

Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

August 1, 2021 8:00 & 10:30 AM



Everyone is welcome. As people of God, St. John's welcomes all regardless of age, economic status, ethnic background, gender, physical or mental ability, race or sexual orientation. We affirm that in Christ "there is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is neither male nor female." (Galatians 3:28) This is Christ's church, and Christ has bid you come.

Guests are welcome. We are pleased you are worshiping with us today. So that we may be in contact with you, we invite you to sign the guest book in the narthex. Our programs are open to all and you are invited to participate. We hope you will worship with us again soon.

Children are welcome. We encourage them to attend worship with their parents—even their noise and restlessness are surely a delight to God. Children's bulletins are available from the ushers and a professionally staffed nursery is available from 7:45 AM to 11:45 AM. Follow the signs or ask any member for directions.

To assist you during worship: Large print worship bulletins are available from the ushers. If you are unable to come forward for communion, please inform an usher and the pastors will be happy to commune you at your pew.

Offerings: St. John's is a tithing church. We dedicate a percentage of our offerings to the mission of the wider church through the NJ Synod of the ELCA and to many other mission partners. We are able to support these ministries because of your offerings and tithes.

Assisted Listening: To access assisted listening, Connect to the StJohnsALS WiFi network. Download the free WaveCast app to your phone. Tap ST_JOHNS_ALS to connect. Please use your own headphones to listen. Individual wired devices coming soon!

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Prayer Before Worship

The bread of life God sends is the offering of the only begotten Son. Whoever comes in Jesus Christ shall never be hungry; whoever believes in him shall never thirst.

Believe the gospel; in Jesus Christ our sins are forgiven. Amen.

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Gathering

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

PRELUDE Prelude on *Holy Manna*

Arr. Robert J. Powell

WELCOME

Please stand.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

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

Silence is kept for reflection.

Most merciful God, we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. 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. 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.

In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

GATHERING HYMN ELW 461 All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly



- 1 All who hun -ger, gath er glad ly; ho ly man na is our bread.
- 2 All who hun-ger, nev-er strang-ers; seek-er, be a wel-come guest.
- 3 All who hun-ger, sing to geth er, Je sus Christ is liv ing bread.



Come from wil-der - ness and Come from rest-less - ness and Come from lone - li - ness and wan - d'ring. Here in truth we will be fed. roam - ing. Here in joy we keep the feast. long - ing. Here in peace we have been fed.



You that yearn for days of full-ness, all a-round us We that once were lost and scat-tered in com-mu-nion's Blest are those who from this ta-ble live their days in is our food. love have stood. grat-i - tude.



Taste and see the grace e - ter - nal. Taste and see that God is good. Taste and see the grace e - ter - nal. Taste and see that God is good. Taste and see the grace e - ter - nal. Taste and see that God is good.

Text: Sylvia G. Dunstan, 1955-1993

Music: HOLY MANNA, W. Moore, Columbian Harmony, 1825

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APOSTOLIC 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.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray. O God, eternal goodness, immeasurable love, you place your gifts before us; we eat and are satisfied. Fill us and this world in all its need with the life that comes only from you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**



Word

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.

Please be seated.

FIRST READING Exodus 16:2–4, 9–15

²The whole congregation of the Israelites complained against Moses and Aaron in the wilderness. ³The Israelites said to them, "If only we had died by the hand of the Lord in the land of Egypt, when we sat by the fleshpots and ate our fill of bread; for you have brought us out into this wilderness to kill this whole assembly with hunger."

⁴Then the Lord said to Moses, "I am going to rain bread from heaven for you, and each day the people shall go out and gather enough for that day. In that way I will test them, whether they will follow my instruction or not."

⁹Then Moses said to Aaron, "Say to the whole congregation of the Israelites, 'Draw near to the Lord, for he has heard your complaining.' "

And as Aaron spoke to the whole congregation of the Israelites, they looked toward the wilderness, and the glory of the Lord appeared in the cloud.

The Lord spoke to Moses and said,

Have heard the complaining of the Israelites; say to them, 'At twilight you shall eat meat, and in the morning you shall have your fill of bread; then you shall know that I am the Lord your God.' "

¹³In the evening quails came up and covered the camp; and in the morning there was a layer of dew around the camp. ¹⁴When the layer of dew lifted, there on the surface of the wilderness was a fine flaky substance, as fine as frost on the ground. ¹⁵When the Israelites saw it, they said to one another, "What is it?" For they did not know what it was. Moses said to them, "It is the bread that the Lord has given you to eat."

The reader concludes: The word of the Lord. The assembly responds: Thanks be to God.

