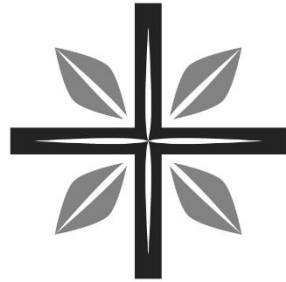


St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church



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 a.m.
Christian Apologetics: Fellowship Hall, lower level of church
A staffed nursery is available during Bible class.

The Sixteenth Sunday After Pentecost

September 28 & 29, 2019

Why is the Christian Life Hard? Discipleship carries a cost!

Prelude

Opening Hymn

See This Wonder in the Making (Saturday)

Christian Worship 300

Jesus, Jesus, Only Jesus (Sunday)

Christian Worship 348

Please stand to sing the final stanza

Holy Baptism (Saturday)

Christian Worship, pg. 12

M: The grace of our Lord ☩ Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

CONFESSION OF SINS

M: We have come into the presence of God, who created us to love and serve him as his dear children. But we have disobeyed him and deserve only his wrath and punishment. Therefore, let us confess our sins to him and plead for his mercy.

C: **Merciful Father in heaven, I am altogether sinful from birth. In countless ways I have sinned against you and do not deserve to be called your child. But trusting in Jesus, my Savior, I pray: Have mercy on me according to your unfailing love. Cleanse me from my sin, and take away my guilt.**

M: God, our heavenly Father, has forgiven all your sins. By the perfect life and innocent death of our Lord Jesus Christ, he has removed your guilt forever. You are his own dear child. May God give you strength to live according to his will.

C: **Amen.**

PRAAYER AND PRAISE

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

C: Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good. Bless - ed are
they who take ref - uge in him. Your Word, O Lord, is e -
ter - nal; it stands firm in the heav -
ens. Your faith - ful - ness con - tin - ues for -
ev - er. Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good.
Bless - ed are they who take ref - uge in him.

The musical score is written on a single staff in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of six lines of music. The first line begins with a treble clef, a key signature of one sharp (F#), and a 4/4 time signature. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics underneath. The second line includes a fermata over the word 'e-'. The third line has a fermata over 'heav-'. The fourth line has a fermata over 'for-'. The fifth line has a fermata over 'good.'. The sixth line ends with a double bar line.

Prayer of the Day

M: Let us pray.

Let your continual mercy, O Lord, cleanse and defend your Church; and because it cannot continue in safety without your help, protect and govern it always by your goodness, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: A - men.

The musical score is written on a single staff in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of one line of music. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics underneath. The piece ends with a double bar line.

Be seated

THE WORD

First Lesson

Genesis 12:1-8

Abram follows God's call even at great personal cost.

The LORD had said to Abram, "Leave your country, your people and your father's household and go to the land I will show you.

"I will make you into a great nation and I will bless you;

I will make your name great, and you will be a blessing.

I will bless those who bless you, and whoever curses you I will curse;

and all peoples on earth will be blessed through you."

So Abram left, as the LORD had told him; and Lot went with him. Abram was seventy-five years old when he set out from Haran. He took his wife Sarai, his nephew Lot, all the possessions they had accumulated and the people they had acquired in Haran, and they set out for the land of Canaan, and they arrived there.

Abram traveled through the land as far as the site of the great tree of Moreh at Shechem. At that time the Canaanites were in the land. The LORD appeared to Abram and said, "To your offspring I will give this land." So he built an altar there to the LORD, who had appeared to him.

From there he went on toward the hills east of Bethel and pitched his tent, with Bethel on the west and Ai on the east. There he built an altar to the LORD and called on the name of the LORD.

Psalm of the Day

Psalm 19 (see pg. 12)

Although the cost of discipleship is high, God gives great reward to his followers.

Second Lesson

Philippians 3:4b-11

Paul considered everything but Christ a loss when counting the cost of discipleship.

If anyone else thinks he has reasons to put confidence in the flesh, I have more: circumcised on the eighth day, of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew of Hebrews; in regard to the law, a Pharisee; as for zeal, persecuting the church; as for legalistic righteousness, faultless.

