



“And if you have not been
FAITHFUL
with what belongs to another,
**who will give you
what is your own?”**



LUKE 16:12, NRSV

Welcome to St. John Lutheran Church
15th Weekend after Pentecost
Saturday September 17th, 2022



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**PRELUDE
ANNOUNCEMENTS**

OPENING

Here I Am to Worship

Light of the world, You stepped down into darkness.
Opened my eyes, let me see.
Beauty that made this heart adore You,
Hope of a life ... spent with You.

Chorus

**Here I am to worship. Here I am to bow down.
Here I am to say that You're my God.
You're altogether lovely, altogether worthy,
Altogether wonderful to me.**

King of all days. Oh, so highly exalted
Glorious in heaven above
Humbly You came to the earth You created
All for love's sake became poor. **Chorus**

I'll never know how much it cost ... To see my sin upon that cross
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Repeat Chorus two times

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

**ALL: God of healing, God of wholeness, we bring our brokenness, our
sinfulness, our fears and despair, and lay them at your feet.**

**God of healing, God of wholeness, we hold out hearts and hands,
minds and souls to feel your touch, and know the peace that only you
can bring.**

**God of healing, God of wholeness, this precious moment in your
presence and power grant us faith and confidence that here broken
lives are made whole.**

Leader: People of God, you are loved and forgiven! This is the good news of deliverance for those who trust. God has healed broken relationships, given power for our discipleship, and given us a new picture of our own worth. The power of God, through the Spirit, dwells within us and makes us whole. We no longer need to be burdened by our sin and brokenness, but can stand strong and rejoice in the healing and wholeness God has freely given.

FIRST READING

Amos 8:4-7

Hear this, you that trample on the needy, and bring to ruin the poor of the land, saying, "When will the new moon be over so that we may sell grain; and the sabbath, so that we may offer wheat for sale? We will make the ephah small and the shekel great, and practice deceit with false balances, buying the poor for silver and the needy for a pair of sandals, and selling the sweepings of the wheat."

The LORD has sworn by the pride of Jacob: Surely I will never forget any of their deeds.

SECOND READING

1 Timothy 2:1-7

First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for everyone, for kings and all who are in high positions, so that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and dignity. This is right and is acceptable in the sight of God our Savior, who desires everyone to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. For

there is one God;

there is also one mediator between God and humankind,

Christ Jesus, himself human,

who gave himself a ransom for all

—this was attested at the right time. For this I was appointed a herald and an apostle (I am telling the truth, I am not lying), a teacher of the Gentiles in faith and truth.

GOSPEL

Luke 16:1-13

Then Jesus said to the disciples, "There was a rich man who had a manager, and charges were brought to him that this man was squandering his property. So he summoned him and said to him, 'What is this that I hear about you? Give me an accounting of your management, because you cannot be my manager any longer.' Then the manager said to himself, 'What will I do, now that my master is taking the position away from me? I am not strong enough to dig, and I am ashamed to beg. I have decided what to do so that, when I am dismissed as manager, people may welcome me into their homes.' So, summoning his master's debtors one by one, he asked the first, 'How much do you owe my master?'

He answered, 'A hundred jugs of olive oil.' He said to him, 'Take your bill, sit down quickly, and make it fifty.' Then he asked another, 'And how much do you owe?' He replied, 'A hundred containers of wheat.' He said to him, 'Take your bill and make it eighty.'

And his master commended the dishonest manager because he had acted shrewdly; for the children of this age are more shrewd in dealing with their own generation than are the children of light. And I tell you, make friends for yourselves by means of dishonest wealth so that when it is gone, they may welcome you into the eternal homes.

"Whoever is faithful in a very little is faithful also in much; and whoever is dishonest in a very little is dishonest also in much. If then you have not been faithful with the dishonest wealth, who will entrust to you the true riches? And if you have not been faithful with what belongs to another, who will give you what is your own? No slave can serve two masters; for a slave will either hate the one and love the other, or be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and wealth."

