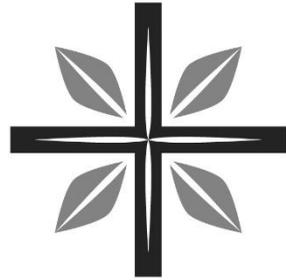


St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church



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
A staffed nursery is available during Bible class.

The Nineteenth Sunday After Pentecost

September 29 & 30, 2018

Take Up the Savior's Call: Together

Prelude

Opening Hymn

Please stand to sing the final stanza

Hark! The Voice of Jesus Crying

Christian Worship 573

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.

Prayer of the Day

M: Let us pray.

Mercifully grant, O God, that your Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts, for without your help we are unable to please you; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: A - men.

THE WORD

First Lesson

Numbers 11:16, 24-29

Moses and the elders demonstrate God pleasing ambition.

The LORD said to Moses: “Bring me seventy of Israel’s elders who are known to you as leaders and officials among the people. Have them come to the Tent of Meeting, that they may stand there with you.”

So Moses went out and told the people what the LORD had said. He brought together seventy of their elders and had them stand around the Tent. Then the LORD came down in the cloud and spoke with him, and he took of the Spirit that was on him and put the Spirit on the seventy elders. When the Spirit rested on them, they prophesied, but they did not do so again.

However, two men, whose names were Eldad and Medad, had remained in the camp. They were listed among the elders, but did not go out to the Tent. Yet the Spirit also rested on them, and they prophesied in the camp. A young man ran and told Moses, “Eldad and Medad are prophesying in the camp.”

Joshua son of Nun, who had been Moses’ aide since youth, spoke up and said, “Moses, my lord, stop them!”

But Moses replied, “Are you jealous for my sake? I wish that all the LORD’s people were prophets and that the LORD would put his Spirit on them!”

Psalm of the Day

Psalm 51b (see pg. 12)

God calls upon us to repent of all our sins, including the sin of selfish ambition.

Second Lesson

Philippians 1:12-18a

Paul preaches Christ out of God pleasing ambition.

Now I want you to know, brothers, that what has happened to me has really served to advance the gospel. As a result, it has become clear throughout the whole palace guard and to everyone else that I am in chains for Christ. Because of my chains, most of the brothers in the Lord have been encouraged to speak the word of God more courageously and fearlessly.

It is true that some preach Christ out of envy and rivalry, but others out of goodwill. The latter do so in love, knowing that I am put here for the defense of the gospel. The former preach Christ out of selfish ambition, not sincerely, supposing that they can stir up trouble for me while I am in chains. But what does it matter? The important thing is that in every way, whether from false motives or true, Christ is preached. And because of this I rejoice.

Verse of the Day

M: Alleluia, alleluia. At the name of Jesus every knee should bow, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. 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

Mark 9:38-50⁺

Jesus teaches his followers what God pleasing ambition looks like.

“Teacher,” said John, “we saw a man driving out demons in your name and we told him to stop, because he was not one of us.”

“Do not stop him,” Jesus said. “No one who does a miracle in my name can in the next moment say anything bad about me, for whoever is not against us is for us. I tell you the truth, anyone who gives you a cup of water in my name because you belong to Christ will certainly not lose his reward.

“And if anyone causes one of these little ones who believe in me to sin, it would be better for him to be thrown into the sea with a large millstone tied around his neck. If your hand causes you to sin, cut

† Mark: The author of the second Gospel was universally acknowledged by the early Church as John Mark, a companion of Paul and Barnabas on their first missionary journey. The early church fathers viewed Mark’s Gospel as inspired by the apostle Peter’s first-hand accounts of Jesus and his ministry. For more information on Mark, see pg. 54 of *Understanding Lutheran Worship*, found in the hymnal rack.

it off. It is better for you to enter life maimed than with two hands to go into hell, where the fire never goes out. And if your foot causes you to sin, cut it off. It is better for you to enter life crippled than to have two feet and be thrown into hell. And if your eye causes you to sin, pluck it out. It is better for you to enter the kingdom of God with one eye than to have two eyes and be thrown into hell, where 'their worm does not die, and the fire is not quenched.' Everyone will be salted with fire.

“Salt is good, but if it loses its saltiness, how can you make it salty again? Have salt in yourselves, and be at peace with each other.”



