

Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost October 9, 2022 | 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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We're delighted you're worshiping with us. As part of our ongoing outreach, your voice and your image may be videographed and photographed and used by St. John's for ministry purposes. For any questions or concerns, contact the church office.

Prayer Before Worship

God of our salvation, you are the source of wisdom and joy.

Your love and mercies are not limited to one time or to one people. You continue to heal and to save, transcending the artificial boundaries and barriers we set. For such expansive love, it is our right, duty, and joy to offer you all our thanks and praise, now and forever. Amen.

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Gathering

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

ELW Evangelical Lutheran Worship: Red Book ACS All Creation Sings: Purple Book

PRELUDE Bransle de Champaigne & Allemande The St. John's Recorder Choir Claude Gervaise

WELCOME

Please stand.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

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

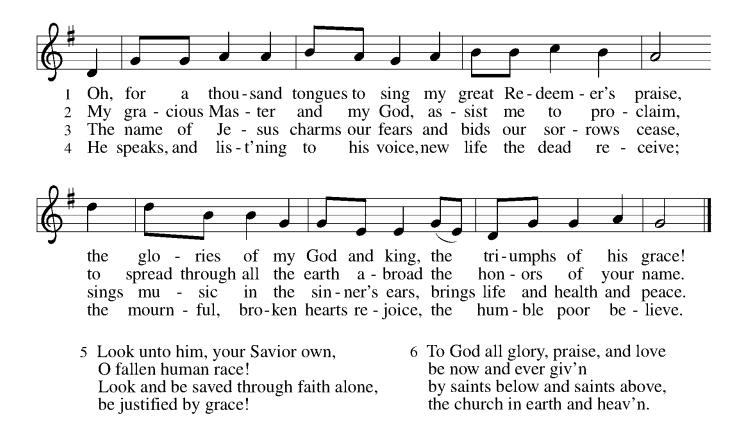
Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

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

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 word and sacrament in 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 886 Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing



Text: Charles Wesley, 1707–1788, alt. Music: Аzмол, Carl G. Gläser, 1784–1829; arr. Lowell Mason, 1792–1872

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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.**

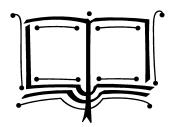
HYMN OF PRAISE





PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray. Almighty and most merciful God, your bountiful goodness fills all creation. Keep us safe from all that may hurt us, that, whole and well in body and spirit, we may with grateful hearts accomplish all that you would have us do, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**



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

Please be seated.

FIRST READING 2 Kings 5:1–3, 7–15c

¹Naaman, commander of the army of the king of Aram, was a great man and in high favor with his master, because by him the Lord had given victory to Aram. The man, though a mighty warrior, suffered from leprosy. ²Now the Arameans on one of their raids had taken a young girl captive from the land of Israel, and she served Naaman's wife. ³She said to her mistress, "If only my lord were with the prophet who is in Samaria! He would cure him of his leprosy." ⁷When the king of Israel read the letter, he tore his clothes and said, "Am I God, to give death or life, that this man sends word to me to cure a man of his leprosy? Just look and see how he is trying to pick a quarrel with me."

⁸But when Elisha the man of God heard that the king of Israel had torn his clothes, he sent a message to the king, "Why have you torn your clothes? Let him come to me, that he may learn that there is a prophet in Israel." ⁹So Naaman came with his horses and chariots, and halted at the entrance of Elisha's house. ¹⁰Elisha sent a messenger to him, saying, "Go, wash in the Jordan seven times, and your flesh shall be restored and you shall be clean." ¹¹But Naaman became angry and went away, saying, "I thought that for me he would surely come out, and stand and call on the name of the Lord his God, and would wave his hand over the spot, and cure the leprosy! ¹²Are not Abana and Pharpar, the rivers of Damascus, better than all the waters of Israel? Could I not wash in them, and be clean?" He turned and went away in a rage. ¹³But his servants approached and said to him, "Father, if the prophet had commanded you to do something difficult, would you not have done it? How much more, when all he said to you was, 'Wash, and be clean'?" ¹⁴So he went down and immersed himself seven times in the Jordan, according to the word of the man of God; his flesh was restored like the flesh of a young boy, and he was clean.

^{15a-c}Then he returned to the man of God, he and all his company; he came and stood before him and said, "Now I know that there is no God in all the earth except in Israel."

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

PSALM 111

Refrain sung first by choir; all other times by all. Boldface verses sung by all.



