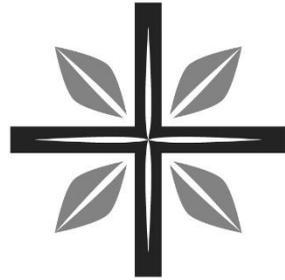


St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church



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.
August Large Group Bible Studies: This week's class is "Strength for the Journey: Passages of Comfort and Hope" Fellowship Hall, lower level of church
A staffed nursery is available during Bible class.

The Twelfth Sunday After Pentecost

August 11 & 12, 2018

A Christian's Calling: Imitators of God

Prelude

Opening Hymn

Please stand to sing the final stanza

All Praise to God Who Reigns Above

Christian Worship 236

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 treble clef with a key signature of two sharps (F# and C#) and a 4/4 time signature. The melody consists of eighth and quarter notes, with some phrases spanning across bar lines. The lyrics are aligned with the notes below the staff.

Prayer of the Day

M: Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, you are always more ready to hear than we to pray, and to give more than we either desire or deserve. Pour upon us the abundance of your mercy, forgiving us those things of which our conscience is afraid, and giving us those good things for which we are not worthy to ask except through the merits and mediation of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: A - men.

The musical score is written on a single staff in treble clef with a key signature of two sharps (F# and C#). The melody consists of a few notes: a quarter note, a half note, and a quarter note, ending with a double bar line. The lyrics 'A - men.' are aligned with the notes below the staff.

Be seated

THE WORD

First Lesson

1 Kings 19:3-8

Strengthened by food from heaven, Elijah receives needed spiritual nourishment.

Elijah was afraid and ran for his life. When he came to Beersheba in Judah, he left his servant there, while he himself went a day's journey into the desert. He came to a broom tree, sat down under it and prayed that he might die. "I have had enough, LORD," he said. "Take my life; I am no better than my ancestors." Then he lay down under the tree and fell asleep.

All at once an angel touched him and said, "Get up and eat." He looked around, and there by his head was a cake of bread baked over hot coals, and a jar of water. He ate and drank and then lay down again.

The angel of the LORD came back a second time and touched him and said, "Get up and eat, for the journey is too much for you." So he got up and ate and drank. Strengthened by that food, he traveled forty days and forty nights until he reached Horeb, the mountain of God.

Psalm of the Day⁺

Psalm 34 (see pg. 11)

Those who seek refuge in the LORD receive needed spiritual nourishment.

Second Lesson

Ephesians 4:30 – 5:2

As imitators of God, we seek to provide needed spiritual nourishment to one another.

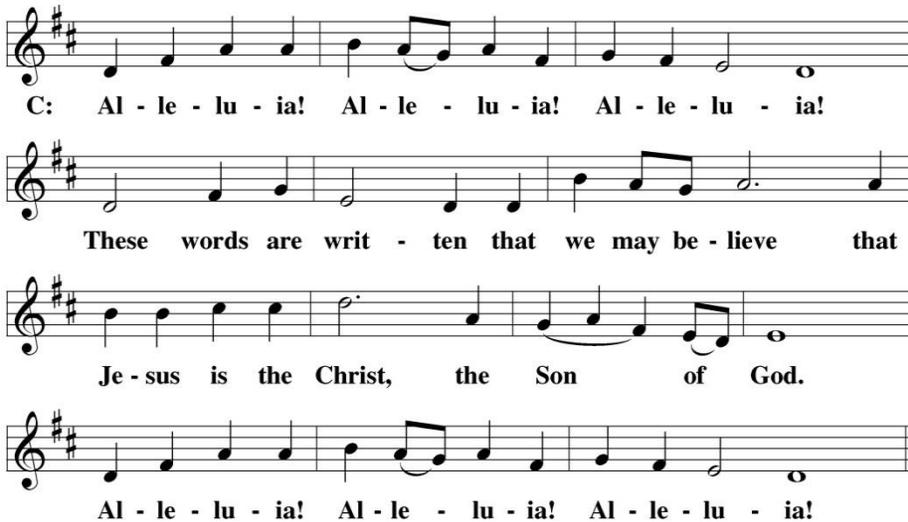
And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, with whom you were sealed for the day of redemption. Get rid of all bitterness, rage and anger, brawling and slander, along with every form of malice. Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you.

Be imitators of God, therefore, as dearly loved children and live a life of love, just as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us as a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.

