

*Do not be afraid, little flock,
for it is your
Father's
good pleasure
to give
you the
kingdom.*



Luke 12:32, NRSV

Welcome to St. John Lutheran Church
Ninth weekend after Pentecost
Sunday August 7th, 2022



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ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Leader: Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God, whose steadfast love endures us forever.

ALL: Amen.

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

Silence is kept for reflection.

Leader: Most merciful God,

ALL: we confess that we have not followed your path but have chosen our own way. Instead of putting others before ourselves, we long to take the best seats at the table. When met by those in need, we have too often passed by on the other side. Set us again on the path of life. Save us from ourselves and free us to love our neighbors. Amen.

Leader: Hear the good news! God does not deal with us according to our sins but delights in granting pardon and mercy. In the name of Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. You are free to love as God loves.

ALL: Amen.

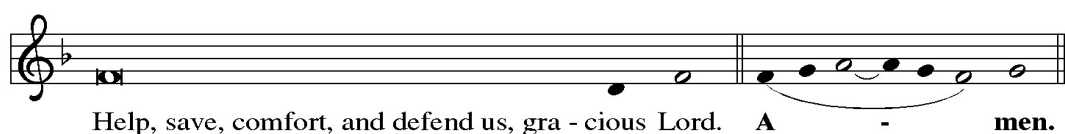
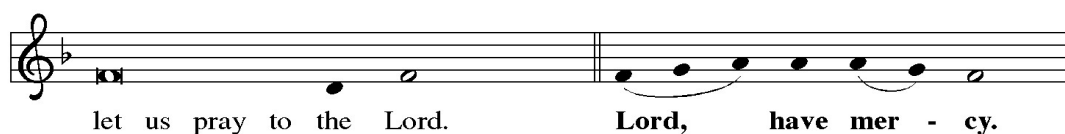
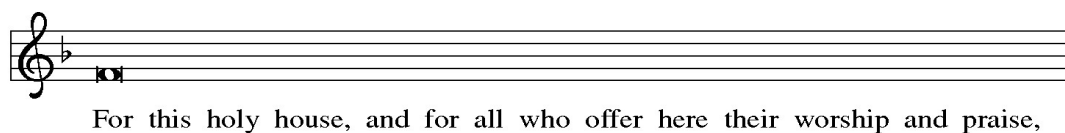
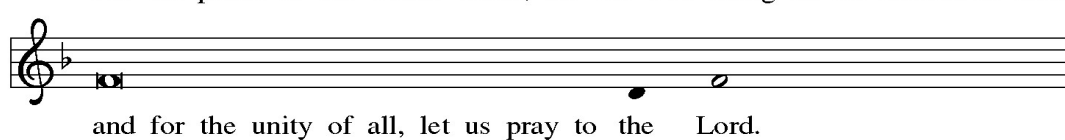
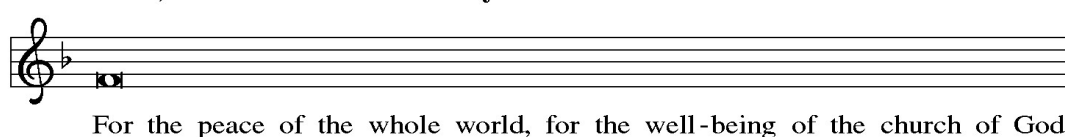
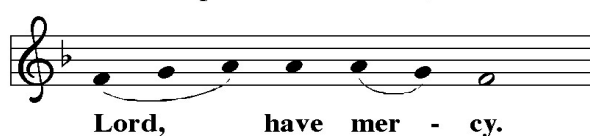
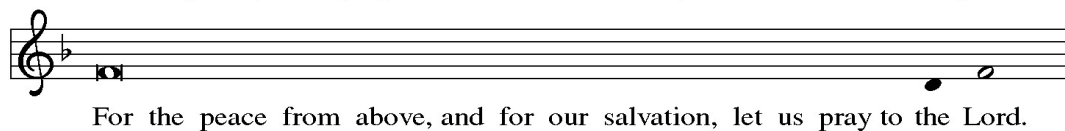
GATHERING SONG My Faith Looks Up to Thee

Hymn 759

GREETING AND KYRIE

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

ALL: And also with you.



This Is the Feast

Refrain

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

al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb

who was slain, whose blood set us free to be peo - ple of God.

Refrain

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

al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 2 Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and

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

Refrain

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

al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 3 Sing with all the peo - ple of

God, and join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless - ing, hon - or,

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

Refrain

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,
 al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 4 For the Lamb who was
 slain has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.

