

WELCOME TO WORSHIP

*at*

**St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church**  
a reconciling in Christ congregation



**Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost**

October 10, 2021

10:30 am

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## Statement of Welcome

*There is no longer Jew or Greek, there is no longer slave or free, there is no longer male and female; for all of you are one in Christ Jesus.—Galatians 3:28*

As a community of God striving to be open to all people, we at St. John's Lutheran Congregation believe that the gospel is God's gift to all people, to be shared unconditionally. We welcome all to join us as we struggle to better understand the mysteries of God's teachings. We are challenged by Christ to care for, to love, to understand, and to listen to each other, regardless of race, age, gender, marital status, physical and mental abilities, sexual/affectional orientation, national origin or economic status. We celebrate together our unity as God's people. St. John's Lutheran Congregation is a place for each person to shine in their own unique gifts.

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## Statement of Mission

St. John's Lutheran Church is a downtown, community-oriented, congregation of Christians. We worship God, strive to welcome and wholly accept everyone, and reach out with and in God's love.

**Communion** is a time we invite all baptized Christians who believe that our Lord Jesus is truly present in the bread and wine of the Sacrament. If this is your belief, **YOU ARE WELCOME** to participate in Communion. There are instructions to follow at the time of Communion later in the bulletin.

# Gathering

*The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.*

## Announcements

### Prelude “Common Good Is Holy Ground”

(Tune: “Restoration”, W. Walker, *Southern Harmony*, 1835; arr. J. Wodam)

## Confession and Forgiveness

A: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✚ one God, whose teaching is life, whose presence is sure, and whose love is endless.

C: Amen.

A: Let us pray. Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

A: Let us confess our sins to the one who welcomes us with an open heart, God our comforter:

**C: Like lost sheep, we have gone astray. We gaze upon abundance and see scarcity. We turn our faces away from injustice and oppression. We exploit the earth with our apathy and greed. Free us from our sin, gracious God. Listen when we call out to you for help. Led us by your love to love neighbors as ourselves. Amen.**

A: All have sinned and fall short of the glory of God. By the gift of grace in † Jesus Christ, God makes you righteous. Receive with glad hearts the forgiveness of all your sins.

C: Amen

**\*Gathering Hymn** *(please use your hymnal, and sing quietly)*

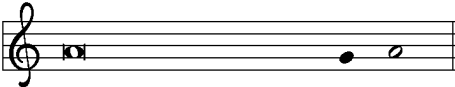
ELW #705 **“God of Grace and God of Glory”**

**\*Greeting**

A: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: **And also with you.**

**\*Kyrie** *(Congregation please quietly sing parts in bold)*



In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



**Lord, have mer - cy.**



For the peace from a-bove, and for our sal - vation, let us pray to the Lord.



**Lord, have mer - cy.**



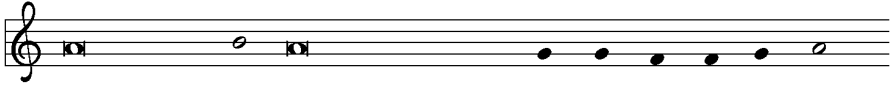
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For this holy house, and for all who offer here their wor-ship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord. Lord have mer - cy.



Help, save, comfort, and de-fend us, gra-cious Lord. A - men.

**\*Canticle of Praise** *(congregation sing quietly after 1<sup>st</sup> line)*



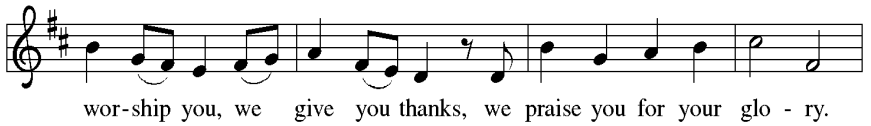
Assisting minister

Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.



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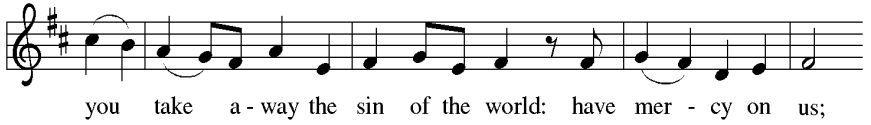
Lord God, heav-en-ly King, al-might-y God and Fa-ther, we



wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry.



