



Do you think
that I have come
to bring peace to
the earth?

LUKE 12:51

St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church
August 14, 2022

ST. JOHN'S EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH
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Zoom Worship 10:30 a.m. Sanctuary Worship 9:00 a.m.

Stacy Lauer-Scovanner, Pastor

August 14, 2022

Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

Welcome to Worship! The word of God is a refining fire. Jesus is the great divide in human history. He invites our undivided attention and devotion. Today in worship we are surrounded by a great “cloud of witnesses.” In the word and in holy communion we are invited yet again to look to Jesus, “the pioneer and perfecter of our faith.”

As Lutheran Christians, we believe and teach that Christ is truly present in the celebration of Holy Communion as he is God with us. Christians of all denominations are encouraged to come to the Lord's table. We commune children of any age who have received communion instruction at St. John or another Christian church. Children who have not yet received communion instruction will receive a blessing. Both red wine and white grape juice are offered to accommodate various traditions. Gluten free wafers are provided for those with dietary restrictions. Please make the pastor aware of your need.

If you are visiting today, please sign the guest register after worship. Plan to worship with us again next Sunday.

Prelude

Morgan Noon

Bells

Welcome and Announcements

Awarding of St. John's Scholarship to Jacob Thompson

Please stand

Gathering

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

Confession and Forgiveness

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✠ one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever

Amen.

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Gracious God,

have mercy on us. We confess that we have turned from you and given ourselves into the power of sin. We are truly sorry and humbly repent. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things we have done and things we have failed to do. Turn us again to you, and uphold us by your Spirit, so that we may live and serve you in newness of life through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of ✠ Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith. Amen.

Gathering Hymn

“Faith of Our Fathers”

ELW 813

Sanctuary all verses/Zoom 1 & 4

1 Faith of our fathers, living still
in spite of dungeon, fire, and sword.
Oh, how our hearts beat high with joy
whene'er we hear that glorious word.
Faith of our fathers, holy faith,
we will be true to you till death.

4 Faith born of God, oh, call us yet,
bind us with all who follow you,
sharing the struggle of your cross
until the world is made anew.
Faith born of God, O living faith,
we will be true to you till death.

Greeting

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

Canticle of Praise

D(no3) G G² G D/F# D C/E C/D
 O God, you are my God, and I will ev - er praise

G D(no3) G G² D/F# D
 you. O God, you are my God, and

C/E C/D G G² G Em C/E Em
 I will ev - er praise you. I will seek you in the morn-

Dsus D Am/E Am/C Am
 - ing, and I will learn to walk in your ways, and

G G² G D/F# D C/D Am/D D⁷sus
 step by step you'll lead me, and I will fol - low you all of my

1 G D(no3) 2 G G² G Em
 days. O days, and I will fol - low you all of my

Dsus D Am⁷ F C D⁷sus
 days, and I will fol - low you all of my days, and

G²/D D C/D G
 step by step you'll lead me, and I will fol - low you all of my days.

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray.

O God, judge eternal, you love justice and hate oppression, and you call us to share your zeal for truth. Give us courage to take our stand with all victims of bloodshed and greed, and, following your servants and prophets, to look to the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Please be seated

First Reading: Jeremiah 23:23-29

A reading from Jeremiah.

Because Jeremiah preaches the unpopular message of God's judgment, he suffers rejection. Today's reading distinguishes between the true prophet, like Jeremiah, who speaks God's word, and the false prophet who misleads the people through dreams. One is like wheat; the other like worthless straw.

²³Am I a God near by, says the LORD, and not a God far off? ²⁴Who can hide in secret places so that I cannot see them? says the LORD. Do I not fill heaven and earth? says the LORD. ²⁵I have heard what the prophets have said who prophesy lies in my name, saying, "I have dreamed, I have dreamed!" ²⁶How long? Will the hearts of the prophets ever turn back—those who prophesy lies, and who prophesy the deceit of their own heart? ²⁷They plan to make my people forget my name by their dreams that they tell one another, just as their ancestors forgot my name for Baal. ²⁸Let the prophet who has a dream tell the dream, but let the one who has my word speak my word faithfully. What has straw in common with wheat? says the LORD. ²⁹Is not my word like fire, says the LORD, and like a hammer that breaks a rock in pieces?

