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Service of the Word

Leader: People of St. John, what is our purpose?

All: To live for the Lord who made us, to love as Jesus taught us, and to serve where the Spirit leads us.

PRELUDE

+ GATHERING SONG

God Himself Is Present

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1 God him-self is pres-ent; let us now a-dore him and with awe ap-
2 God him-self is pres-ent; hear the harps re-sound-ing; see the hosts the
3 Light of light e-ter-nal, all things pen-e-trat-ing, for your rays our
4 Come, ce-les-tial Be-ing, make our hearts your dwell-ing, ev-'ry car-nal

pear be-fore him! God is in his tem-ple; all with-in keep si-lence,
throne sur-round-ing! "Ho-ly, ho-ly, ho-ly!" Hear the hymn as-cend-ing,
soul is wait-ing. As the ten-der flow-ers, will-ing-ly un-fold-ing,
thought dis-pel-ling. By your Ho-ly Spir-it sanc-ti-fy us tru-ly,

pros - trate lie with deep - est rev - 'rence. Him a - lone God we own,
 songs of saints and an - gels blend - ing. Bow your ear to us here:
 to the sun their fac - es hold - ing: e - ven so would we do,
 teach - ing us to love you on - ly. Where we go here be - low,

him, our God and Sav - ior; praise his name for - ev - er!
 hear, O Christ, the prais - es that your church now rais - es.
 light from you ob - tain - ing, strength to serve you gain - ing.
 let us bow be - fore you and in truth a - dore you.

Text: Gerhard Tersteegen, 1697–1769; tr. composite
 Music: WUNDERBARER KÖNIG. Joachim Neander. 1650–1680

+ GREETING

P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. (*2 Corinthians 13:13*)

C And also with you.

P You are the treasured people of the Lord,

C a people holy to the Lord our God.

P Keep the words of the Lord in your heart; teach them to your children,

P Talk about them when you are at home and when you are away, when you lie down and when you rise.

P One does not live by bread alone,

C but by every word that comes from the mouth of the Lord.

+ SCRIPTURE SONG

☐ Sal - va - tion be - longs to our God and to Christ the Lamb for - ev - er and ev - er.

☐ Great and won - der - ful are your deeds, O God of the u - ni - verse;



just and true are your ways, O Ruler of all the nations.



Who can fail to honor you, Lord, and sing the glory of your name?



Salvation belongs to our God and to Christ the Lamb forever and ever.



For you alone are the Holy One. All



nations will draw near and worship before you,



for your just and holy works have been revealed.



Salvation belongs to our God and to Christ the Lamb forever and ever.

+ PRAYER OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

C Let us pray. . . Almighty and most merciful God, your bountiful goodness fills all creation. Keep us safe from all that may hurt us, that, whole and well in body and spirit, we may with grateful hearts accomplish all that you would have us do, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen

CHILDREN'S SERMON

Children will be dismissed to Children's Church following the Children's Sermon

FIRST READING: 2 Kings 5:1-3, 7-15c

¹ Naaman, commander of the army of the king of Aram, was a great man and in high favor with his master because by him the LORD had given victory to Aram. The man, though a mighty warrior, suffered from a skin disease. ² Now the Arameans on one of their raids had taken a young girl captive from the land of Israel, and she served Naaman's wife. ³ She said to her mistress, "If only my lord were with the prophet who is in Samaria! He would cure him of his skin disease."

⁷ When the king of Israel read the letter, he tore his clothes and said, "Am I God, to give death or life, that this man sends word to me to cure a man of his skin disease? Just look and see how he is trying to pick a quarrel with me?"

