



St. John's Lutheran Church

Rooted and Growing: In Christ. In Community.



MISSION FESTIVAL

Welcome to Worship!

What is your calling? In answering that question, you might think of family responsibilities, work duties, or service opportunities--and all of those play a part. But what is your calling as a child of God? Jesus' words in the last chapter of Matthew clearly answer that question: go and make disciples of all nations. In short, our calling is to share the Gospel, to reach out to those who are still waiting to be found. This weekend, we remember our Great Commission calling as we celebrate Mission Festival.

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

"The harvest is plentiful but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field" (Matthew 9:38). At a time when the pure gospel is becoming less and less known...when mission work in our own home country is needed more and more...when our synod is responding to the call with an ambitious new initiative...it's a good time to ask the Lord of the harvest to send out more and more workers equipped for this task.

Today's Mission Festival Bible class will explore one way this happens: the "vicar in missions settings" program. Senior Vicar Christian Willick will be presenting on his year in this program; how he was involved in starting a new mission church in Canton, GA; and the blessings, challenges, and overall experiences of his vicar year.

The Sixteenth Sunday After Pentecost Mission Festival

September 24 & 25, 2022

Mission Festival: Many Waiting to Be Found

Prelude

Opening Hymn

Please stand to sing the final stanza

On Galilee's High Mountain

Christian Worship 742

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

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



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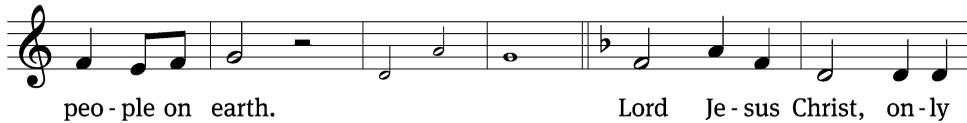
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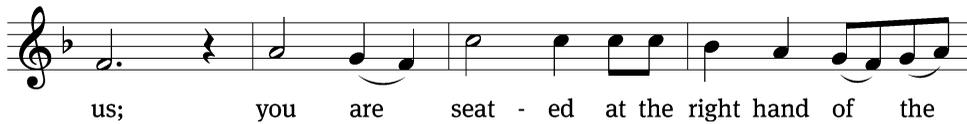
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Fa - ther: re - ceive our prayer, re - ceive our prayer.



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



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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 Jesus Christ, you sent your disciples to proclaim your coming. Bless all the missions of your church, and enable your workers to gather in your harvest. Through them, show your love to the helpless, enlighten those in darkness, assist those in peril and need, and at last bring all your children home to yourself; you live and reign, now and forever.

Amen.

Be seated

First Reading

Jonah 3:1-10

Jonah is called to proclaim the LORD's message to the people waiting to be found in Nineveh.

Then the word of the LORD came to Jonah a second time: "Go to the great city of Nineveh and proclaim to it the message I give you."

Jonah obeyed the word of the LORD and went to Nineveh. Now Nineveh was a very large city; it took three days to go through it. Jonah began by going a day's journey into the city, proclaiming, "Forty more days and Nineveh will be overthrown." The Ninevites believed God. A fast was proclaimed, and all of them, from the greatest to the least, put on sackcloth.

When Jonah’s warning reached the king of Nineveh, he rose from his throne, took off his royal robes, covered himself with sackcloth and sat down in the dust. This is the proclamation he issued in Nineveh:

“By the decree of the king and his nobles:

Do not let people or animals, herds or flocks, taste anything; do not let them eat or drink. But let people and animals be covered with sackcloth. Let everyone call urgently on God. Let them give up their evil ways and their violence. Who knows? God may yet relent and with compassion turn from his fierce anger so that we will not perish.”

When God saw what they did and how they turned from their evil ways, he relented and did not bring on them the destruction he had threatened.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm of the Day

Psalm 96 (see pg. 14)

Second Reading

Romans 10:8–15

God calls us to preach to those who have not heard and are still waiting to be found.