PSALM 78:23-29

²³So God commanded the clouds above and opened the doors of heaven,

²⁴raining down manna upon them to eat and giving them grain from heaven.

²⁵So mortals ate the bread of angels; God provided for them food enough.

²⁶The Lord caused the east wind to blow in the heavens and powerfully led out the south wind,

²⁷raining down flesh upon them like dust and flying birds like the sand of the seas,

²⁸letting them fall in the midst of the camp and round about the dwellings.

²⁹So the people ate and were well filled, for God gave them what they craved.

SECOND READING Ephesians 4:1–16

¹I therefore, the prisoner in the Lord, beg you to lead a life worthy of the calling to which you have been called, ²with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, ³making every effort to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. ⁴There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope of your calling, ⁵one Lord, one faith, one baptism, ⁶one God and Father of all, who is above all and through all and in all. ⁷But each of us was given grace according to the measure of Christ's gift. ⁸Therefore it is said,

"When he ascended on high he made captivity itself a captive;

he gave gifts to his people."

⁹(When it says, "He ascended," what does it mean but that he had also descended into the lower parts of the earth? ¹⁰He who descended is the same one who ascended far above all the heavens, so that he might fill all things.) ¹¹The gifts he gave were that some would be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, some pastors and teachers, ¹²to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, ¹³until all of us come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to maturity, to the measure of the full stature of Christ. ¹⁴We must no longer be children, tossed to and fro and blown about by every wind of doctrine, by people's trickery, by their craftiness in deceitful scheming. ¹⁵But speaking the truth in love, we must grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ, ¹⁶from whom the whole body, joined and knit together by every ligament with which it is equipped, as each part is working properly, promotes the body's growth in building itself up in love.

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GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



GOSPEL John 6:24–35

The Holy Gospel according to John. Glory to you, O Lord.

²⁴When the crowd saw that neither Jesus nor his disciples were [beside the sea,] they themselves got into the boats and went to Capernaum looking for Jesus.

²⁵When they found him on the other side of the sea, they said to him, "Rabbi, when did you come here?" ²⁶Jesus answered them, "Very truly, I tell you, you are looking for me, not because you saw signs, but because you ate your fill of the loaves. ²⁷Do not work for the food that perishes, but for the food that endures for eternal life, which the Son of Man will give you. For it is on him that God the Father has set his seal." ²⁸Then they said to him, "What must we do to perform the works of God?" ²⁹Jesus answered them, "This is the work of God, that you believe in him whom he has sent." ³⁰So they said to him, "What sign are you going to give us then, so that we may see it and believe you? What work are you performing? ³¹Our ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness; as it is written, 'He gave them bread from heaven to eat.' " ³²Then Jesus said to them, "Very truly, I tell you, it was not Moses who gave you the bread from heaven, but it is my Father who gives you the true bread from heaven. ³³For the bread of God is that which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world." ³⁴They said to him, "Sir, give us this bread always."

³⁵Jesus said to them, "I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty."

The gospel is proclaimed, concluding: The gospel of the Lord. Praise to you, O Christ.

Please be seated.

SERMON Deacon Linda Walker

HYMN OF THE DAY ELW 790 Day by Day



- 1 Day by day, your mer-cies, Lord, at tend me, bring ing com fort
- 2 Day by day, I know you will pro vide me strength to serve and
- 3 Oh, what joy to know that you are near me when my bur dens



to my anx-ious soul. wis - dom to o - bey; grow too great to bear;

Day by day, the bless-ings, Lord, you send me I will seek your lov - ing will to guide me oh, what joy to know that you will hear me



goal. Love di-vine, my heav'n-ly be-yond all draw me near - er to paths I strug-gle day I will fear o'er the by day. e - vil no when I come, O Lord, to you in prayer. Day by day, no mat - ter



mor - tal mea - sure, of the mor - row, what be - tide me, brings to naught the bur-dens of my quest; Sav-ior, I will trust in your en-dur-ing grace. Sav-ior, you will hold me ev-er in your hand. Sav-ior,



lead me to the home I trea-sure, where at last I'll find e - ter - nal rest. help me bear life's pain and sor-row till in glo - ry I be-hold your face. with your pres-ence here to guide me, I will reach at last the prom-ised land.

Text: Carolina Sandell Berg, 1832-1903; tr. Robert Leaf, 1936-2005

Music: BLOTT EN DAG, Oskar Ahnfelt, 1813-1882

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APOSTLES' CREED

Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith:

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

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come 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.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always. And also with you.

Please be seated.