⁸ But when Elisha the man of God heard that the king of Israel had torn his clothes, he sent a message to the king, "Why have you torn your clothes? Let him come to me, that he may learn that there is a prophet in Israel." ⁹ So Naaman came with his horses and chariots and halted at the entrance of Elisha's house. ¹⁰ Elisha sent a messenger to him, saying, "Go, wash in the Jordan seven times, and your flesh shall be restored, and you shall be clean." ¹¹ But Naaman became angry and went away, saying, "I thought that for me he would surely come out and stand and call on the name of the LORD his God and would wave his hand over the spot and cure the skin disease!" ¹² Are not Abana and Pharpar, the rivers of Damascus, better than all the waters of Israel? Could I not wash in them and be clean?" He turned and went away in a rage. ¹³ But his servants approached and said to him, "Father, if the prophet had commanded you to do something difficult, would you not have done it? How much more, when all he said to you was, 'Wash, and be clean'?" ¹⁴ So he went down and immersed himself seven times in the Jordan, according to the word of the man of God; his flesh was restored like the flesh of a young boy, and he was clean.

^{15a, b, c} Then he returned to the man of God, he and all his company; he came and stood before him and said, "Now I know that there is no God in all the earth except in Israel."

PSALM: 111

P ¹ Hallelujah! I will give thanks to the LORD with my whole heart,
in the assembly of the upright, in the congregation.

C ² **Great are your works, O LORD,
pondered by all who delight in them.**

P ³ Majesty and splendor mark your deeds,
and your righteousness endures forever.

C ⁴ **You cause your wonders to be remembered;
you are gracious and full of compassion.**

P ⁵ You give food to those who fear you,
remembering forever your covenant.

C ⁶ **You have shown your people the power of your works
in giving them the lands of the nations.**

P ⁷ The works of your hands are faithfulness and justice;
all of your precepts are sure.

- C** ⁸ **They stand fast forever and ever,
because they are done in truth and equity.**
- P** ⁹ You sent redemption to your people and commanded your covenant
forever;
holy and awesome is your name.
- C** ¹⁰ **The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom;
all who practice this have a good understanding. God's praise endures
forever.**

SECOND READING: 2 Timothy 2:8-15

⁸ Remember Jesus Christ, raised from the dead, a descendant of David—that is my gospel, ⁹ for which I suffer hardship, even to the point of being chained like a criminal. But the word of God is not chained. ¹⁰ Therefore I endure everything for the sake of the elect, so that they may also obtain the salvation that is in Christ Jesus, with eternal glory. ¹¹ The saying is sure:

If we have died with him, we will also live with him;

¹² if we endure, we will also reign with him;

if we deny him, he will also deny us;

¹³ if we are faithless, he remains faithful—

he cannot deny himself.

¹⁴ Remind them of this, and warn them before the Lord that they are to avoid wrangling over words, which does no good but only ruins those who are listening. ¹⁵ Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved by him, a worker who has no need to be ashamed, rightly explaining the word of truth.

+ GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



+ **THE GOSPEL:** Luke 17:11-19

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke the 17th chapter.

C Glory to you, O Lord.

¹¹ On the way to Jerusalem Jesus was going through the region between Samaria and Galilee. ¹² As he entered a village, ten men with a skin disease approached him. Keeping their distance, ¹³ they called out, saying, "Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!" ¹⁴ When he saw them, he said to them, "Go and show yourselves to the priests." And as they went, they were made clean. ¹⁵ Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice. ¹⁶ He prostrated himself at Jesus's feet and thanked him. And he was a Samaritan. ¹⁷ Then Jesus asked, "Were not ten made clean? So where are the other nine?" ¹⁸ Did none of them return to give glory to God except this foreigner?" ¹⁹ Then he said to him, "Get up and go on your way; your faith has made you well."