Final refrain

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

Leader: The Lord be with you. **C: And also with you.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Leader: Almighty God, you sent your Holy Spirit to be the life and light of your church. Open our hearts to the riches of your grace, that we may be ready to receive you wherever you appear, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

ALL: Amen

FIRST READING

Genesis 15:1-6

After these things the word of the Lord came to Abram in a vision, "Do not be afraid, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great." But Abram said, "O Lord God, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?" And Abram said, "You have given me no offspring, and so a slave born in my house is to be my heir." But the word of the Lord came to him, "This man shall not be your heir; no one but your very own issue shall be your heir." He brought him outside and said, "Look toward heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them." Then he said to him, "So shall your descendants be." And he believed the Lord; and the Lord reckoned it to him as righteousness.

The Word of the Lord.... **C: Thanks be to God.**

SECOND READING

Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16

Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. Indeed, by faith our ancestors received approval. By faith we understand that the worlds were prepared by the word of God, so that what is seen was made from things that are not visible.

By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to set out for a place that he was to receive as an inheritance; and he set out, not knowing where he was going. By faith he stayed for a time in the land he had been promised, as in a foreign land, living in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. For he looked forward to the city that has foundations, whose architect and builder is God. By faith he received power of procreation, even though he was too old—and Sarah herself was barren—because he considered him faithful who had promised. Therefore from one person, and this one as good as dead, descendants were born, “as many as the stars of heaven and as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore.”

All of these died in faith without having received the promises, but from a distance they saw and greeted them. They confessed that they were strangers and foreigners on the earth, for people who speak in this way make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. If they had been thinking of the land that they had left behind, they would have had opportunity to return. But as it is, they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God; indeed, he has prepared a city for them.

The Word of the Lord.... C: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Leader: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke

ALL: Glory to you, O Lord.

GOSPEL**Luke 12:32-40**

[Jesus said:] "Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom. Sell your possessions, and give alms. Make purses for yourselves that do not wear out, an unfailing treasure in heaven, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

"Be dressed for action and have your lamps lit; be like those who are waiting for their master to return from the wedding banquet, so that they may open the door for him as soon as he comes and knocks. Blessed are those slaves whom the master finds alert when he comes; truly I tell you, he will fasten his belt and have them sit down to eat, and he will come and serve them. If he comes during the middle of the night, or near dawn, and finds them so, blessed are those slaves.

³⁴But know this: if the owner of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into. You also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour."

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

SERMON

Pastor O'Brien

HYMN Have No Fear Little Flock

Hymn 764

APOSTLES' CREED

ALL: 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

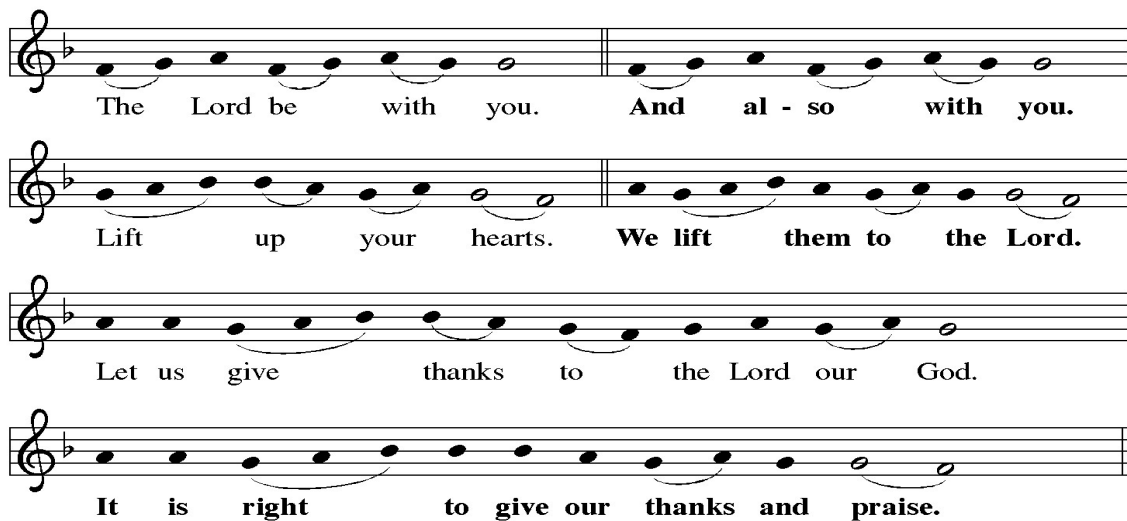
Leader: Merciful God,

ALL: receive our prayer**OFFERING PRAYER**

Leader: God of abundance:

