



*St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church
October 2, 2022*

ST. JOHN'S EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH
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Sanctuary Worship/Live Stream Zoom 10:30 a.m.

Stacy Lauer-Scovanner, Pastor

October 2, 2022

Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

Welcome to Worship! A little faith goes a long way is Jesus' point in the gospel. A mustard seed's-worth of faith has miraculous potential. The patience, tenacity, and endurance required for the life of faith are the blessings received in holy baptism, holy communion, and the word read and proclaimed in this assembly. Anticipate them. Receive them with thanksgiving.

As Lutheran Christians, we also believe and teach that Christ is truly present in our celebration of Holy Communion as he promised, and we encourage all baptized believers to come to the Lord's table! We commune children of all ages who have received communion instruction at St. John or another Christian church. Children who have not yet received 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

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 looks upon us in compassion, forgives our sin, and heals our lives.

Amen.

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

Have mercy, O God,

against you, you alone, we have sinned.

In your compassion, cleanse us from our sin and take away our guilt.

Create in us a new heart and give us a steadfast spirit.

Do not cast us away, but fill us with your Holy Spirit and restore your joy within us. Amen.

As tender as parent to child, so deep is God's compassion for you.

As high as heaven is above earth, so vast is God's love for you.

As far as east is from west, so far God removes your sin from you,
renewing your life through Jesus Christ.

Blessed be God who crowns us with mercy and love.

Blessed be God forever.

Gathering Hymn

"God Is Here!"

ELW 526

1 God is here! As we your people
meet to offer praise and prayer,
may we find in fuller measure
what it is in Christ we share.
Here, as in the world around us,
all our varied skills and arts
wait the coming of the Spirit
into open minds and hearts.

3 Here our children find a welcome
in the Shepherd's flock and fold;
here as bread and wine are taken,
Christ sustains us as of old.
Here the servants of the Servant
seek in worship to explore
what it means in daily living
to believe and to adore.

2 Here are symbols to remind us
of our lifelong need of grace;
here are table, font, and pulpit;
here the cross has central place.
Here in honesty of preaching,
here in silence, as in speech,
here, in newness and renewal,
God the Spirit comes to each.

4 Lord of all, of church and
kingdom,
in an age of change and doubt,
keep us faithful to the gospel;
help us work your purpose out.
Here, in this day's dedication,
all we have to give, receive;
we, who cannot live without you,
we adore you! We believe!

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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



1 ¡Glo-ria a Dios, glo-ria a Dios, glo - ria en los cie - los!
1 Glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, glo - ry in the high - est!



¡Glo-ria a Dios, glo-ria a Dios, glo - ria en los cie - los!
Glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, glo - ry in the high - est!



¡A Dios la glo-ria por siem - pre! ¡A Dios la glo-ria por siem - pre!
To God be glo-ry for - ev - er! To God be glo-ry for - ev - er!



¡A - le - lu - ya! ¡A - mén! ¡A - le - lu - ya! ¡A - mén! ¡A - le - lu - ya! ¡A - mén!
Al - le - lu - ia! A - men! Al - le - lu - ia! A - men! Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!



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2 Glory to God,
glory to God,
glory to Christ Jesus!

2 ¡Gloria a Dios,
gloria a Dios,
gloria a Jesucristo!

3 Glory to God,
glory to God,
glory to the Spirit!

3 ¡Gloria a Dios,
gloria a Dios,
gloria al Espíritu!

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray.

Benevolent, merciful God: When we are empty, fill us. When we are weak in faith, strengthen us. When we are cold in love, warm us, that with fervor we may love our neighbors and serve them for the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen

Please be seated

First Reading: Habakkuk 1:1-4; 2:1-4

A reading from Habakkuk.

Injustice and violence in the time leading up to the Babylonian exile move this prophet to lament: How can a good and all-powerful God see evil in the world and seemingly remain indifferent? God answers by proclaiming that the righteous will live by faith.

¹The oracle that the prophet Habakkuk saw.

²O LORD, how long shall I cry for help,
and you will not listen?

Or cry to you “Violence!”
and you will not save?

³Why do you make me see wrongdoing
and look at trouble?

Destruction and violence are before me;
strife and contention arise.

⁴So the law becomes slack
and justice never prevails.

The wicked surround the righteous—
therefore judgment comes forth perverted.

^{2:1}I will stand at my watchpost,
and station myself on the rampart;
I will keep watch to see what he will say to me,
and what he will answer concerning my complaint.