P The Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ

SERMON

Pastor Francis

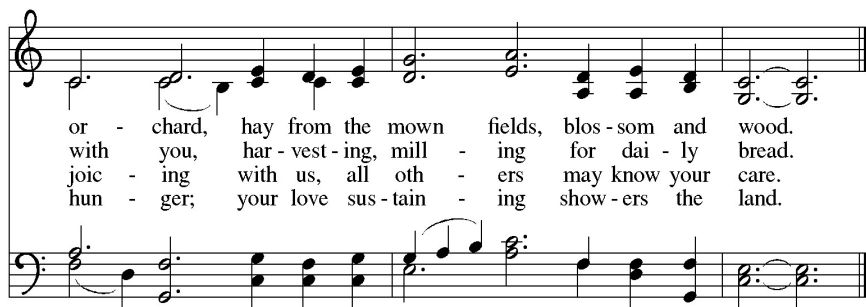
SILENCE FOR REFLECTION

HYMN OF THE DAY *Praise and Thanksgiving*

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1 Praise and thanks-giv-ing, God, we would of-fer for all things
 2 God, bless the la-bor we bring to serve you, that with our
 3 Fa-ther, pro-vid-ing food for your chil-dren, by Wis-dom's
 4 Then will your bless-ing reach ev-ry peo-ple, free-ly con-

liv-ing, you have made good: har-vest of sown fields, fruits of the
 neigh-bor we may be fed. Sow-ing or till-ing, we would work
 guid-ing teach us to share one with an-oth-er, so that, re-re-
 fess-ing your gra-cious hand. Where you are reign-ing, no one will



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+ RESPONSE TO THE WORD: CREED AND CONFESSION

P In Christ, you have heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation.

C We believe in him and are marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit. (*Ephesians 1:13-14*)

P Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith.

**C I believe in God, the Father almighty,
 creator of heaven and earth.**

+ **I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.**

**He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
 and born of the virgin Mary.**

**He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
 was crucified, died, and was buried.**

He descended into hell.*

On the third day he rose again.

He ascended into heaven,

and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
 the holy catholic Church,
 the communion of saints,
 the forgiveness of sins,
 the resurrection of the body,
 and the life everlasting. Amen**

- P Build yourselves up on your most holy faith;
 C **pray in the Holy Spirit.** (*Jude 20*)
- P Keep yourselves in the love of God;
 C **look forward to the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ.** (*Jude 21*)
- P If anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation:
 C **Everything old has passed away; behold, everything has become new!**
 (*2 Corinthians 5:17*)
- P God has given us the ministry of reconciliation.
 C **Therefore, let us be reconciled to God and to one another.**

Silence for reflection and self examination.

- P Gracious God,
 C **have mercy on us. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things done and left undone. Uphold us by your Spirit so that we may live and serve you in newness of life, to the honor and glory of your holy name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen**
- P Almighty God have mercy on you,
 forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ,
 strengthen you in all goodness,
 and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life.
 C **Amen**

+ PEACE

- P Sisters and brothers, rejoice. Mend your ways, encourage one another, agree with one another, live in peace. (*2 Corinthians 13:11*)
- P The peace of the Lord be with you always.
 C **And also with you.**
The ministers and congregation may greet one another with a gesture of peace, using these or similar words:
Peace be with you.

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENT

OFFERING

+ OFFERTORY

Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow; praise
him, all crea-tures here be - low; praise him a - bove, ye
heav'n - ly host; praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost.

Text: Thomas Ken, 1637–1711

Music: OLD HUNDREDTII, Louis Bourgeois, c. 1510–1561

+ OFFERTORY PRAYER

P Let us pray.

P God, our Creator,

C you open wide your hand and satisfy the desire of every creature. With these gifts we bless you for your tender nurture and care. Help us to delight in your will and walk in your ways, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

+ THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

P Renewed in God's everlasting grace, let us pray for the church, the world, and all creation.

A brief silence.

P Gracious God, you lead your people to faith. Remind the church that your word flows into the world. By your Spirit, teach the church to share the word of God for the sake of the world. God of grace,

C receive our prayer.

P Creating God, you provided cleansing and healing waters for Naaman. Water the earth's lands in parched places. Restore clean water to all communities, and guide the work of all who advocate for safe and abundant water supplies. God of grace,

C receive our prayer.