But whatever was to my profit I now consider loss for the sake of Christ. What is more, I consider everything a loss compared to the surpassing greatness of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord, for whose sake I have lost all things. I consider them rubbish, that I may gain Christ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but that which is through faith in Christ – the righteousness that comes from God and is by faith. I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the fellowship of sharing in his sufferings, becoming like him in his death, and so, somehow, to attain to the resurrection from the dead.

Verse of the Day

M: Alleluia, alleluia. Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say rejoice. Alleluia.

C: Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

These words are writ - ten that we may be - lieve that

Je - sus is the Christ, the Son of God.

Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

Please stand

Gospel

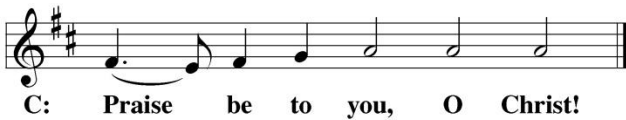
Luke 14:25-33

Jesus warns those who wish to follow him to first count the cost.

Large crowds were traveling with Jesus, and turning to them he said: “If anyone comes to me and does not hate his father and mother, his wife and children, his brothers and sisters – yes even his own life – he cannot be my disciple. And anyone who does not carry his cross and follow me cannot be my disciple.

“Suppose one of you wants to build a tower. Will he not first sit down and estimate the cost to see if he has enough money to complete it? For if he lays the foundation and is not able to finish it, everyone who sees it will ridicule him, saying, ‘This fellow began to build and was not able to finish.’

“Or suppose a king is about to go to war against another king. Will he not first sit down and consider whether he is able with ten thousand men to oppose the one coming against him with twenty thousand? If he is not able, he will send a delegation while the other is still a long way off and will ask for terms of peace. In the same way, any of you who does not give up everything he has cannot be my disciple.”



Be seated

Anthem (Sunday)
Grades 1 & 2

Blessed Are Those
by Linda Moeller

What does the Lord God ask of me? I should walk in all his ways,
And fear and love him faithfully even now and all my days.
For blessed are those who hear the Word of God and obey it.

What does the Lord God ask of me? I should serve with all of my heart,
And follow each of his commands so our ways will never part.
For blessed are those who hear the Word of God and obey it.

Hymn of the Day

Jesus Christ, My Pride and Glory
Christian Worship 464

Sermon

Luke 14:25-33

“All In” Discipleship

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

THANKSGIVING

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. If you are a visitor today, you are welcome but not obligated to give an offering.



Please stand

Prayer of the Church[†]

- M:** O God, our kind and benevolent Father, we thank and praise you for the many undeserved blessings you continually shower upon us.
- C:** **It is only by your grace that we who are by nature sinful can stand fully acceptable in your sight.**
- M:** Your grace makes us righteous through the blood of Christ. You sent the Holy Spirit into our hearts with the gospel message of forgiveness and caused us to believe it to the salvation of our souls.
- C:** **Keep us always mindful of your free and full salvation. Fill our hearts with a living faith that cannot be shaken.**
- M:** Through the Holy Spirit, give us grace to follow the example of your love. Enable us to be kind and considerate toward others in their individual needs.
- C:** **When faced with opportunities to witness your saving grace to others, give us the words to speak so that we do not remain silent.**

† Prayer of the Church: The *Prayer of the Church* might also be called the Prayer *for* the Church, since it is a fellowship prayer for all of God's people here on earth. In other words, this is a time of prayer on behalf of the Christian Church at large. We pray for those in our congregation, but we also pray for the needs and struggles of God's people around the world. For more information on the Prayer of the Church, see pg. 20 of *Understanding Lutheran Worship*, found in the hymnal rack.

M: Open our hearts to give generously to the cause of Christian missions so that your gospel of grace may be preached throughout the world.

C: **Bless us richly with your grace so that our lives may be filled with good works – the fruit of the Spirit.**

Special prayers and intercessions may follow

M: To you, O heavenly Father, we bring our prayers and praise. May they be acceptable in your sight through the sacrifice of your Son, our Savior.

C: **We come before you with all that we are and have. Use us for your holy purposes. 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

Jesus, Savior, Pilot Me
Christian Worship 433

Please stand

M: 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.



M: Brothers and sisters, go in peace. Live in harmony with one another. Serve the Lord with gladness.

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: A - men. A - men. A - men.

