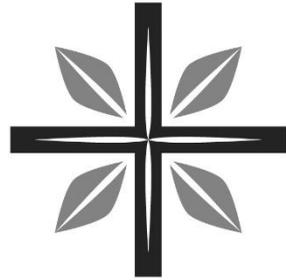


St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church



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.
"Conversation Killers": 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 Fourteenth Sunday After Pentecost

August 25 & 26, 2018

A Christian's Calling: Living under Christ

Prelude

Opening Hymn

Please stand to sing the final stanza

Built on the Rock

Christian Worship 529

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.**

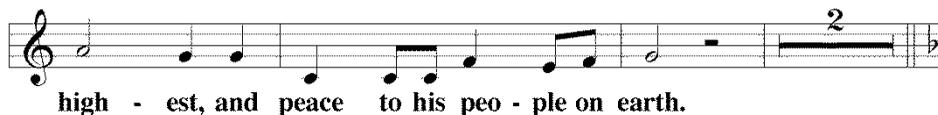
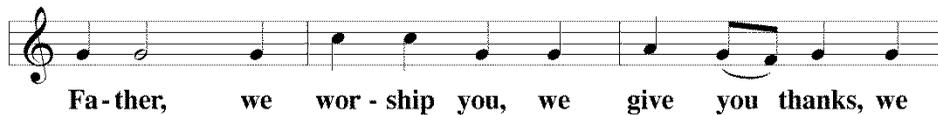
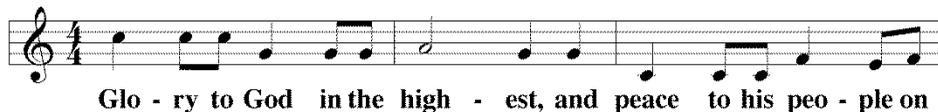
Lord, have mer-cy on us. Christ, have mer-cy
on us. Lord, have mer-cy on us. A - men.

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.

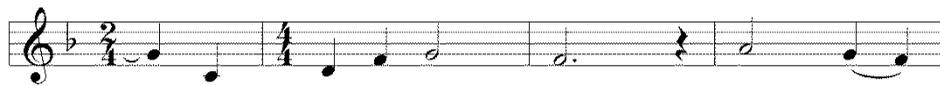
PRAYER AND PRAISE

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





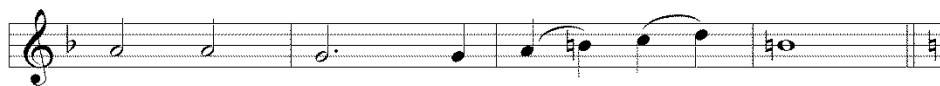
Lord God, Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world;



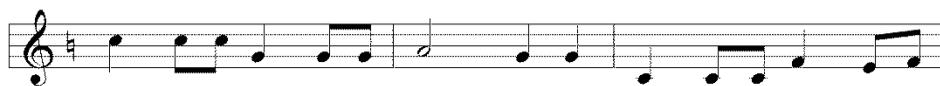
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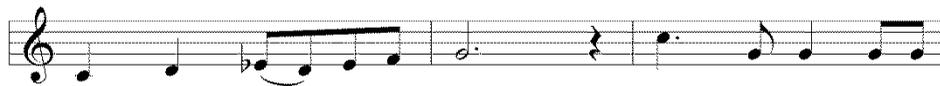
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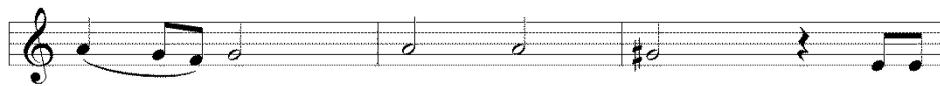
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earth. For you a-lone are the Ho - ly One,



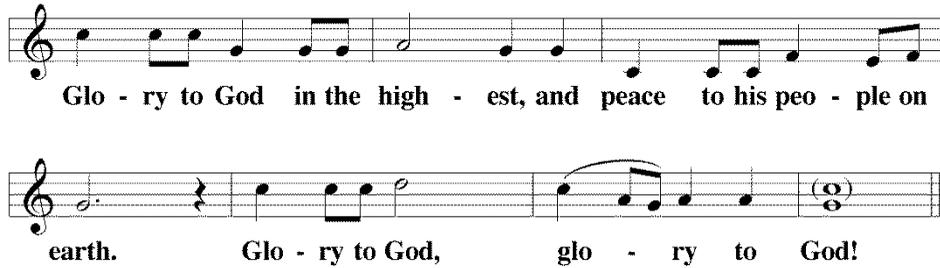
you a - lone are the Lord, you a - lone are the



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.

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 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

Exodus 7:8-13

Pharaoh's heart became hard and he was unwilling to put his faith in the Lord.

The LORD said to Moses and Aaron, “When Pharaoh says to you, ‘Perform a miracle,’ then say to Aaron, ‘Take your staff and throw it down before Pharaoh,’ and it will become a snake.”

So Moses and Aaron went to Pharaoh and did just as the LORD commanded. Aaron threw his staff down in front of Pharaoh and his officials, and it became a snake. Pharaoh then summoned wise men

† Lectionary: A *lectionary* is the list of readings for a given Sunday or festival of the church year. Public reading of the Scriptures has always been a part of worship. Two lessons were read in the Jewish synagogue: one from the law and one from the prophets. Along with these lessons, the early Christians also began to read from the Gospels and the letters of the apostles. For more information on the lectionary, see pg. 16 of *Understanding Lutheran Worship*, found in the hymnal rack.

and sorcerers, and the Egyptian magicians also did the same things by their secret arts: Each one threw down his staff and it became a snake. But Aaron's staff swallowed up their staffs. Yet Pharaoh's heart became hard and he would not listen to them, just as the LORD had said.

