



St. John's Lutheran Church

Rooted and Growing: In Christ. In Community.



Lord,
increase
our faith.

Welcome to Worship!

This weekend, we begin a new worship series on “Lord, Increase Our Faith!” We sometimes use the word “faith” very casually, but Jesus talks about faith in ways that are anything but casual. His words force us to consider what true, saving faith is. They move us to run to our God and beg him for more of this faith. Lord, increase our faith!

"Duty"—it's a word that can carry negative connotations. We often view duty as something we can leave behind as we rise up through the ranks of this world, as tasks we can delegate to others below us because we don't want to do them ourselves. In the kingdom of God, however, it's exactly the opposite. An increase in faith means an increase in opportunities to serve God and others—an increase in obligations and work. But that same faith that increases our duties leads us to delight in these duties. By faith, we know who we serve: the One who came to serve us, the One whose service we are privileged to imitate. Just as Christ's service to us brought him great joy, so our service to others brings us great joy.

Worship Notes

It is our hope and prayer that the message you hear today from God's Word will fill your heart with the peace that only God can offer and the joy we have in knowing that Jesus Christ is our Savior from sin.

If you need assistance with anything during worship—including large-print service folders and assisted listening devices—please ask one of our ushers. Restrooms are located at the far end of the entry area. Small children can be taken into the entry area, mother's room (at the back of the church), or nursery (lower level of church) as needed during the worship service. Changing tables are available in the mother's room and in the room adjacent to the nursery.

During the offering, all worshipers are asked to fill out a Connection Card (included with the service folder or located online at www.sjtosa.org/Connect). Completed cards may be placed in the baskets by the exit.

Lord's Supper

The Lord's Supper will be celebrated in our worship today. Scripture tells us that the Lord's Supper is an expression of unity in God's Word and a privilege reserved for those who have publicly confessed their oneness in faith. Therefore, we ask guests who are not members of WELS or ELS congregations to refrain from communion until such oneness can be established. We do not intend to be exclusive and unloving. Rather, we desire to faithfully carry out the teaching of Scripture and further explore God's Word with you in the hope that we may eventually enjoy such “communion fellowship” together. For more information, please speak with one of our pastors.

The Seventeenth Sunday After Pentecost

October 1 & 2, 2022

Lord, Increase Our Faith: Faith that Delights in Duty.

Prelude

Opening Hymn

Please stand to sing the final stanza

Lord, Help Us Walk Your Servant Way

Christian Worship 737

In the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Confession

If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us.

If we confess our sins, God is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.

Please kneel

Holy God, gracious Father, I am sinful by nature and have sinned against you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have not loved you with my whole heart; I have not loved others as I should. I deserve your punishment both now and forever. But Jesus, my Savior, paid for my sins with his innocent suffering and death. Trusting in him, I pray: God, have mercy on me, a sinner.

Silence for meditation and reflection

Our gracious Father in heaven has been merciful to us. He sent his only Son, Jesus Christ, who gave his life as the atoning sacrifice for the sins of the whole world. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Please stand

Lord, Have Mercy

Kyrie

In peace let us pray to the Lord.

For the peace from above and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

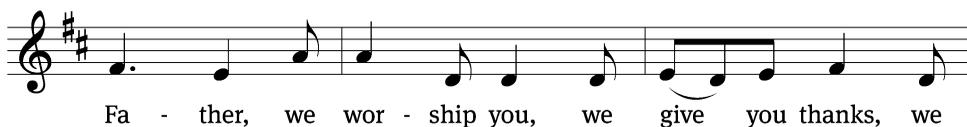
Lord, have mercy.

Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

Amen.

Glory to God in the Highest

Gloria in Excelsis





praise you for your glo - ry. Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly



Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God,



you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on



us. You are seat - ed at the right hand of the



Fa - ther; re - ceive our prayer. For



you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the



Lord, you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus



Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir - it in the



glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

Glo - ry to God in the high - est, glo - ry to
 God, and peace to his peo - ple on earth,
 and peace to his peo - ple on earth.

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The Word

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray.

Almighty God, in your bountiful goodness, keep us safe from every evil of body and soul. Make us ready, with cheerful hearts, to do whatever pleases you; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Be seated

First Reading

1 Chronicles 29:1-2,10-18

By faith, King David found it both a duty and a delight to plan the construction of the LORD's temple.