SECOND READING 2 Timothy 2:8–15

⁸Remember Jesus Christ, raised from the dead, a descendant of David—that is my gospel, ⁹for which I suffer hardship, even to the point of being chained like a criminal. But the word of God is not chained. ¹⁰Therefore I endure everything for the sake of the elect, so that they may also obtain the salvation that is in Christ Jesus, with eternal glory. ¹¹The saying is sure:

If we have died with him, we will also live with him;

¹²if we endure, we will also reign with him;

if we deny him, he will also deny us;

¹³if we are faithless, he remains faithful—

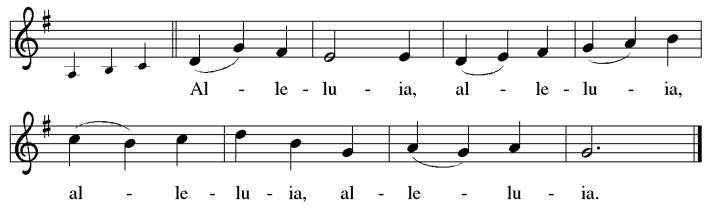
for he cannot deny himself.

¹⁴Remind them of this, and warn them before God that they are to avoid wrangling over words, which does no good but only ruins those who are listening. ¹⁵Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved by him, a worker who has no need to be ashamed, rightly explaining the word of truth.

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Please stand. GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



All sing the acclamation; Choir sings the proper verse.

V. Give thanks in all [|] circumstances;* for this is the will of God in Christ Je- [|] sus for you. (1 Thess. 5:18)

GOSPEL Luke 17:11–19

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

¹¹On the way to Jerusalem Jesus was going through the region between Samaria and Galilee. ¹²As he entered a village, ten lepers approached him. Keeping their distance, ¹³they called out, saying, "Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!" ¹⁴When he saw them, he said to them, "Go and show yourselves to the priests." And as they went, they were made clean. ¹⁵Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice. ¹⁶He prostrated himself at Jesus' feet and thanked him. And he was a Samaritan. ¹⁷Then Jesus asked, "Were not ten made clean? But the other nine, where are they? ¹⁸Was none of them found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?" ¹⁹Then he said to him, "Get up and go on your way; your faith has made you well."

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

Please be seated. CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SERMON

The Rev. Blake A. Scalet

Please stand. HYMN OF THE DAY ELW 839 Now Thank We All Our God

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

God of mercy, **Hear our prayer.** *Response at the conclusion of the prayer:* **Amen.**

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 through this congregation. 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, you may visit www.stjohnssummit.org or scan this code.



OFFERING MUSIC Give to Our God Immortal Praise

Give to our God immortal praise, mercy and truth are all his ways: wonders of grace to God belong; repeat his mercies in your song.

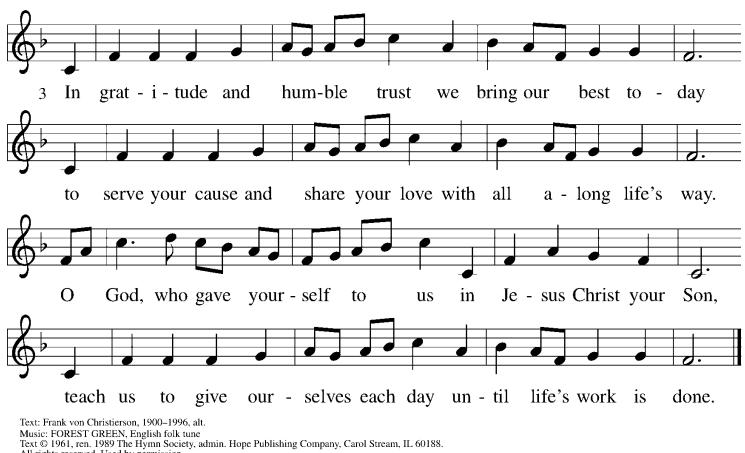
God sent his Son with power to save from guilt and darkness and the grave. Wonders of grace to God belong; repeat these mercies in your song.

- Isaac Watts, adapt. Madeliene Marshall

John Ferguson

Please stand.