But what does it say? “The word is near you; it is in your mouth and in your heart,” that is, the message concerning faith that we proclaim: If you declare with your mouth, “Jesus is Lord,” and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For it is with your heart that you believe and are justified, and it is with your mouth that you profess your faith and are saved. As Scripture says, “Anyone who believes in him will never be put to shame.” For there is no difference between Jew and Gentile—the same Lord is Lord of all and richly blesses all who call on him, for, “Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.”

How, then, can they call on the one they have not believed in? And how can they believe in the one of whom they have not heard? And how can they hear without someone preaching to them? And how can anyone preach unless they are sent? As it is written: “How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!”

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Please stand

Gospel Acclamation

Isaiah 52:7

Congregation (Saturday); Adult Choir (Sunday)



Refrain



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



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

Tone



How beautiful on the moun - tains are the feet of those who bring good news.

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Gospel

Matthew 9:35–38

*Jesus calls on his disciples to ask the Lord
to send out workers into the harvest field of those waiting to be found.*

Jesus went through all the towns and villages, teaching in their synagogues, proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and healing every disease and sickness. When he saw the crowds, he had compassion on them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. Then he said to his disciples, “The harvest is plentiful but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to you, O Christ!

Be seated

Anthem (Sunday)

Adult Choir

How Beautiful Upon the Mountains

by R. A. Smith

How beautiful upon the mountains
are the feet of him that bringeth good tidings,
that publisheth peace; that bringeth good tidings,
good tidings of good, that publisheth salvation;
that saith unto Zion, "Thy God reigneth!"

Break forth into joy, sing together,
ye waste-places of Jerusalem:
for the Lord hath comforted his people,
he hath redeemeth Jerusalem.
Hallelujah, hallelujah. Praise ye the Lord.

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Hymn of the Day

Adult Choir & Congregation

The congregation is invited to sing all stanzas on Saturday and sts. 4 & 5 on Sunday

How Shall They Hear, Who Have Not Heard

Christian Worship 907

Sermon

Romans 10:8-15

How Beautiful!

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

Almighty God, whose Son died on the cross to redeem all the people of the earth, open our eyes to see that the harvest of souls is plentiful but the workers are few.

Give us a sincere concern for those who will be lost without you.

Look with compassion on the millions of people who are still sitting in spiritual darkness under the shadow of death – both those near at hand and those far away.

Wherever your workers are proclaiming your message of salvation, support them in their efforts and bless the labors of their hands.

O Lord, pour out your Holy Spirit on us that we also might be active in sharing your Word with others.

Help us to speak your message of salvation to others, and give us the courage to overcome our fear of witnessing to your holy name.

Bless our Wisconsin Synod and our ministerial education schools as they seek to prepare pastors, teachers, staff ministers, and missionaries.

Touch the hearts of young people with a deep love for you. Move many of them to commit their lives to a career in the public ministry.

Special prayers and intercessions may follow

On this Mission Festival, we pray that you bless your missions as you have promised. Let the workers be sent out, supported, and sustained. Let the communion of saints grow and expand in all the earth.

Use each and every one of us in this blessed harvest. 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.



