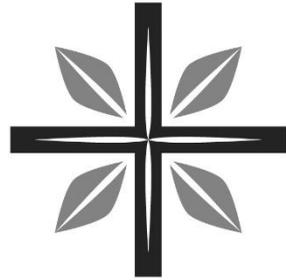


St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church



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.
Times of Trial...Times of Opportunity: Fellowship Hall, lower level of church
A Survey of Christian Hymnody: School Lecture Hall, across the street
Bible Information Class: St. Matthew's Room, lower level of church
A staffed nursery is available during Bible class.

The Eighteenth Sunday After Pentecost

September 22 & 23, 2018

Take Up the Savior's Call: With humility

Prelude

Opening Hymn

Please stand to sing the final stanza

I Hear the Savior Calling (Saturday & 8:00 AM)

Christian Worship 560

Dearest Jesus, We Are Here (10:30 AM)

Christian Worship 295

Affirmation of Holy Baptism (10:30 AM)

Christian Worship, pg. 12

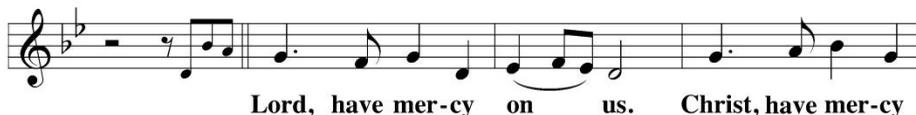
M: In the name of the Father and of the Son ☩ and of the Holy Spirit.

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.**

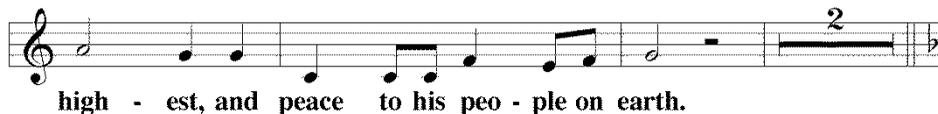
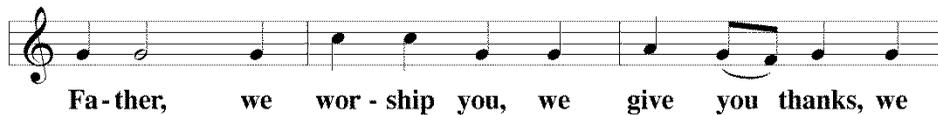
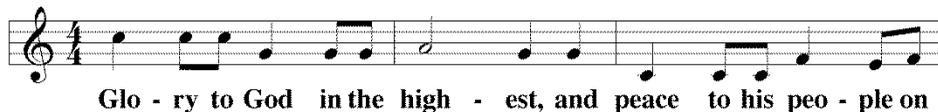


M: God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given his only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son ☩ and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

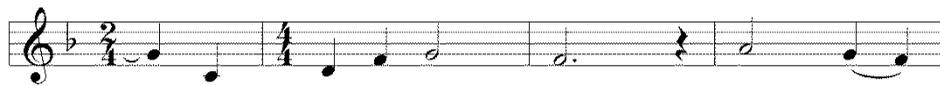
PRAYER AND PRAISE

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





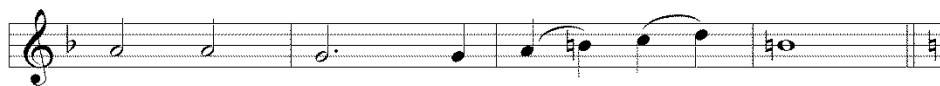
Lord God, Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world;



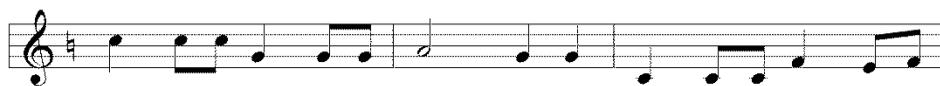
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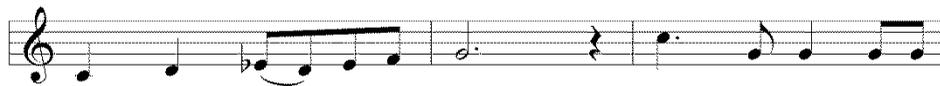
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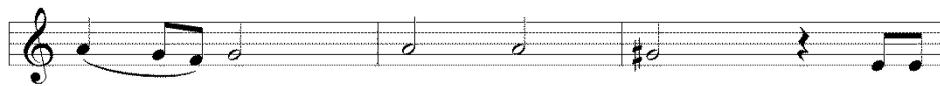
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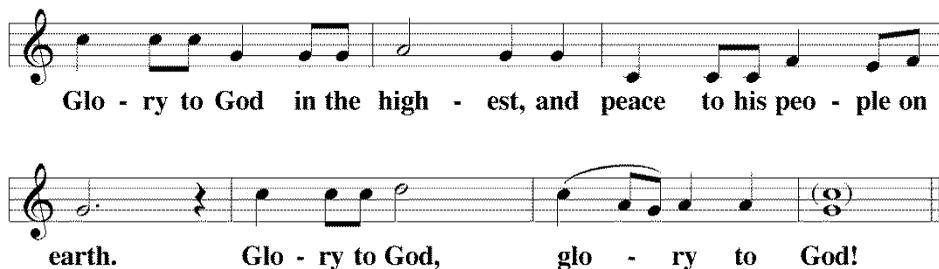
you a - lone are the Lord, you a - lone are the



