



Welcome to St. John Lutheran Church
16th weekend after Pentecost
Sunday September 25th, 2022



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ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

LITANY FOR DEDICATION OF THE QUILTS

(see insert)

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Leader: Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God, who is eager to forgive and who loves us beyond our days.

ALL: Amen.

Leader: Dear friends, together let us acknowledge our failure to love this world as Jesus does.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Leader: God of mercy and forgiveness,

ALL: we confess that sin still has a hold on us. We have harmed your good creation. We have failed to do justice, love kindness, and walk humbly with you. Turn us in a new direction. Show us the path that leads to life. Be our refuge and strength on the journey, through Jesus Christ, our redeemer and friend. Amen.

Leader: Beloved of God, your sins are forgiven and you are made whole.

God points the way to new life in Christ, who meets us on the road.

Journey now in God's abiding love through the power of the Holy Spirit.

ALL: Amen.

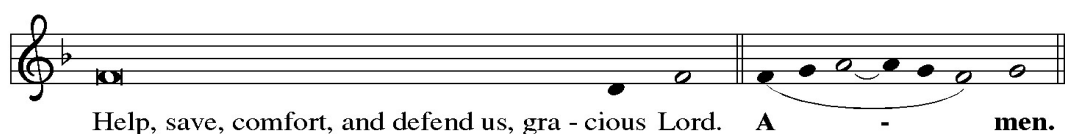
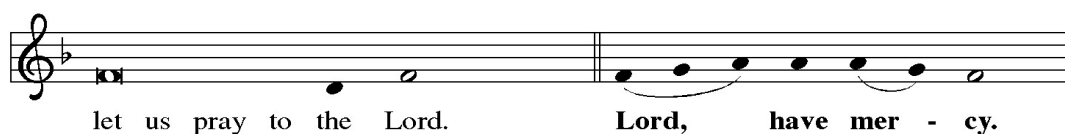
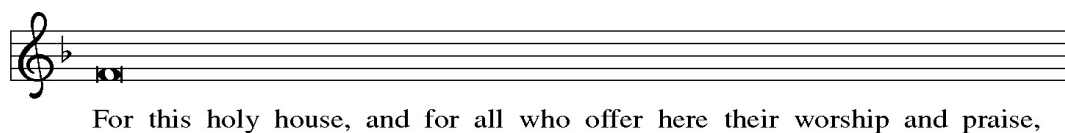
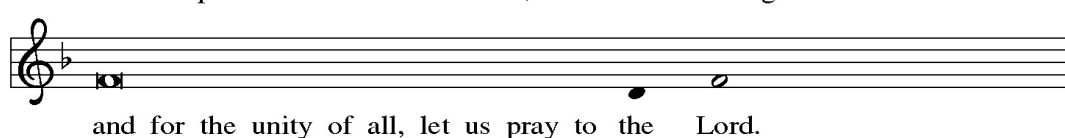
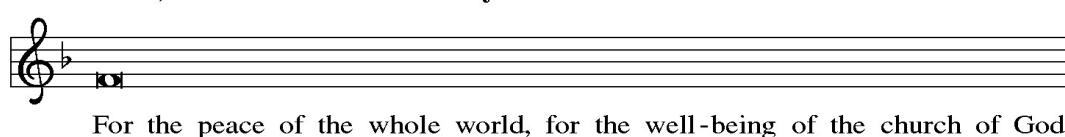
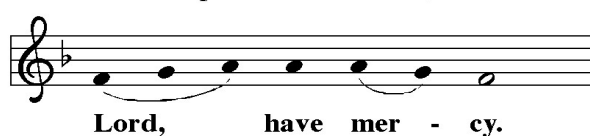
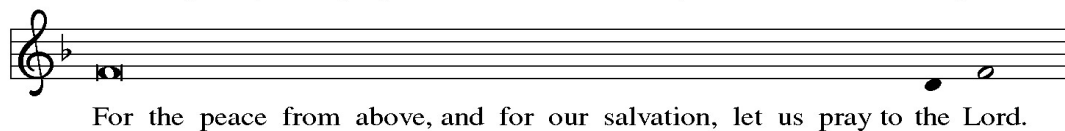
GATHERING SONG Let Justice Flow Like Streams

Hymn 717

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: O God, rich in mercy, you look with compassion on this troubled world. Feed us with your grace, and grant us the treasure that comes only from you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

ALL: Amen

FIRST READING

Amos 6:1a, 4-7

Alas for those who are at ease in Zion, and for those who feel secure on Mount Samaria, Alas for those who lie on beds of ivory, and lounge on their couches, and eat lambs from the flock, and calves from the stall; who sing idle songs to the sound of the harp, and like David improvise on instruments of music; who drink wine from bowls, and anoint themselves with the finest oils, but are not grieved over the ruin of Joseph! Therefore they shall now be the first to go into exile, and the revelry of the loungers shall pass away.

