



St. John's Lutheran Church

Rooted and Growing: In Christ. In Community.



**Lord,
increase
our faith.**

Welcome to Worship!

This weekend, we continue our worship series on “Lord, Increase Our Faith!” Sometimes, it's easy to see unbelief: an increase in secularism, a disdain for God's Word, a decay in morality. But today we see there's another type of unbelief that looks upright and moral. We might believe that our obedience to God's commands puts us in a right relationship with him, that we can earn God's approval—and eternal life—if we live just the right way or apply just the right spiritual effort. This is also unbelief, just as much as a disdain for God's Word is. This week, Jesus uses God's law for its chief purpose: to expose sin and crush our natural pride. In Christ's hands, God's law is a powerful tool used to shape in us the faith he seeks and keep us totally dependent on God to do what only he can do.

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.

Bible Study

Our Bible study on the book of Micah, led by retired Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary professor Rev. Forrest Bivens, continues this morning. As we've seen over the past two weeks, Micah's writings are structured as cycles of indictment/judgment followed by hope. The picturesque language used by Micah, as well as his effortless shifts from discussing present events to prophesying future events, can make our read of Micah frustrating and difficult at times. His role and message, however, are clear: Micah was commissioned by God both to address the issues of his day and to announce the good news of restoration for God's people. Please join us as we continue our study of this Old Testament prophet. Through Micah, God is talking to us!

The Twentieth Sunday After Pentecost

October 22 & 23, 2022

Lord, Increase Our Faith: Faith Demonstrated Through Total Dependence

Prelude

Call to Worship (10:30 a.m.)

Early Learning Center

My God Is So Great

My God is so great, so strong and so mighty!
There's nothing my God cannot do!
My God is so great, so strong and so mighty!
There's nothing my God cannot do!
The mountains are his, the rivers are his,
the stars are his handiwork too.
My God is so great, so strong and so mighty!
There's nothing my God cannot do—for you!

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Jesus Loves Me

Jesus loves me! This I know, for the Bible tells me so.
Little ones to him belong; they are weak, but he is strong.
Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me!
Yes, Jesus loves me! The Bible tells me so.

Jesus loves me! He who died heaven's gates to open wide.
He has washed away my sin, let his little child come in.
Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me!
Yes, Jesus loves me! The Bible tells me so.

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Opening Hymn

Please stand to sing the final stanza

In Christ Alone
Christian Worship 510

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

Amen.

Confession

Blessed are they whose transgressions are forgiven, whose sins are covered.

Blessed are they whose sin the Lord does not count against them.

Let us confess our sins to the Lord.

Almighty and merciful Father,

we have strayed from your ways like lost sheep.

We have followed what we have devised and desired in our hearts.

We have offended you and sinned against your holy law.

We have done those things that we should not have done,

and we have not done those things that we should have done.

Have mercy on us, Lord!

Spare us, forgive us, and restore us,

according to your promises in Christ Jesus.

Silence for meditation and reflection

God, our merciful Father, has forgiven all our sins. He sent his Son, Jesus Christ, to be our Redeemer and Savior. Jesus paid the penalty for our guilt by his death on the cross and freed us from death by his resurrection from the grave. We have peace with God now and forever.

Amen.

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.

In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord.

Glory to God in the Highest

Gloria in Excelsis



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



Lord God, heav - en - ly King, al - might - y God and Fa - ther. We



wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your



glo - ry. Glo - ry to God in the high - est and peace to his



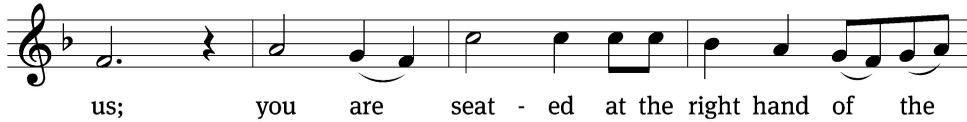
peo - ple on earth. Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly



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 seated at the right hand of the



Fa-ther: re-ceive our prayer, re-ceive our prayer.



Glo-ry to God in the high-est and peace to his peo-ple on



earth. 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.



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



Glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God.

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The Word

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray.

Lord, keep your household, the church, in continual godliness, and set us free from all adversities that, under your protection, we may serve you with true devotion and holy deeds; 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

Deuteronomy 10:12–22

In his farewell address, Moses reminds the Israelites that they are totally dependent on God's grace.