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.

Lord God, you call us to work in your kingdom and leave no one standing idle. Help us to order our lives by your wisdom and to serve you in willing obedience; 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

Numbers 12:1-15

Moses demonstrates love in the midst of Aaron and Miriam’s selfish opposition.

Miriam and Aaron began to talk against Moses because of his Cushite wife, for he had married a Cushite. “Has the LORD spoken only through Moses?” they asked. “Hasn’t he also spoken through us?” And the LORD heard this.

(Now Moses was a very humble man, more humble than anyone else on the face of the earth.)

***Prayer of the Day:** The *Prayer of the Day* is a prayer that often focuses on the content of the Gospel or Second (Epistle) Lesson, aiding in the unity of thought throughout the service. This prayer is somewhat poetic and reverent in nature. For more information on the Prayer of the Day, see pg. 16 of *Understanding Lutheran Worship*, found in the hymnal rack.

At once the LORD said to Moses, Aaron and Miriam, “Come out to the Tent of Meeting, all three of you.” So the three of them came out. Then the LORD came down in a pillar of cloud; he stood at the entrance to the Tent and summoned Aaron and Miriam. When both of them stepped forward, he said, “Listen to my words:

“When a prophet of the LORD is among you,

I reveal myself to him in visions,

I speak to him in dreams.

But this is not true of my servant Moses;

he is faithful in all my house.

With him I speak face to face, clearly and not in riddles;

he sees the form of the LORD.

Why then were you not afraid to speak against my servant Moses?”

The anger of the LORD burned against them, and he left them.

When the cloud lifted from above the Tent, there stood Miriam – leprous, like snow. Aaron turned toward her and saw that she had leprosy; and he said to Moses, “Please, my lord, do not hold against us the sin we have so foolishly committed. Do not let her be like a stillborn infant coming from its mother’s womb with its flesh half eaten away.”

So Moses cried out to the LORD, “O God, please heal her!”

The LORD replied to Moses, “If her father had spit in her face, would she not have been in disgrace for seven days? Confine her outside the camp for seven days; after that she can be brought back.” So Miriam was confined outside the camp for seven days, and the people did not move on till she was brought back.

Psalm of the Day (Saturday)

Psalm 31 (see pg. 13)

God is the one who demonstrates love and saves us from selfish pride.

Response to the Word (Sunday)

Adult Choir

Come, You People, Rise and Sing

by Kenneth Dake

Come, you people, rise and sing praise to God who made you,
And to heav’n’s eternal King bring the prayers God bade you.
Bring your praise for mercies past all God’s love confessing,
And in life, while life shall last, ask your Maker’s blessing.

Praise we God the only Son who in mercy sought us;
Born to save a world undone, out of death he brought us;
Here, awhile he showed his love, suffered uncomplaining;
Now he pleads for us above, ris’n, ascended, reigning!

Creator, Son, and Holy Ghost, help us to adore you,
Till with all the angel host low we fall before you,
Till throughout our earthly days, guided, loved, forgiven,
We can blend our songs of praise with the song of heaven!

Second Lesson

James 3:13-18

James calls on us to demonstrate love and humility rather than selfish ambition.

Who is wise and understanding among you? Let him show it by his good life, by deeds done in the humility that comes from wisdom. But if you harbor bitter envy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not boast about it or deny the truth. Such “wisdom” does not come down from heaven but is earthly, unspiritual, of the devil. For where you have envy and selfish ambition, there you find disorder and every evil practice.

But the wisdom that comes from heaven is first of all pure; then peace-loving, considerate, submissive, full of mercy and good fruit, impartial and sincere. Peacemakers who sow in peace raise a harvest of righteousness.

Verse of the Day

Alleluia, alleluia. My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness.
Alleluia.