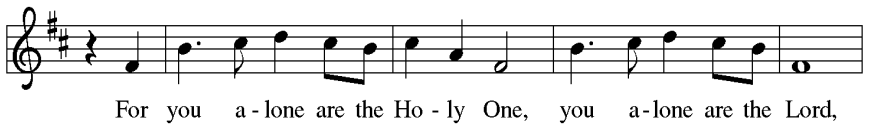
Lord Je-sus Christ, on-ly Son of the Fa-ther, Lord God, Lamb of God,



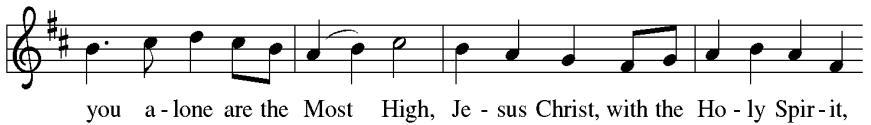
you take a-way the sin of the world: have mer - cy on us;



you are seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa-ther: re-ceive our prayer.



For you a-lone are the Ho - ly One, 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. A - men.

## \*Prayer of the Day

A: Let us pray. Almighty and ever-living God, increase in us your gift of faith, that, forsaking what lies behind and reaching out to what lies ahead, we may follow the way of your commandments and receive the crown of everlasting joy, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**C: Amen.**

## Word

*God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.*

### First Reading

**Amos 5:6-7, 10-15**

<sup>6</sup>Seek the LORD and live, or he will break out against the house of Joseph like fire, and it will devour Bethel, with no one to quench it.

<sup>7</sup>Ah, you that turn justice to wormwood, and bring righteousness to the ground!

<sup>10</sup>They hate the one who reproves in the gate, and they abhor the one who speaks the truth.

<sup>11</sup>Therefore because you trample on the poor and take from them levies of grain, you have built houses of hewn stone, but you shall not live in them; you have planted pleasant vineyards, but you shall not drink their wine.

<sup>12</sup>For I know how many are your transgressions, and how great are your sins—you who afflict the righteous, who take a bribe, and push aside the needy in the gate.

<sup>13</sup>Therefore the prudent will keep silent in such a time; for it is an evil time.

<sup>14</sup>Seek good and not evil, that you may live; and so the LORD, the God of hosts, will be with you, just as you have said.

<sup>15</sup>Hate evil and love good, and establish justice in the gate; it

may be that the LORD, the God of hosts, will be gracious to the remnant of Joseph.

A: The Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm 8**                      *(Spoken responsively)*

<sup>12</sup>So teach us to number our days  
that we may apply our hearts to wisdom.

<sup>13</sup>**Return, O LORD; how long will you tarry?  
Be gracious to your servants.**

<sup>14</sup>Satisfy us by your steadfast love in the morning;  
so shall we rejoice and be glad all our days.

<sup>15</sup>**Make us glad as many days as you afflicted us  
and as many years as we suffered adversity.**

<sup>16</sup>Show your servants your works,  
and your splendor to their children.

<sup>17</sup>**May the graciousness of the Lord our God be upon us;  
prosper the work of our hands; prosper our handiwork.**

**Second Reading**

**Hebrews 4:12-16**

<sup>12</sup>Indeed, the word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing until it divides soul from spirit, joints from marrow; it is able to judge the thoughts and intentions of the heart. <sup>13</sup>And before him no creature is hidden, but all are naked and



laid bare to the eyes of the one to whom we must render an account.

<sup>14</sup>Since, then, we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast to our confession. <sup>15</sup>For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who in every respect has been tested as we are, yet without sin. <sup>16</sup>Let us therefore approach the throne of grace with boldness, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

A: The word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

**\* Gospel**

**Mark 10:17-31**

P: The Holy Gospel according to Mark, the 10th chapter.

**C: Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>17</sup>As [Jesus] was setting out on a journey, a man ran up and knelt before him, and asked him, “Good Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?” <sup>18</sup>Jesus said to him, “Why do you call me good? No one is good but God alone. <sup>19</sup>You know the commandments: ‘You shall not murder; You shall not commit adultery; You shall not steal; You shall not bear false witness; You shall not defraud; Honor your father and mother.’” <sup>20</sup>He said to him, “Teacher, I have kept all these since my youth.” <sup>21</sup>Jesus, looking at him, loved him and said, “You lack one thing; go, sell what you own, and give the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me.” <sup>22</sup>When he heard this, he was shocked and went away grieving, for he had many possessions.

<sup>23</sup>Then Jesus looked around and said to his disciples, “How hard it will be for those who have wealth to enter the kingdom of God!” <sup>24</sup>And the disciples were perplexed at these words. But

Jesus said to them again, “Children, how hard it is to enter the kingdom of God! <sup>25</sup>It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for someone who is rich to enter the kingdom of God.” <sup>26</sup>They were greatly astounded and said to one another, “Then who can be saved?” <sup>27</sup>Jesus looked at them and said, “For mortals it is impossible, but not for God; for God all things are possible.”