Psalm of the Day

Psalm 71

Believers take refuge in the LORD and put their faith in him.

Refrain



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

Psalm tone



In you, O LORD, I have taken refuge;
let me never be put to shame.

Rescue me and deliver me in your righteousness;
turn your ear to me and save me.

Be my rock of refuge to which I can always go;
for you are my rock and my fortress. **Refrain**

Since my youth, O God, you have taught me,
and to this day I declare your marvelous deeds.

Even when I am old and gray,
do not forsake me, O God,

till I declare your power to the next generation,
your might to all who are to come.

**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****

Second Lesson

Ephesians 5:21-31

As in a marriage, the Church honors Christ as her head and puts her faith in him.

Submit to one another out of reverence for Christ.

Wives, submit to your husbands as to the Lord. For the husband is the head of the wife as Christ is the head of the church, his body, of which he is the Savior. Now as the church submits to Christ, so also wives should submit to their husbands in everything.

Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her to make her holy, cleansing her by the washing with water through the word, and to present her to himself as a radiant church, without stain or wrinkle or any other blemish, but holy and blameless. In this same way, husbands ought to love their wives as their own bodies. He who loves his wife loves himself. After all, no one ever hated his own body, but he feeds and cares for it, just as Christ does the church – for we are members of his body. “For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife, and the two will become one flesh.”

Verse of the Day

M: Alleluia, alleluia. Jesus Christ has destroyed death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel. 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

John 6:60-69

Many in the crowd turned back, but the disciples put their faith in Jesus.

On hearing it, many of his disciples said, “This is a hard teaching. Who can accept it?”

Aware that his disciples were grumbling about this, Jesus said to them, “Does this offend you? What if you see the Son of Man ascend to where he was before! The Spirit gives life; the flesh counts for nothing. The words I have spoken to you are spirit and they are life. Yet there are some of you who do not believe.” For Jesus had known from the beginning which of them did not believe and who would betray him. He went on to say, “This is why I told you that no one can come to me unless the Father has enabled him.”

From this time many of his disciples turned back and no longer followed him.

“You do not want to leave too, do you?” Jesus asked the Twelve.

Simon Peter answered him, “Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. We believe and know that you are the Holy One of God.”



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

Be seated

Hymn of the Day

Rise, Shine, You People

Christian Worship 556

Sermon

Ephesians 5:21-31

Living under Christ

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.sjtos.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.**
- 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

The Church's One Foundation
Christian Worship 538

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

In Christ Alone (see pg. 14)
Christian Worship Supplement 752

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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T	Matthew 10:40-42.....	Romans 3:19-22
W	Zechariah 7:8-14.....	Mark 12:41-44
TH	Exodus 22:20-26.....	Philemon 1-25
F	Hebrews 2:11-18.....	Deuteronomy 24:17-21
S	Jeremiah 2:13-19.....	Matthew 25:31-46

Serving at Worship

Minister

Pastor Joel Leyrer

Musicians

Eric Sipe, organ (Saturday)
Lisa Eggebrecht, organ (Sunday)

Head Ushers

Michael Schneider (Saturday)
Mark Naumann (8:00 AM)
Matt Bahr (10:30 AM)

Greeters

Paul Katzer, Kathryn Hendee, Mark & Mary Gaub (8:00 AM)
Mark & Chris Rindfleisch, Carol Stearns (10:30 AM)

Worship Notes

- The flowers on the **standards** are given by David and Colleen Todor in celebration of their 24th wedding anniversary and blessings received.
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In Our Prayers

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1 In Christ a - lone my hope is found.
 2 In Christ a - lone— who took on flesh,
 3 There in the ground his bod - y lay,
 4 No guilt in life, no fear in death,



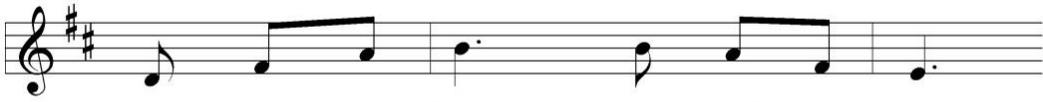
He is my light, my strength, my song;
 Full - ness of God in help - less babe.
 Light of the world by dark - ness slain;
 This is the pow'r of Christ in me;



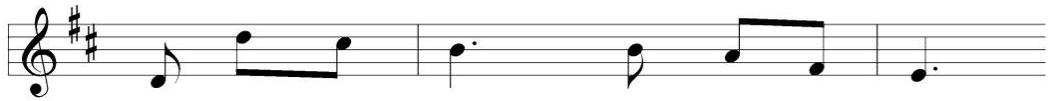
This cor - ner - stone, this sol - id ground,
 This gift of love and right - eous - ness,
 Then burst - ing forth in glo - rious day
 From life's first cry to fi - nal breath,



Firm through the fierc - est drought and storm.
 Scorned by the ones he came to save.
 Up from the grave he rose a - gain!
 Je - sus com - mands my des - tin - y.



What heights of love, what depths of peace,
 Till on that cross, as Je - sus died,
 And as he stands in vic - tor - y,
 No pow'r of hell, no scheme of man



When fears are stilled, when striv - ings cease!
The wrath of God was sat - is - fied;
Sin's curse has lost its grip on me.
Can ev - er pluck me from his hand;



My Com - for - ter, my all in all,
For ev - 'ry sin on him was laid.
For I am his and he is mine—
Till he re - turns or calls me home,



Here in the love of Christ I stand.
Here in the death of Christ I live.
Bought with the pre - cious blood of Christ.
Here in the pow'r of Christ I'll stand.



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