



St. John's Lutheran Church

Rooted and Growing: In Christ. In Community.

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**Lord,  
increase  
our faith.**

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## Welcome to Worship!

This weekend, we continue our worship series on “Lord, Increase Our Faith!” When someone does something kind for us, we are filled with gratitude—but to varying degrees. Depending on how much we feel we deserve the kindness and how weighty the kindness is, we’ll naturally feel more or less gratitude. These varying degrees are natural and expected when it comes to gratitude for human kindness, but there is no question of the degree of our gratitude to God. Consider the deservedness factor. What does God owe us? How deserving are we of his blessing? Consider the generosity factor. What has he done for us? What blessings has he given us now? What blessings has he promised us in eternity? As Jesus increases our faith, we can accurately answer all these questions. And so we become more than grateful—we overflow with gratitude.

## 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](http://www.sjtosa.org/Connect)). Completed cards may be placed in the baskets by the exit.

## Bible Study

This morning, we welcome Rev. Forrest Bivens, retired Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary professor, as he begins a five-week study of “**Hey! Micah is Talking to Us!**” What we observe today was also seen by Micah from Moresheth: expressions of idolatry in many forms; the inequities between social classes that prevailed during his lifetime; invasions by the Assyrians and the overthrow of Philistine cities near his hometown; and brutality expressed on the battlefield, in loveless commerce, and by selfish rulers. And Micah was called by God to address these issues in clear language. ***More than that, he was commissioned to announce the good news of restoration for the minority believers and the coming messianic age. He even revealed the Messiah would be born in Bethlehem!*** It is our privilege to listen to his voice and regard his testimony as nothing less than the words of God being applied to that situation—and our own. Through Micah, God is talking to us.

# The Eighteenth Sunday After Pentecost

## October 8 & 9, 2022

Lord, Increase Our Faith: Faith that Overflows with Gratitude.

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### Prelude

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty  
*arranged by Valerie Floeter*

To God Be the Glory  
*arranged by William H. Doan*

To God Be the Glory  
*arranged by William H. Doan & Chris Cooke*

### Opening Hymn

*Please stand to sing the final stanza*

Sing Praise to the Lord  
*Christian Worship 610*

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

Lord Jesus, you raise us to new life. **Refrain (stanza 1)**

Lord Jesus, you forgive us our sins. **Refrain (stanza 2)**

Lord Jesus, you feed us with your body and blood. **Refrain (stanza 3)**

### Refrain



1. Ky - ri - e      e - le - i - son,      e - le - i - son,  
2. Chri - ste      e - le - i - son,      e - le - i - son,  
3. Ky - ri - e      e - le - i - son,      e - le - i - son,



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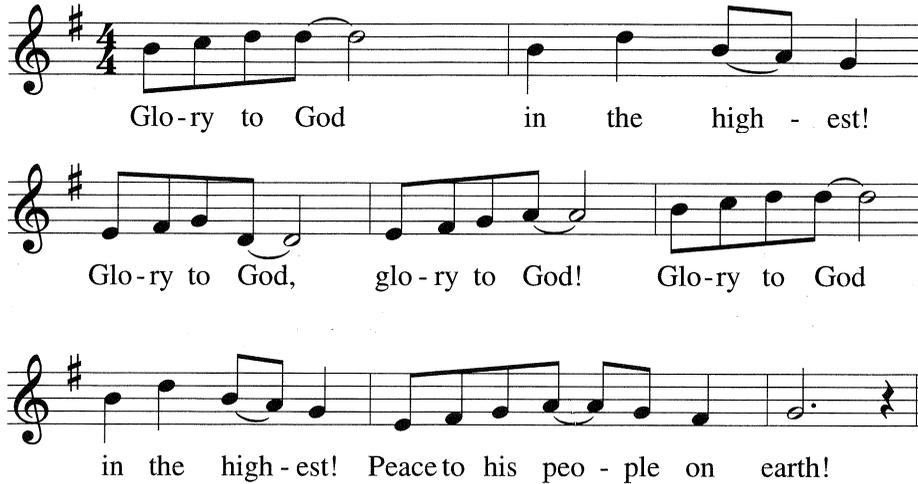
In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord.

