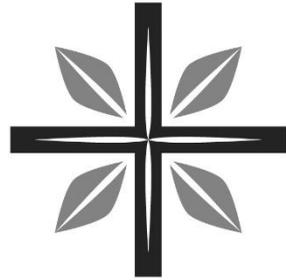




# St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church



## Welcome to our visitors!

- 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.
- Large print service folders are available from an usher. Assisted listening devices, including both ear bud and loop receivers for digital hearing aids, are also available from an usher.
- Children's service folders and worship notes are available in the round tract rack in the entry area.
- Parents may take small children into the entry area, mother's room (at the back of the church), or nursery (lower level of church) as needed and follow the worship service on the TV monitor. Changing tables are available in the mother's room and in the room adjacent to the nursery.
- Restrooms are located at the far end of the entry area.
- As the offering is received, members and guests are asked to sign the Friendship Register. Please pass the register to your neighbor and then return it to the center aisle. Visitors are also asked to fill out a guest card and give it to an usher.
- Please join us for Bible class at 9:15 AM.  
*The Journey of Grief:* Fellowship Hall, lower level of church  
*Bible Information Class:* St. Matthew's Room, lower level of church  
A staffed nursery is available during Bible class.

# The Ninth Sunday After Pentecost

## July 21 & 22, 2018

A Christian's Calling: A dwelling for the Spirit

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### Prelude

### Opening Hymn

*Please stand to sing the final stanza*

**To Your Temple I Draw Near (Saturday & 8:00 AM)**

*Christian Worship 226*

**See This Wonder in the Making (10:30 AM)**

*Christian Worship 300*

### Holy Baptism (10:30 AM)

*Christian Worship, pg. 12*

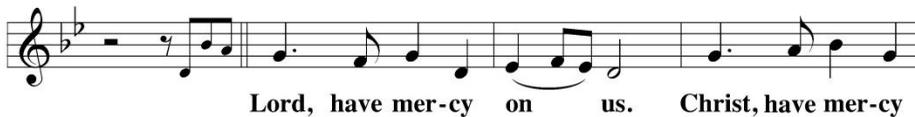
**M:** In the name of the Father and of the Son ☩ and of the Holy Spirit.

**C:** Amen.

### CONFESSION OF SINS

**M:** Beloved in the Lord: let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins to God our Father, asking him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

**C:** **Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful and that I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. For this I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior Jesus Christ, I pray: Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner.**

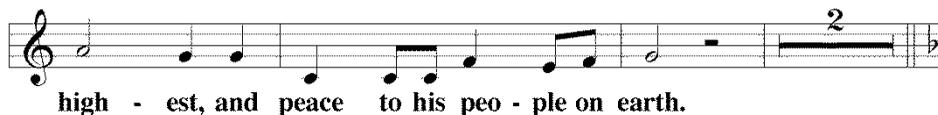
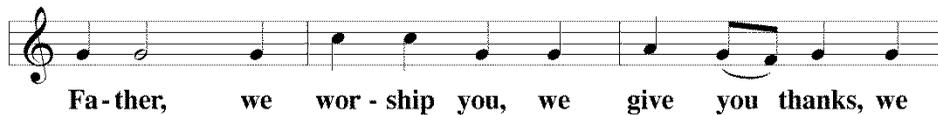
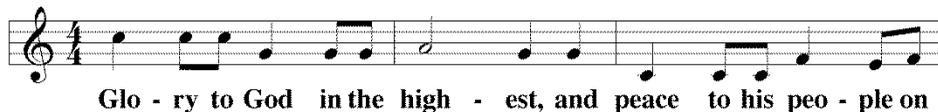


**M:** God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given his only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son ☩ and of the Holy Spirit.

**C:** Amen.

## PRAYER AND PRAISE

**M:** In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord.



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, re - ceive our prayer.

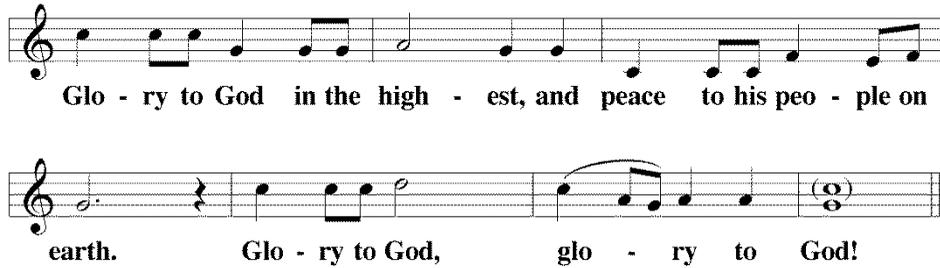
Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and peace to his peo - ple on

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.