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR MISSION

GATHERING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

We present monetary, food, and other offerings for God's mission and this congregation's ministry. Both visitors and members alike may use the pew envelope to make a contribution. If you would like to make a one-time or recurring electronic contribution, or want information about mailing checks, you may visit www.stjohnssummit.org/giving or scan this code.

OFFERING MUSIC Kum Ba Yah

African American Spiritual, Arr. Ken Moore

Please stand.

OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray. Jesus, Bread of life, you have set this table with your very self, and called us to the feast of plenty. Gather what has been sown among us, and strengthen us in this meal. Make us to be what we receive here, your body for the life of the world. Amen.

Meal

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

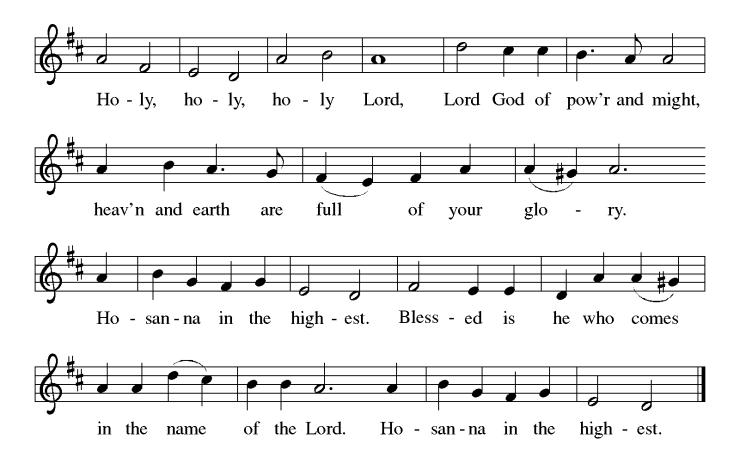
GREAT THANKSGIVING

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.

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy . . . we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

LORD'S PRAYER

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

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.



Please be seated.

RECEPTION OF COMMUNION

If you wish to receive communion, please approach the pastor one at a time.

The pastor will place a wafer in your open hands. Please indicate if you need a gluten free wafer.

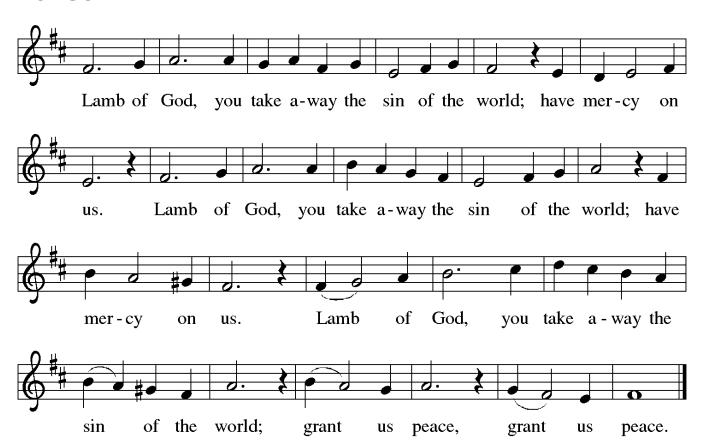
The assisting minister serves the wine/grape juice in pre-filled individual cups.

You may pick up your personal cup, being careful to only touch that cup.

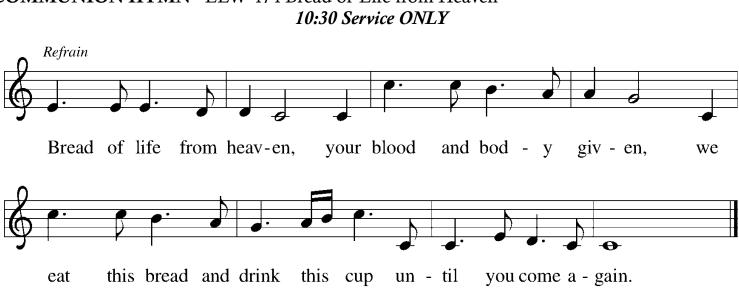
Step aside and drink the wine, placing the used cup in the return tray.

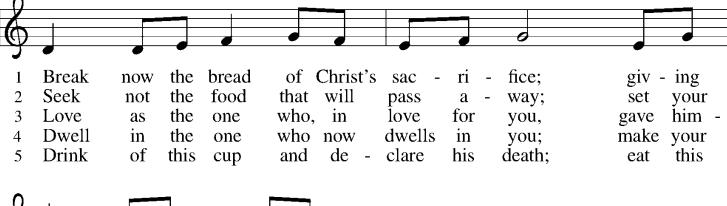
All baptized Christians are welcome at the Lord's table. If you do not wish to commune, you may come forward for a blessing.

