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September 27, 2020

11:00 a.m. WORSHIP SERVICE



St. John's Lutheran Church is part of the North American Lutheran Church. We welcome you and are glad you are participating in the Service of the Word this morning as we celebrate the **Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost**. Please register your attendance in the blue pad at the end of the pew. HOLY COMMUNION is celebrated the first and third Sundays of each month and on Festival Sundays. All who are baptized and believe that Christ is truly present in the Lord's Supper are invited to receive this Sacrament with us.

Prayer upon entering God's House:

O Lord, You are fair and just and we desire to know You deeply. You are deserving of all our honor and praise. We bow before You, submitting ourselves to Your will. In Christ's name we pray. Amen.

PRELUDE

"Soliloquy"

Rowley

***BRIEF ORDER FOR CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

P We worship this day in the name of the Father, and of the ✠ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen

P Let us confess our sin in the presence of God.

Silence for self-examination.

P Holy and gracious God,

C I confess that I have sinned against you this day. Some of my sin I know—the thoughts and words and deeds of which I am ashamed—but some is known only to you. In the name of Jesus Christ I ask forgiveness.

P The Almighty and Merciful Lord grants you pardon, forgiveness, and remission of all your sins. In the Name of the Father, and of the ✠ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen

***PROCESSIONAL HYMN "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name!"**

LBW 328

***GREETING**

P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C And also with you.

***KYRIE**



A In peace, let us pray to the Lord. **G** Lord, have mer - cy.

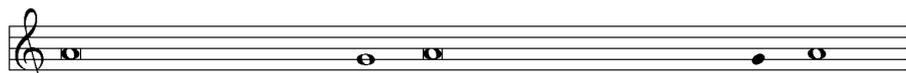


A For the peace from a-bove, and for our sal-vation, let us pray to the Lord.



G Lord, have mer - cy.

*Those who are able, please stand



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



and for the u - ni - ty of all, let us pray to the Lord.



G Lord, have mer - cy.



A For this holy house, and for all who offer here their wor - ship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord. **G** Lord, have mer - cy.



A Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gra-cious Lord. **G** A - men

*HYMN OF PRAISE



A This is the feast of vic-tory for our God. Al - le - lu - ia.



G Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us



free to be peo-ple of God. Pow - er and rich - es and wis - dom and



strength, and hon - or and bless - ing and glo - ry are his.



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le-lu-ia.



Sing with all the peo-ple of God and join in the



hymn of all cre-a-tion: Bless-ing and hon-or and glo-ry and



might be to God and the Lamb for-ev-er. A-men.

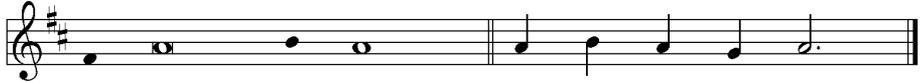


This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God, for the Lamb who was slain



has be-gun his reign. Al-le-lu-ia. Al-le-lu-ia.

***PRAYER OF THE DAY**



☞ The Lord be with you. ☞ And al-so with you.

P Let us pray.

God of love, You know our frailties and failings. Give us Your grace to overcome them; keep us from those things that harm us; and guide us in the way of salvation; through Your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

FIRST LESSON:

EZEKIEL 18:1–4, 25–32

A The First Lesson is from the 18th chapter of Ezekiel.

The word of the LORD came to me: ²“What do you mean by repeating this proverb concerning the land of Israel, ‘The fathers have eaten sour grapes, and the children’s teeth are set on edge’? ³ As I live, declares the Lord GOD, this proverb shall no more be used by you in Israel.

⁴ Behold, all souls are mine; the soul of the father as well as the soul of the son is mine: the soul who sins shall die.

²⁵ “Yet you say, ‘The way of the Lord is not just.’ Hear now, O house of Israel: Is my way not just? Is it not your ways that are not just? ²⁶ When a righteous person turns away from his righteousness and does injustice, he shall die for it; for the injustice that he has done he shall die. ²⁷ Again, when a wicked person turns away from the wickedness he has committed and does what is just and right, he shall save his life.

²⁸ Because he considered and turned away from all the transgressions that he had committed, he shall surely live; he shall not die. ²⁹ Yet the house of Israel says, ‘The way of the Lord is not just.’ O house of Israel, are my ways not just? Is it not your ways that are not just?