Hymn

Hark, the Voice of Jesus Crying
Christian Worship 745

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

Go Forth and Preach the Gospel
Christian Worship 908

Announcements

WELS Connection

100 Missions in 10 Years

Postlude

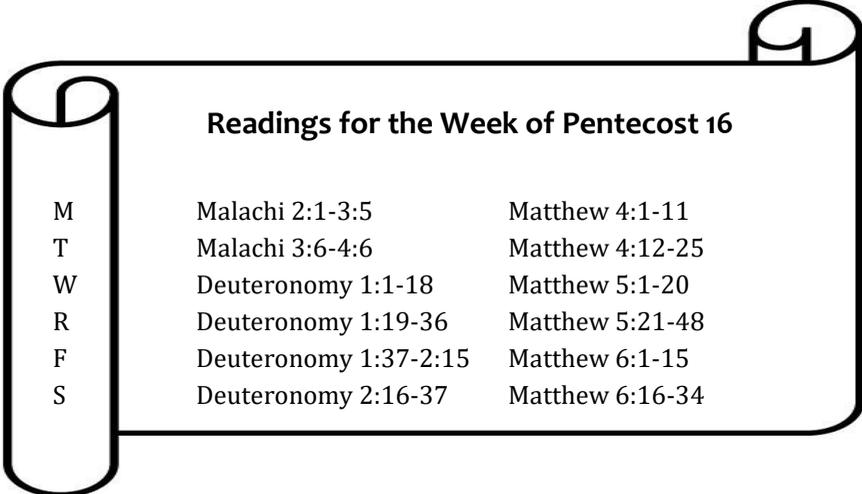
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Readings for the Week of Pentecost 16		
M	Malachi 2:1-3:5	Matthew 4:1-11
T	Malachi 3:6-4:6	Matthew 4:12-25
W	Deuteronomy 1:1-18	Matthew 5:1-20
R	Deuteronomy 1:19-36	Matthew 5:21-48
F	Deuteronomy 1:37-2:15	Matthew 6:1-15
S	Deuteronomy 2:16-37	Matthew 6:16-34

Serving at Worship

Preacher	Senior Vicar Christian Willick
Presiding Minister	Pastor Joel Leyrer
Lector	Pastor Eric Schroeder
Musicians	Megan Bauer, piano (Saturday) Lynn Kozlowski, organ (Sunday)
Adult Choir Director	Adam Sipe

Worship Notes

- The flowers are placed by Dominic and Mary Boettcher in celebration of Jameson Zylka's 8th birthday and by Bob and Jenny Lindert in celebration of their 23rd wedding anniversary.

In Our Prayers

- Vicki and Bob Schaller, both of whom moved last week to the Heritage at Deer Creek assisted living facility where Vicki is receiving continued care.

Psalm of the Day

Refrain



Let the heav-ens re-joyce, let the earth be glad, let all that is
in them sing to the LORD. Let the heav-ens re-joyce, let the
earth be glad, let all that is in them sing to the LORD.

Tone



Sing to the LORD a / new song;
sing to the LORD, / all the earth.
Sing to the LORD, / praise his name;
proclaim his salvation day / after day.
Declare his glory among the / nations,
his marvelous deeds among all / peoples.
Ascribe to the LORD the glory / due his name;
bring an offering and come in- / to his courts. *Refrain*

Let all creation rejoice before the LORD, / for he comes,
he comes to / judge the earth.
He will judge the world in / righteousness
and the peoples in his / faithfulness.

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*

Parents' Preview for October 2

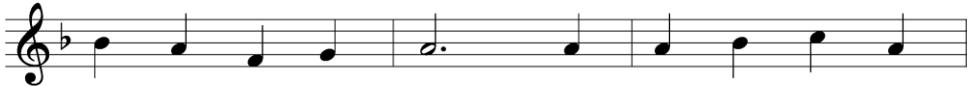
The Parents' Preview highlights an aspect of next week's service: a liturgical song, a Psalm refrain, or a hymn stanza. Our hope and prayer is that parents will teach this portion of the service to their children at home during the week so that children can participate more fully in the worship service.

Lord, Help Us Walk Your Servant Way

Christian Worship 737



1 Lord, help us walk your ser - vant way wher -
2 You came to earth, O Christ, as Lord, but
3 No gold - en scep - ter but a towel you
4 You bid us bend our hu - man pride nor
5 Lord, help us walk your ser - vant way wher -



ev - er love may lead and, bend - ing low, for -
pow'r you laid a - side. You lived your years in
place with - in the hands of those who seek to
count our - selves a - bove the low - est place, the
ev - er love may lead and, bend - ing low, for -



get - ting self, each serve the oth - er's need.
ser - vant - hood, in low - li - ness you died.
fol - low you and live by your com - mands.
mean - est task that waits the gift of love.
get - ting self, each serve the oth - er's need.

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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 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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