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm: Psalm 82 (Read responsively)

¹God stands to charge the divine council assembled,
giving judgment in the midst of the gods:

²**"How long will you judge unjustly,
and show favor to the wicked?**

³Save the weak and the orphan;
defend the humble and needy;

⁴**rescue the weak and the poor;
deliver them from the power of the wicked.**

⁵They do not know, neither do they understand; they wander about in darkness;
all the foundations of the earth are shaken.

⁶Now I say to you, ‘You are gods,
and all of you children of the Most High;
⁷nevertheless, you shall die like mortals,
and fall like any prince.’”
⁸Arise, O God, and rule the earth,
for you shall take all nations for your own.

Second Reading: Hebrews 11:29-12:2

A reading from Hebrews.

The author of Hebrews presents us with rich stories of faith. In a long list of biblical heroes, we find examples of trust in God that enabled them to face the trials of life faithfully. In addition to this “cloud of witnesses,” we have Jesus, the perfect model of faithful endurance.

²⁹By faith the people passed through the Red Sea as if it were dry land, but when the Egyptians attempted to do so they were drowned. ³⁰By faith the walls of Jericho fell after they had been encircled for seven days. ³¹By faith Rahab the prostitute did not perish with those who were disobedient, because she had received the spies in peace.

³²And what more should I say? For time would fail me to tell of Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, of David and Samuel and the prophets—³³who through faith conquered kingdoms, administered justice, obtained promises, shut the mouths of lions, ³⁴quenched raging fire, escaped the edge of the sword, won strength out of weakness, became mighty in war, put foreign armies to flight. ³⁵Women received their dead by resurrection. Others were tortured, refusing to accept release, in order to obtain a better resurrection. ³⁶Others suffered mocking and flogging, and even chains and imprisonment. ³⁷They were stoned to death, they were sawn in two, they were killed by the sword; they went about in skins of sheep and goats, destitute, persecuted, tormented—³⁸of whom the world was not worthy. They wandered in deserts and mountains, and in caves and holes in the ground.

³⁹Yet all these, though they were commended for their faith, did not receive what was promised, ⁴⁰since God had provided something better so that they would not, apart from us, be made perfect.

^{12:1}Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, ²looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, who for the sake of the joy that was set before him endured the cross, disregarding its shame, and has taken his seat at the right hand of the throne of God.

Please stand

Gospel Acclamation



☐ Sal- va- tion be- longs to our God and to Christ the Lamb for- ev- er and ev - er.



☐ Great and won- der- ful are your deeds, O God of the u- ni- verse;



just and true are your ways, O Rul - er of all the na- tions.



Who can fail to hon- or you, Lord, and sing the glo- ry of your name?



☐ Sal- va- tion be- longs to our God and to Christ the Lamb for- ev- er and ev - er.



☐ For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One. All



na - tions will draw near and wor - ship be - fore you,



for your just and ho - ly works have been re - vealed.



☐ Sal- va- tion be- longs to our God and to Christ the Lamb for- ev- er and ev - er.

Gospel: Luke 12:49-56

The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke the twelfth chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus delivers harsh words about the purifying and potentially divisive effects of obedience to God's call. The way of the cross often leads followers to encounter hostility and rejection, even from those they love.

[Jesus said:] ⁴⁹“I came to bring fire to the earth, and how I wish it were already kindled! ⁵⁰I have a baptism with which to be baptized, and what stress I am under until it is completed! ⁵¹Do you think that I have come to bring peace to the earth? No, I tell you, but rather division! ⁵²From now on five in one household will be divided, three against two and two against three; ⁵³they will be divided:

father against son
and son against father,
mother against daughter
and daughter against mother,
mother-in-law against her daughter-in-law
and daughter-in-law against mother-in-law.”

⁵⁴He also said to the crowds, “When you see a cloud rising in the west, you immediately say, ‘It is going to rain’; and so it happens. ⁵⁵And when you see the south wind blowing, you say, ‘There will be scorching heat’; and it happens. ⁵⁶You hypocrites! You know how to interpret the appearance of earth and sky, but why do you not know how to interpret the present time?”