+ Psalm: Use of the *psalms* in worship dates back to the Old Testament, where the common recitation of the *Psalter* (book of psalms) served to unite the Jews scattered across the lands. The Psalter was the first hymnbook of the early Christians. The medieval church also chanted large portions of the Psalter in the liturgy of the Mass. The psalms have long been one of the great poetic treasures of the Church. Their inspired content and their ability to lift people from the depths and restore faith, trust, and joy account for their favored place in the lives of Christians. In singing the psalms as God's people have across the centuries, we proclaim the peace of Christ that dwells in us richly.

Verse of the Day

M: Alleluia, alleluia. Now faith is being sure of what we hope for and certain of what we do not see. 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

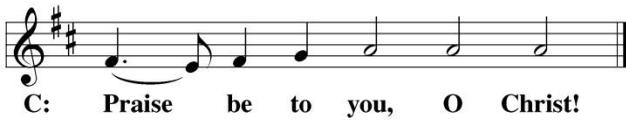
Gospel

John 6:41-51

As the bread that came down from heaven, Jesus provides needed spiritual nourishment.

At this the Jews began to grumble about him because he said, “I am the bread that came down from heaven.” They said, “Is this not Jesus, the son of Joseph, whose father and mother we know? How can he now say, ‘I came down from heaven’?”

“Stop grumbling among yourselves,” Jesus answered. “No one can come to me unless the Father who sent me draws him, and I will raise him up at the last day. It is written in the Prophets: ‘They will all be taught by God.’ Everyone who listens to the Father and learns from him comes to me. No one has seen the Father except the one who is from God; only he has seen the Father. I tell you the truth, he who believes has everlasting life. I am the bread of life. Your forefathers ate the manna in the desert, yet they died. But here is the bread that comes down from heaven, which a man may eat and not die. I am the living bread that came down from heaven. If anyone eats of this bread, he will live forever. This bread is my flesh, which I will give for the life of the world.”



Be seated

Hymn of the Day

Lord, Enthroned in Heavenly Splendor

Christian Worship 352

Sermon

Ephesians 4:30 – 5:2

Imitators of God

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 Lord our God, you are wise and powerful, good and gracious. Your mercies are new every morning. Each day you open your hand and provide for the needs of your children on earth.
- C:** **We praise you for every grace and blessing.**
- M:** Strengthen your Church in all the world. Let your comforting message of salvation in Christ Jesus be proclaimed to troubled souls everywhere.
- C:** **Use our ministries and offerings to extend your healing and your hope.**
- M:** We bring you our requests for the various structures of our society. Bless our national, state, and local governments.
- C:** **Grant us civil servants who are worthy of honor and respect.**
- M:** Grant prosperity to our businesses and industries. Give employers a sense of fairness toward their workers and employees a feeling of joy and pride in their workmanship.
- C:** **Help us find satisfaction in all work well done.**
- M:** Invigorate the schools of our land. Give success to every effort that helps students read, think, and communicate in ways that will promote an informed and responsible citizenry. Arouse curious minds to discover the wonders of your created order.
- C:** **Give us teachers and students who pursue excellence.**

M: Strengthen the families of our country. Give fathers and mothers a renewed commitment to be good parents. Give children and young people the wisdom to regard their parents as your representatives.

C: **Lead us to love one another as you have loved us.**

Special prayers and intercessions may follow

M: Gracious Father, we pray boldly as Jesus taught, with the confidence that you will hear and with the faith that you will respond for our welfare.

C: **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

Christ, the Word of God Incarnate (see pg. 12)

Christian Worship Supplement 750

Please stand

M: O Lord God, our heavenly Father, pour out the Holy Spirit on your faithful people. Keep us strong in your grace and truth, protect and comfort us in all temptation, and bestow on us your saving peace, 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.



Be seated

Closing Hymn

Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

Christian Worship 331

Announcements

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Postlude

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

Psalm 34

Refrain



Psalm tone



Taste and see that the LORD is good;
blessed are they who take refuge in him.

The eyes of the LORD are on the righteous
and his ears are attentive to their cry.

The angel of the LORD encamps around those who fear him,
and he delivers them. ***Refrain***

The righteous cry out, and the LORD hears them;
he delivers them from all their troubles.

The LORD is close to the brokenhearted
and saves those who are crushed in spirit.

The LORD redeems his servants;
no one who takes refuge in him will be condemned.