Be seated

Anthem (Sunday)

Grades 1 & 2

To the Ends of the Earth

by Linda Moeller

We will live as God's witnesses, declare what he has done:
He has freed us from sin and death through Jesus Christ, his Son.
God has made us his messengers, that all the world may know –
To the ends of the earth we will go!

We were lost in guilt and shame; we were sinful through and through.
Death and hell awaited us, there was nothing we could do.
Then God sent his holy Son here to earth for us to die.
Jesus bore the cross for us; then he rose to live on high!

We will live as God's witnesses, declare what he has done:
He has freed us from sin and death through Jesus Christ, his Son.
God has made us his messengers, that all the world may know –
To the ends of the earth we will go!

Now God sends us out to speak into darkness, shining light,
Tell the world that Jesus' work makes us perfect in God's sight.
He has told us what to say; there is nothing we need fear.
Jesus took our sins away! Let us shout it far and near!

We will live as God's witnesses, declare what he has done:
He has freed us from sin and death through Jesus Christ, his Son.
God has made us his messengers, that all the world may know –
To the ends of the earth, to the ends of the earth, to the ends of the earth we will go!

Hymn of the Day

Triune God, Oh, Be Our Stay
Christian Worship 192

Sermon

Numbers 11:16, 24-29 (Saturday)

God Uses Us All

Mark 9:38-50 (Sunday)

Illustrations of Faith

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: Father, we thank you that you have released us from the law and that we now belong to Christ.

C: **Help us to always serve you in the new life of the Spirit and bear fruit for you.**

M: Father, we thank you for all that you do to provide us with our daily bread. Be with those who work to grow the fruits of the earth that you have given us for food.

C: **Give them favorable weather and a successful harvest. Allow the fruits of their labor to provide for the needs of the many who rely on them.**

M: Father, we thank you for our nation and the many freedoms that you have provided for us here. Guide our leaders to serve us with integrity.

C: **Be with those who defend our freedoms in the armed forces, as well as those who protect our freedoms closer to home.**

M: Father, we thank you for the seasons and the means to travel the earth that you have given us. Keep safe all who journey, whether by land, sea, or air.

C: **Bring them safely to their destinations and see them safely home again.**

Special prayers and intercessions may follow.

M: Father, we thank you for the great cloud of witnesses that surrounds us. We join our prayer with their unending prayers before your throne.

C: **Bring us one day with them to the feast of joy that has no end in the kingdom of your Son. 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, Priceless Treasure

Christian Worship 349

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

We All Are One in Mission

Christian Worship 566

Announcements

Postlude

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

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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Readings for the Week of Pentecost 19

M	1 Thessalonians 4:0-12.....	John 15:9-17
T	Genesis 4:2b-15.....	1 John 3:11-18
W	1 John 4:7-16a.....	Ephesians 5:21-33
TH	Deuteronomy 30:11-14.....	Ephesians 6:1-9
F	2 Corinthians 8:1-9.....	2 Corinthians 8:10-15
S	Acts 5:1-11.....	1 John 4:16b-21

Serving at Worship

Preacher	Seminary Student Adam Marley (Saturday) Pastor Joel Leyrer (Sunday)
Presiding Minister	Pastor Joel Leyrer (Saturday) Pastor Eric Schroeder (Sunday)
Musicians	Carmen Rupprecht, piano (Saturday) Lisa Eggebrecht, organ (Sunday)
Head Ushers	Matt Bahr (Saturday) Kerry Kuehn (8:00 AM) Rick Yahn (10:30 AM)
Greeters	Mark & Jackie Bye, John Frailing, Sue Freedlund (8:00 AM) Ron & Judy Felsing, Jessica Gromacki, Kathryn Hendee (10:30 AM)

Worship Notes

- Altar flowers are placed by Lois and Dennis Maurer in celebration of their 25th wedding anniversary and in thanks for blessings received.
- The flowers on the standards are placed by Sam and Arlene Fletcher in celebration of their 60th wedding anniversary and in thanks for blessings received.

In Our Prayers

- Sue Pappalardo, hospitalized at Columbia St. Mary's.
- Opal Hackbarth, hospitalized at Froedtert.
- Bob Schoeneck, hospitalized at West Allis Memorial.

Parents' Preview for October 7

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.

"Lamb of God"

"Lamb of God," sung immediately before communion, echoes the cry of John the Baptist in celebrating Christ, the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world.



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.

