

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.
- Restrooms are located at the far end of the entry area.
- Large print service folders, assisted listening devices, children's service folders, and children's worship notes are available from the ushers.
- 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.
- 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.
- 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 Twentieth Sunday After Pentecost

Mission Festival

October 6 & 7, 2018

Take Up the Savior's Call: To the ends of the earth

Prelude

Opening Hymn

Please stand to sing the final stanza

O Christians, Haste
Christian Worship 570

M: In the name of the Father and of the Son ☩ and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen.**

DIALOGUE FOR MISSION FESTIVAL

M: Arise, shine, for your light has come, and the glory of the LORD rises upon you.

C: **See, darkness covers the earth and thick darkness is over the peoples,**

M: but the LORD rises upon you and his glory appears over you.

C: **Nations will come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your dawn.** *Isaiah 60:1-3*

M: Too often, we have not been witnesses to the light of the LORD. Therefore let us approach God with a true heart and confess our sins, asking him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to forgive us.

Please kneel

C: **Lord of life, I confess that I am by nature dead in sin. For faithless worrying and selfish pride, for sins of habit and sins of choice, for the evil I have done and the good I have failed to do, you should cast me away from your presence forever. O Lord, I am sorry for my sins. Forgive me, for Jesus' sake.**

M: In his great mercy, God called us out of the land of the shadow of death and into the dawn of his great and glorious light. Hear the word of Christ through his called servant: I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son ☩ and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen.**

Please stand

M: I, the LORD, have called you in righteousness;

C: **I will take hold of your hand.**

M: I will keep you and will make you to be a covenant for the people and a light for the Gentiles,

C: **to open eyes that are blind, to free captives from prison, and to release from the dungeon those who sit in darkness.**

Isaiah 42:6, 7

(sung) **Rise, O Light of Gentile nations,
Jesus, bright and Morning Star;
Let your Word, the gladsome tidings,
Ring out loudly near and far,
Bringing freedom to the captives,
Peace and comfort to the slave,
That the heathen, free from bondage,
May proclaim your pow'r to save.**

**Savior, shine in all your glory
On the nations near and far;
From the highways and the byways
Call them forth, O Morning Star.
Guide them whom your grace has chosen
Out of Satan's dreadful thrall
To the mansions of your Father –
There is room for sinners all.**

Prayer of the Day

M: Let us pray.

Almighty God, in your bountiful goodness keep us safe from every evil of body and soul.

Make us ready, with cheerful hearts, to do whatever pleases you; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



Be seated

THE WORD

First Lesson

Acts 1:1-11

Jesus called his disciples to proclaim the Word to the ends of the earth

In my former book, *Theophilus*, I wrote about all that Jesus began to do and to teach until the day he was taken up to heaven, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles he had chosen. After his suffering, he showed himself to these men and gave many convincing proofs that he was alive. He appeared to them over a period of forty days and spoke about the kingdom of God. On one occasion, while he was eating with them, he gave them this command: “Do not leave Jerusalem, but wait for the gift my Father promised, which you have heard me speak about. For John baptized with water, but in a few days you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.”

So when they met together, they asked him, “Lord, are you at this time going to restore the kingdom to Israel?”

He said to them: “It is not for you to know the times or dates the Father has set by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.”

After he said this, he was taken up before their very eyes, and a cloud hid him from their sight.

They were looking intently up into the sky as he was going, when suddenly two men dressed in white stood beside them. “Men of Galilee,” they said, “why do you stand here looking into the sky? This same Jesus, who has been taken from you into heaven, will come back in the same way you have seen him go into heaven.”

*The choir will introduce the refrain by singing it once. The congregation will immediately repeat the refrain and sing the refrain again as indicated in **bold**.*

Refrain

Search me, O God, you know me com - plete - ly.

Be my sure guide, my hope and stay.

You, O Lord, have searched and known me, when I rest and when I rise;
 Not a single thought I cherish is kept secret from your eyes.
 Ev'ry word my lips would murmur needs no speech to make it known.
 All I do in ev'ry venture is as done to you alone. **Refrain**

Whither shall I flee your Spirit? From your presence, vanish where?
 Heights of heaven, darkest shadows hide me not, for you are there.
 If I take the wings of morning, and in earth's far corner stand;
 Even there your love will find me, hold me fast within your hand. **Refrain**

In the brilliance of your glory, darkest night is bright as day;
 Shadows flee the path before me, when your wisdom lights my way.
 You that knit my parts together, knew my life before my birth
 Sees my faults, yet trusts my promise far beyond my feeble worth. **Refrain**

Lord, how precious is your favor shown in your goodwill to me;
 To the godless in their rancor let me your confessor be.
 Search, O Lord, my heart's ambitions, thoughts my lips would dare not say;
 Judge with mercy, and preserve me in your everlasting way. **Refrain**

Second Lesson

Romans 10:8-15

Before the beautiful, saving message of the Gospel can be embraced, it must be proclaimed.

“The word is near you; it is in your mouth and in your heart,” that is, the word of faith we are proclaiming: That if you confess 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 confess and are saved. As the Scripture says, “Anyone who trusts 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 they preach unless they are sent? As it is written, “How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!”

Verse of the Day

Alleluia! This is the Lord, we trusted in him; let us rejoice and be glad in his salvation. Alleluia!

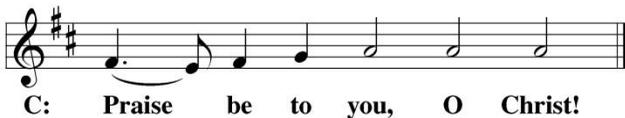
Please stand

Gospel

Matthew 9:35-38

As in Jesus’ day, workers are needed to proclaim the Word in the harvest field.