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

SECOND READING

1 Timothy 6:6-19

Of course, there is great gain in godliness combined with contentment; for we brought nothing into the world, so that we can take nothing out of it; but if we have food and clothing, we will be content with these. But those who want to be rich fall into temptation and are trapped by many senseless and harmful desires that plunge people into ruin and destruction. For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil, and in their eagerness to be rich some have wandered away from the faith and pierced themselves with many pains.

But as for you, man of God, shun all this; pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, endurance, gentleness. Fight the good fight of the faith; take hold of the eternal life, to which you were called and for which you made the good confession in the presence of many witnesses. In the presence of God, who gives life to all things, and of Christ Jesus, who in his testimony before Pontius Pilate made the good confession, I charge you to keep the commandment without spot or blame until the manifestation of our Lord Jesus Christ, which he will bring about at the right time—he who is the blessed and only Sovereign, the King of kings and Lord of lords. It is he alone who has immortality and dwells in unapproachable light, whom no one has ever seen or can see; to him be honor and eternal dominion. Amen.

As for those who in the present age are rich, command them not to be haughty, or to set their hopes on the uncertainty of riches, but rather on God who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment. They are to do good, to be rich in good works, generous, and ready to share, thus storing up for themselves the treasure of a good foundation for the future, so that they may take hold of the life that really is life.

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

Leader: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke

ALL: Glory to you, O Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the

words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

GOSPEL

Luke 16:19-31

[Jesus said:] "There was a rich man who was dressed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day. And at his gate lay a poor man named Lazarus, covered with sores, who longed to satisfy his hunger with what fell from the rich man's table; even the dogs would come and lick his sores. The poor man died and was carried away by the angels to be with Abraham. The rich man also died and was buried. In Hades, where he was being tormented, he looked up and saw Abraham far away with Lazarus by his side.

He called out, 'Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue; for I am in agony in these flames.' But Abraham said, 'Child, remember that during your lifetime you received your good things, and Lazarus in like manner evil things; but now he is comforted here, and you are in agony. Besides all this, between you and us a great chasm has been fixed, so that those who might want to pass from here to you cannot do so, and no one can cross from there to us.' He said, 'Then, father, I beg you to send him to my father's house—for I have five brothers—that he may warn them, so that they will not also come into this place of torment.' Abraham replied, 'They have Moses and the prophets; they should listen to them.' He said, 'No, father Abraham; but if someone goes to them from the dead, they will repent.' He said to him, 'If they do not listen to Moses and the prophets, neither will they be convinced even if someone rises from the dead.'"

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

SERMON

Pastor O'Brien

HYMN Where Cross the Crowded Ways of Life

Hymn 719

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: God of grace,

ALL: hear our prayer

OFFERING PRAYER

Leader: Gracious God,

**All: in your great love you richly provide for our needs. Make of these gifts a banquet of blessing, and make us ready to share with all in need; through Jesus Christ, who sets a table for all.
Amen.**

OFFERTORY

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.

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.

The image shows four staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. Each staff contains a melody line with lyrics underneath. The first staff has two measures, the second and third have two measures each, and the fourth has one measure. The lyrics are: '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.', and '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; 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:

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

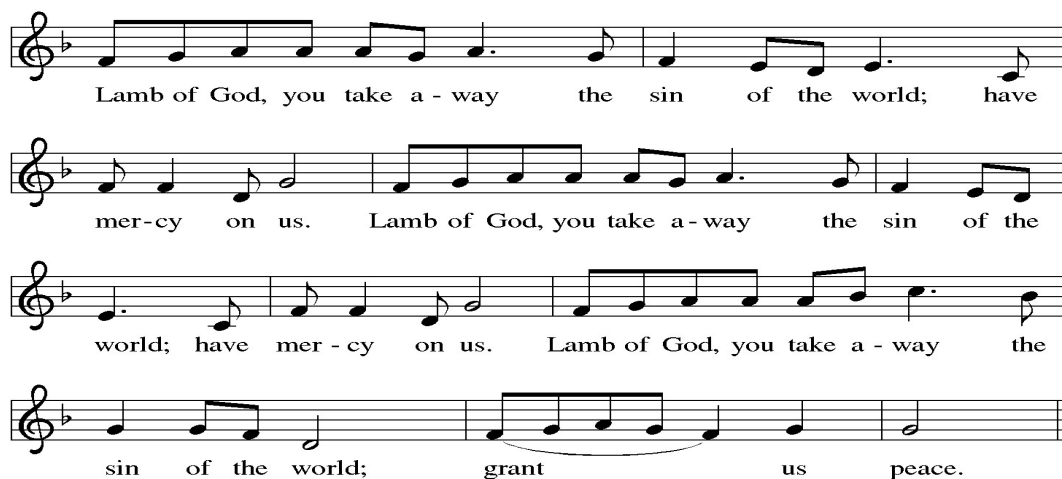
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The image shows four staves of musical notation in G major and 4/4 time. The melody is more complex than the previous section, featuring eighth and sixteenth notes. The lyrics are: 'Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,', 'heav-en 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', and '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 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



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: God of the abundant table, you have refreshed our hearts in this meal with bread for the journey. Give us your grace on the road that we might serve our neighbors with joy; for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Lord.