The Gospel of the Lord **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Please be seated

Sermon

Please stand

Hymn of the Day “*Will You Come and Follow Me: The Summons*”

ELW 798

Sanctuary all verses/Zoom 1 & 5

1 "Will you come and follow me
if I but call your name?
Will you go where you don't know
and never be the same?
Will you let my love be shown,
will you let my name be known,
will you let my life be grown
in you and you in me?

Lord, your summons echoes true
when you but call my name.
Let me turn and follow you
and never be the same.
In your company I'll go
where your love and footsteps show.
Thus I'll move and live and grow
in you and you in me.

Prayers of the people: Merciful God Receive our prayer.

Peace

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

Please be seated

Offering

Please stand

Offertory

We are an offering

The musical score is written for a single melodic line in treble clef, 4/4 time. It consists of eight staves of music. Chord symbols are placed above the notes. The lyrics are written below the notes. The score includes various musical notations such as rests, eighth notes, quarter notes, and triplet markings (indicated by a '3' over a group of notes).

F/G G C² Dm⁷ C²/E C/E

We lift our voic - es, we lift our hands, we lift our

F C/E 3 Dm⁷ F/G G C² Dm⁷

lives up to you: we are an of-fer-ing. Lord, use our voic-es, Lord, use our

C²/E C/E F C/E 3 Dm⁷ F/G G/F

hands, Lord, use our lives, they are yours: we are an of-fer-ing.

Em⁷ Em⁷/A A Dm⁷ Dm⁷/G Esus D/F# E/G# Am

All that we have, all that we are, all that we hope to be, we

Dm⁷ C²/E Bb/C Dm⁷sus2 Dm⁷ F/G

give to you, we give to you.

G C² Dm⁷ C²/E C/E

We lift our voic - es, we lift our hands, we lift our

F C/E 3 Dm⁷ Dm⁷/G 3 C

lives up to you: we are an of-fer-ing, we are an of-fer-ing.

Offering Prayer

Let us pray.

Holy God, gracious and merciful, you bring forth food from the earth and nourish your whole creation. Turn our hearts toward those who hunger in any way, that all may know your care; and prepare us now to feast on the bread of life, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

And also 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 our thanks and praise.

Thanksgiving at the Table

You are indeed holy, almighty and merciful God.

You are most holy, and great is the majesty of your glory.

You so loved the world that you gave your only Son,
so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but have eternal life.

We give you thanks for his coming into the world
to fulfill for us your holy will and to accomplish all things for our salvation.

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.

For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup,
we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

Remembering, therefore, his salutary command,
his life-giving passion and death, his glorious resurrection and ascension,
and the promise of his coming again, we give thanks to you, O Lord God Almighty,
not as we ought but as we are able; we ask you mercifully to accept our praise and
thanksgiving and with your Word and Holy Spirit to bless us, your servants,
and these your own gifts of bread and wine, so that we and all who share in the body and
blood of Christ may be filled with heavenly blessing and grace,
and, receiving the forgiveness of sin, may be formed to live as your holy people
and be given our inheritance with all your saints.

To you, O God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,
be all honor and glory in your holy church, now and forever.
Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