## Glory to God in the Highest

Gloria in Excelsis

*The congregation is invited to join in singing the refrains.*

### Refrain



Glo-ry to God in the high - est!

Glo-ry to God, glo - ry to God! Glo-ry to God

in the high - est! Peace to his peo - ple on earth!

Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father,  
We worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory. **Refrain**

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God,  
You take away the sin of the world, have mercy on us.  
You are seated at the right hand of the Father, receive our prayer. **Refrain**

For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord,  
You alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,  
With the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen. **Refrain (sung twice)**

## The Word

The Lord be with you.  
**And also with you.**

## Prayer of the Day<sup>†</sup>

Let us pray.

Grant, O merciful Lord, to your faithful people pardon and peace that they may be cleansed from all their sins and serve you with a quiet mind; 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

Genesis 8:15–22

*In faith, Noah expressed his gratitude for God’s preservation throughout the flood.*

Then God said to Noah, “Come out of the ark, you and your wife and your sons and their wives. Bring out every kind of living creature that is with you—the birds, the animals, and all the creatures that move along the ground—so they can multiply on the earth and be fruitful and increase in number on it.”

So Noah came out, together with his sons and his wife and his sons’ wives. All the animals and all the creatures that move along the ground and all the birds—everything that moves on land—came out of the ark, one kind after another.

Then Noah built an altar to the LORD and, taking some of all the clean animals and clean birds, he sacrificed burnt offerings on it. The LORD smelled the pleasing aroma and said in his heart: “Never again will I curse the ground because of humans, even though every inclination of the human heart is evil from childhood. And never again will I destroy all living creatures, as I have done.

“As long as the earth endures, seedtime and harvest, cold and heat, summer and winter, day and night will never cease.”

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

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**†Prayer of the Day:** The *Prayer of the Day* is a prayer that often focuses on the content of the Gospel or Second (Epistle) Lesson, aiding in the unity of thought throughout the service. This prayer is somewhat poetic and reverent in nature. Many of the Prayers of the Day have deep roots in the history of the Christian Church. We should be careful to avoid the mistaken notion that written prayers are not spiritual. On the contrary, a written prayer is a well thought out reflection of the God of order.



1 LORD, I must praise you when I stand in won - der at your  
 2 Noth - ing but good you give to those who fear you; ev - er  
 3 You sent your peo - ple long - de - sired sal - va - tion, mak - ing



might - y works and splen - dor. There is no oth - er God, no  
 near those who re - vere you. To you the hun - gry come for  
 us a bless - ed na - tion. You are the rock: on you our



one a - bove you, yet so close to those who love you.  
 dai - ly feed - ing, and the poor for jus - tice plead - ing.  
 hopes are found - ed; safe we dwell, by love sur - round - ed.



O Lord, have mer - cy! All your works de - clare your maj - es - ty  
 O Lord, have mer - cy! All your deeds are hon - est and sin - cere;  
 O Lord, have mer - cy! Make us wise to fol - low in your ways,



in an end - less grand dox - ol - o - gy; e - ven more would I praise  
 all your vows as true as they ap - pear. Per - fect love, rar - est kind,  
 and re - ceive our sac - ri - fice of praise. We are yours, yours to use



your com - pas - sion, love, and grace. O Lord, have mer - cy!  
 all I need in you I find. O Lord, have mer - cy!  
 for your dream as you may choose. O Lord, have mer - cy!

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## Second Reading

2 Corinthians 9:10–15

*Our gratitude for God's generosity naturally leads us to be generous with others.*

Now he who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will also supply and increase your store of seed and will enlarge the harvest of your righteousness. You will be enriched in every way so that you can be generous on every occasion, and through us your generosity will result in thanksgiving to God.