ALL: Amen.

BLESSING

Leader: God, who gives life to all things and frees us from despair, bless you with truth and peace. And may the holy Trinity, one God, guide you always in faith, hope, and love.

ALL: Amen.

SENDING SONG Canticle of the Turning

Hymn 723

DISMISSAL

Leader: Go in peace with Christ beside you.

All: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Weekly Announcements



This Week at St. John

Tues: Blankets 9 AM

Sat: Worship 5 PM

Sun: Sunday School 8:30 AM
Worship 9:45 AM

Serving This Week

Lector Fran Cranfield

Usher The Titgemeyer's

Acolyte Aiden Johnson

In Our Prayers

Ann Tschappat– medical concerns

Carol Perry– medical concerns

Linda Votsberger– medical concerns

Michele Maix– medical concerns

Peg Lentz– medical concerns

Brian Lowe– medical concerns

Shirley Fredrickson– medical concerns

Family and friends of Ray Fredrickson

ALTAR FLOWERS

The altar flowers are given to the Glory of God, in memory of our mother Mary Ann Gruben and given by Lee and Debbie Wehner and family.

CHANCEL FLOWERS

The chancel flowers are given to the Glory of God, and in celebration of the birthdays of Carolyn Lasseter and Marilyn Sandroek, and in honor of the many good deeds they do for others. Given by Ron and Diane



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 OCTOBER

Ushers

- 1 The Donnelly Family
- 8 Jack Mathews

Lectors

- 1 WELCA
- 8 Nancy Strohscher

Acolytes

- 1 Lindsay Krumnow
- 8 Benjamin Sommers

SUNDAY- 9:00am OCTOBER

Ushers

- 2 The Tigemeyer's
- 9 Diana Pfaff

Lectors

- 2 WELCA
- 9 Mina Steinmetz

Acolytes

- 2 Logan Hays
- 9 Caleb Hays

BLANKET WEEKEND

Today you will be seeing blankets. This year we made 302 (tied with last year). We have already given or sold 33 blankets. If you would like to purchase a blanket, we are asking \$30.00 for the larger ones (approx. 60 x 80) or \$25.00 for smaller children ones. Just take off the pew and you may pay the ladies selling raffle tickets or put your payment in the offering. Please make sure it is marked "blankets" for us to get the money. The raffle tickets will be sold for three weeks and along with two auctioned blankets. This is the only "fundraiser" we have to purchase the filler, thread and sheets used for the backs. One roll of filler costs just under \$200.00 and we get about 18 blankets per roll. We thank everyone who has donated material, sheets and even filler to us. The sewing and tying are done by only 6 faithful ladies.

THANKS OFFERING SERVICES

Saturday October 1st at 5pm

Sunday October 2nd at 9:45am

WELCA will be having their annual Thankoffering program. Lisa Kronbach-Eisenbach, founder and director of Nightingales Harvest, will be our speaker. Nightingales Harvest provides nutritious food, hygiene products and resources to aid in improving the health and wellness of families experiencing cancer. They are located at Our Savior Lutheran Church and serve northwest Ohio and southeast Michigan. They have been recipients of blankets for several years. Thankoffering envelopes are attached to the October Forerunner and also by the offering baskets.

SACK FOR A SACK

St. John will again be doing sack for a sack this year. Every time Genoa sacks the opposing team's quarterback, St. John is donating a bag of groceries to the Genoa Food pantry. If you would like to contribute, the donation is \$25 per sack.

OUR BLESSING BOX

The mini-pantry continues to be used. To help restock we are currently in need of Peanut Butter and Jelly, any kind of canned meat, including tuna, chicken and beef, and after school snacks, including Pop Tarts, snack size bags of chips, pretzels, etc. When you're shopping, please consider purchasing a few extra items and sharing them for the Blessing Box.



Mark your calendars for our upcoming celebration!

We will be honoring the 25th anniversary of Pastor O'Brien's ordination with receptions following the services of **November 19th and 20th.** We will be providing a card box at the receptions so that notes of appreciation, congratulation and thanks can be given. We, also, will be accepting donations towards a gift for the O'Brien family. Monetary donations will be accepted at the church office or offering plates, please indicate that your donation is for the 25th anniversary gift. Online donations can be given as well, just call the church office to let Amelia know which donation is to go towards Pastor's ordination gift.

Let's celebrate this exciting milestone!