All: you have set before us a plentiful harvest. As we feast on your goodness, strengthen us to the labor in your field, and equip us to bear fruit for the good of all, in the name of Jesus. Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING



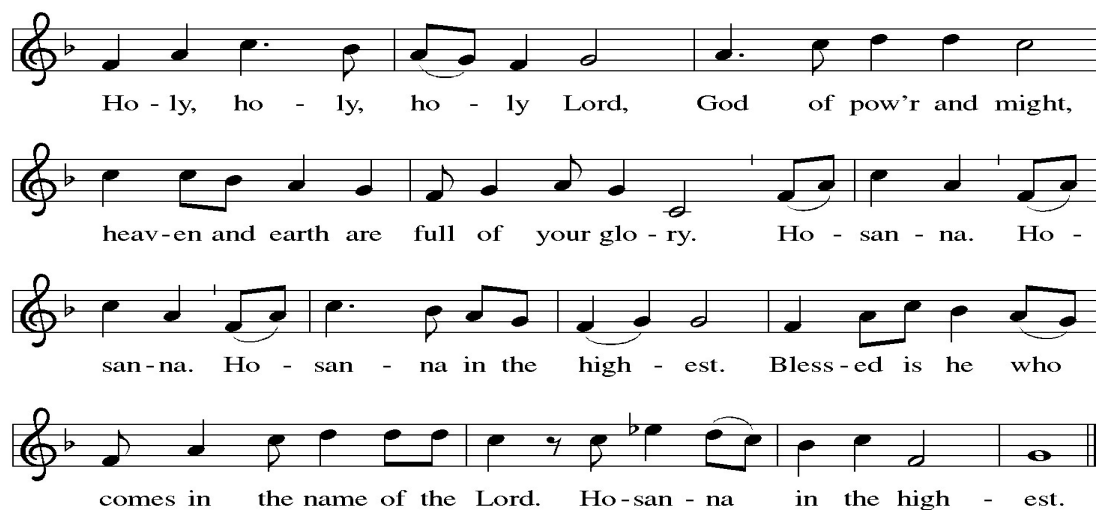
The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

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

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Leader: 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. By the leading of a star he was shown forth to all nations; in the waters of the Jordan you proclaimed him your beloved Son; and in the miracle of water turned to wine he revealed your glory. 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:



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

heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na. Ho -

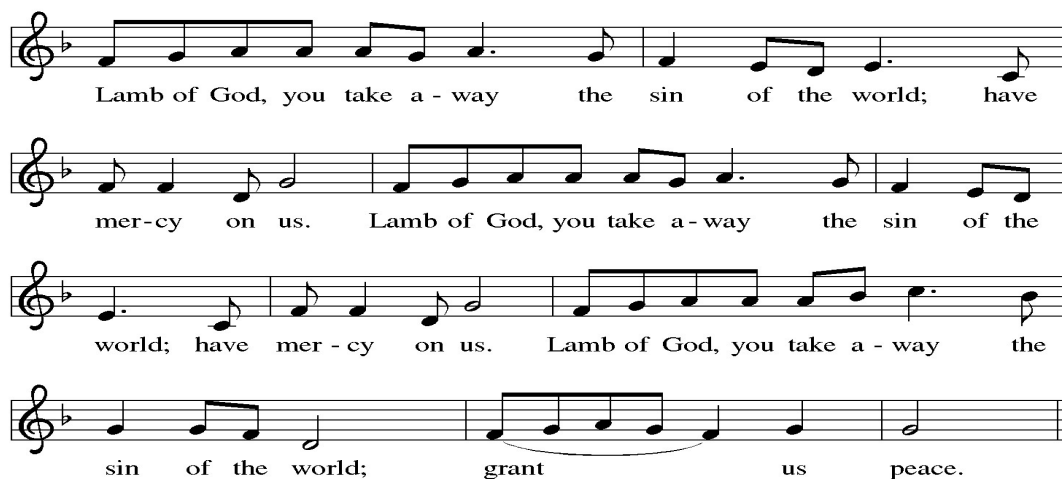
san-na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless-ed is he who

comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san - na in the high - est.

THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

THE LORD'S PRAYER

ALL: 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



THE DISTRIBUTION

Welcome!

St. John practices "open communion". All who are baptized and instructed are welcome to share the Lord's Supper with us today. We are using pre-sealed communion elements. Starting with the right side of the church, followed by the left when they are finished, you may come forward and receive communion from the table. You may consume the elements when you return to your pew or wait until you get outside if that is a more comfortable place for you to eat and drink. Young children are welcome to come forward to receive a blessing.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Leader: Life-giving God, through this meal you have bandaged our wounds and fed us with your mercy. Now send us forth to live for others, both friend and stranger, that all may come to know your love. This we pray in the name of Jesus.

ALL: Amen.

BLESSING

Leader: The God of peace, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you, comfort you, and show you the path of life this day and always.

ALL: Amen.

SENDING SONG Blessed Assurance

Hymn 638

DISMISSAL

Leader: Go in peace. Love your neighbor.

All: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Weekly Announcements



This Week at St. John

Mon: Bible Study 10 AM

Tues: Blankets 9 AM

Wed: McDonald's 7 AM

Thurs: Committee Night 7 PM

Sat: Worship 5 PM

Sun: Worship 9 AM

Serving This Week

Lector Mina Goldstein

Usher The Titgemeyer's

Acolyte Logan Hays

In Our Prayers

Audry S.-medical concerns

Marilyn Sandrock- medical concerns

Carolyn Lasseter- medical concerns

Gary Carstensen- medical concerns

Brenda Powell- medical concerns

Dan Jeffers-medical concerns

Brenda Powell- medical concerns

Mary Brossia- medical concerns

Joan Truman- medical concerns

ALTAR FLOWERS

The altar flowers are given to the Glory of God, and in honor of Anna Sommer's birthday and given by her family.



CHANCEL FLOWERS

The chancel flowers are given to the Glory of God, and in honor of Rick and Lori Buhrow's 29th anniversary.

LUTHER HOME GOLF OUTING

The Luther Home of Mercy Golf Outing is Friday, August 26 at Maumee Bay. Foursomes are invited to join Luther Home for continental breakfast, golf and a delicious lunch overlooking the Lake; all in support of their programs and services for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities. Not a golfer? They are also looking for help with: Cart Sponsors (\$50 each): Your name will be featured on a cart and in the Outing Program. Hole Sponsors: (\$100 each) Your name will be featured on a sign at one of the 18 holes and in the Outing Program. More information and registration can be found at their website, lutherhome.org or by contacting Megan O'Brien: mobrien@lutherhome.org 419-972-4436.

OUR BLESSING BOX

Mini Pantry has been used quite a bit recently. To help restock we need **Spaghetti, Spaghetti Sauce, Canned Fruit, Peanut Butter, Jelly, Toothpaste, Toothbrushes, and Toilet Tissue**. When you are shopping this week, consider purchasing a few extra items and bringing them to the church.

USHERS AND LECTORS

We have now resumed our worship assistant rotation. Please watch the newsletter or Monday email to see when you are scheduled to serve. If you are willing to be added to the list, please let Pastor O'Brien know or contact the church office.

SATURDAY- 5:00pm AUGUST

Ushers

13 The Gerkenmeyers
20 OPEN
27 OPEN

Lectors

13 Tracy Orians
20 Beverly Harder
27 Aidan O'Brien

Acolytes

13 Olivia Martin
20 Kennedy Donnelly
27 Emma Morgan

SUNDAY- 9:00am AUGUST

Ushers

14 Diana Pfaff
21 Jill Kao
28 OPEN

Lectors

14 Diana Pfaff
21 Deanna Neuman
28 Tim Titgemeyer

Acolytes

14 Lily Sondergeld
21 Aiden Johnson
28 Lucas Titgemeyer



10th Annual Benevolence Golf Outing 09/24/2022

Proceeds to benefit St. John Good Samaritan Fund
(Good Samaritan Fund assists with emergency requests from individuals and families of the community.)

All Golfers Welcome and Needed!

Foursome Team Scramble
Saturday September 24th, 2022
Chippewa Golf Course
23550 St. Rt. 579, Curtice, Ohio, 43412
8am—Registration
9am- Shot Gun Start

\$65 per player
18 holes with cart
Includes meal
PRIZES, PRIZES, PRIZES

For Information: Tom Cashen 419-205-1942 or Church Office 419-836-5514