ELW 695 As Saints of Old **OFFERING HYMN** Verse 3

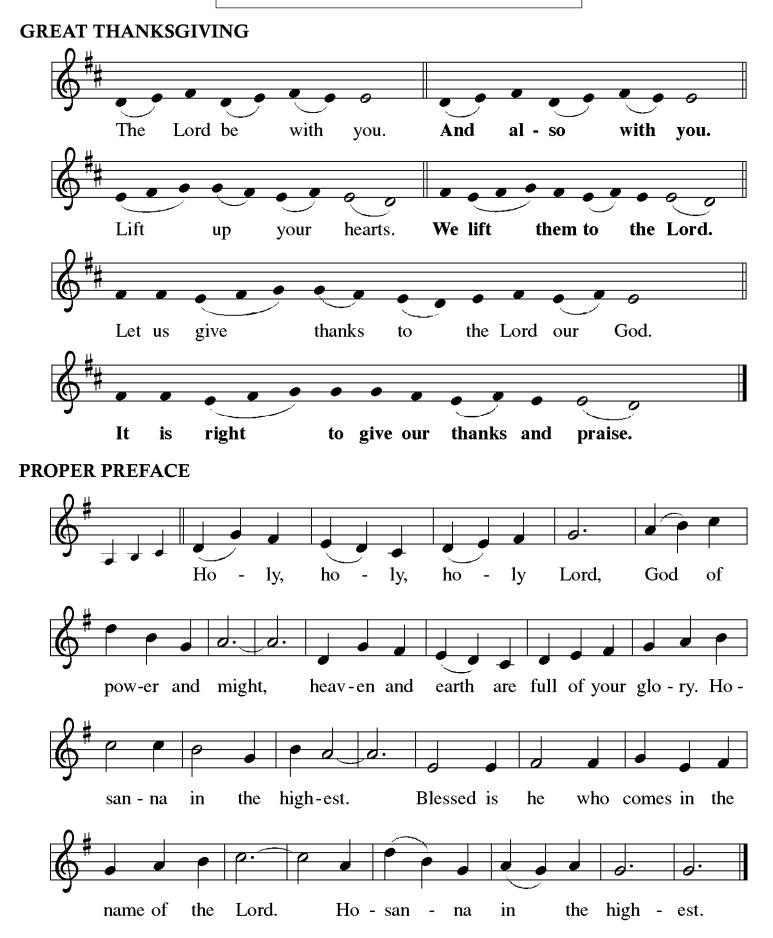


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OFFERTORY PRAYER

Let us pray. Blessed are you, O God, maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts: our selves, our time, and our possessions. Use us, and what we have gathered, in feeding the world with your love, through the one who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Meal God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.



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 COMMUNON

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 vicar serves the wine from the chalice—either by intinction or drinking from the common cup. The assisting minister serves the wine/grape juice in pre-filled individual cups.

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, you take a - way the of the sin world; have Lamb of God, you take a - way the of the sin mer - cy on us. world; have Lamb of God, you take a mer - cy on us. way the sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

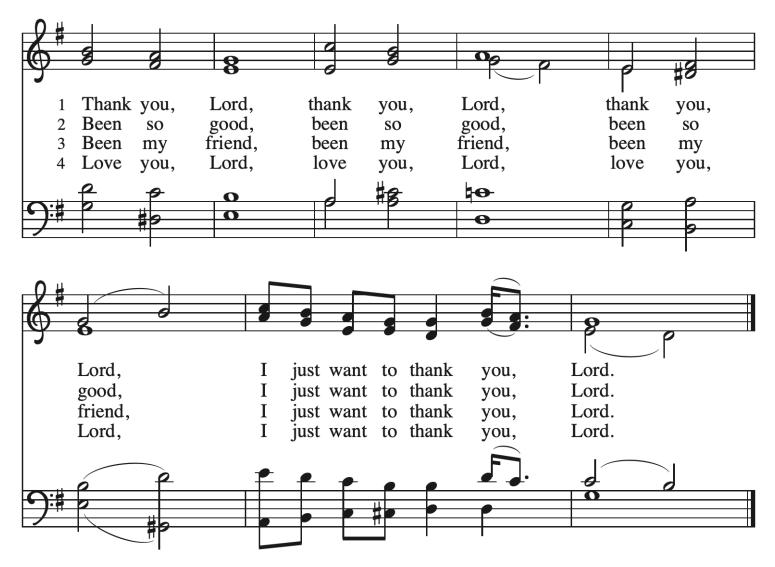
LAMB OF GOD

COMMUNION HYMN ELW 879 For the Beauty of the Earth



Text: Folliott S. Pierpoint, 1835–1917, alt. Music: DIX, Conrad Kocher, 1786–1872

COMMUNION HYMN ACS 1092 Thank You, Lord



Text: Traditional Music: THANK YOU, LORD, Traditional Please stand.