³⁰ “Therefore I will judge you, O house of Israel, every one according to his ways, declares the Lord GOD. Repent and turn from all your transgressions, lest iniquity be your ruin. ³¹ Cast away from you all the transgressions that you have committed, and make yourselves a new heart and a new spirit! Why will you die, O house of Israel? ³² For I have no pleasure in the death of anyone, declares the Lord GOD; so turn, and live.”

A Here ends the reading.

Re - mem - ber, O LORD, your com - pas - sion and love.

¹To | you, O LORD,
I lift | up my soul.

**My God, I put my trust in you; let me not be | humiliated,
nor let my enemies triumph | over me.**

²Let none who look to you be | put to shame;
let the treacherous be disappointed | in their schemes.

**³Show me your | ways, O LORD,
and teach | me your paths. R**

⁴Lead me in your | truth and teach me,
for you are the God of my salvation;
in you have I trusted all | the day long.

**⁵Remember O LORD, Your compas- | sion and love,
for they are from | everlasting.**

⁶Remember not the sins of my youth
and | my transgressions;

**Remember me according to your love
and for the sake of your good | ness, O Lord.**

⁷Gracious and upright | is the LORD;
therefore He teaches sinners | in His way.

**⁸He guides the humble in | doing right
and teaches His way | to the lowly. R**

SECOND LESSON:

PHILIPPIANS 2:1-13

A The Second Lesson is from the 2nd chapter of Philippians.

So if there is any encouragement in Christ, any comfort from love, any participation in the Spirit, any affection and sympathy, ²complete my joy by being of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. ³Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility count others more significant than yourselves. ⁴Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others. ⁵Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, ⁶who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality

with God a thing to be grasped, ⁷ but emptied himself, by taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. ⁸ And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. ⁹ Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, ¹⁰ so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, ¹¹ and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

¹² Therefore, my beloved, as you have always obeyed, so now, not only as in my presence but much more in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling, ¹³ for it is God who works in you, both to will and to work for his good pleasure.

A Here ends the reading

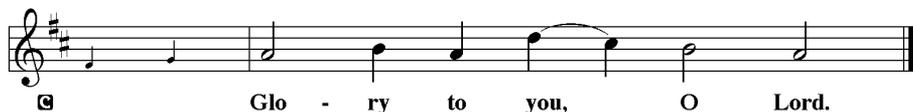
***VERSE**



GOSPEL:

MATTHEW 21:23-32

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew the 21st chapter.



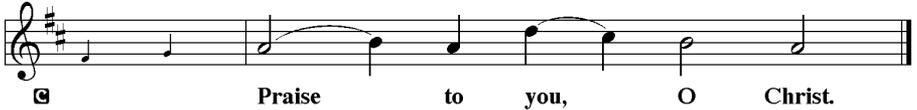
²³ And when he entered the temple, the chief priests and the elders of the people came up to him as he was teaching, and said, "By what authority are you doing these things, and who gave you this authority?"

²⁴ Jesus answered them, "I also will ask you one question, and if you tell me the answer, then I also will tell you by what authority I do these things. ²⁵ The baptism of John, from where did it come? From heaven or from man?" And they discussed it among themselves, saying, "If we say, 'From heaven,' he will say to us, 'Why then did you not believe him?' ²⁶ But if we say, 'From man,' we are afraid of the crowd, for they all hold that John was a prophet." ²⁷ So they answered Jesus, "We do

not know.” And he said to them, “Neither will I tell you by what authority I do these things.

²⁸ “What do you think? A man had two sons. And he went to the first and said, ‘Son, go and work in the vineyard today.’ ²⁹ And he answered, ‘I will not,’ but afterward he changed his mind and went. ³⁰ And he went to the other son and said the same. And he answered, ‘I go, sir,’ but did not go. ³¹ Which of the two did the will of his father?” They said, “The first.” Jesus said to them, “Truly, I say to you, the tax collectors and the prostitutes go into the kingdom of God before you. ³² For John came to you in the way of righteousness, and you did not believe him, but the tax collectors and the prostitutes believed him. And even when you saw it, you did not afterward change your minds and believe him.

P The Gospel of the Lord.