**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*****

Refrain

750

Christ, the Word of God Incarnate



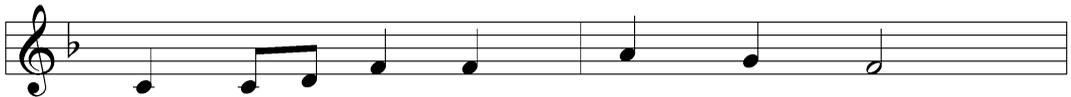
1 Christ, the Word of God in - car - nate,
 2 Christ, the liv - ing bread from heav - en,
 3 Christ, the shoot that springs tri - um - phant
 4 Christ, our good and faith - ful Shep - herd,
 5 Christ, the way that leads un - fail - ing
 6 Christ, the Al - pha and O - me - ga;



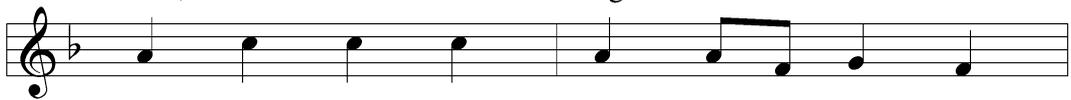
Lord and Son of A - bra - ham;
 Food for bod - y, food for soul;
 From the stump of Jes - se's tree;
 Watch - ing all your lambs and sheep;
 To the Fath - er's home on high;
 Christ, the first - born from the dead;



Christ, the ra - diance of the Fa - ther,
 Christ, the man - na, dai - ly giv - en,
 Christ, true vine, you nur - ture branch - es
 Christ, the gate that guards the sheep - fold,
 Christ, the truth that frees the cap - tive;
 Christ, the life and res - ur - rec - tion;



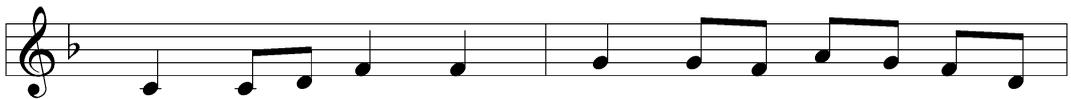
Per - fect God, the great I Am;
 Nour - ish, strength - en, make us whole.
 To bear fruit a - bun - dant - ly.
 Nev - er - fail - ing vi - gil keep.
 Christ, the life that can - not die.
 Christ, the Church's glo - rious head:



Christ, the Light, you shine un - van - quished,
Feed us with the food of heav - en,
Graft us in - to you, O Sav - ior;
When we stray, Good Shep - herd, seek us,
Me - di - a - tor to the Fath - er,
Praise and thanks and a - do - ra - tion



Light and life you bring to all;
Fore - taste of the feast to be;
Prune our hearts so we re - main
Find us, lift us, bear us home;
Sac - ri - fice and Great High Priest:
And un - end - ing wor - ship be



Light our path with your own pres - ence,
Quench our thirst with liv - ing wa - ter
Fruit - ful branch - es in your vine - yard
Lamb of God, our Shep - herd, keep us;
Lead us to your heav'n - ly man - sions,
To the Fath - er and the Spir - it



Grant us grace to heed your call.
Spring - ing up e - ter - nal - ly.
Till e - ter - nal life we gain.
Let us hear your voice a - lone.
There to share your wed - ding feast.
And to you e - ter - nal - ly.

This inventive hymn is replete with scriptural titles and illustrations that describe the person and work of Christ from beginning to end.

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Tune: HOLY MANNA (87 87 D) *Columbian Harmony*, Cincinnati, 1825

Serving at Worship

Minister	Pastor Joel Leyrer
Musicians	Lisa Eggebrecht, piano (Saturday) Eric Sipe, organ (Sunday)
Head Ushers	Rick Yahn (Saturday) Tom Wessel (8:00 AM) Doug Knuth (10:30 AM)
Greeters	Peter & Sharon Trettin, Steve & Jennifer Wolf (8:00 AM) John & Julie Rader, Marcus & Karah Radue (10:30 AM)

In Our Prayers

- Carol Willick and John Stearns, who were married on Friday, August 10.
- Sarah Siever and family upon the unexpected death of Sarah's mother, Elizabeth Schoenike.

Parents' Preview for August 19

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 1 Refrain

Refrain

Bless-ed are they who hope, who hope in the Lord.

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Readings for the Week of Pentecost 12

M	Mark 9:33-37.....	Luke 14:7-11
T	1 Samuel 17:40-51.....	1 Samuel 24:1-13, 17-21
W	Luke 7:1-10.....	Ezekiel 17:22-24
TH	Acts 12:18-25.....	Jonah 3:1-10
F	Galatians 1:11-24.....	2 Samuel 16:5-14
S	Ephesians 2:1-7.....	Isaiah 57:15-21