BLESSING

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



POST COMMUNION CANTICLE

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

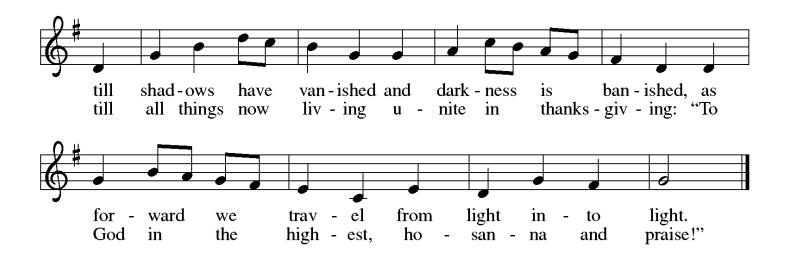
Let us pray. O God, we give you thanks that you have set before us this feast, the body and blood of your Son. By your Spirit strengthen us to serve all in need and to give ourselves away as bread for the hungry, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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 ELW 881 Let All Things Now Living





Text: Katherine K. Davis, 1892–1980, alt. Music: THE ASH GROVE, Welsh folk tune Text © 1939, 1966 E. C. Schirmer Music Company.

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

POSTLUDE March in B-flat, op. 42, no. 3

Edmondstoune Duncan

October 9, 2022

Today's altar flowers are given to the glory of God and in honor of their anniversary by Glenn and Paula Wey.

Please give to Lutheran Disaster Response to aid those impacted by the most recent disasters. Checks can be made out to St. John's, "LDR" in the memo line.

Confirmation Class, TODAY at 5:30 for 7th-9th graders.

Lutherringers TODAY 11:45 AM in the loft, and is open to middle school through adults.

Lutheranism 101: Back to the Basics in the ELCA Class: Pastor Blake will be offering an adult education class, Tuesdays at 7:00 PM through November 1. Join us for a lively discussion.

Pastor Ben Groth from Bethlehem, New Orleans will be visiting and update us on the *Bethlehem Builds* project. He will preach at both services and lead the forum on **Sunday, October 16.**

Race 4 the Children, Sunday, October 16 at 9:00 AM in Warinanco Park, Roselle, NJ. The 5K Run/2-Mile Fun Walk is presented by the Friends of the Child Advocacy Center of Union County. All proceeds benefit the Child Advocacy Center of Union County which serves the 1,000+ children who are victims of crime. To learn more or to donate at www.friendscacunj.org.

Dinner Church, October 16 at 6:00 PM: Join us for Word and Sacrament in an intimate dinner setting. Pastor Groth will be our special guest.

Join us for a Consecration Brunch, Sunday, October 23 at 9:00 AM with Summit mayor, Nora Radest, as our special guest and speaker. Every member is asked to prayerfully consider how they will commit to the work of this congregation.

College Care Packages: The Caring Cards & Calls Committee is looking for donations of \$10 gift cards to Dunkin' or Starbucks for college student care. Cards can be placed in the envelope marked College Gift Cards in the office by **October 23**. Also if you have a college student, please send their mailing address to Jama Bowman to make sure they get their care package!

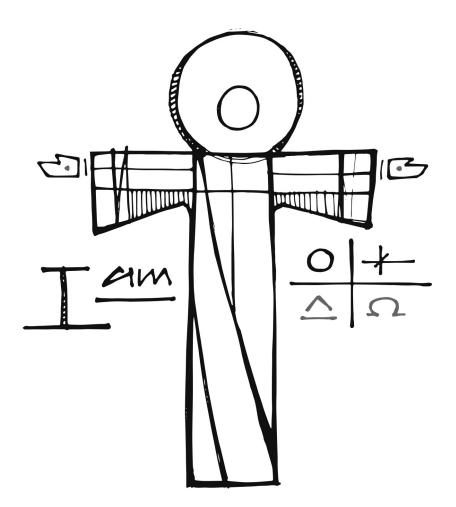
High on the Hog Feast, October 28 at 7:00 PM: Our ARC Committee invites you to an evening soul food celebration, featuring Chef Sed. This builds on our spring *High on the Hog* events, but even if you did not attend all are welcome. Sign up in the entryway.

The Youth Group Trip to "Jack O Lantern Experience" on **Saturday, October 29**. We will meet at the church at **6:15 PM.** Advance reservations required. Contact Kirsten Meyer or Stephanie Rothman for more information.

RIC Forum, October 30 at 9:00 AM: We are thrilled to welcome nationally-regarded speaker and LBGTQ advocate, Jamie Bruesehoff. In her role as a mother of a trans youth and a trans rights educator, as well as a life-long Lutheran in our synod, Jamie will share with us her unique insights about inclusion and justice for queer people.

Reformation Sunday, October 30: Join us as we commemorate the founding of the Lutheran Church, and pray for our continued renewal by the Holy Spirit. Don't forget to wear red!

Worship Assistants Needed! Fall brings the return of two services and the Worship Committee needs YOU to serve as Ushers, Greeters, Readers, Assisting Ministers or to be on Altar Guild. All these jobs are essential to worship. Please reach out to Bev Kaczmarski.



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