



Whoever wishes to
BECOME GREAT
among you must be
YOUR SERVANT.

Mark 10:43, NRSV

Welcome to St. John Lutheran Church
21st Saturday after Pentecost * Oct 16th 2021 5:00 PM



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**PRELUDE
ANNOUNCEMENTS**

GATHERING SONG

We Bow Down

You are Lord of Creation and Lord of my life, Lord of the land and the sea.
You were Lord of the heavens before there was time.
And Lord of all lords you will be.

Refrain

We bow down ... and we worship you, Lord;
We bow down ... and we worship you, Lord;
We bow down ... and we worship you, Lord;
Lord of all lords you will be.

WE CONFESS OUR SIN

ALL: Gracious God, the source of all love, we are called to share not only our lives but our livelihood, and we find it difficult. We are called to respond in total love to the needs which surround us, but we find this kind of commitment unattractive. The need is great and our hearts are hard. Help us today to discover the great joy of sharing the adventure of giving and the wonder of your Spirit at work in us. We desire a new beginning. Forgive our sin and give us a new start.

WE HEAR THE WORD OF THE GOSPEL

Leader: Hear the word of the Gospel! The God of all the universe has loved us with an everlasting love that forgets our sin and makes all things new. Hear the word of the Gospel! Jesus Christ, the Son of God, died on the cross so our relationship with God would be made right. Hear the word of the Gospel! For the love of Christ controls us, because we are convinced that one has died for all. We have been crucified with Christ; it is no longer us who live but Christ who lives in us; and the life we now live in the flesh we live by faith in the Son of God, who loved us and gave himself for us. Praise God for the Good News of the Gospel!

C: Amen

FIRST READING**Isaiah 53:4-12**

Surely he has borne our infirmities and carried our diseases; yet we accounted him stricken, struck down by God, and afflicted. But he was wounded for our transgressions, crushed for our iniquities; upon him was the punishment that made us whole, and by his bruises we are healed. All we like sheep have gone astray; we have all turned to our own way, and the LORD has laid on him the iniquity of us all. He was oppressed, and he was afflicted, yet he did not open his mouth; like a lamb that is led to the slaughter, and like a sheep that before its shearers is silent, so he did not open his mouth. By a perversion of justice he was taken away. Who could have imagined his future? For he was cut off from the land of the living, stricken for the transgression of my people. They made his grave with the wicked and his tomb with the rich, although he had done no violence, and there was no deceit in his mouth.

Yet it was the will of the LORD to crush him with pain. When you make his life an offering for sin, he shall see his offspring, and shall prolong his days; through him the will of the LORD shall prosper. Out of his anguish he shall see light; he shall find satisfaction through his knowledge. The righteous one, my servant, shall make many righteous, and he shall bear their iniquities. Therefore I will allot him a portion with the great, and he shall divide the spoil with the strong; because he poured out himself to death, and was numbered with the transgressors; yet he bore the sin of many, and made intercession for the transgressors.

SECOND READING**Hebrews 5: 1-10**

Every high priest chosen from among mortals is put in charge of things pertaining to God on their behalf, to offer gifts and sacrifices for sins. He is able to deal gently with the ignorant and wayward, since he himself is subject to weakness; and because of this he must offer sacrifice for his own sins as well as for those of the people. And one does not presume to take this honor, but takes it only when called by God, just as Aaron was.

So also Christ did not glorify himself in becoming a high priest, but was appointed by the one who said to him,

"You are my Son, today I have begotten you"; as he says also in another place, "You are a priest forever, according to the order of Melchizedek."

In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to the one who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverent submission. Although he was a Son, he learned obedience through what he suffered; and having been made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him, having been designated by God a high priest according to the order of Melchizedek.

GOSPEL

Mark 10:35-45

James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came forward to him and said to him, "Teacher, we want you to do for us whatever we ask of you." And he said to them, "What is it you want me to do for you?" And they said to him, "Grant us to sit, one at your right hand and one at your left, in your glory." But Jesus said to them, "You do not know what you are asking. Are you able to drink the cup that I drink, or be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with?" They replied, "We are able." Then Jesus said to them, "The cup that I drink you will drink; and with the baptism with which I am baptized, you will be baptized; but to sit at my right hand or at my left is not mine to grant, but it is for those for whom it has been prepared."

When the ten heard this, they began to be angry with James and John. So Jesus called them and said to them, "You know that among the Gentiles those whom they recognize as their rulers lord it over them, and their great ones are tyrants over them. But it is not so among you; but whoever wishes to become great among you must be your servant, and whoever wishes to be first among you must be slave of all. For the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life a ransom for many."

