God provides for the widow of Zarephath.)

⁸Then the word of the LORD came to him, ⁹“Arise, go to Zarephath, which belongs to Sidon, and dwell there. Behold, I have commanded a widow there to feed you.” ¹⁰So he arose and went to Zarephath. And when he came to the gate of the city, behold, a widow was there gathering sticks. And he called to her and said, “Bring me a little water in a vessel, that I may drink.” ¹¹And as she was going to bring it, he called to her and said, “Bring me a morsel of bread in your hand.” ¹²And she said, “As the LORD your God lives, I have nothing baked, only a handful of flour in a jar and a little oil in a jug. And now I am gathering a couple of sticks that I may go in and prepare it for myself and my son, that we may eat it and die.” ¹³And Elijah said to her, “Do not fear; go and do as you have said. But first make me a little cake of it and bring it to me, and afterward make something for yourself and your son.” ¹⁴For thus says the LORD the God of Israel, ‘The jar of flour shall not be spent, and the jug of oil shall not be empty, until the day that the LORD sends rain upon the earth.’” ¹⁵And she went and did as Elijah said. And she and he and her household ate for many days. ¹⁶The jar of flour was not spent, neither did the jug of oil become empty, according to the word of the LORD that he spoke by Elijah.

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

(Having offered Himself for sin once-for-all, Jesus now stands in God’s presence on our behalf.)

²⁴For Christ has entered, not into holy places made with hands, which are copies of the true things, but into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God on our behalf.

²⁵Nor was it to offer himself repeatedly, as the high priest enters the holy places every year with blood not his own, ²⁶for then he would have had to suffer repeatedly since the foundation of the world. But as it is, he has appeared once for all at the end of the ages to put away sin by the sacrifice of himself. ²⁷And just as it is appointed for man to die once, and after that comes judgment, ²⁸so Christ, having been offered once to bear the sins of many, will appear a second time, not to deal with sin but to save those who are eagerly waiting for him.

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

(Please Stand)

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.

Holy Gospel

(The widow in humble trust gives all to God.)

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the twelfth chapter.

Glo - ry to You, O Lord.

³⁸ In his teaching [Jesus] said, “Beware of the scribes, who like to walk around in long robes and like greetings in the marketplaces ³⁹and have the best seats in the synagogues and the places of honor at feasts, ⁴⁰who devour widows’ houses and for a pretense make long prayers. They will receive the greater condemnation.” ⁴¹And he sat down opposite the treasury and watched the people putting money into the offering box. Many rich people put in large sums. ⁴²And a poor widow came and put in two small copper coins, which make a penny. ⁴³And he called his disciples to him and said to them, “Truly, I say to you, this poor

widow has put in more than all those who are contributing to the offering box. ⁴⁴For they all contributed out of their abundance, but she out of her poverty has put in everything she had, all she had to live on.”

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.



☐ 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.**

**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 – Sarah Strahm

Hymn of the Day #738 *Lord of All Hopefulness*

Sermon “Giving Into or *Giving In to Uncertainty*”

Mark 12: 38-44

Offering

Offertory Anthem *How Can I Keep from Singing*

arr. by Gwyneth Walker

(Please Stand)

Prayer of the Church

P: With all of our heart and soul, mind and strength, let us pray to the Lord:

C: Lord, hear our prayer.

P: O Lord, we pray for the whole Church, that we may wisely use the gifts of all creation as a witness to the world.

C: Lord, hear our prayer.

P: Father, we ask that all the nations would finally bow to Your sovereign will and that all leaders would accomplish Your will on earth even as it is done in heaven, despite the workings of the old evil foe.

C: Lord, hear our prayer.

P: We thank You for the fruits of the earth, and that all would see this seed time and harvest as truly a blessing from Your merciful hand. And we pray that we would continue to trust in God and bring him our first fruits in the year to come.

C: Lord, hear our prayer.