Then King David said to the whole assembly: "My son Solomon, the one whom God has chosen, is young and inexperienced. The task is great, because this palatial structure is not for man but for the LORD God. With all my resources I have provided for the temple of my God—gold for the gold work, silver for the silver, bronze for the bronze, iron for the iron and wood for the wood, as well as onyx for the settings, turquoise, stones of various colors, and all kinds of fine stone and marble—all of these in large quantities."

David praised the LORD in the presence of the whole assembly, saying,

“Praise be to you, LORD, the God of our father Israel, from everlasting to everlasting.

Yours, LORD, is the greatness and the power and the glory and the majesty and the splendor,
for everything in heaven and earth is yours.

Yours, LORD, is the kingdom; you are exalted as head over all.

Wealth and honor come from you; you are the ruler of all things.

In your hands are strength and power to exalt and give strength to all.

Now, our God, we give you thanks, and praise your glorious name.

“But who am I, and who are my people, that we should be able to give as generously as this? Everything comes from you, and we have given you only what comes from your hand. We are foreigners and strangers in your sight, as were all our ancestors. Our days on earth are like a shadow, without hope. LORD our God, all this abundance that we have provided for building you a temple for your Holy Name comes from your hand, and all of it belongs to you. I know, my God, that you test the heart and are pleased with integrity. All these things I have given willingly and with honest intent. And now I have seen with joy how willingly your people who are here have given to you. LORD, the God of our fathers Abraham, Isaac and Israel, keep these desires and thoughts in the hearts of your people forever, and keep their hearts loyal to you.”

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm of the Day

Psalm 62 (see pg. 17)

Second Reading

2 Thessalonians 1:1–5, 11–12

The growing faith of the Thessalonians prompted their every deed and duty.

Paul, Silas and Timothy,

To the church of the Thessalonians in God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ:

Grace and peace to you from God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

We ought always to thank God for you, brothers and sisters, and rightly so, because your faith is growing more and more, and the love all of you have for one another is increasing. Therefore, among God’s churches we boast about your perseverance and faith in all the persecutions and trials you are enduring.

All this is evidence that God’s judgment is right, and as a result you will be counted worthy of the kingdom of God, for which you are suffering.

With this in mind, we constantly pray for you, that our God may make you worthy of his calling, and that by his power he may bring to fruition your every desire for goodness and your every deed prompted by faith. We pray this so that the name of our Lord Jesus may be glorified in you, and you in him, according to the grace of our God and the Lord Jesus Christ.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Please stand

Gospel Acclamation

1 Chronicles 29:14

Alleluia, alleluia. Who am I, and who are my people, that we should be able to give as generously as this? Alleluia.



Refrain



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

Tone



Your words are my joy and my heart's de - light.

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Gospel

Luke 17:1–10

Jesus teaches that an increased faith also brings about an increased sense of duty to God.

Jesus said to his disciples: “Things that cause people to stumble are bound to come, but woe to anyone through whom they come. It would be better for them to be thrown into the sea with a millstone tied around their neck than to cause one of these little ones to stumble. So watch yourselves.

“If your brother or sister sins against you, rebuke them; and if they repent, forgive them. Even if they sin against you seven times in a day and seven times come back to you saying ‘I repent,’ you must forgive them.”

The apostles said to the Lord, “Increase our faith!”

He replied, "If you have faith as small as a mustard seed, you can say to this mulberry tree, 'Be uprooted and planted in the sea,' and it will obey you.

"Suppose one of you has a servant plowing or looking after the sheep. Will he say to the servant when he comes in from the field, 'Come along now and sit down to eat'? Won't he rather say, 'Prepare my supper, get yourself ready and wait on me while I eat and drink; after that you may eat and drink'? Will he thank the servant because he did what he was told to do? So you also, when you have done everything you were told to do, should say, 'We are unworthy servants; we have only done our duty.' "

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to you, O Christ!

Be seated

Anthem (10:30 a.m.)

Grades K5 - 2

Blessed Are Those

by Linda Moeller

What does the Lord God ask of me? I should walk in all his ways,
and fear and love him faithfully even now and all my days.

Refrain For blessed are those who hear the Word of God and obey it.
For blessed are those who hear the Word of God and obey it.

