



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

**October 25, 2020 – 10:00 a.m.**  
*Worship with Holy Communion*

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

*(Please Rise)*

**Invocation, Confession, and Absolution**

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

**C: Amen.**

P: Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

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

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

P: I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,

**C: and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.**

P: Almighty God, our maker and redeemer, we poor sinners confess unto You that we are by nature sinful and unclean and that we have sinned against You by thought, word, and deed. Wherefore we flee for refuge to Your infinite mercy, seeking and imploring Your grace for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ.

**C: O most merciful God, who has given Your only-begotten Son to die for us, have mercy upon us and for His sake grant us remission of all our sins; and by Your Holy Spirit increase in us true knowledge of You and of Your will and true obedience to Your Word, to the end that by Your grace we may come to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

P: Almighty God, our heavenly Father, has had mercy upon us and has given His only Son to die for us and for His sake forgives us all our sins. To those who believe on His name He gives power to become the children of God and has promised them His Holy Spirit. He that believes and is baptized shall be saved.  
Grant this, Lord, unto us all.

**C Amen.**

*(Please be seated)*

## First Lesson: Psalm 1

Blessed *is* the man

Who walks not in the counsel of the ungodly,  
Nor stands in the path of sinners,  
Nor sits in the seat of the scornful;

<sup>2</sup> But his delight *is* in the law of the LORD,  
And in His law he meditates day and night.

<sup>3</sup> He shall be like a tree  
Planted by the rivers of water,  
That brings forth its fruit in its season,  
Whose leaf also shall not wither;  
And whatever he does shall prosper.

<sup>4</sup> The ungodly *are* not so,  
But *are* like the chaff which the wind drives away.

<sup>5</sup> Therefore the ungodly shall not stand in the judgment,  
Nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous.

<sup>6</sup> For the LORD knows the way of the righteous,  
But the way of the ungodly shall perish.

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

## Second Lesson: 1 Thessalonians 2:1-13

For you yourselves know, brethren, that our coming to you was not in vain. <sup>2</sup> But even after we had suffered before and were spitefully treated at Philippi, as you know, we were bold in our God to speak to you the gospel of God in much conflict. <sup>3</sup> For our exhortation *did* not *come* from error or uncleanness, nor *was it* in deceit.

<sup>4</sup> But as we have been approved by God to be entrusted with the gospel, even so we speak, not as pleasing men, but God who tests our hearts. <sup>5</sup> For neither at any time did we use flattering words, as you know, nor a cloak for covetousness— God *is* witness. <sup>6</sup> Nor did we seek glory from men, either from you or from others, when we might have made demands as apostles of Christ. <sup>7</sup> But we were gentle among you, just as a nursing *mother* cherishes her own children. <sup>8</sup> So, affectionately longing for you, we were well pleased to impart to you not only the gospel of God, but also our own lives, because you had become dear to us. <sup>9</sup> For you remember, brethren, our labor and toil; for laboring night and day, that we might not be a burden to any of you, we preached to you the gospel of God.

<sup>10</sup> You *are* witnesses, and God *also*, how devoutly and justly and blamelessly we behaved ourselves among you who believe; <sup>11</sup> as you know how we exhorted, and comforted, and charged every one of you, as a father *does* his own children, <sup>12</sup> that you would walk worthy of God who calls you into His own kingdom and glory.

<sup>13</sup> For this reason we also thank God without ceasing, because when you received the word of God which you heard from us, you welcomed *it* not as the word of men, but as it is in truth, the word of God, which also effectively works in you who believe.

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

*(Please Rise)*

### **Holy Gospel: John 17:1-3**

Jesus spoke these words, lifted up His eyes to heaven, and said: "Father, the hour has come. Glorify Your Son, that Your Son also may glorify You, <sup>2</sup> as You have given Him authority over all flesh, that He should give eternal life to as many as You have given Him. <sup>3</sup> And this is eternal life, that they may know You, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom You have sent.

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.**

**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.**

*(Please be seated)*

**Sermon: “Blessings of the Knowledge of God”**

**Music for Meditation: “Lord Jesus Christ, Be Present Now” (#902 in the Hymnal)**

### **Prayer of Thanksgiving**

P: Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross.

Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

### **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.**

### **Words of Institution**

### **Post Communion Prayer**

## **Benediction**

L: 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.**

**Postlude: “I Trust, O Lord, Your Holy Name”** set by Johann Christoph Bach

**Altar Flowers:** are given by Steve & Meg Lorenz in honor of Hannah’s baptismal birthday.

## **Worship Leaders:**

10:00am – Nathan Kottlowksi; 11:15am – Bill Thorpe

## **Lector:**

10:00am – Joel Becker; 11:15am – Jackie Downey

**Altar Guild for October:** Gayle Barcio

## **Crisis Control Item of the Month: Apple Sauce – No Glass Jars please**

If you would like to donate food to Crisis Control Ministry. Please drop the food off in the basket in the back of the church. Thank you for your consideration of this request.

**A record of 106 lbs. of food was collected for the month of September! Thank you all for your generous donations!**

## **Confirmation Class:**

Pastor Tom began Confirmation Class on October 18. The class will be held Sunday afternoons in the church sanctuary.

### **Hispanic Ministry Update:**

Thank you to everyone who contributed to our Hispanic Ministry (HM) food drive on October 7. We had enough for **over 30 people to receive a large bag of groceries** and then had enough left over for them to choose additional school supplies and/personal care items. **We donated the excess 80 lbs of food to Crisis Control.**

**Our next HM event will be on Wed., Nov. 11** ---when we will distribute items to help the families prepare Thanksgiving Dinner. So please think about donating: instant potatoes, stuffing, cans of corn/beans/cranberries,\$ for gift cards (for turkeys) and any other items you can think of. The box is still in the school lobby. **THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!!**

**On-Line Pre-Recorded Service (not streaming)** is available

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCiFIWqtLWU7IGI-8Xcvl9w>

**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.



***Our Sunday Worship*** - Services are at currently 10:00 am (Traditional) and 11:15am (The Well, Contemporary)

*Please check our website for any changes to these services*

***A Great Place to Grow in Christ***

*As a part of our outreach ministry, we have a  
Preschool/Pre-K program and Kindergarten through 5<sup>th</sup> grade.  
All programs/grades have full-time care available.*

**Pastor Thomas Clocker, 301-732-9203, [revclocker@gmail.com](mailto:revclocker@gmail.com)**

**Nathan Kottowski, Principal**

**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.