Jesus went through all the towns and villages, teaching in their synagogues, preaching 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.”



Be seated

Anthem (Sunday)

Junior Choir

The Gift of Love
arranged by Hal Hopson

Though I may speak with bravest fire,
And have the gift to all inspire,
And have not love, my words are vain
As sounding brass, and hopeless gain.

Though I may give all I possess,
And striving so my love profess,
But not be giv'n by love within,
The profit soon turn strangely thin.

Come, Spirit, come, our hearts control,
Our spirits long to be made whole.
Let inward love guide ev'ry deed.
By this we worship and are freed. Amen.

Hymn of the Day

Spread, Oh Spread the Mighty Word

Christian Worship 576

Sermon

Acts 1:11

SAU JEE DAI TOE

Please stand

Nicene Creed

**C: 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 fully 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.**

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.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:** 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.
- C:** **Give us a sincere concern for those who will be lost without you.**
- M:** 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.
- C:** **Wherever your workers are proclaiming your message of salvation, support them in their efforts and bless the labors of their hands.**
- M:** O Lord, pour out your Holy Spirit on us that we also might be active in sharing your Word with others.
- C:** **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.**
- M:** Bless our Wisconsin Synod and our ministerial education schools as they seek to prepare pastors, teachers, staff ministers, and missionaries.
- C:** **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

- M:** 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.
- C:** **Use each and every one of us in this blessed harvest. Amen.**

† **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.

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.**

THE SACRAMENT

M: The Lord be with you.



C: **And al - so with you.**

M: Lift up your hearts.



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

M: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



C: **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

M: Praise to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In love he has blessed us with every spiritual blessing. He sends the Holy Spirit to testify that we are his children and to strengthen us when we are weak.

Now have come the salvation and the power and the kingdom of our God and the authority of his Christ. To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be praise and thanks and honor and glory forever and ever.



C: Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly is the Lord of hosts.



The whole earth is full of your glo - ry.



You are my God, and I will ex - alt you.



I will give you thanks, for you have be - come my sal -



va - tion. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly is the Lord of hosts.



The whole earth is full of your glo - ry.

Words of Institution

M: 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."

M: 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.



C: A - men.



C: O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the



world; have mer - cy on us. O Christ, Lamb of God, you



take a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on us.



O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the



world; grant us your peace. A - men.

Be seated

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.

Please stand

THANKSGIVING



C: Thank the Lord and sing his praise. Tell ev-'ry-one what he has done.



Let all who seek the Lord re-joice and proud-ly bear his name.



He re-news his prom-is - es and leads his peo-ple forth in joy with



shouts of thanks - giv - ing. Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

M: Hear the prayer of your people, O Lord, that the lips which have praised you here may glorify you in the world, that the eyes which have seen the coming of your Son may long for his coming again, and that all who have received in his true body and blood the pledge of your forgiveness may be restored to live a new and holy life, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



C: A - men.

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

Lift High the Cross (stanza 3)

Christian Worship 579

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	Rev. Dr. John Lawrenz
Presiding Minister	Pastor Kyle Bitter (Saturday) Pastor Joel Leyrer (Sunday)
Musicians	Lynn Kozlowski, organ (Saturday) Eric Sipe, organ (Sunday) Morgan Festerling, violin Erin Welcenbach, vocals
Junior Choir Director	Mandy Treder
Communion Assistants	Jon Johnson, Kerry Kuehn, Dave Leyrer (8:00 AM) Adam Sipe, Jeff Scheibe, Jeff Sitz (10:30 AM)
Head Ushers	Rick Yahn (Saturday); Tom Wessel (8:00 AM); Doug Knuth (10:30 AM)
Greeters	Paul Katzer, Kathryn Hendee, Mark & Mary Gaub (8:00 AM) Brian & Tracey Lampe, Sally Parker, Mary Perez (10:30 AM)

Worship Notes

- The altar flowers are placed by Lyle and Cynthia Haferman in celebration of their 31st wedding anniversary and in thanks for blessings received.
- The flowers on the standards are placed by Brian and Clare Cleary in celebration of their 40th wedding anniversary and in thanks for blessings received.

In Our Prayers

- Hospitalized: Sue Pappalardo, Suzanne Swenson, Bob Schoeneck, Angela Schneider, Andrew Kandarapally.
- Convalescing at care facilities: Opal Hackbarth, Joy Schnell.

Personal Prayer for Before Communion

Lord Jesus, with joy and gratitude I now come to your table to receive the precious food of your life-giving body and blood. May it strengthen me to remain in you as you remain in me, so that I bear much fruit in devoted service to you and in acts of kindness to others. 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.

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Readings for the Week of Pentecost 20

M	Mark 8:22-26.....	Exodus 25:17-22
T	Colossians 3:5-11.....	Leviticus 16:15-19
W	Colossians 3:12-17.....	Romans 3:21-26
TH	Luke 19:1-10.....	Hebrews 10:1-10
F	1 John 1:5-10.....	Hebrews 10:11-18
S	Jude 20-25.....	Jeremiah 17:12-17

Parents' Preview for October 14

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.

"Glory to God"

After receiving forgiveness in the absolution, the congregation responds by praising the goodness of God and his eternal Word in the Gloria. This refrain is based on the song of the angels on the night of Jesus' birth from Luke 2:14.

Glo-ry to God in the high - est!

Glo-ry to God, glo - ry to God! Glo-ry to God

in the high - est! Peace to his peo - ple on earth!

