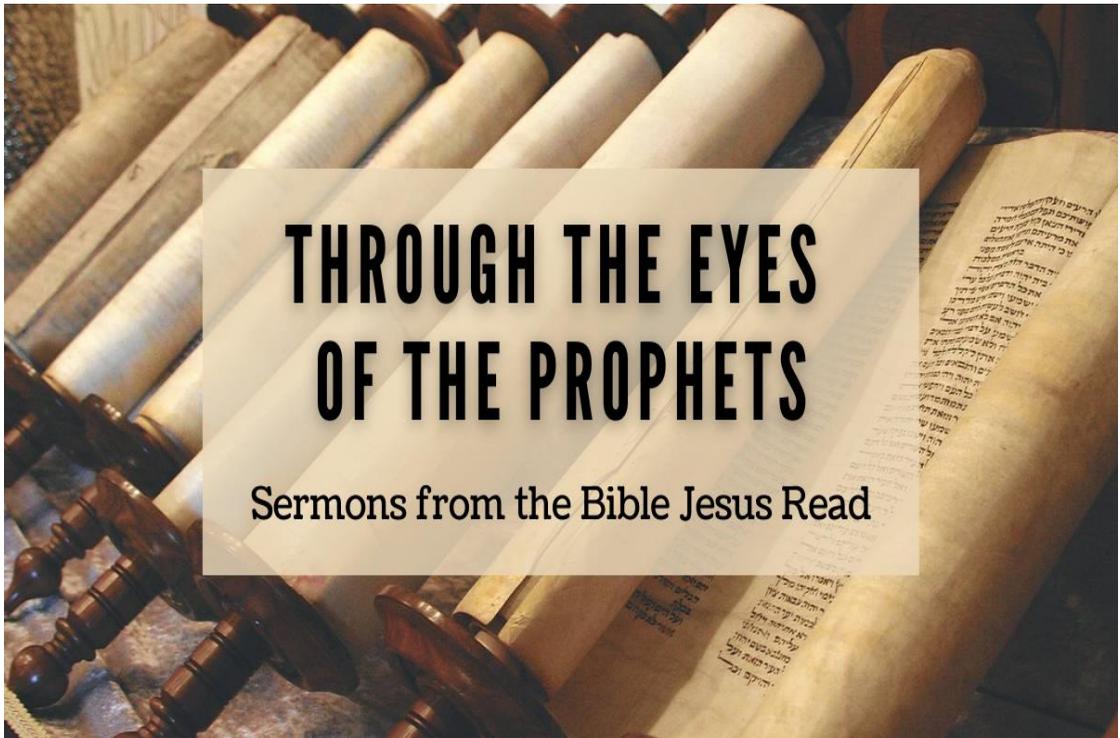




St. John's Lutheran Church

Rooted and Growing: In Christ. In Community.



# THROUGH THE EYES OF THE PROPHETS

Sermons from the Bible Jesus Read

## **Welcome to Worship!**

This weekend, we continue our summer sermon series on the Minor Prophets with a focus on the prophet Haggai. We also ask for God's favor on another school year in the Prayer of the Church.

Saint or sinner? Our answer to that question might depend on the day. There are days when God seems so close and our faith seems so strong, and then there are days when we question why God would have anything to do with such a wretched person as us. Saint or sinner? Yes—we are both. Just as God worked through sinful people like Zerubbabel to rebuild Jerusalem and restore the fortunes of his people, so he works through us to accomplish his purposes and enable us to live lives worthy of the callings we have received.

## **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.

## **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 Eleventh Sunday After Pentecost

August 20 & 21, 2022

The Book of Haggai: God Works Through Sinners.

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## Prelude

### Opening Hymn

*Please stand to sing the final stanza*

Father, God of Grace, You Knew Us

*Christian Worship 566*

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.**

Let us confess our sins to the Lord.

*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 well-being of all people everywhere, that they may receive from you all they need to sustain body and life, hear our prayer, O Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For the spread of your life-giving gospel throughout the world, that all who are lost in sin may be brought to faith in you, hear our prayer, O Christ.

**Christ, have mercy.**

For patience and perseverance in this life, that we may not lose the hope of heaven as we await your return, hear our prayer, O Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

Lord of life, live in us that we may live for you.

**Amen.**

## Glory Be to God

Gloria in Excelsis



1 All glo - ry be to God on high!  
2 Our grate - ful thanks to you we bring,  
3 O Lamb of God, to you we pray.  
4 You, Christ, are ho - ly— Lord a - lone;



Your name, O Lord, we glo - ri - fy;  
For your great glo - ry, heav'n - ly King,  
You take all hu - man sin a - way.  
The Fath - er's glo - ry you made known.