SERMON

Pastor Shawn O'Brien

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

All: We believe in God, creator of infinite wisdom and power, whose love points the direction of the universe and whose concern is for all of us. We believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God and the Savior of the world. Jesus is the true gift of the Creator's love. Jesus is the reason for our hope and the promise of forgiveness of sin and eternal life. We trust him. We believe the Holy Spirit is present with us, keeping us aligned to the truth of the Scripture and the example of Jesus, our Lord. We believe our relationship with God is born out of grace and acted out through deeds of love and mercy through the church of Christ. We can experience the true love of God in prayer, the Sacraments, the Word, and the community of believers. We desire that the presence of God would come to all people and the joy of Christ would be ours forever. Amen.

PRAYERS

P: Hear us O God,

C: Your mercy is great.

OFFERING PRAYER

Leader: God of abundance,

you cause streams to break forth in the desert and manna to rain from the heavens. Accept the gifts you have first given us. Unite them with the offering of our lives to nourish the world you love so dearly; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

SONG

Doxology

Praise God from whom all blessings flow, Praise Him all creatures here below.
Praise Him above ye, heavenly host, Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

HOLY COMMUNION

Leader: We have confessed our sin and God has forgiven us.

All: We come to the table as joint heirs to the community of God.

Leader: We share a common faith and a common desire.

All: We need to be refreshed by the forgiveness of sin, be made new again for today, and receive hope for tomorrow.

Leader: Our Lord, on the night when he was betrayed...

THE LORD'S PRAYER

C: 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

HOLY COMMUNION

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.

BLESSING

Leader: People of God, you are Christ's body, bringing new life to a suffering world. The holy Trinity, one God, bless you now and forever.

C: Amen.

SENDING SONG

I Want to Be Like Jesus

In ev'rything I do, in ev'rything I say, I want to be like Jesus.
To do my very best, and pray about the rest, I want to be like Jesus

Chorus

I want to be ... I want to be ... I want to be like Jesus
I want to be ... I want to be ... I want to be like Jesus

In ev'rything I think, in ev'rything I want, I want to be like Jesus.
To think about the best, and pray about the rest, I want to be Like Jesus.

Chorus

In ev'rything I am, in ev'rything I'll be, I want to be like Jesus.
To be my very best, and pray about the rest, I want to be like Jesus.

Chorus

DISMISSAL

Leader: Go in peace, the living Word dwells in you!

All: Thanks be to God!

Weekly Announcements

This Week at St. John

Tues: Blankets 9am
Wed: Northwood McDonalds
Thurs: Council Night 7 PM
Sat: Worship 5:00 PM
Sun: Worship 9:45 AM

Serving This Week

Lector:

Usher: Jack Mathews

Acolyte: Emma Morgan

In Our Prayers

Audry S.-medical concerns
Clarence Smithers- medical concerns
Marilyn Sandroek- medical concerns
Brad- medical concerns
Luanne Schlievert- medical concerns
Gary Gregg- medical concerns
Joe Brossia- medical concerns
Jeanette Lentz- medical concerns
Mary Schimming- medical concerns
Ron Gerkenmeyer- medical concerns
Diane Gerkenmeyer- medical concerns
Loren- medical concerns
Gary Johnson- medical concerns
Friends and Family of Leroy Fowler
The Hays family

ALTAR FLOWERS

The Altar flowers are given to the Glory of God and in memory of Charlotte Marsh for her birthday October 21st given by Melissa Hays.

CHANCEL FLOWERS

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Trunk or Treat

Trunk or Treat will be October 17th from 2:00 – 4:00.

Please consider decorating a vehicle for this event. We'd love to have you! We also need donations of wrapped candy. The candy can be dropped off in the box outside the church office.



USHERS AND LECTORS NEEDED

If you would be willing to help, please sign up outside the church office. Now accepting volunteers through November. If you have any questions please see Pastor Shawn or contact the church office.

CHURCH DIRECTORY UPDATE

We are working on the updated church directory. If you have not sent in your form and have not received a phone call from the committee, please do so. Forms are in the Forerunner, by the elevator door and in the back of church. You can also do it on the churches website or simply call in your info. Even if there is no change, please notify us.



Thanks Offering Services
Saturday November 13th at 5pm
Sunday November 14th at 9:45am

WELCA envelopes can be returned at any time by placing in the offering basket. The money is used for scholarships, training and development for elected leaders throughout the women's organization and much more.

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