And now, Israel, what does the LORD your God ask of you but to fear the LORD your God, to walk in obedience to him, to love him, to serve the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul, and to observe the LORD's commands and decrees that I am giving you today for your own good?

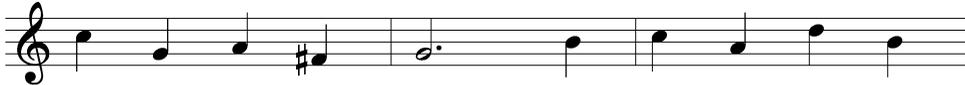
To the LORD your God belong the heavens, even the highest heavens, the earth and everything in it. Yet the LORD set his affection on your ancestors and loved them, and he chose you, their descendants, above all the nations—as it is today. Circumcise your hearts, therefore, and do not be stiff-necked any longer. For the LORD your God is God of gods and Lord of lords, the great God, mighty and awesome, who shows no partiality and accepts no bribes. He defends the cause of the fatherless and the widow, and loves the foreigner residing among you, giving them food and clothing. And you are to love those who are foreigners, for you yourselves were foreigners in Egypt. Fear the LORD your God and serve him. Hold fast to him and take your oaths in his name. He is the one you praise; he is your God, who performed for you those great and awesome wonders you saw with your own eyes. Your ancestors who went down into Egypt were seventy in all, and now the LORD your God has made you as numerous as the stars in the sky.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.



1 O God, our help in a - ges past, our
 2 Un - der the shad - ow of your throne your
 3 Be - fore the hills in or - der stood or
 4 A thou - sand a - ges in your sight are



hope for years to come, our shel - ter from the
 saints have dwelt se - cure; suf - fi - cient is your
 earth re - ceived its frame, from ev - er - last - ing
 like an eve - ning gone, short as the watch that



storm - y blast, and our e - ter - nal home:
 arm a - lone, and our de - fense is sure.
 you are God, to end - less years the same.
 ends the night be - fore the ris - ing sun.

- 5 Time, like an everrolling stream,
 soon bears us all away;
 we fly forgotten, as a dream
 dies at the op'ning day.
- 6 O God, our help in ages past,
 our hope for years to come,
 still be our guard while troubles last
 and our eternal home!

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Second Reading

1 John 2:15–17

John encourages us to love and depend on our heavenly Father rather than the world.

Do not love the world or anything in the world. If anyone loves the world, love for the Father is not in them. For everything in the world—the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride

of life—comes not from the Father but from the world. The world and its desires pass away, but whoever does the will of God lives forever.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Please stand

Gospel Acclamation

Matthew 22:37

Alleluia, alleluia. Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. Alleluia.

Gospel

Luke 18:18–30

We are totally dependent on God—what is impossible for us is possible for him.

A certain ruler asked him, “Good teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?”

“Why do you call me good?” Jesus answered. “No one is good—except God alone. You know the commandments: ‘You shall not commit adultery, you shall not murder, you shall not steal, you shall not give false testimony, honor your father and mother.’”

“All these I have kept since I was a boy,” he said.

When Jesus heard this, he said to him, “You still lack one thing. Sell everything you have and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven. Then come, follow me.”

When he heard this, he became very sad, because he was very wealthy. Jesus looked at him and said, “How hard it is for the rich to enter the kingdom of God! Indeed, it is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for someone who is rich to enter the kingdom of God.”

Those who heard this asked, “Who then can be saved?”

Jesus replied, “What is impossible with man is possible with God.”

Peter said to him, “We have left all we had to follow you!”

“Truly I tell you,” Jesus said to them, “no one who has left home or wife or brothers or sisters or parents or children for the sake of the kingdom of God will fail to receive many times as much in this age, and in the age to come eternal life.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to you, O Christ!

Be seated

Anthem (8:00 a.m.)

Grades 7 & 8

Where Your Treasure Is

Christian Worship 828

Refrain: Where your treasure is, there your heart shall be.
All that you possess will never set you free.
Seek the things that last; come and learn from me.
Where your treasure is, your heart shall be.