We praise you for your peace and grace,  
 For all, O Fath - er, you have done  
 Have mer - cy, Lord; re - ceive our prayer;  
 We by your Spir - it sing a - gain:



Your fav - or toward our fal - len race.  
 Through Je - sus Christ, your on - ly Son.  
 From God's right hand, your mer - cy share.  
 "All glo - ry be to God!" A - men.

## The Word

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

### Prayer of the Day

Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, give us an increase of faith, hope, and love; and that we may obtain what you promise, make us love what you command; 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

Isaiah 66:18–24

*God restores sinful people and works through them to proclaim his glory among the nations.*

“And I, because of what they have planned and done, am about to come and gather the people of all nations and languages, and they will come and see my glory.

“I will set a sign among them, and I will send some of those who survive to the nations—to Tarshish, to the Libyans and Lydians (famous as archers), to Tubal and Greece, and to the distant islands that have not heard of my fame or seen my glory. They will proclaim my glory among the nations. And they will bring all your people, from all the nations, to my holy mountain in Jerusalem as an offering to the LORD—on horses, in chariots and wagons, and on mules and

camels,” says the LORD. “They will bring them, as the Israelites bring their grain offerings, to the temple of the LORD in ceremonially clean vessels. And I will select some of them also to be priests and Levites,” says the LORD.

“As the new heavens and the new earth that I make will endure before me,” declares the LORD, “so will your name and descendants endure. From one New Moon to another and from one Sabbath to another, all mankind will come and bow down before me,” says the LORD. “And they will go out and look on the dead bodies of those who rebelled against me; the worms that eat them will not die, the fire that burns them will not be quenched, and they will be loathsome to all mankind.”

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm of the Day (Saturday)**

Psalm 103

*Refrain*

The LORD is kind and mer - ci - ful,  
 slow to an - ger, and rich in com - pas - sion.

*Tone*

Praise the LORD, / my soul;  
 all my inmost being, praise his / holy name—  
 who forgives / all your sins  
 and heals all your dis- / eases,  
 who redeems your life / from the pit  
 and crowns you with love and com- / passion,  
 who satisfies your desires / with good things  
 so that your youth is renewed like the / eagle’s. *Refrain*

The LORD is compassionate and / gracious,  
slow to anger, abound- / ing in love.  
He does not treat us as our / sins deserve  
or repay us according to our in- / iquities.  
For as high as the heavens are a- / bove the earth,  
so great is his love for those who / fear him;  
as far as the east is / from the west,  
so far has he removed our transgressions / from us.

**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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## **Psalm of the Day (Sunday)**

*Faculty Choir*

Bless God's Holy Name  
*by Kenneth T. Kosche*

Bless the Lord, O my soul, bless the Lord, O my soul,  
let all within me bless God's holy name.

The Lord crowns my life with love;  
God renews my strength like the eagle's.

Bless the Lord, O my soul, bless the Lord, O my soul,  
let all within me bless God's holy name.

## **Second Reading**

Hebrews 12:18–24

*Although we are sinful, God has restored us and will bring us to the heavenly Jerusalem.*

You have not come to a mountain that can be touched and that is burning with fire; to darkness, gloom and storm; to a trumpet blast or to such a voice speaking words that those who heard it begged that no further word be spoken to them, because they could not bear what was commanded: "If even an animal touches the mountain, it must be stoned to death." The sight was so terrifying that Moses said, "I am trembling with fear."

But you have come to Mount Zion, to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem. You have come to thousands upon thousands of angels in joyful assembly, to the church of the firstborn, whose names are written in heaven. You have come to God, the Judge of all, to the spirits of the righteous made perfect, to Jesus the mediator of a new covenant, and to the sprinkled blood that speaks a better word than the blood of Abel.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

*Please stand*

**Gospel Acclamation**

Luke 13:29

Alleluia, alleluia. People will come from east and west and north and south, and will take their places at the feast in the kingdom of God. Alleluia,

**Gospel\***

Luke 13:22–30

*Sinful people will be restored and take their places at the feast in the kingdom of God.*

Then Jesus went through the towns and villages, teaching as he made his way to Jerusalem. Someone asked him, “Lord, are only a few people going to be saved?”

He said to them, “Make every effort to enter through the narrow door, because many, I tell you, will try to enter and will not be able to. Once the owner of the house gets up and closes the door, you will stand outside knocking and pleading, ‘Sir, open the door for us.’