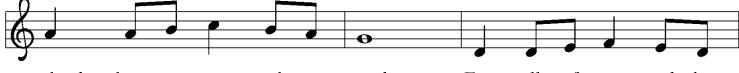
LAMB OF GOD



COMMUNION HYMN ELW 474 Bread of Life from Heaven







thanks. hun - gry ones, gath - er round. hearts on the food that en - dures. self for the life of the world. life giv - ing home in the Word. be - lieve bread and Eas - ter morn;

Eat. all of you, and be Come, learn the true and the Come the one who is to Know on - ly Christ, Ho - ly trust his re - turn and, with



sat - is - fied; in Christ's pres - ence the loaves will a - bound. liv - ing way, that the full - ness of life may be yours. food for you, thirst that your hun ger and be no more. One of God, be - lieve the and in truth you have heard. praise the ev - 'ry breath, in whom you re - born. one are

COMMUNION HYMN Shepherd of Souls, Refresh and Bless 10:30 Service ONLY



- Shep-herd of souls, re - fresh and bless
- 2 We would not live by bread a - lone,
- break ing bread, Be known to and do not then 3 us in
- de part; thy bod - y di - vine; Lord, sup with us in love and thy blood,



wil - der - ness, with man - na in the in strength of which we trav - el on and spread Say - ior, a - bide with us, that liv - ing bread, that heav'n-ly wine,

with wa-ter from the rock. our a - bid - ing place. to thy ta - ble in our heart. be our im - mor - tal food.

word

pil - grim flock

of

grace,

thy cho-sen

but by thy

Text: James Montgomery, 1771-1854, alt. Music: ST. AGNES, John B. Dykes, 1823–1876



¹⁵When the Israelites saw it, they said to one another,

"What is it?" For they did not know what it was. Moses said to them, "It is the bread that the Lord has given you to eat." Exodus 16:15 Please stand.

BLESSING

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. Amen.

POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE

Now, Lord, you let your servant go in peace: your word has been fulfilled. My own eyes have seen the salvation which you have prepared in the sight of ev'ry people: a light to reveal you to the nations and the glory of your people Israel. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be. Amen.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray. O God, in this holy communion you have welcomed us into your presence, nourished us with words of mercy, and fed us at your table. Amid the cares of this life, strengthen us to love you with all our heart, serve our neighbors with a willing spirit, and honor the earth you have made; through Christ our Lord. Amen.



Sending

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

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 ELW 618 Guide Me Ever, Great Redeemer



Text: William Williams, 1717–1791; tr. William Williams and Peter Williams, 1722–1796, alt.

Music: CWM RHONDDA, John Hughes, 1873–1932

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. You are the body of Christ.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE All Glory Be to God on High

Johann Gottfried Walther

August 1, 2021

Today we welcome two St. John's members leading us in worship, Deacon Linda Walker and Pastor Russell McIntyre.

Today's altar flowers are given to the glory of God.

Pastoral Emergencies: Pastor Blake will be on vacation from until **August 7**. In the event of a pastoral emergency, please contact Andrew Larsen, Council President, or the church office.

Godspeed and Farewell for RJ Klein: Join us on **August 8** as we bid farewell to longtime member, RJ Klein as he moves to upstate New York.

Sing with the Summer Choir: Sundays, August 8 and 15. Join Connie Schmalz around the Kawai piano in the front of the sanctuary at 9:30 AM. All are welcome.

LSMNJ Backpack Collection! LSMNJ will once again supply students in our affordable housing with school supplies. You may either donate funds to St. John's by **AUGUST 15**, and we will send the combined contributions to LSMNJ Education Fund to buy needed school items, or you can purchase items on your own and ship/deliver directly to the LSMNJ Burlington office at 3 Manhattan Drive, Burlington, NJ 08016 (Monday–Friday only) by **AUGUST 20**. A list of needed items can be found in the narthex.

Summer Reading: The Anti-Racism Committee has two recommendations for your summer reading list, both of which will be discussed in the fall. *The Color of Law* by Richard Rothstein to and *The Warmth of Other Suns* by Isabel Wilkerson. Books will be available in the office for \$10.

Attention All College Students and Parents: The Hinman Loan Fund has been changed to the Hinman Scholarship Fund. The changing needs of our youth and ever increasing costs of a college education were the major reasons for this change. For any questions, please contact Linda Mesenbrink at linda.mesenbrink@verizon.net. You can access the new application at https://tinyurl.com/pcdz9hcx. Please have them in by August 10.

Giving Is Important. We count on your generous offerings to continue to do our robust ministry. Please give generously. You may give online or mail checks to the church.