**Prayer of the Day**

**M:** The Lord be with you.

**C:** **And also with you.**

**M:** Let us pray.

Grant us, Lord, the spirit to think and do what is right that we, who cannot do anything that is good without you, may by your help be enabled to live according to your will; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C:** **Amen.**

*Be seated*

**THE WORD**

**First Lesson**

**Numbers 27:12-23**

*When Moses' time on earth is almost over, the LORD gives him a faithful successor.*

Then the LORD said to Moses, "Go up this mountain in the Abarim range and see the land I have given the Israelites. After you have seen it, you too will be gathered to your people, as your brother Aaron was, for when the community rebelled at the waters in the Desert of Zin, both of you disobeyed my command to honor me as holy before their eyes." (These were the waters of Meribah Kadesh, in the Desert of Zin.)

Moses said to the LORD, "May the LORD, the God of the spirits of all mankind, appoint a man over this community to go out and come in before them, one who will lead them out and bring them in, so the LORD's people will not be like sheep without a shepherd."

So the LORD said to Moses, "Take Joshua son of Nun, a man in whom is the spirit, and lay your hand on him. Have him stand before Eleazar the priest and the entire assembly and commission him in

their presence. Give him some of your authority so the whole Israelite community will obey him. He is to stand before Eleazar the priest, who will obtain decisions for him by inquiring of the Urim before the LORD. At his command he and the entire community of the Israelites will go out, and at his command they will come in.”

Moses did as the LORD commanded him. He took Joshua and had him stand before Eleazar the priest and the whole assembly. Then he laid his hands on him and commissioned him, as the LORD instructed through Moses.

**Psalm of the Day**

**Psalm 23 (see pg. 13)**

*When we walk through this life, our Good Shepherd gives us restoration and guidance.*

**Second Lesson**

**Ephesians 2:13-22**

*When we are brought into the family of God, our Father gives us peace and purpose.*

Now in Christ Jesus you who once were far away have been brought near through the blood of Christ.

For he himself is our peace, who has made the two one and has destroyed the barrier, the dividing wall of hostility, by abolishing in his flesh the law with its commandments and regulations. His purpose was to create in himself one new man out of the two, thus making peace, and in this one body to reconcile both of them to God through the cross, by which he put to death their hostility. He came and preached peace to you who were far away and peace to those who were near. For through him we both have access to the Father by one Spirit.

Consequently, you are no longer foreigners and aliens, but fellow citizens with God’s people and members of God’s household, built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the chief cornerstone. In him the whole building is joined together and rises to become a holy temple in the Lord. And in him you too are being built together to become a dwelling in which God lives by his Spirit.

**Verse of the Day**

**M:** Alleluia, alleluia. My Word will not return to me empty, but will accomplish what I desire and achieve the purpose for which I sent it. Alleluia.

*Please stand*

*After the announcement of the Gospel, the congregation sings:*



**Glo-ry be to you, O Lord! Glo-ry be to you, O Lord!**

**Gospel**

**Mark 6:30-34**

*When the disciples return from preaching the Word, Jesus gives them rest.*

The apostles gathered around Jesus and reported to him all they had done and taught. Then, because so many people were coming and going that they did not even have a chance to eat, he said to them, “Come with me by yourselves to a quiet place and get some rest.”

So they went away by themselves in a boat to a solitary place. But many who saw them leaving recognized them and ran on foot from all the towns and got there ahead of them. When Jesus landed and saw a large crowd, he had compassion on them, because they were like sheep without a shepherd. So he began teaching them many things.



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

*Be seated*

**Hymn of the Day**

**Lord Jesus Christ, My Savior Blest**

*Christian Worship 362*

**Sermon**

**Ephesians 2:13-22**

Jesus Tears Down Walls

*Please stand*

**Apostles' Creed**

**C: 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.**

*Be seated*

### **Offering**

*The members of St. John's have joined together to do the Lord's work in our community and around the world, and our offerings are a joyful response of our faith. To submit your offering electronically, scan the QR code or visit [www.sjtosa.org/giving](http://www.sjtosa.org/giving). If you are a visitor today, you are welcome but not obligated to give an offering.*