SERMON

Pastor O'Brien

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

ALL: We believe God created all that exists and continues to recreate the lives of those who trust. We believe in Jesus Christ, the only Son of a loving God, whose purpose was to save a lost world and who now works in us and others through the Holy Spirit. We believe God is calling each of us to be the body of Christ, to celebrate God's presence, to love and serve others, and to stand against the powers of injustice and prejudice. We are called to declare for all the world to hear, "Jesus is risen and we are his people." Thanks be to God. 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.

SONG

Eagles Wings

Here I am wait-ing ... Abide in me I pray
Here I am long-ing ... for You.
Hide me in Your love ... Bring me to my knees
May I know Je-sus ... more and more.

Chorus

Come live in me ... all my life ... take o-ver,
Come breathe in me ... and I will rise ... on ea-gles wings.
(Repeat Chorus)

COMMUNION

Leader: Welcome to the celebration! God supplies for our every need and gives us this meal to share.

All: God, we thank you for the bread of life.

Leader: We come to the table, acknowledging our shortcomings and our need to experience your presence in the bread and wine.

All: God, we thank you for the cup of salvation.

Leader: In the night in which Jesus was betrayed...

All: Jesus give us faith to receive you in this holy meal.

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

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

The River Is Here

Down the mountain the river flows and it brings refreshing wherever it goes
Through the valleys and over the fields the river is rushing and the river is here

Chorus

The river of God is teeming with life and all who touch it can be revived
And those who linger on this river's shore will come back thirsting for more of
the Lord **Chorus**

Up to the mountain we love to go to find the presence of the Lord
Along the banks of the river we run we dance with laughter giving praise to the
Son. **Chorus**

Down the mountain the river flows and it brings refreshing wherever it goes
Through the valleys and over the fields The river is rushing and the river is
here **Chorus**

CHORUS

**The river of God sets our feet a-dancing
The river of God fills our hearts with cheer
The river of God fills our mouths with laughter
And we rejoice for the river is here**

DISMISSAL

Leader: Go in peace with Christ beside you.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

Weekly Announcements



This Week at St. John

Mon: Bible Study 10 AM

Tues: Blankets 9 AM

Wed: Northwood McDonald's 7 AM

Sat: Golf Outing 8 AM

Worship 5 PM

Sun: Sunday School 8:30 AM

Worship 9:45 AM

Serving This Week

Usher Alice Witt and Carol Vargo

Lector Amy Schloegl

Acolyte Olivia Martin

In Our Prayers

Ann Tschappat– medical concerns

Carol Perry– medical concerns

Linda Votsberger– medical concerns



ALTAR FLOWERS

The altar flowers are given to the Glory of God, in memory of Frederick Sandrock and given by Marilyn Sandrock and Carolyn Lasseter.

CHANCEL FLOWERS

The chancel flowers are given to the Glory of God, and in loving memory of Gregg Yockey Sr. and given by Allen and Judy Yockey, Gregg Jr., Liz Yockey and Jacob Yockey.

The chancel flowers are given to the Glory of God, and in loving memory of our daughter Arica Grace Goldstein on her birthday and given by Beckie and Jerry Goldstein, Rachel, Mirandon, Cadan, Michaela, Caira Grace, Caleb and families.

HELPED WANTED!

The blanket ladies will be displaying their blankets next weekend. If you can help with set up on Tuesday, September 20th at 9 a.m. it would be greatly appreciated.

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 SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER

Ushers

24 Wayne Bauman
1 The Donnelly Family

Lectors

24 Beverly Harder
1 WELCA

Acolytes

24 Kennedy Donnelly
1 Lindsay Krumnow

SUNDAY- 9:00am SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER

Ushers

25 The Titgemeyer's
2 Diana Pfaff

Lectors

25 Fran Cranfield
2 WELCA

Acolytes

25 Aiden Johnson
2 Logan Hays

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.

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.



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
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