Be seated

Closing Hymn

Your Works, Not Mine, O Christ
Christian Worship 401

Announcements

Postlude

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

Serving at Worship

Preacher	Pastor Joel Leyrer
Presiding Minister	Pastor Kyle Bitter
Musician	Mandy Treder, organ (Saturday) Eric Sipe, organ (Sunday)
Greeters	Mark and Jackie Bye, John Frailing, Sue Freedlund (8:00 a.m.) Mark and Cynthia Rouse, Herb and Karin Schrank (10:30 a.m.)
Head Ushers	Matt Bahr (Saturday) Tom Wessel (8:00 a.m.) Doug Knuth (10:30 a.m.)
AV Operators	Dan Schmal (8:00 a.m.) Ben Haferman (10:30 a.m.)

Worship Notes

- Cameron Mallory Carlson, daughter of Dave and Amy (nee Zemplinski) Carlson, will be baptized during the 5:30 p.m. service. Serving as sponsors are Brett Zemplinski and Kyle Reich.

In Our Prayers

- Tim and Katie Lesperance upon the birth of their daughter, Eleanor Grace, born September 18.
- Cal Kozlowski, hospitalized at St. Luke's.
- Zachary Todor, hospitalized at Children's.
- Delores Schmeling, hospitalized and recovering from surgery at Froedtert.

Psalm 19

Refrain

Lord, you have the words of
ev - er - last - ing life.

Psalm tone *

*

The heavens declare the glory of God;
the skies proclaim the work of his hands.

Their voice goes out into all the earth,
their words to the ends of the world.

Refrain

The law of the LORD is perfect,
giving joy to the heart.

The commands of the LORD are radiant,
giving light to the eyes.

They are more precious than gold;
they are sweeter than honey.

By them is your servant taught;
in keeping them there is great reward.

Refrain

May the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart
be pleasing in your sight, O LORD, my Redeemer.

**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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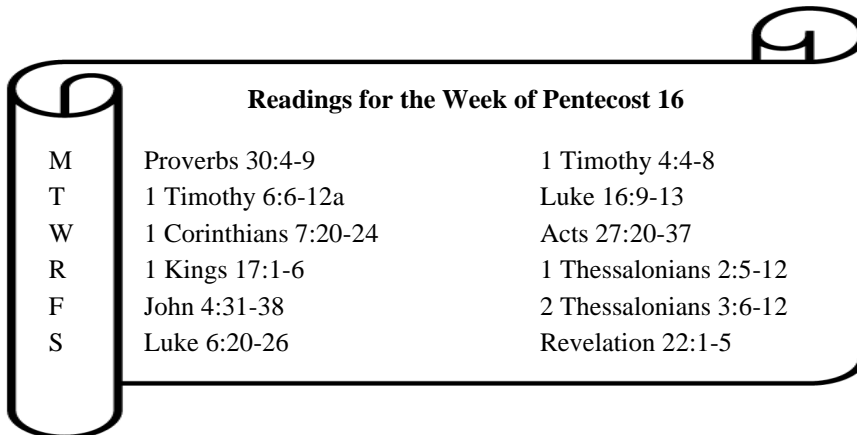
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Readings for the Week of Pentecost 16		
M	Proverbs 30:4-9	1 Timothy 4:4-8
T	1 Timothy 6:6-12a	Luke 16:9-13
W	1 Corinthians 7:20-24	Acts 27:20-37
R	1 Kings 17:1-6	1 Thessalonians 2:5-12
F	John 4:31-38	2 Thessalonians 3:6-12
S	Luke 6:20-26	Revelation 22:1-5

Parents' Preview for October 6

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.

"I Am Jesus' Little Lamb" (*Christian Worship 432*)



1 I am Je - sus' lit - tle lamb; Ev - er glad at heart I
2 Day by day, at home, a - way, Je - sus is my staff and
3 Who so hap - py as I am, E - ven now the shep - herd's



am, For my shep - herd gent - ly guides me, Knows my
stay. When I hun - ger, Je - sus feeds me, In - to
lamb? And when my short life is end - ed, By his



needs and well pro - vides me, Loves me ev - 'ry
pleas - ant pas - tures leads me; When I thirst, he
an - gel hosts at - tend - ed, He shall fold me



day the same, E - ven calls me by my name.
bids me go Where the qui - et wa - ters flow.
to his breast, There with - in his arms to rest.