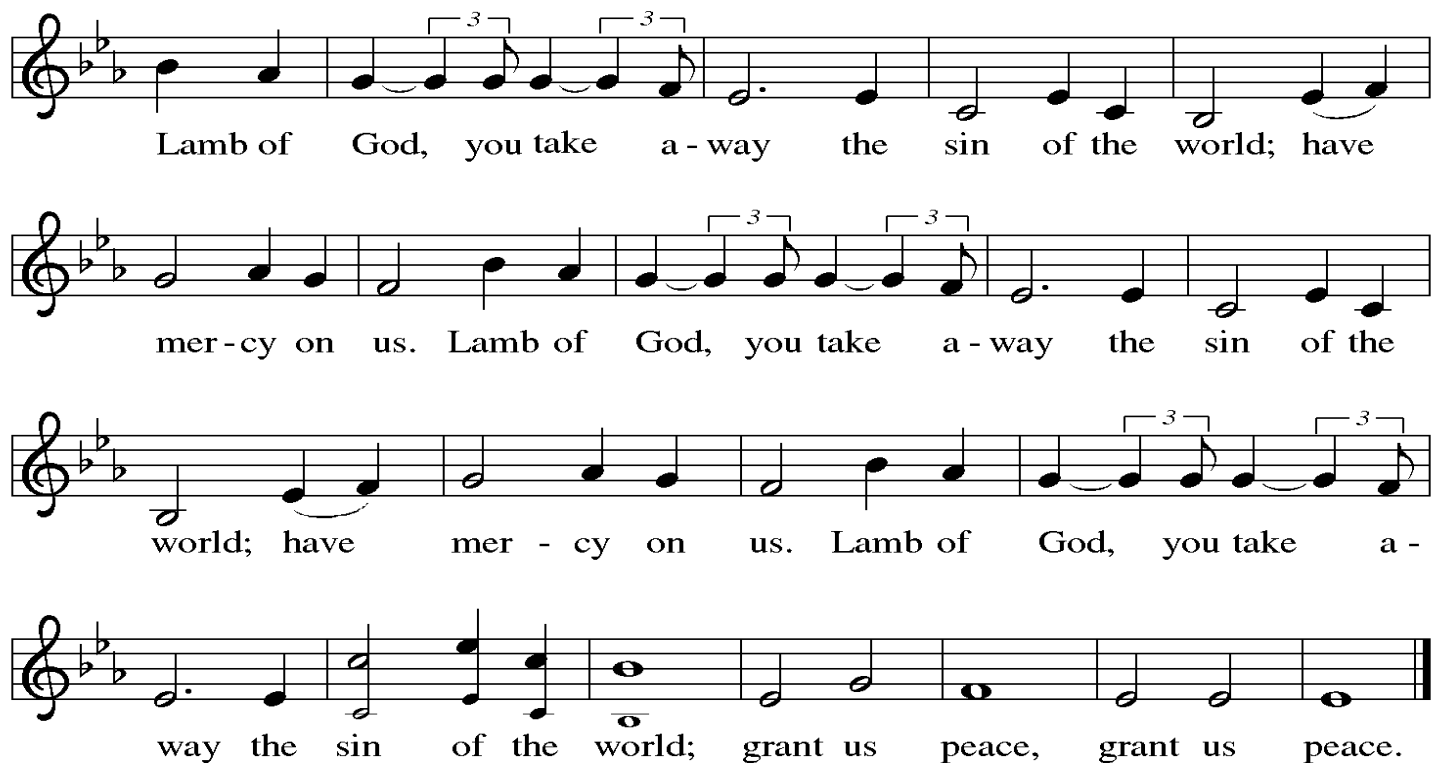
Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

**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**

Invitation to Communion

In Christ's presence there is fullness of joy. Come to the banquet.
Please be seated

Distribution



Distribution Hymns: 485, 484

Please stand

Post Communion Blessing

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

Amen

Prayer after Communion

Let us pray.

We give you thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us through the healing power of this gift of life. In your mercy, strengthen us through this gift, in faith toward you and in fervent love toward one another; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Benediction

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy.

The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.

Amen

Sending Hymn

“Lead On, O King Eternal!”
Sanctuary all verses/Zoom 1 & 3

ELW 805

1 Lead on, O King eternal!
The day of march has come;
henceforth in fields of conquest
your tents will be our home.
Through days of preparation
your grace has made us strong;
and now, O King eternal,
we lift our battle song

3 Lead on, O King eternal:
we follow, not with fears,
for gladness breaks like morning
where'er your face appears.
Your cross is lifted o'er us;
we journey in its light;
the crown awaits the conquest;
lead on, O God of might!

Dismissal

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Postlude

Morgan Noon

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2022: The Year of Vision Memory Verse: **"And the one who was seated on the throne said, 'See, I am making all things new.'" (Revelation 21:5a)**

The altar flowers are given to the glory of God in honor of Bill and Sue Lucht's 61 years of commitment to God and each other. We love you! Your loving kids!

Upcoming August Events:

St. John's Scholarships Awarded: On Sunday, August 14th at 9:00 worship the Scholarship Committee will award the scholarships to our applicants. The 2022 recipients are Valerie Deehr and Jacob Thompson. Valerie and Jacob are both attending BGSU. Valerie is a sophomore at BGSU and Jacob will begin his freshman year at Firelands Campus. God's blessings as they continue their education.