P: Bless us with favorable weather and safety for those who travel. May Your holy angels guard and protect them.

C: Lord, hear our prayer.

P: We thank You for all those who have served in our armed services, for those who have given their lives for our freedom, and for all their families who love and support them. May we not squander the freedom they have won.

C: Lord, hear our prayer.

P: Merciful Lord, we lift up those who are sick, hospitalized, injured, and enduring Treatments especially Grant them your healing strength according to Your will. Sustain their faith and increase the wisdom and patience of their caregivers, that all may firmly trust in Your strength in the midst of weakness.

C: Lord, hear our prayer.

P: Bless our Call Committee and guide us as we nominate pastoral candidates that they may be gifted according to Your will and our needs.

C: Lord, hear our prayer.

(Other petitions offered here.)

P: Into Your hands we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

TODAY WE WILL 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? This is judging it rightly.

This is what scripture teaches.

(Please use pages 329-330 in the front of your hymn book to examine yourself.)

† Service of the Sacrament †

Preface

P: The Lord be with you.



C And al - so with you.

P Lift up your hearts.



C We lift them to the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



C It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

Proper Preface

P: It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who bore the sins of all people in His body on the cross, that by His once-for-all sacrifice, He put away the sins of the world and fills His followers with confidence both now and in their glad expectation of His return. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

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.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

P: Thank You, Father, for giving to all Your people boldness and confidence to approach Your throne of grace on account of the once-for-all sacrifice of Christ Jesus, our Lord. It is in that same confidence that we gather today around this feast, receiving Jesus' own body and blood in expectation of the great feast to come when He returns to gather His people at the Last Day. To Him, to You, and to the Holy Spirit be all glory, honor, praise, and thanksgiving, both now and forever.

C: Amen.

Lord's Prayer

P: Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

C: 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.

The Words of Our Lord

P: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My † body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me." In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My † blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

Pax Domini

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



C A - men.

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:

#787 *The Temple Rang with Golden Coins*

#732 *All Depends on Our Possessing*

#737 *Rejoice, My Heart, Be Glad and Sing*

(Please Stand)

Post-Communion Canticle



C Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell ev-'ry-one what He has done.



Let all who seek the Lord re - joice and proud-ly bear His name.



He re-calls His prom-is - es and leads His peo-ple forth in joy



with shouts of thanks-giv-ing. Al-le - lu - ia, al-le - lu - ia.

Post-Communion Prayer

P: Thank You, Father, for the gifts You have given Your people today through Your Word and Sacraments. Come, Holy Spirit, and use these precious gifts to strengthen our confidence in Jesus' person, His life, death, and resurrection, and also the expectation of our hope that He comes quickly to ransom all people who eagerly wait for Him. Through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C: Amen.

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 #729 *I Am Trusting Thee, Lord Jesus*

Dismissal

P: Go in Peace and Serve the Lord!

C: Thanks be to God!

Postlude

Offertoire sur les Grands Jeux

Couperin



CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

Sunday, November 15, 2015

There will be a Congregational meeting immediately following second service. We will be discussing the proposed changes to our church Constitution and Bylaws. It is most important that you attend as this is a significant transition choice as St. John's prepares to call a new "settled" Pastor. **A Vote will follow.** There will be updates and announcements from the School and updates from the Campus Beautification Campaign.

Did you pick up the Separate Announcement sheet **"Weekly News "** in the church entry?



St. John's LUTHERAN

Church & School

Our Sunday Worship - Morning services are at
8:30 a.m. and 10:45 a.m. Sunday School and
Adult Bible Class both begin at 9:45 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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Altar Flowers are given to the Glory of God by Norman & Leatha "Sam" Drouillard
in memory of Dorothy Moeller Jacobi Firnhaber.

Ushers: Don Davidson, Ryan Davidson, Stephanie Kiel & John Williams

Worship Assistants Don Henderson & Mark Meier