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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

For the Beauty of the Earth

#561



1 For the beau - ty of the earth, for the beau - ty of the skies,
2 For the won - der of each hour of the day and of the night,
3 For the joy of car and eye, for the heart and mind's de - light,
4 For the joy of hu - man love, broth - er, sis - ter, par - ent, child,
5 For your - self, best gift di - vine to the world so free - ly giv'n;



for the love which from our birth o - ver and a - round us lies:
hill and vale and tree and flow'r, sun and moon and stars of light:
for the mys - tic har - mo - ny link - ing sense to sound and sight:
friends on earth and friends a - bove; for all gen - tle thoughts and mild:
a - gent of God's grand de - sign, peace on earth and joy in heav'n:



Refrain

Christ, our Lord, to you we raise this our sac - ri - fice of praise.

Text: Folliott S. Pierpoint, 1835–1917, alt.
 Music: DIX, Conrad Kocher. 1786–1872

+ 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

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

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

just and true are your ways, O Rul - er of all the na - tions.

Who can fail to hon - or you, Lord, and sing the glo - ry of your name?

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

II For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One. All
 na - tions will draw near and wor - ship be - fore you,
 for your just and ho - ly works have been re - vealed.
 III Sal - va - tion be - longs to our God and to Christ the Lamb for - ev - er and ev - er.

+ PRAYER OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

C Let us pray. . . O Lord God, tireless guardian of your people, you are always ready to hear our cries. Teach us to rely day and night on your care. Inspire us to seek your enduring justice for all this suffering world, 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: Genesis 32:22-31

²² The same night [Jacob] got up and took his two wives, his two maids, and his eleven children and crossed the ford of the Jabbok. ²³ He took them and sent them across the stream, and likewise everything that he had. ²⁴ Jacob was left alone, and a man wrestled with him until daybreak. ²⁵ When the man saw that he did not prevail against Jacob, he struck him on the hip socket, and Jacob's hip was put out of joint as he wrestled with him. ²⁶ Then he said, "Let me go, for the day is breaking." But Jacob said, "I will not let you go, unless you bless me." ²⁷ So he said to him, "What is your name?" And he said, "Jacob." ²⁸ Then the man said, "You shall no longer be called Jacob, but Israel, for you have striven with God and with humans and have prevailed." ²⁹ Then Jacob asked him, "Please tell me your name." But he said, "Why is it that you ask my name?" And there he blessed him. ³⁰ So Jacob called the place Peniel, saying, "For I have seen God face to face, yet my life is preserved." ³¹ The sun rose upon him as he passed Peniel, limping because of his hip.

PSALM: 121

- P ¹ I lift up my eyes | to the hills;
from where is my | help to come?
- C ² **My help comes | from the LORD,
the maker of heav- | en and earth.**
- P ³ The LORD will not let your | foot be moved
nor will the one who watches over you | fall asleep.
- C ⁴ **Behold, the keep- | er of Israel
will neither slum- | ber nor sleep; R**
- P ⁵ the LORD watches | over you;
the LORD is your shade at | your right hand;
- C ⁶ **the sun will not strike | you by day,
nor the | moon by night.**
- P ⁷ The LORD will preserve you | from all evil
and will | keep your life.
- C ⁸ **The LORD will watch over your going out and your | coming in,
from this time forth for- | evermore.**

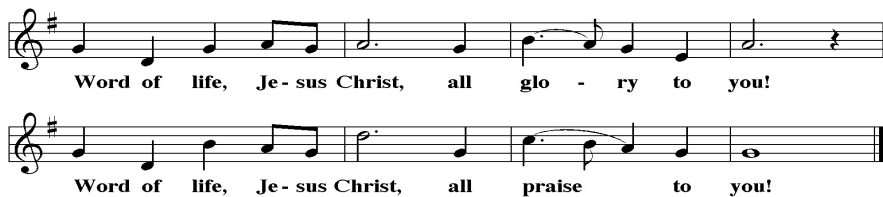
SECOND READING: 2 Timothy 3:14—4:5

¹⁴ But as for you, continue in what you have learned and firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it ¹⁵ and how from childhood you have known sacred writings that are able to instruct you for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. ¹⁶ All scripture is inspired by God and is useful for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, ¹⁷ so that the person of God may be proficient, equipped for every good work.

^{4:1} In the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who is to judge the living and the dead, and in view of his appearing and his kingdom, I solemnly urge you: ² proclaim the message; be persistent whether the time is favorable or unfavorable; convince, rebuke, and encourage with the utmost patience in teaching. ³ For the time is coming when people will not put up with sound teaching, but, having their ears tickled, they will accumulate for themselves teachers to suit their own desires ⁴ and will turn away from listening to the truth and wander away to myths. ⁵ As for you, be sober in everything, endure suffering, do the work of an evangelist, carry out your ministry fully.

+ GOSPEL ACCLAMATION





+ **THE GOSPEL:** Luke 18:1-8

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke the 18th chapter.

C Glory to you, O Lord.