- P Righteous One, you bring justice and wholeness throughout the world, and your righteousness endures forever. By your spirit, guide leaders of all nations and lands to right relationship with you and with one another. God of grace,
- C receive our prayer.**
- P Merciful God, you know the needs of your people. Show mercy to those suffering in the world. Comfort those in need of your healing (*especially*). God of grace,
- C receive our prayer.**
- P Life-giving God, you free us by your word. Help us, by your Spirit, to be transformed to live your word of freedom honestly and uprightly in our teaching, preaching, and serving. God of grace,
- C receive our prayer.**

Here other intercessions may be offered.

- P O Holy Spirit, We pray for our next pastor. We know not who you are making ready to come and be with us, but we ask that you speed our meeting with one another, and that you make us ready to seek new adventures with a new shepherd at our side. Grant that we might make ready today to find the new tomorrow you desire for St. John Lutheran Church. God of grace,
- C receive our prayer.**
- P Holy God, thank you for the witness of those who have died in faith (*especially*). Guide us to trust in the baptismal promise of resurrection in Christ. God of grace,
- C receive our prayer.**
- P We offer our prayers, O God, trusting in your everlasting grace and mercy, through Jesus Christ our Lord.
- C Amen.**

- P Lord, remember us in your kingdom, and teach us to pray:

+ THE LORD'S PRAYER

(Matthew 6:9-13)

+ BLESSING

- P Almighty God, Father, ✚ Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.
- C Amen**

Refrain

There is a balm in Gil-e-ad to make the wound-ed whole;

there is a balm in Gil-e-ad to heal the sin-sick soul.

1 Some - times I feel dis - cour - aged and think my work's in vain,
 2 If you can - not preach like Pe - ter, if you can - not pray like Paul,
 3 Don't ev - er be dis - cour - aged, for Je - sus is your friend;

Refrain

but then the Ho - ly Spir - it re - vives my soul a - gain.
 you can tell the love of Je - sus and say, "He died for all."
 and if you lack for knowl-edge, he'll ne'er re - fuse to lend.

Text: African American spiritual

Music: BALM IN GILEAD, African American spiritual

+ Dismissal

P	Go in peace.
Children	Serve the Lord.
C	Thanks be to God.

Postlude

+Stand as you are able

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SERVING TODAY

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Prayer Leader

Greeter

Altar Committee

Council President

Leigh Ann Henry

Hayley Ramey, Owen Ramey

Brian Ramey

Nancy Williams, Virginia Nickel

Rick Williams

WELCOME TO ST. JOHN LUTHERAN CHURCH. We are pleased you are here. If you are visiting with us this morning, please sign our guest book in the entrance area. We hope you will join us again very soon.

LET US PRAY FOR: Dale Ramey, Emily Smith, Peggy Butler, Roberta Sommer, Rosemarie Becker, Patricia Cavendish, Jim Skipworth, Galen Gleim, Paul Means, Grace Mootz, Marcella Mootz, Barb Coakley, Kay Staker, Kimberly Tolliver, Barbara Redmond, Brian & Carol Hicks, Danica Clarkson, Bill Murphy, Frank Dodd, Michael Copeland, Linda Martin, Jane Bussler, Rena McIntyre, Bill Culver, Brenda Moore, Melaine Hawk, Mike Mucha, Patty Poole, Kent Gifford, Nicholas Young, Jason Pierce, Beth Miller, Jane Staker, Joanne Oakes The Congregation of the Mountain Church in Asmushausen, Germany, the members of our armed forces, and those we hold privately in our hearts.

PLEASE PRAY FOR the Call Committee and Church Council as we search for a new pastor. May God bless and guide them in this journey.

BLANKET PROJECT meets Tuesday at 10:00 a.m. Everyone is welcome.

CHOIR PRACTICE on Wednesday at 7:00 p.m.

CONFIRMATION CLASS for 7th and 8th graders will be Sunday, October 12 and 2 at 9:00 a.m. We will meet downstairs in the library Sunday School room.

WE ARE restarting the visitation team. A two person team will visit shut-ins, the hospitalized or those in nursing homes. Also, we are starting an outreach program by sending a card from our church family to recognize birthdays, provide encouragement during illness or loss. Cards and postage will be provided. If you are interested, please see Cindy Oakes.