What does the Lord God ask of me? I should serve with all of my heart,
and follow each of his commands so our ways will never part. *Refrain*

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Hymn of the Day

Brothers, Sisters, Let Us Gladly

Christian Worship 748

Sermon

Luke 17:1–10

Details of Discipleship

Please stand

Nicene Creed

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,
begotten, not made, of one being with the Father.
Through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation, he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary, and became truly human.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate.
He suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures.
He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who in unity with the Father and the Son
is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

Prayer of the Church

The minister says the Prayer of the Church.

Be seated

Offering

Members of St. John's give offerings to support the Lord's work in our community and around the world. Visitors are welcome but not obligated to give an offering. All worshipers are asked to fill out a Connection Card (included with the service folder). Physical offerings and Connection Cards can be left in the basket on your way out of church. To submit your offering electronically or fill out a Connection Card online, scan the QR code or visit www.sjtosa.org/offering.



Please stand

The Sacrament

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

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

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give him thanks and praise.

It is truly good and right that we should at all times and in all places give you thanks, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who promised that wherever two or three come together in his name, there he is with them to shepherd his flock until he comes again in glory. Therefore, with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:

Holy, Holy, Holy

Sanctus



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of hosts,



heav - en and earth are full, full of your glo - ry.



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, ho - san - na in the high - est.

Ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

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Prayer of Thanksgiving

Blessed are you, Lord God, eternal King and gracious Father. In love you made us the crown of your creation. In mercy you planned our salvation. In grace you sent your Son to redeem us from sin.

We remember and give you thanks that your eternal Son, Jesus Christ, became flesh and made his dwelling among us, that he willingly placed himself under law to redeem those under law, that he humbled himself by becoming obedient to death on a cross, that he has destroyed death and has brought life and immortality to light through the gospel.

Bless us as we receive your Son’s body and blood in this Sacrament. Forgive our sins, increase our faith, strengthen our fellowship, and deepen our longing for the day when Christ will welcome us to his eternal feast. Praise and thanks and honor and glory be to you, O God our Father, and to your Son and to the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Lord’s Prayer

**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.

Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

Words of Institution

Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, “Take and eat; this is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.”

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

The peace of the Lord be with you always.
Amen.

Lamb of God

Agnus Dei

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

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

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

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Be seated

The Scriptures teach us that receiving the Lord's Supper is a public declaration of shared belief. Therefore, we ask our guests who are not members of a WELS or ELS congregation to refrain from receiving the Lord's Supper until they have had the opportunity to talk with one of our pastors about our beliefs and practice.

To receive communion, please proceed down the center aisle and exit via the side aisles. Grape juice is available in the center of the individual cup tray for those unable to receive wine. Personal prayers for communion can be found on pg. 18 of the service folder.

Distribution Hymns

Before You I Kneel
Christian Worship 735

Your Kingdom, O God, Is My Glorious Treasure
Christian Worship 859

Jesus Comes Today with Healing
Christian Worship 668

The true body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you to life everlasting.
Go + in peace.

Please stand

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;
his mercy endures forever.

Whenever we eat this bread and drink this cup,
we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

O God the Father, source of all goodness, in your loving-kindness you sent your Son to share our humanity. We thank you that through him you have given us pardon and peace in this Sacrament. We also pray that you will not forsake us but will rule our hearts and minds by your Holy Spirit so that we willingly serve you day after day; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Blessing

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look on you with favor and + give you peace.

Amen.

Be seated

Closing Hymn

As Morning Dawns, Dear Savior (sts. 5–6)

Christian Worship 777

Announcements

Postlude

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Serving at Worship

Preacher

Pastor Eric Schroeder

Presiding Minister

Pastor Joel Leyrer

Musicians

Marjorie Flanagan, piano (Saturday)

Eric Sipe, organ (Sunday)

Communion Assistants

Dave Leyrer & Dan Markgraf (8:00 a.m.)

Andrew Duncan & Adam Sipe (10:30 a.m.)

Worship Notes

- The flowers are placed by Lyle and Cynthia Haferman in celebration of their 35th wedding anniversary.

In Our Prayers

- Dawn Hanson, who underwent cancer-related surgery at Froedtert on Friday, September 30.
- John Cardoza, who is scheduled for open-heart bypass surgery at Froedtert on Tuesday, October 4.

Psalm 62

Refrain



Rest in God a - lone, rest in God a - lone, my soul.