¹ Then Jesus told them a parable about their need to pray always and not to lose heart. ² He said, "In a certain city there was a judge who neither feared God nor had respect for people. ³ In that city there was a widow who kept coming to him and saying, 'Grant me justice against my accuser.' ⁴ For a while he refused, but later he said to himself, 'Though I have no fear of God and no respect for anyone, ⁵ yet because this widow keeps bothering me, I will grant her justice, so that she may not wear me out by continually coming.' " ⁶ And the Lord said, "Listen to what the unjust judge says. ⁷ And will not God grant justice to his chosen ones who cry to him day and night? Will he delay long in helping them? ⁸ I tell you, he will quickly grant justice to them. And yet, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?"

P The Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ

SERMON

Pastor Francis

SILENCE FOR REFLECTION

HYMN OF THE DAY

Seek Ye First

#783

Please use your Blue With One Voice Hymnal for hymn #783.

+ 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 HUNDRETH, 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 We pray for the church universal. O God, who unites the church across the globe, bring unity and peace to a world divided by hatred and opposition. Turn our hearts toward the gospel of Jesus Christ. God of grace,

C receive our prayer.

P We pray for creation. O God, who made heaven and earth, draw us to the beauty of the whole creation. Turn us toward a right relationship with the entire cosmos. God of grace,

C receive our prayer.

P We pray for all nations, states, cities, and towns. O God, you rule over all the earth. Grant our elected officials (*names of officials*) humility in their decision-making for the sake of the entire world. God of grace,

C receive our prayer.

P We pray for those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit. O God, who heals and strengthens, our help comes from you in times of need. Support, comfort, and heal those who suffer (*especially*). God of grace,

C receive our prayer.

P We pray for (*name of congregation*). O God, who guides this congregation, encourage us to share the good news of Jesus Christ. Nurture our relationships with the community, that we serve and advocate for those who come to us in need. 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 We offer thanksgiving for the faithful departed. O God, whose promises never end, we thank you for all the saints who have shown us the way of your Son, Jesus Christ (*especially*). 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)

C Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,
forever and ever. Amen+ **BLESSING**

P Almighty God, Father, ✚ Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and
forever.

C Amen

+ SENDING SONG

O Zion, Haste

#397

1 O Zi - on, haste, your mis - sion high ful - fill - ing,
2 Pub - lish to ev - 'ry peo - ple, tongue, and na - tion,
3 Give of your own to bear the mes - sage glo - rious,
4 He comes a - gain! O Zi - on, cre - you meet him,

to that tell to all the world that God is light;
give God, in whom they live and move, is love;
make known your wealth to 'ry heart his sav - ing way, grace;

that he who made all na - tions is not will - ing
tell how he stooped to save his lost cre - a - tion
pour out your soul for them in prayer vic - to - rious,
let none whom he has ran - somed fail to greet him,

one soul should per - ish, lost in shades of night.
and died on earth, that we might live a - bove.
and haste the com - ing un - fit to see his glo - rious day.
through your ne - glect, un - fit to see his face.

Refrain
Pub - lish glad tid - ings, tid - ings of peace,
tid - ings of Je - sus, re - demp - tion, and re - lease.

Text: Mary A. Thomson, 1834–1923
Music: ANGELIC SONGS, James Walch, 1837–1901

+ 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

Organist
Lay Reader
Prayer Leader
Greeter
Altar Committee
Council President

Leigh Ann Henry
James Hayman
Virginia Nickel

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, Lora Link, 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 26 and November 9 at 9:00 a.m. We will meet downstairs in the library Sunday School room.

This Week at St. John

Today—*Nineteenth Sunday of Pentecost*

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*

9:00 a.m. Confirmation Class

10:00 a.m. **Worship**—Reformation Sunday—*Holy Communion*

Attendance

2025 Average	62
2024 Average	62

Next Sunday, October 26

Organist

Leigh Ann Henry

Worship Assistant

Vivian Riffle

Lay Reader

Sherry Mullins

Prayer Leader

Renee Basham

Greeter

Altar Committee

Nancy Williams, Virginia Nickel

Council President

Rick Williams

CELEBRATING THIS WEEK

BIRTHDAYS: Guy Sommer, Eli Clevenger

BAPTISMS: Heath Moore

ANNIVERSARIES: Connie & David Conley

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

Coming Events

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 26 at 9:00 a.m. Confirmation Class

Sunday, October 26 Reformation Sunday—Holy Communion

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

Tuesday, November 4 at 10:00 a.m. Blanket Project

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

Tuesday, November 11 at 10:00 a.m. Blanket Project

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

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

Tuesday, November 18 at 10:00 a.m. Blanket Project

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

Honoring Our Veterans

**Sunday, November 2
At 9:00 a.m. Lite breakfast.**

St. John's 150th Anniversary Celebration

**Sunday, November 9
Potluck/carry-in dinner immediately following worship.**

Sunday, December 16

**Special Music by Jacob Tolliver.
Reception after worship.**

Sunday, December 14

**Blessing of the Blankets
Annual Christmas Dinner immediately after worship
Following dinner Caroling**

Join us Wednesday, December 24

**At 7:00 p.m. for our annual
Christmas Eve Festival Service
of Candlelight and Holy Communion**

Sunday, January 11

**Annual Congregational Meeting
Immediately following worship.**