²Then the LORD answered me and said:

Write the vision;
make it plain on tablets,
so that a runner may read it.

³For there is still a vision for the appointed time;
it speaks of the end, and does not lie.

If it seems to tarry, wait for it;
it will surely come, it will not delay.

⁴Look at the proud!
Their spirit is not right in them,
but the righteous live by their faith.

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm: Psalm 37:1-9 (Read responsively)

¹Do not be provoked by evildoers;

do not be jealous of those who do wrong.

²**For they shall soon wither like the grass,
and like the green grass fade away.**

³Put your trust in the LORD and do good;
dwell in the land and find safe pasture.

⁴**Take delight in the LORD,
who shall give you your heart's desire.**

⁵Commit your way to the LORD; put your trust in the LORD,
and see what God will do.

⁶**The LORD will make your vindication as clear as the light
and the justice of your case like the noonday sun.**

⁷Be still before the LORD and wait patiently.

Do not be provoked by the one who prospers, the one who succeeds in evil schemes.

⁸**Refrain from anger, leave rage alone;
do not be provoked; it leads only to evil.**

⁹For evildoers shall be cut off,
but those who hope in the LORD shall possess the land.

Second Reading: 2 Timothy 1:1-14

A reading from 2 Timothy

This letter written to Timothy is a personal message of encouragement. In the face of hardship and persecution, Timothy is reminded that his faith is a gift of God. He is encouraged to exercise that faith with the help of the Holy Spirit.

¹Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, for the sake of the promise of life that is in Christ Jesus,

²To Timothy, my beloved child:

Grace, mercy, and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord.

³I am grateful to God—whom I worship with a clear conscience, as my ancestors did—when I remember you constantly in my prayers night and day. ⁴Recalling your tears, I long to see you so that I may be filled with joy. ⁵I am reminded of your sincere faith, a faith that lived first in your grandmother Lois and your mother Eunice and now, I am sure, lives in you. ⁶For this reason I remind you to rekindle the gift of God that is within you through the laying on of my hands; ⁷for God did not give us a spirit of cowardice,

but rather a spirit of power and of love and of self-discipline.

⁸Do not be ashamed, then, of the testimony about our Lord or of me his prisoner, but join with me in suffering for the gospel, relying on the power of God, ⁹who saved us and called us with a holy calling, not according to our works but according to his own purpose and grace. This grace was given to us in Christ Jesus before the ages began, ¹⁰but it has now been revealed through the appearing of our Savior Christ Jesus, who abolished death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel. ¹¹For this gospel I was appointed a herald and an apostle and a teacher, ¹²and for this reason I suffer as I do. But I am not ashamed, for I know the one in whom I have put my trust, and I am sure that he is able to guard until that day what I have entrusted to him. ¹³Hold to the standard of sound teaching that you have heard from me, in the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. ¹⁴Guard the good treasure entrusted to you, with the help of the Holy Spirit living in us.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Please stand

Gospel Acclamation

“Spirit of the Living God”

Spir - it of the liv - ing God, fall fresh on me; Spir - it of the

liv - ing God, fall fresh on me. Break me, melt me, mold me,

fill me. Spir - it of the liv - ing God, fall fresh on me.

Gospel: Luke 17:5-10

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to Luke, the seventeenth chapter.

Cong: Glory to you, O Lord.

On the way to Jerusalem, Jesus instructs his followers about the power of faith and the duties of discipleship. He calls his disciples to adopt the attitude of servants whose actions are responses to their identity rather than works seeking reward.

⁵The apostles said to the Lord, “Increase our faith!” ⁶The Lord replied, “If you had faith the size of a mustard seed, you could say to this mulberry tree, ‘Be uprooted and planted in the sea,’ and it would obey you.

⁷“Who among you would say to your slave who has just come in from plowing or tending sheep in the field, ‘Come here at once and take your place at the table?’ ⁸Would you not rather say to him, ‘Prepare supper for me, put on your apron and serve me while I eat and drink; later you may eat and drink?’ ⁹Do you thank the slave for doing what was commanded? ¹⁰So you also, when you have done all that you were ordered to do, say, ‘We are worthless slaves; we have done only what we ought to have done!’”

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

Please be seated

Sermon

Please stand

Hymn of the Day

“My Faith Looks Up to Thee”

ELW 759

1 My faith looks up to thee,
thou Lamb of Calvary,
Savior divine!
Now hear me while I pray,
take all my guilt away,
oh, let me from this day
be wholly thine!