AS PART OF our celebration of our church’s 150th anniversary, we are collecting family history/stories of how your family came to this country. We will be creating a booklet to share for Heritage Sunday in November. If you have a story, please see Cindy Oakes.

This Week at St. John

Today—Eighteenth Sunday of Pentecost

- 9:00 a.m. Confirmation Class
- 9:00 a.m. Lite Breakfast honoring our First Responders
- 10:00 a.m. **Worship**

Tuesday

- 10:00 a.m. Blanket Project

Wednesday

- 7:00 p.m. Choir Practice

Next Sunday—Nineteenth Sunday of Pentecost

- 10:00 a.m. **Worship**

Attendance

2025 Average	62
2024 Average	62

Next Sunday, October 19

<i>Organist</i>	<i>Leigh Ann Henry</i>
<i>Worship Assistant</i>	<i>Vivian Riffle</i>
<i>Lay Reader</i>	<i>James Hayman</i>
<i>Prayer Leader</i>	<i>Virginia Nickel</i>
<i>Greeter</i>	
<i>Altar Committee</i>	<i>Nancy Williams, Virginia Nickel</i>
<i>Council President</i>	<i>Rick Williams</i>

CELEBRATING THIS WEEK

BIRTHDAYS: Owen Ramey, Tessa Crisp, Elaina Salyers, Eli Salyers, Lauren Gleim, Heather Mullins

BAPTISMS: Lois Hosey, Lauren Gleim, Addison Mullins, Kelly Skipworth, Sadie Tieman, Beau Castaneda, Cole Castenda, Zane Gullet, Emmitt Mercer

ANNIVERSARIES:

IF WE MISSED ANYONE please let Vicki Bradley know so we can add you to the list.

Coming Events

Sunday, October 12 at 9:00 a.m. Lite Breakfast in honor of our 1st Responders

Sunday, October 12 at 9:00 a.m. Confirmation Class

Sunday, October 12 at 10:00 a.m. Honoring Our 1st Responders

Tuesday, October 14 at 10:00 a.m. Blanket Project

Wednesday, October 15 at 7:00 p.m. Choir Practice

Sunday, October 19 at 11:00 a.m. Church Council Meeting

Tuesday, October 21 at 10:00 a.m. Blanket Project

Wednesday, October 22 at 7:00 p.m. Choir Practice

Sunday, October at 9:00 a.m. Confirmation Class

Tuesday, October 28 at 10:00 a.m. Blanket Project

Wednesday, October 29 at 7:00 p.m. Choir Practice

Sunday, November 2 at 9:00 a.m. Lite Breakfast in honor of our Veterans

Sunday, November 2 at 10:00 a.m. Veterans Sunday

Wednesday, November 5 at 7:00 p.m. Choir Practice

Sunday, November 9 at 9:00 a.m. Confirmation Class

Sunday, November 9 at 10:00 a.m. St. John's 150th Anniversary Celebration

Sunday, November 9 at 11:00 a.m. Potluck/carry-in dinner

Wednesday, November 12 at 7:00 p.m. Choir Practice

Sunday, November 16 at 10:00 a.m. special music by Jacob Tolliver
Reception following worship.

Sunday, November 16 at 11:00 a.m. Church Council

Wednesday, November 19 at 7:00 p.m. Choir Practice

Sunday, November 23 at 9:00 a.m. Confirmation Class

Wednesday, November 26 at 7:00 p.m. Choir Practice

Wednesday, December 3 at 7:00 p.m. Choir Practice

Wednesday, December 10 at 7:00 p.m. Choir Practice

Sunday, December 14 at 9:00 a.m. Confirmation Class

Sunday, December 14 at 11:00 a.m. Annual Christmas Dinner
Followed by caroling

Wednesday, December 17 at 7:00 p.m. Choir Practice

Sunday, December 21 at 10:00 a.m. Children Christmas Program

Sunday, December 21 at 11:00 a.m. Church Council Meeting

Wednesday, December 24 at 7:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Service