CHILDREN'S SERMON

***HYMN** "Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus" LBW 389

SERMON

***APOSTLES' CREED**

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord.

**He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the virgin Mary.**

He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried.

He descended into hell. On the third day He rose again.

He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen**

***THE PRAYERS**

Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, and for all people according to their needs.

A brief silence is kept.

Most holy Father, thank You for making us Your children and for Your patience and forgiveness with us. Thank You for Your Son Jesus who perfectly does

Your will. Help us to follow Him so we are Your heart's delight and Your blessing to the world. Lord, in Your mercy, hear our prayer.

(Other intercessions are offered.)

L Into Your hands, O LORD, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy; through Jesus Christ our LORD.

C Amen

***PEACE**

P The peace of the LORD be with you always.

C And also with you.

ANTHEM

"He Never Failed Me Yet"

Ray

***OFFERTORY**



C Let the vine-yards be fruit-ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of



bles-sing. Gath-er a har-vest from the seeds that were sown, that we may be



fed with the bread of life. Gath-er the hopes and dreams of all; u -



nite them with the prayers we of - fer. Grace our ta - ble with your



pres - ence, and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

***OFFERTORY PRAYER**

A Let us pray.

A Blessed are You,

C O Lord our God, maker of all things. Through Your goodness You have blessed us with these gifts. With them we offer ourselves to Your service and dedicate our lives to the care and redemption of all that You have made, for the sake of Him who gave Himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you. ☩ And al - so with you.

☩ Lift up your hearts. ☩ We lift them to the Lord.

☩ Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

☩ It is right to give him thanks and praise.

Detailed description: This block contains four staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp). The first staff begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The lyrics are: 'The Lord be with you. ☩ And al - so with you.' The second staff continues: '☩ Lift up your hearts. ☩ We lift them to the Lord.' The third staff: '☩ Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.' The fourth staff: '☩ It is right to give him thanks and praise.' The music consists of a single melodic line with various note values and rests, including a double bar line at the end of the fourth staff.

PREFACE

P It is indeed right and salutary that we should at all times and in all places offer thanks and praise to You, O Lord, holy Father, through Christ our Lord; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by His glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. And so, with the Church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise Your name and join their unending hymn:

☩ Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might:

Heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.

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.

Detailed description: This block contains four staves of musical notation in G major. The lyrics are: '☩ Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might:' followed by 'Heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.' The next line is 'Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes' and the final line is 'in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.' The music is a single melodic line with various note values and rests, including a double bar line at the end of the fourth staff.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

P Blessed are You, LORD of heaven and earth. In mercy for our fallen world You gave Your only Son, that all those who believe in Him should not perish, but have eternal life. We give thanks to You for the salvation You have prepared for us through Jesus Christ. Send now Your Holy Spirit into our

hearts, that we may receive our Lord with a living faith as He comes to us in His holy supper.

C Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

P In the night in which He was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to His disciples, saying:

Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.

Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, He took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying:

This cup is the new covenant in my blood,

shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.

Do this for the remembrance of me.

***THE LORD'S PRAYER**

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



☩ 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, grant us peace.

COMMUNION HYMNS

LBW 197, 214, 212, 518, 226

***COMMUNION**

All who are baptized and believe that Christ is truly present

In the Lord's Supper are invited to receive this Sacrament with us.

The body of Christ, given for you.

The blood of Christ, shed for you.

Amen.

P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in His grace.

C Amen

***CANTICLE**



☩ Thank the Lord and sing his praise; tell ev-'ry-one what he has done.



Let ev-'ry-one who seeks 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**

A Let us pray....We give You thanks almighty God, that You have refreshed us through the healing power of this gift of life; and we pray that in Your mercy You would strengthen us, through this gift, in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; for the sake of 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. In the name of the Father, and of the ✠ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.



☩ A - men

RECESSIONAL HYMN "O Master, Let Me Walk with You"

LBW 492

***DISMISSAL**

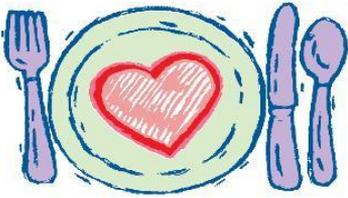
A Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

"Gigue"

Loeillet



Progressive Workshop Luncheon TODAY!!!

Sunday, September 27, 2020
following Worship.