Tone



Truly my soul finds / rest in God;
my salvation / comes from him.
Truly he is my rock and my sal- / vation;
he is my fortress, I will never be / shaken.
Yes, my soul, find / rest in God;
my hope / comes from him. *Refrain*

Though your rich- / es increase,
do not set your / heart on them.
My salvation and my honor de- / pend on God;
he is my mighty rock, my / refuge.
Trust in him at all times, you / people;
pour out your hearts to him, for God is our / refuge.

**Glory be to the Father and / to the Son
and to the Holy / Spirit,
as it was in the be- / ginning,
is now, and will be forever. / Amen. *Refrain***

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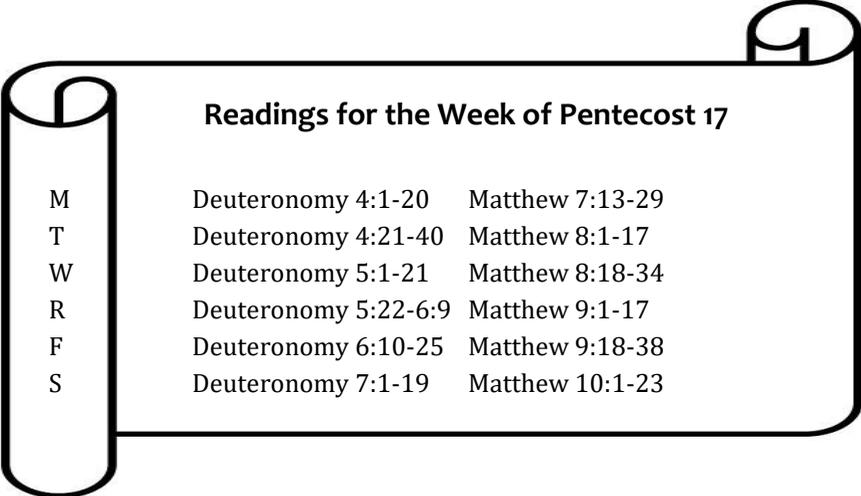
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Personal Prayer for Before Communion

Lord, I am not worthy to be a guest at your holy table. But you are the friend of sinners, and you will not cast me out. This bread is your body, which bore my sins upon the tree. This wine is your blood, which purifies me from all guilt. At your invitation, I come rejoicing. Receive me, my Savior. Amen.

Personal Prayer for After Communion

I thank you, O Lord my God, that you have not rejected me – a sinner – but have made me worthy to partake of your body and blood in this sacrament. Through the gifts I have received here, cause me to always remember your grace and not live for myself alone, but for you. Amen.



Readings for the Week of Pentecost 17	
M	Deuteronomy 4:1-20 Matthew 7:13-29
T	Deuteronomy 4:21-40 Matthew 8:1-17
W	Deuteronomy 5:1-21 Matthew 8:18-34
R	Deuteronomy 5:22-6:9 Matthew 9:1-17
F	Deuteronomy 6:10-25 Matthew 9:18-38
S	Deuteronomy 7:1-19 Matthew 10:1-23

Bible Study & Sunday School

9:15 – 10:15 a.m.

God and the “Real World”

Taught by Dr. Bruce Holman in the Fellowship Hall

Lutherans have a ready answer for how we are made right with God, but we live among people who often think God doesn't involve himself in the “real world.”

A discussion about how the world and life came to be is a great opportunity to witness. This presentation explains how matter and energy behave when not interfered with by an outside agent such as man or God. That knowledge, together with what we know about life, gives Christians a great opportunity to show that God is very intimately involved with his creation.

Sunday School

School Commons

You're invited! All children from three years old through teens are invited to Sunday School. Children will meet in the school commons and then join their teachers. Parents can pick their children up from their classrooms. We look forward to seeing you!

The Mission of our Church

As God's people gathered together at St. John's, we live to declare the praises of our Savior God who called us out of the darkness of sin into the light of his grace.

As 21st century disciples of Jesus, we reflect the light of God's love by:



Making worship of our Savior the top priority in our lives



Growing in our faith through daily contact with God's Word



Fostering Christian friendships for mutual encouragement and support



Using our unique gifts to glorify God and serve God's people



Sharing the good news of God's forgiving love with others

Worship Services

Saturdays at 5:30 p.m.

Sundays at 8:00 & 10:30 a.m.

Worship in Chinese

Saturdays at 7:00 p.m.

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