What do you gain from all your worry,
what you should eat or what to wear?
There is no peace in stress or hurry.
Do you not know that you are held within God's care? *Refrain*

Look at the ravens high above you.
They do not work their whole life through,
and yet God feeds them and protects them.
So how much more will God protect and care for you? *Refrain*

Behold the lilies in their splendor.
In grace and beauty are they dressed,
and yet so soon their bloom is faded.
So how much more will those who look to God be blessed? *Refrain*

O little flock, do not be frightened;
yours is the kingdom of the Lord.
Give your possessions to the needy;
obtain a treasure in God's heaven safely stored. *Refrain*

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Hymn of the Day

What Is the World to Me

Christian Worship 717

Sermon (Saturday)

Deuteronomy 10:12-22

Fear Your Awesome Father

Sermon (Sunday)

Luke 18:18-30

I Lack Nothing!

Please stand

Apostles' Creed

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his 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 into hell.
The third day he rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.
From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy Christian Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. 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.



Hymn

I Am Trusting You, Lord Jesus
Christian Worship 816

Please stand

Almighty God, we thank you for teaching us the things you want us to believe and do. Help us by your Holy Spirit to keep your Word in pure hearts that we may be strengthened in faith, guided in holiness, and comforted in life and in death, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and 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.

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

Take the World, but Give Me Jesus
Christian Worship 699

Announcements

St. John's Spotlight

St. John's School Music Program

Postlude

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Serving at Worship

Preacher

Seminary Student Ethan Carter (Saturday)
Senior Vicar Christian Willick (Sunday)

Presiding Minister

Pastor Joel Leyrer

Musicians

Megan Bauer, piano (Saturday)
Mandy Treder, organ (Sunday)

In Our Prayers

- God's blessings on Laura Lindemann and Kyle Schaefer, who were married here at St. John's on Friday, October 21, and on Nichole Braegelmann and Ryan Treichel, who will be married on Friday, October 28.
- Susi Scheibe, hospitalized this past week for long-endured physical and mental health issues, the latter of which she is scheduled to begin a new form of treatment for this coming week.
- Dennis Anderson, who is currently hospitalized at St. Luke's.

Parents' Preview for October 30

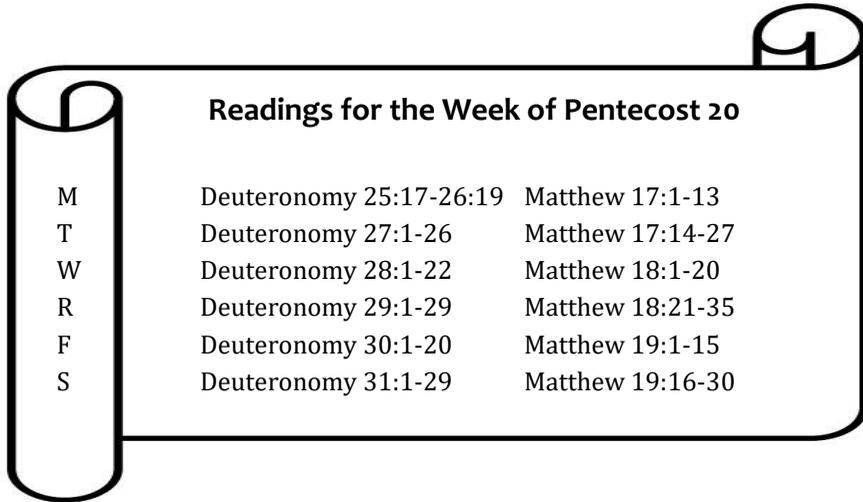
The Parents' Preview highlights an aspect of next week's service: a liturgical song, a Psalm refrain, or a hymn stanza. Our hope and prayer is that parents will teach this portion of the service to their children at home during the week so that children can participate more fully in the worship service.

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God (stanza 1)

Christian Worship 863

1 A might - y for - tress is our God, a trust - y shield
and weap - on; he helps us free from ev - 'ry need
that has us now o'er - tak - en. The old
e - vil foe now means dead - ly woe;
deep guile and great might are his dread arms in fight;
on earth is not his e - qual.

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Readings for the Week of Pentecost 20		
M	Deuteronomy 25:17-26:19	Matthew 17:1-13
T	Deuteronomy 27:1-26	Matthew 17:14-27
W	Deuteronomy 28:1-22	Matthew 18:1-20
R	Deuteronomy 29:1-29	Matthew 18:21-35
F	Deuteronomy 30:1-20	Matthew 19:1-15
S	Deuteronomy 31:1-29	Matthew 19:16-30

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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