Sponsored by the Fellowship and
Social Ministry Committees.

Bring your appetite and your generous donations to support the Progressive Workshop. If you are unable to attend the Luncheon, but would like to make a donation, please mark your offering envelope "Progressive Workshop" and place in the offering plate during Worship. Thank you!

Harvest Home Sunday

is October 11, 2020



Donations of non-perishable food items or monetary donations are being collected September through October 11th to be given to the Kittanning Food Bank and may be placed in front of the

church pulpit to be given to the Kittanning Food Bank. Monetary donations can be marked on your offering envelope "Food Bank". There is **GREAT** need in our community and this is a wonderful way to share God's love by giving to our local food bank to help our neighbors in need!

PLEASE NOTE: Home-canned goods cannot be distributed through the Food Bank.



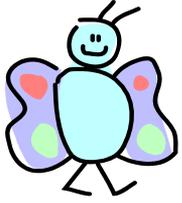
Sunday School will begin for all

ages, masks encouraged, social distancing...
Some will be facebook live... for those who aren't able to make it.

Beginning Sept. 20th at 9:45am. Kiddos will learn amazing Bible Stories with our Dig In Curriculum. And Big Kids will study the Word of God, that transforms us every time we read it!

THIS WEEK AT ST. JOHN'S

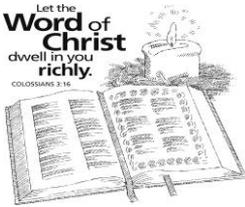
TODAY	9:30 a.m.	Junior Choir
	9:45 a.m.	Sunday School
	10:00 a.m.	Senior Choir
	11:00 a.m.	Worship: Communion/Progressive Workshop Luncheon
	6:30 p.m.	Youth Group
Monday 9/28	8:00 a.m.	Morning Prayer
	7:00 p.m.	Worship/Music Meeting
	7:00 p.m.	Fireflies
Tuesday 9/29	8:00 a.m.	Morning Prayer
	6:00 p.m.	Faith Girlz
Wednesday 9/30	8:00 a.m.	Morning Prayer
	9:30 a.m.	Children's Hour
	6:00 p.m.	New Bells
	7:00 p.m.	Hand Bells
Thursday 10/1	8:00 a.m.	Morning Prayer
	9:30 a.m.	Children's Hour
	2:45 & 7:00 p.m.	Catechism
Friday 10/2	8:00 a.m.	Morning Prayer
Saturday 10/3	8:00 a.m.	Morning Prayer
Sunday 10/4	8:30 a.m.	Worship: Communion
	9:30 a.m.	Junior Choir
	9:45 a.m.	Sunday School
	10:00 a.m.	Senior Choir
	11:00 a.m.	Worship
6:30 p.m.	Youth Group	



Childrens Hour

will begin Sept. 16th and 17th
9:30am-11:00am, weekly

We will provide a safe and clean environment for the kids to gather in small groups and learn amazing Bible Stories, cute Crafts, preschool concepts and fun activities as we grow up in faith! We will be using 2 different rooms for each week, as to keep germ spreading to a minimum. *If any event occurs where we would need to cancel, we will then continue our facebook live classes.



Pastor's Sunday School Class
The Word of God
You're Invited:
Bible Study
in

Pastor's Sunday School Classroom
beginning September 20, 2020.

Faith giriz KICKOFF
will be:

Tuesday
SEPT 29th 6-7PM

SERVICE PARTICIPANTS

Assisting Minister
Lector
Communion Assistants
Camera Operator

Sara Shafer
Becky Swanson
Megan & Brett Taylor
Bill Bouch

STAFF MEMBERS

Director of Children's & Youth Ministry
Secretary
Sexton
Organist/Vocal Choirs Director/Director of Music
Sr. Choir Accompanist

Julie Smith
Christine Lettrich
Michael Craft
Rebecca Veith
Elizabeth Cramer

OUR MISSION

St. John's Lutheran Church is a group of people who believe that we are saved by God's grace and who respond to God's love by joyfully serving God, each other, our community, and our world. We will humbly and lovingly serve by proclaiming the Gospel, teaching the Word, offering Sacraments, leading others to fellowship, supporting those in need, giving generously of our talents as well as our resources and by thanking and praising God.

GRACE
happens



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