This service that you perform is not only supplying the needs of the Lord's people but is also overflowing in many expressions of thanks to God. Because of the service by which you have proved yourselves, others will praise God for the obedience that accompanies your confession of the gospel of Christ, and for your generosity in sharing with them and with everyone else. And in their prayers for you their hearts will go out to you, because of the surpassing grace God has given you. Thanks be to God for his indescribable gift!

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

*Please stand*

## Gospel Acclamation

Psalm 105:1

Alleluia, alleluia. Give praise to the LORD, proclaim his name; make known among the nations what he has done. Alleluia.

## Gospel

Luke 17:11–19

*Only one leper returned to express his gratitude to Jesus.*

Now on his way to Jerusalem, Jesus traveled along the border between Samaria and Galilee. As he was going into a village, ten men who had leprosy met him. They stood at a distance and called out in a loud voice, "Jesus, Master, have pity on us!"

When he saw them, he said, "Go, show yourselves to the priests." And as they went, they were cleansed.

One of them, when he saw he was healed, came back, praising God in a loud voice. He threw himself at Jesus' feet and thanked him—and he was a Samaritan.

Jesus asked, "Were not all ten cleansed? Where are the other nine? Has no one returned to give praise to God except this foreigner?" Then he said to him, "Rise and go; your faith has made you well."

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise be to you, O Christ!**

*Be seated*

## **Anthem**

*Adult Handbell Choir*

To God Be the Glory  
*arranged by Linda Lamb*

To God be the glory, great things he has done!  
So loved he the world that he gave us his Son,  
who yielded his life an atonement for sin  
and opened the life-gate that all may go in.

*Refrain:* Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord! Let the earth hear his voice!  
Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord! Let the people rejoice!  
O come to the Father through Jesus the Son  
and give him the glory, great things he has done!

Great things he has taught us, great things he has done,  
and great our rejoicing through Jesus the Son,  
but purer and higher and greater will be  
our joy and our wonder when Jesus we see. *Refrain*

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## **Hymn of the Day**

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty  
*Christian Worship 624*

## **Sermon**

Luke 17:11-19

*Magnificent Mercy*

*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**

Lord God Almighty, you are a God of power and grace whose eyes are on the righteous and whose ears are open to their cry. Hear the prayer of your people as we come before you.

**We thank you for the mercies you pour down on us each day.**

Always keep us mindful that you have provided us with life, breath, and being. You are the source of our daily bread.

**We thank you for the gifts of your mighty providence.**

You sent Jesus to be the Savior of the world. Grant that we may believe in him with all our hearts and seek to follow his teaching and commands.

**We thank you for the reconciliation accomplished through your Son's work.**

You continue to send your Holy Spirit to us. Direct his work that we may produce the fruits of righteousness and may strive to live according to your will.

**We thank you for the faith endowed by the Holy Spirit through which we are heirs of heaven.**

*Special prayers and intercessions may follow*

Guide and uphold us during our pilgrimage through this world. When our earthly journey is completed, bring us safely to our heavenly home.

**Hear our petitions in the name of Jesus. Amen.**

*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](http://www.sjtosa.org/offering).*



## Hymn

My Heart Is Filled with Thankfulness  
Christian Worship 626

*Please stand*

Blessed Lord, you have given us your Holy Scriptures for our learning. May we so hear them, read, learn, and take them to heart, that being strengthened and comforted by your Holy Word, we may cling to the blessed hope of everlasting life, 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

To God Be the Glory  
Christian Worship 627

**Announcements**

**WELS Connection**

**Postlude**

Youth Discipleship

To God Be the Glory  
*arranged by Marcus Bitter*

## Serving at Worship

<b>Preacher</b>	Pastor Joel Leyrer
<b>Presiding Minister</b>	Pastor Eric Schroeder
<b>Musicians</b>	Mandy Treder, piano Silas Ebeling, John Handeland & Mike Swenson, French horn Becky Rehborg, alto saxophone
<b>Adult Handbell Choir Director</b>	Kristi Meyer

## Worship Notes

- The flowers are placed by Sue Eick in memory and thankfulness for those who are now in heaven.