Please stand

After the announcement of the Gospel, the congregation sings:



Gospel

Mark 9:30-37

Jesus demonstrates love in the midst of the disciples' selfish questions about glory.

They left that place and passed through Galilee. Jesus did not want anyone to know where they were, because he was teaching his disciples. He said to them, “The Son of Man is going to be betrayed into the hands of men. They will kill him, and after three days he will rise.” But they did not understand what he meant and were afraid to ask him about it.

They came to Capernaum. When he was in the house, he asked them, “What were you arguing about on the road?” But they kept quiet because on the way they had argued about who was the greatest.

Sitting down, Jesus called the Twelve and said, “If anyone wants to be first, he must be the very last, and the servant of all.”

He took a little child and had him stand among them. Taking him in his arms, he said to them, “Whoever welcomes one of these little children in my name welcomes me; and whoever welcomes me does not welcome me but the one who sent me.”



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

Be seated

Anthem (Sunday)

Adult Choir

If Anyone Would Be First

arranged by William Braun

If anyone would be first, he must be last and servant of all.

Hymn of the Day

Rise, My Soul, to Watch and Pray

Christian Worship 472

Sermon

Mark 9:30-37

Godly Greatness

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.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

The minister says the Prayer of the Church.

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

I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light (see pg. 14)
Christian Worship Supplement 771

Please stand

M: Almighty God, grant to your Church the Holy Spirit and the wisdom that comes from above. Let nothing hinder your Word from being freely proclaimed to the joy and edifying of Christ's holy people, so that we may serve you in steadfast faith and confess your name as long as we live, 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

With the Lord Begin Your Task

Christian Worship 478

WELS Connection

To the Ends of the Earth

Announcements

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 Kyle Bitter
Presiding Minister	Pastor Joel Leyrer
Musicians	Mandy Treder, organ (Saturday) Lynn Kozlowski, organ (Sunday) Paula Rauth, flute Maria Froman, oboe
Adult Choir Director	Dr. William Braun
Head Ushers	Jon Johnson (Saturday) Mark Naumann (8:00 AM) Matt Bahr (10:30 AM)
Greeters	Peter & Sharon Trettin and Steve & Jennifer Wolf (8:00 AM) Matt & Jenny Bahr, Holly Curtis and Lorna Leyrer (10:30 AM)

Worship Notes

- Elsie Lynn Meckstroth, daughter of Michael and Emily Meckstroth, nee Puder, will have her private baptism publicly affirmed in the 10:30 AM service on Sunday.
- Altar flowers are placed by Mary Hansen in celebration of her son Jameson Zylka's 4th birthday, and in thanks for blessings received.
- The flowers on the standards are placed by Bob and Jenny Lindert in celebration of their 19th wedding anniversary, and in thanks for blessings received.

In Our Prayers

- Pastor Kyle Bitter, as he deliberates the call he received last Sunday to serve as pastor for Amazing Grace Lutheran Church in Panama City, Florida.
- Those who are hospitalized: Sue Pappalardo at Columbia-St. Mary's; Opal Hackbarth at Froedtert; Bob Schoeneck at West Allis Memorial.
- Loris and Tom Gabel, upon the celebration of their 58th wedding anniversary.

Psalm 31

Refrain



Sure-ly, it is God who saves me; I will trust in him and
not be a - fraid. For the Lord is my strong-hold and my
sure de-fense, and he will be my Sav - ior.

Psalm tone



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In you, O LORD, I have taken refuge;
deliver me in your righteousness.

Be my rock of refuge,
a strong fortress to save me.

Into your hands I commit my spirit;
redeem me, O LORD, the God of truth. *Refrain*

My times are in your hands;
save me in your unfailing love.

How great is your goodness,
which you have stored up for those who fear you.

You heard my cry for mercy
when I called to you for help.

**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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I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light



1 I want to walk as a child of the light;
 2 I want to see the bright - ness of God;
 3 I'm look - ing for the com - ing of Christ;



I want to fol - low Je - sus.
 I want to look at Je - sus.
 I want to be with Je - sus.



God set the stars to give light to the world;
 Clear Sun of Right - eous - ness, shine on my path
 When we have run with pa - tience the race,



The star of my life is Je - sus.
 And show me the way to the Fa - ther.
 We shall know the joy of Je - sus.

Refrain

In him there is no dark - ness at all; The



night and the day are both a - like. The



Lamb is the light of the cit - y of God.



Shine in my heart, Lord Je - sus.

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TH	1 Corinthians 9:19-23.....	Galatians 2:11-21
F	Galatians 5:1, 4-6, 13-15.....	Galatians 6:14-18
S	Amos 5:10-15.....	Hebrews 4:9-13