2 May thy rich grace impart
strength to my fainting heart,
my zeal inspire;
as thou hast died for me,
oh, may my love to thee
pure, warm, and changeless be,
a living fire!

3 While life's dark maze I tread
and griefs around me spread,
be thou my guide;
bid darkness turn to day,
wipe sorrow's tears away,
nor let me ever stray
from thee aside.

4 When ends life's transient dream,
when death's cold, sullen stream
shall o'er me roll;
blest Savior, then, in love
fear and distrust remove;
oh, bear me safe above,
a ransomed soul!

Prayers of Intercession

God of Grace, hear our prayer.

Peace

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

And also with you.

Please be seated

Offering

"We Thank You, God, For Music"

Choir

Carlton C. Buck, Gordon Young 1983 The Sacred Music Press (Admin. by Music Services, Inc.)

Offertory

Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful

Offering Song



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



bless - ing. 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 the dreams of all; u -



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



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

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Please stand

Offertory Prayer

Let us pray.

God of all creation, all you have made is good, and your love endures forever. You bring forth bread from the earth and fruit from the vine. Nourish us with these gifts, that we might be for the world signs of your gracious presence in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

Great Thanksgiving

Dialogue

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.

Preface

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,
that we should at all times and in all places
give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God,
through our Savior Jesus Christ;
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 all the choirs of angels,
with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven,
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Holy, Holy, Holy

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,
 heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry, 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, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

Thanksgiving At The Table

Holy, mighty, and merciful Lord,
 heaven and earth are full of your glory.
 In great love you sent to us Jesus, your Son,
 who reached out to heal the sick and suffering,
 who preached good news to the poor,
 and who, on the cross, opened his arms to all.

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.

Remembering, therefore, his death, resurrection, and ascension, we await his coming in glory.

Pour out upon us the Spirit of your love, O Lord, and unite the wills of all who share this heavenly food, the body and blood of Jesus Christ, our Lord; to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, 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

Taste and see that the Lord is good.

Distribution

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, Lamb of God.

1 Let us break bread together on our knees;
let us break bread together on our knees. Refrain

Refrain
When I fall on my knees,
with my face to the rising sun,
O Lord, have mercy on me.

2 Let us drink wine together on our knees;
let us drink wine together on our knees. Refrain

3 Let us praise God together on our knees;
let us praise God together on our knees. Refrain

Distribution Hymn:

“Spirit, Open My Heart”

Spirit, Open My Heart

Refrain

Spir-it, o - pen my heart to the joy and pain of
liv - ing. As you love may I love, in re - ceiv - ing
and in giv - ing. Spir - it, o - pen my heart.

1 God, re - place my ston - y heart with a heart that's
2 Write your love up - on my heart as my law, my
3 May I weep with those who weep; share the joy of

kind and ten - der. All my cold - ness and
goal, my sto - ry. In each thought, word, and
friend and neigh - bor. As I live from day to

Refrain

fear to your grace I now sur - ren - der.
deed, may my liv - ing bring you glo - ry.
day, love will be my fin - est la - bor.

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Please stand

Post Communion Blessing

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

Amen

Prayer After Communion

Let us pray.

God of abundance, with this bread of life and cup of salvation you have united us with Christ, making us one with all your people. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue forever in the risen life of Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Amen.

Sending

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

Sending of Communion

Gracious God, loving all your family with a mother's tender care: As you sent the angel to feed Elijah with heavenly bread, assist those who set forth to share your word and sacrament with those who are *sick, homebound, and imprisoned*. In your love and care, nourish and strengthen those who will receive this sacrament, and give us all the comfort of your abiding presence through the body and blood of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Amen.

Blessing

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

"On Our Way Rejoicing"

ELW 537

1 On our way rejoicing
gladly let us go.
Christ our Lord has conquered;
vanquished is the foe.
Christ without, our safety;
Christ within, our joy;
who, if we be faithful,
can our hope destroy?

Refrain
On our way rejoicing;
as we forward move,
hearken to our praises,
O blest God of love!

2 Unto God the Father
joyful songs we sing;
unto God the Savior
thankful hearts we bring;
unto God the Spirit
bow we and adore,
on our way rejoicing
now and evermore. Refrain

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)

Council asks the congregation to pray for our students beginning Catechism studies this year, that their exploration of God's word and our Lutheran history will help them grow spiritually.