“But he will answer, ‘I don’t know you or where you come from.’

“Then you will say, ‘We ate and drank with you, and you taught in our streets.’

“But he will reply, ‘I don’t know you or where you come from. Away from me, all you evildoers!’

“There will be weeping there, and gnashing of teeth, when you see Abraham, Isaac and Jacob and all the prophets in the kingdom of God, but you yourselves thrown out. People will come from east and west and north and south, and will take their places at the feast in the kingdom of God. Indeed there are those who are last who will be first, and first who will be last.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

*Be seated*

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**\*Gospel:** The *Gospel* (Greek for “good news”) sets the theme for the entire worship service. It is a record of the very words and deeds of Jesus and is treated with reverence. The congregation stands for its reading. This tradition of standing serves as a visual reminder that the Gospels are the climax of the Scriptures. The rest of the Old and New Testaments center around who Jesus is and what he did for us as recorded in the Gospels. In the Gospels, we see the very events of Jesus’ perfect life, innocent death, and resurrection—the power of God that brings salvation; the old news that is always new and good.

**A Call to Remember**

This is what the LORD Almighty says: “These people say, ‘The time has not yet come to rebuild the LORD’s house.’”

Then the word of the LORD came through the prophet Haggai.

Then Zerubbabel son of Shealtiel, Joshua son of Jozadak, the high priest, and the whole remnant of the people obeyed the voice of the LORD their God and the message of the prophet Haggai, because the LORD their God had sent him. And the people feared the LORD.

Then Haggai, the LORD’s messenger, gave this message of the LORD to the people: “I am with you,” declares the LORD.

“This is what the LORD Almighty says: ‘In a little while I will once more shake the heavens and the earth, the sea and the dry land. I will shake all nations, and what is desired by all nations will come, and I will fill this house with glory,’ says the LORD Almighty. ‘The silver is mine and the gold is mine,’ declares the LORD Almighty. ‘The glory of this present house will be greater than the glory of the former house,’ says the LORD Almighty. ‘And in this place I will grant peace,’ declares the LORD Almighty.”

*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**

Lord God, we pray for students, teachers, and parents as we begin another school year. Through your Holy Spirit, give all students the gifts of wisdom and understanding.

**We thank you, Lord, that we are able to provide a thorough instruction in your Word for the children of this congregation.**

Grant grace to all teachers that they may share their knowledge with gentleness, patience, and concern for their students.

**We thank you, Lord, for giving us devout Christian teachers who give generously of their time and efforts in the blessed work of teaching your lambs.**

Grant grace to all parents that they may be filled with zeal to serve as Christian examples to their children and bring them up in the fear and knowledge of the Lord.

**We thank you, Lord, for Christian homes where families desire spiritual nourishment from your Word.**

Preserve us from the attitude that our learning days are over. Make us all eager students of your Word. Give us humble minds to recognize our need to learn and faithful hearts to love your instruction.

**We thank you, Lord, for this congregation where we hear and receive your Word in its truth and purity.**

*Special prayers and intercessions may follow*

Abide with us all as we grow in your grace and knowledge.

**Make us eager to hear your Word and find delight in your commands. 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).*



*Please stand*

## **The Sacrament**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them up to the Lord.**

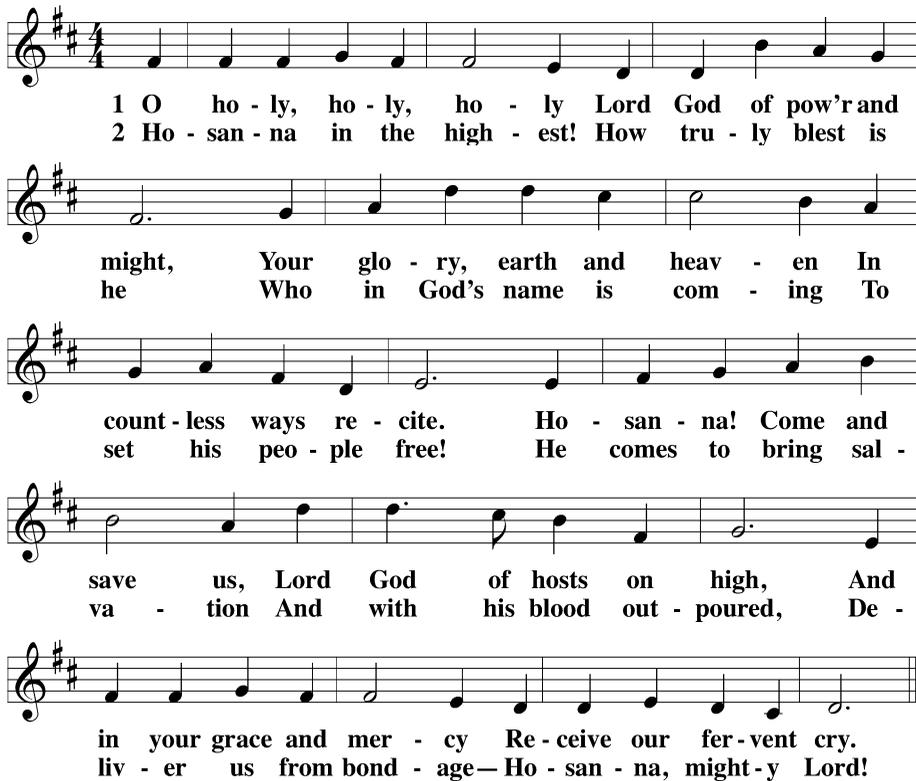
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**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