*Please stand*

### **Prayer of the Church**

- M:** 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.
- C:** **We thank you for the mercies you pour down on us each day.**
- M:** Always keep us mindful that you have provided us with life, breath, and being. You are the source of our daily bread.
- C:** **We thank you for the gifts of your mighty providence.**
- M:** 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.
- C:** **We thank you for the reconciliation accomplished through your Son's work.**
- M:** 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.
- C:** **We thank you for the faith endowed by the Holy Spirit through which we are heirs of heaven.**

*Special prayers and intercessions may follow*

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

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

**Lord's Prayer**

**C:** **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.**

*Be seated*

**Hymn**

**For Builders Bold, Whose Vision Pure (see pg. 14)**

*Christian Worship Supplement 775*

*Please stand*

**M:** 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.

**C:** **Amen.**

**M:** 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.

**C:** **Amen.**

*Be seated*

**Closing Hymn**

**Send, O Lord, Your Holy Spirit**  
*Christian Worship 545*

**Announcements**

*If you do not wish to take your service folder home, please place it in the basket so it can be reused.*

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**Readings for the Week of Pentecost 9**

M	Matthew 5:13-16.....	John 8:31-36
T	Galatians 6:7-10.....	Matthew 12:33-37
W	James 2:14-17.....	Colossians 1:3-11
TH	1 Corinthians 12:12-26.....	1 Corinthians 12:27-13:3
F	Philippians 1:6-11.....	Philippians 2:12-18
S	Matthew 21:18-22.....	Revelation 14:14-20

## Serving at Worship

**Minister**

Pastor Kyle Bitter

**Musicians**

Lynn Kozlowski, piano (Saturday)

Eric Sipe, organ (Sunday)

**Head Ushers**

Tom Wessel (Saturday)

Jon Johnson (8:00 AM)

Michael Schneider (10:30 AM)

**Greeters**

Mark & Michelle Rhyner and Dave & Dana Leyrer (8:00 AM)

Matt & Renee Pastorek, Sally Parker and Mary Perez (10:30 AM)

## Worship Notes

- Finley Jane Schapekahm, daughter of Kurt Schapekahm and Nicole Schapekahm, neé Hunt, will be baptized during the 10:30 AM service on Sunday. Serving as sponsors are Joe and Angela Zganjar.
- The flowers on the altar are given by Lou Dengler and William Forbes for blessings received.

## In Our Prayers

- Shao Ying, mother of former St. John's international student Carria Wu, recovering from cancer surgery in Hangzhou, China.
- Adam and Nicole Herbst, upon the birth of their daughter, Madelyn Marie, last Sunday, July 15.
- Little lamb of God Elsie Meckstroth (born June 24), released from the hospital to her home last weekend.

## Psalm 23

### *Refrain*



The Lord is my shep - herd; there is noth - ing I shall want.

### *Psalm tone*



The LORD is my shepherd,  
I shall not be in want.

He makes me lie down in green pastures;  
he leads me beside quiet waters.

He restores my soul;  
he guides me in paths of righteousness for his name's sake.

Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil,  
for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.

### *Refrain*

You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies.  
You anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.

Surely goodness and love will follow me all the days of my life,  
and I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever.

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

### *Refrain*

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## For Builders Bold Whose Vision Pure



1 For buil - ders bold whose vi - sion pure  
 2 As here they raised a soar - ing spire  
 3 Here saints new - born you gen - er - ate  
 4 We come, O Lord, in - her - i - tors



Saw more than brick or stone,  
 Which thrusts toward worlds a - bove,  
 Through wa - ter and the Word,  
 From those whose work is done.



Who laid in hope foun - da - tions  
 So may our prayers, like tongues of  
 Through bread and cup com - mu - ni -  
 Lord, make us now con - trib - u -



sure With Christ the cor - ner - stone;  
 fire, Leap kin - dled by your love.  
 cate The gift of Christ the Lord.  
 tors To years be - yond our own.



For those who hon - ored your com -  
 And let your liv - ing Word de -  
 We gath - er, Christ's own fam - i -  
 Let faith's en - kin - dled flame not



mands And trust - ed your strong Word,  
scend As seed on wait - ing hearts  
ly, Christ's meal of love we share.  
fail; Let love's best gifts in - crease.



Who of - fered faith - ful hearts and hands,  
And, fruit - ful, there its grace ex - tend  
Come, help us live in u - ni - ty,  
Let hope in Christ's sure Word pre - vail



We give you thanks, O Lord.  
To earth's most dis - tant parts.  
Each oth - er's bur - dens bear.  
Till earth and time shall cease.

*This hymn masterfully pictures God's guiding love as he gathers his people from every generation around his life-changing Word and sacraments.*

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