St. John's Pet Blessing: Our pets are important to us and are deeply loved. We will be having a pet blessing on Sunday, October 16th during the children's sermon. Please bring a picture of your pet to share during worship.

Trunk or Treat: October 25th from 5-6:30 at Fabens Park is Trunk-or-Treat. St John's will have a car there with Zion, Huron. It will be so fun to work together! Please let Pastor Stacy know if you can help staff the car or provide candy. Thanks!

We are starting small groups now that it is fall!! There is quite the variety this year, and most only meet once a month. I hope you'll join one!

Art with Allison Young meeting in her home, with a different project each month. They'll meet on the 2nd Thursday.

Meditation and Movement with Pastor Stacy and Shannon Thomas on the 3rd Thursday of the month at 11 AM at the Christian Life Center at Zion in Huron (This group will offer time for prayer, scripture reading, reflection, and quiet time. There will be gentle movements to go along with the prayers, but they can also be done in a chair. All ages and abilities are invited)

Men's Group with Jason Shupe and Andy Gundlach. (Join them once a month for a relaxed conversation, usually around a fire or at the bar. The men who participated a couple of summers ago enjoyed the time just for them--to relax, to talk, to simply be. All men are invited.)

Conversations with Lynn Schlessman meeting on the 2nd Sunday of the month from 9-10 AM. (I will be offering to lead a group that will use materials I have written for use at monthly meetings I conduct with men and women that are in prison. Some of the titles are Reflections and Reflecting, Questions About Fairness, Happiness Exercise, Event-Response-Outcome, Excuses And Reasons, and Changing The Way You Think And Act. Each session will begin with participants jotting down some responses to the questions and then the group will go through the questions with participants sharing as much or as

little as they want to. I find that I learn about myself as I hear others tell about how they face the challenges and respond to situation. I hope you will join me in this group on the second Sunday of each month at St. John's at 9 am. Thanks for considering being a part of this discussion group.)

Bible Study with Sandy Thompson, Thursdays at 1, starting Oct. 6 (this group met during the last session of small groups and had so much fun they want to go again. Join them as they go a bit deeper into the bible. Prior knowledge is not needed, and there is a ton of room for questions and discussion.)

Happy Birthday to Callum Freeman and Ann Voight. Belated birthday wishes to Chuck Ruggles.

Happy Anniversary Barry & Kerry Laird and David and Susan Zorn.

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 13, 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. Once the new audio visual system is operational, the endowment team intends to hold a temple talk prior to the October 7, 2022 application deadline to review the endowment fund's purpose and mission and encourage the congregation to submit grants.

ST. JOHN'S CALENDAR FOR OCTOBER 2nd THRU OCTOBER 16th

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| Sunday, October 2 | 9:30 am 10:30 am | Intergenerational Sunday School Sanctuary Worship live streamed to Zoom |
| Wednesday, October 5 | 1:00 pm 6:00 pm | Scripture and Prayer at Berardi's Huron Choir Practice |
| Thursday, October 6 | 1:00 pm | Small Group Study Thompson home |
| Sunday, October 9 | 9:00 am 10:30 am | Small Group Study led by Lynn in Upper Room Sanctuary Worship live streamed to Zoom |
| Tuesday, October 11 | 10:00 am | Book Study meets in Upper Room |
| Wednesday, October 12 | 5:00 pm 6:00 pm | Worship Team Choir Practice |
| Thursday, October 13 | 8:30 am 6:00 pm | Endowment Committee Art with Allison at her home |
| Sunday, October 16 | 9:30 am 10:30 am | Catechism Class Sanctuary Worship live streamed to Zoom |

Attention ladies: The Eastern Conference Fall Retreat takes place on Saturday, October 8th at 10:00 am – 1:00 pm at Grace Lutheran Church, 203 S. Washington St., Castalia, OH. The Theme: “Grace, Gratitude, and Generosity”. Take a few hours out of your busy schedule for a time of prayer, devotion, fellowship, and growing in God’s word. Program: Pastor Katie Suggitt will lead the Bible Study on “Grace, Gratitude, and Generosity”.

Registration and coffee hour starts at 9:30 am, cost is \$5.00 which includes coffee hour and lunch. The offering will go to Lutheran Disaster Response (Kentucky and the Ukraine)

See bulletin board flyer for in-kind gift items which will benefit Grace’s Table.

RSVP by October 2nd to 419-684-5059 or macdonaldb58@gmail.com