1 O ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of pow'r and  
2 Ho - san - na in the high - est! How tru - ly blest is  
might, Your glo - ry, earth and heav - en In  
he Who in God's name is com - ing To  
count - less ways re - cite. Ho - san - na! Come and  
set his peo - ple free! He comes to bring sal -  
save us, Lord God of hosts on high, And  
va - tion And with his blood out - poured, De -  
in your grace and mer - cy Re - ceive our fer - vent cry.  
liv - er us from bond - age— Ho - san - na, might - y Lord!

## Prayer of Thanksgiving

Lord God, you are worthy to receive thanks and praise from all people. You created the world and all who live in it, and in your mercy you saved us. We give thanks to you for the grace of your Son, Jesus Christ.

Though in very nature God, he took the nature of a servant and became obedient to death, even death on a cross. He offered himself as a sacrifice for sin and redeemed us from its curse and penalty. He rescued us from the terrors of death and restored eternal life with you. He conquered our enemies and gained for us the kingdom of grace and glory.

Bless us as we receive your Son's body and blood, and lead us to remember his suffering, death, and resurrection. Forgive our sins and fill us with the hope of new life in heaven. Hear our praise and receive our thanks as we worship you—the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

**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."

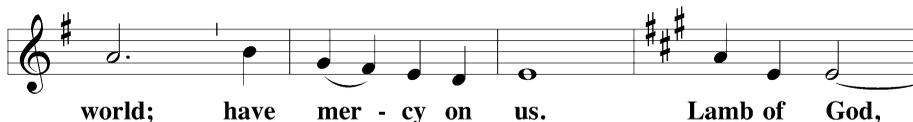
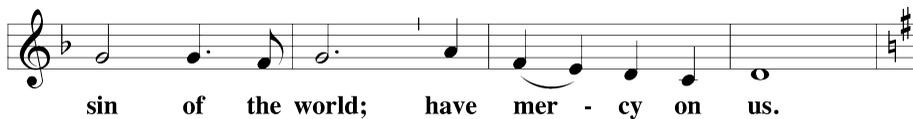
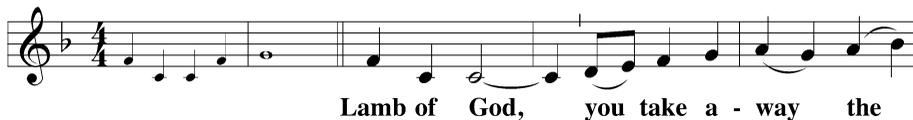
Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**Amen.**

## O Christ, Lamb of God

Agnus Dei





*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. 17 of the service folder.*

## **Distribution Hymns**

Church of God, Elect and Glorious  
*Christian Worship 854*

Jesus, Your Blood and Righteousness  
*Christian Worship 573*

What Is This Bread  
*Christian Worship 665*

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**

Forth in Your Name, O Lord, I Go (sts. 1, 2, 5)

*Christian Worship 739*

### **Announcements**

### **Postlude**

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## Serving at Worship

**Preacher**

Pastor Joel Leyrer

**Presiding Minister**

Pastor Eric Schroeder

**Musicians**

Lisa Eggebrecht, organ (Saturday)

Lynn Kozlowski, organ (Sunday)

**Communion Assistants**

Dan Ebeling & Larry Totsky (8:00 a.m.)

Mike Swenson & Brian Treichel (10:30 a.m.)