## In Our Prayers

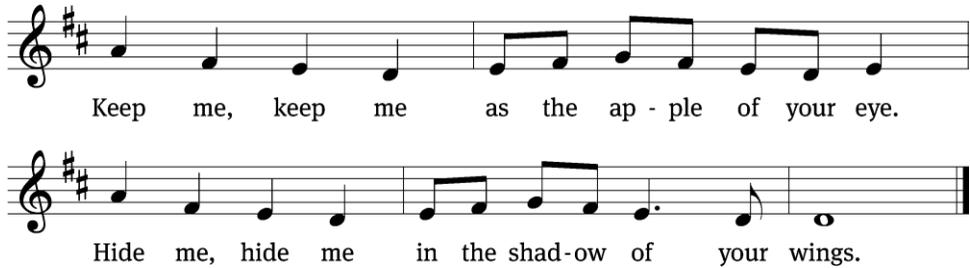
- Pastor Joel Schwartz, who has accepted the call to serve as our associate pastor with a ministry emphasis in the areas of youth and outreach.
- Family and friends of Virginia Ruck, whom the Lord called to his side this past Monday at the age of 97 and whose Christian Victory committal service was held on Thursday, October 6.
- Dawn Hanson, recovering at home from her recent cancer-related surgery.
- John Cardoza, hospitalized at Froedtert and recovering from heart bypass surgery.
- Jim Minor, released from the hospital last week and now convalescing at home.

## Parents' Preview for October 16

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.

### Psalm 121 Refrain

*Refrain*



The musical notation is written on two staves in treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#). The first staff contains the melody for the first line of the refrain, and the second staff contains the melody for the second line. The lyrics are printed below the notes.

Keep me, keep me as the ap - ple of your eye.

Hide me, hide me in the shad-ow of your wings.

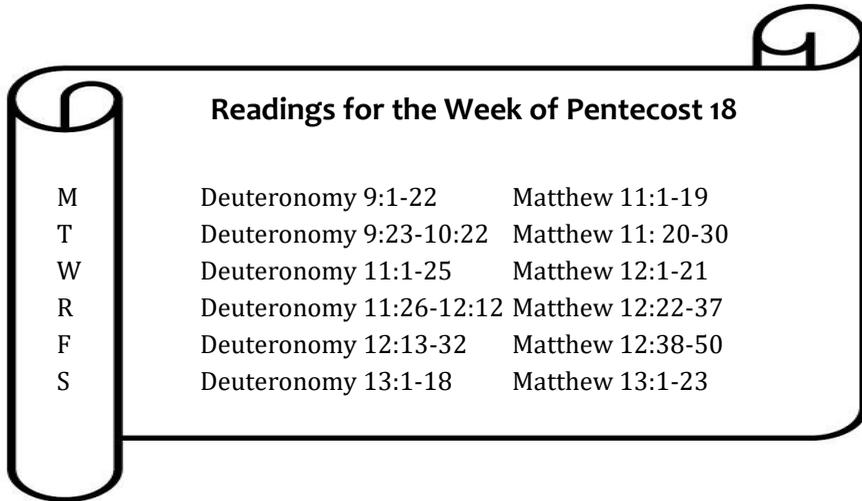
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<b>Readings for the Week of Pentecost 18</b>		
M	Deuteronomy 9:1-22	Matthew 11:1-19
T	Deuteronomy 9:23-10:22	Matthew 11: 20-30
W	Deuteronomy 11:1-25	Matthew 12:1-21
R	Deuteronomy 11:26-12:12	Matthew 12:22-37
F	Deuteronomy 12:13-32	Matthew 12:38-50
S	Deuteronomy 13:1-18	Matthew 13:1-23

# 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 21<sup>st</sup> 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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