Back to School: Teachers and students, it's hard to hear but the start of a new school year is just around the corner! St. John will mark the occasion with the "Blessing of Book Bags." on Sunday, August 21st during our 9:00 service. Students, teachers, bus drivers, school staff are all invited to come forward during worship with whatever it is you carry with you to school...book bag, backpack, briefcase.

August Ingathering of supplies for Lutheran World Relief!

St. John's Faith Life Team and Worship Team have joined forces to gather supplies for LWR Personal Care Kits. For under \$10.00 you can help supply the needs of individuals who are living in refugee camps or experiencing any type of disaster. LW Relief is very specific in what items we can gather for this project. An instruction flyer is available in the rear of the church and handicap entrance to make sure you purchase the correct items. Tubs will be available in the rear of the sanctuary and in the handicap entrance for your supplies. We gather these supplies during August and up to Rally Day Sunday, September 11th when we will assemble the kits for our 2022 "God's Work, Our Hands" project. Thank you in advance for your generous donations.



Ingathering items:

light-weight bath-size towel (between 20" x 40" and 52" x 27"), dark color recommended

bath-size bars of soap equaling 8 to 9 oz., any brand, in original wrapping

adult-size toothbrush in its original packaging*

sturdy comb, remove packaging

metal nail clippers (attached file optional), remove packaging

**Toothbrush multi-packs may be used by sealing an individual toothbrush in a business-size envelope; no plastic bags or wrap*

Council asks the congregation to pray that we search our hearts to see if God is calling someone to serve with middle and high school youth as the congregation tries to engage more with that group.

New ministry lists posted! Thank you to the members who have helped as lay readers, communion assistants and ushers. The third quarter lists are now posted and waiting for you to sign-up.

Giving Garden needs your help! Harvest Time is Here! You are invited to be a part of the Giving Garden group. If you know of anyone who likes to garden, pass along the invitation. Contact Jeff Justi if you are available to help harvest the produce from the garden. All our welcome!

Endowment Grant Applications are now being accepted; please contact a member of the endowment team for an application. Applications must be submitted to the Endowment committee no later than October 7, 2022. You can mail the application back to the church, put your request in the endowment mailbox in the basement, or present it to any member of the committee. The committee members are John Miller, Mary K Schlessman, Jeff Justi, Bob Stacy, Colleen Girard, Ron Zorn and Pastor Stacy. If you have any questions, please see a member of the endowment committee.

The Endowment team will hold its quarterly meeting on October 11, 2022, at which time all grant applications that have been presented will be reviewed and voted on. Those that are approved will be sent to the Finance Team for additional review and approval. The team invites all members of the congregation to attend the process. More details on the October 11 meeting will come at a later date.

ST. JOHN'S CALENDAR FOR AUGUST 14th THRU AUGUST 28th

Sunday, August 14	9:00 am 10:30 am	Sanctuary Worship/Scholarship awarded Zoom Worship
Tuesday, August 16	7:00 pm	Council meeting Upper Room
Thursday, August 18	3:00 pm	Finance Team meets on Zoom
Friday, August 19	5:00 pm	Stacy/Spontelli Wedding Rehearsal
Saturday, August 20	2:30 pm	Stacy/Spontelli Wedding
Sunday, August 21	9:00 am 10:30 am	Sanctuary Worship/Blessing of Backpacks Zoom Worship
Sunday, August 28	9:00 am 10:30 am	Sanctuary Worship Zoom Worship

Rally Day: September 11th is Rally Day! Please join us for a festive worship service, a delicious St. John's potluck and God's Work Our Hands service project. This is a great start for our fall and winter programs, but it's even better when you are part of it. We gather this year at Edison Park Shelter, 6 East St. Milan, OH. We start our Rally Day with art time at 9:30, worship will be at 10:30 followed by a potluck lunch.

After lunch we will assemble the personal care kit items that we have been gathering during the month of August for LW Relief. Drinks and table service are provided. You are invited to bring a dish to share.

Thank You: St. John's, To all involved parties. I would like to "Thank" all of you for your Christmas in July gift bag. It was greatly appreciated! Sincerely, Rick Zubrzycki at Concord Care.