## In Our Prayers

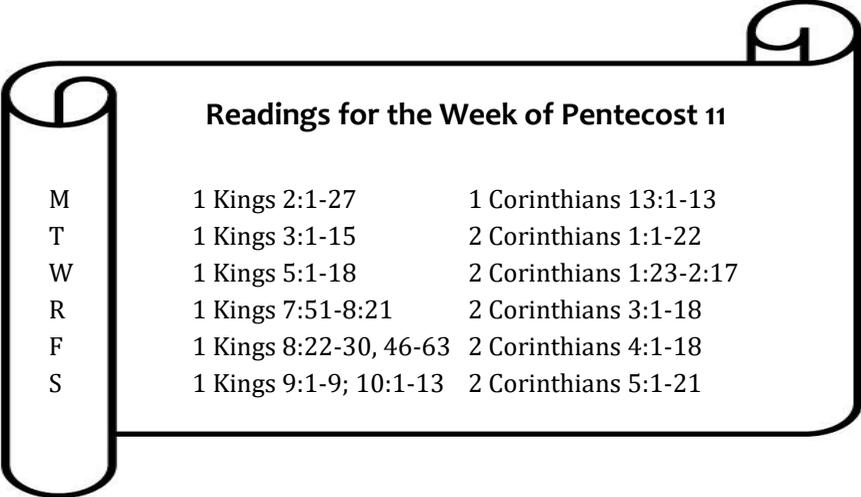
- Blessings upon our St. John's School as we begin the 2022-2023 school year on Tuesday, August 23.
- JoAnn Schoeneck, hospitalized at Froedtert since last Friday due to a series of minor strokes and other health issues.
- Rita Allerheiligen, scheduled for cancer surgery on Tuesday.

### Personal Prayer for Before Communion

Merciful Lord, I come here to your table trusting in your measureless grace and not in my own goodness. Even though I am not worthy to eat the crumbs under your table, you are always rich in mercy. Gracious Lord, grant pardon and peace through the body and blood of this sacrament. Amen.

### Personal Prayer for After Communion

Loving Father, I thank you for feeding me at the supper of your Son. Sustain me with your Spirit, that I may serve you here on earth until my joy is complete in heaven and I share with all the saints in the wedding supper of the Lamb. Amen.



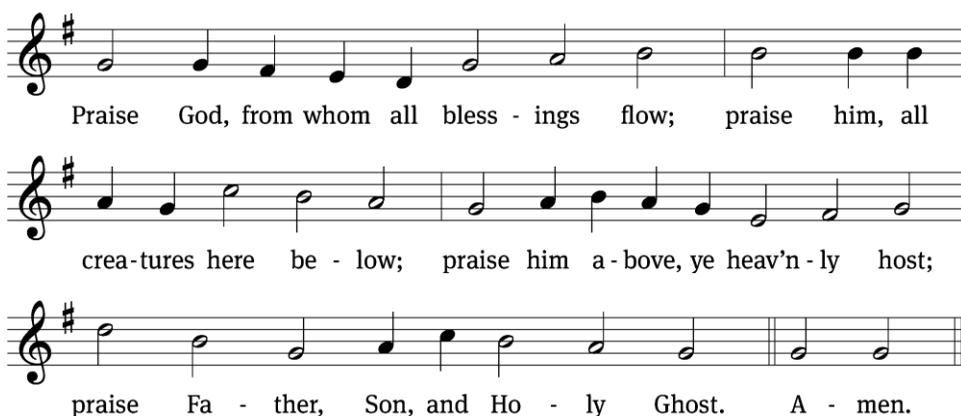
Readings for the Week of Pentecost 11		
M	1 Kings 2:1-27	1 Corinthians 13:1-13
T	1 Kings 3:1-15	2 Corinthians 1:1-22
W	1 Kings 5:1-18	2 Corinthians 1:23-2:17
R	1 Kings 7:51-8:21	2 Corinthians 3:1-18
F	1 Kings 8:22-30, 46-63	2 Corinthians 4:1-18
S	1 Kings 9:1-9; 10:1-13	2 Corinthians 5:1-21

## Parents' Preview for August 28

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.

### Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

*Christian Worship 617*



The image shows three staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The first staff contains the melody for the first line of the hymn. The second staff contains the melody for the second line. The third staff contains the melody for the third line, ending with a double bar line. The lyrics are printed below each staff, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across two notes.

Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow; praise him, all  
crea-tures here be - low; praise him a - bove, ye heav'n - ly host;  
praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. A - men.

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# 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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