<sup>28</sup>Peter began to say to him, “Look, we have left everything and followed you.” <sup>29</sup>Jesus said, “Truly I tell you, there is no one who has left house or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or fields, for my sake and for the sake of the good news, <sup>30</sup>who will not receive a hundredfold now in this age—houses, brothers and sisters, mothers and children, and fields, with persecutions—and in the age to come eternal life. <sup>31</sup>But many who are first will be last, and the last will be first.”

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

**C: Praise to you, O Christ.**

**Homily** – Vicar Jamie Edelman

**Hymn of the Day** - *(please use your hymnal, and sing quietly)*

ELW #685 ***“Take My Life, That I May Be”***

## *\*Apostles Creed*

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

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead.**

**On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven,  
he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come 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.**

## *\* Prayers of Intercession*

A: Let us pray. Uniting God, you call forth different gifts in everyone who follows you. Encourage us to welcome the blessings of the church around us. Lord, in your mercy,

**C: Hear our prayer.**

A: Nurturing God, you bring forth crops from the soil and bounty from the trees. Bless all who toil in fields and orchards. Provide for good working conditions and keep them safe. Lord, in your mercy,

**C: Hear our prayer.**

A: Providing God, in Jesus you travel among us. Provide safe places to sleep and rest for those who have no place to live. Give ample rest to all who are burdened with fear, illness or worry, including those we mention on our prayer list . . . and those we name aloud or in our hearts . . . Lord, in your mercy.

**C: Hear our prayer.**

A: Renewing God, you bring life out of death. Help us part with those things that are no longer beneficial to us and open our hearts to see where new life is budding in this congregation. Lord, in your mercy,

**C: Hear our prayer.**

*Here other intercessions may be offered.*

A: Receive these prayers, O God, and those in our hearts known only to you; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**C: Amen.**

### **\* The Sharing of the Peace**

*(remain seated and gesture a sign of peace to those around you.)*

A: Peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C: And also with you.**

# Meal

*God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.*

## \*Offertory

## \* Presentation of Gifts

ELW: # 184

*“Let the Vineyards be Fruitful”*



Let the vine-yards be fruit-ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of



bless-ing. Gath-er a har-vest from the seeds that were sown, that



we may be fed with the bread of life. Gath-er the hopes and dreams of



all; u-nite them with the prayers we of-fer. Grace our ta-ble



with your pres-ence, and give us a fore-taste of the feast to come.

# \*Offering Prayer

A: Let us pray. God of abundance, you cause streams to break forth in the desert and manna to rain from the heavens. Accept the gifts you have first given us. Unite them with the offering of our lives to nourish the world you love so dearly; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

# \*Great Thanksgiving *(Congregation sing response quietly.)*

The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

## \* Preface

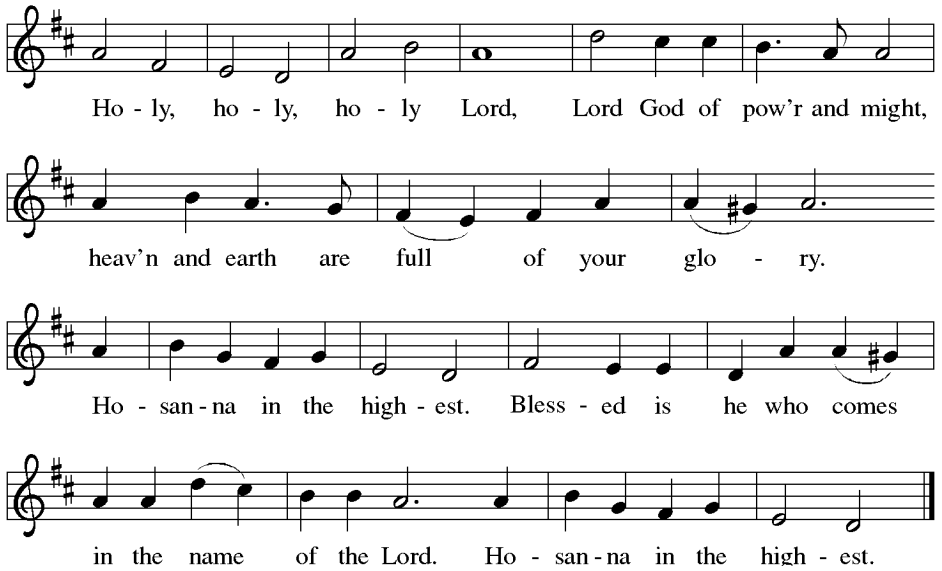
A: When we last gathered in worship, we heard again of God's mighty acts and the love shown us in Jesus' life, death, and resurrection. As we gather again centered on the holy meal of the Lord's supper, we bring to you this word of life and this bread and cup of blessing, so that you may share in these same gifts and be strengthened in communion with all the people of God.

With thanksgiving we remember that "in the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me. Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me."

We are given assurance of our Lord's presence through the gift of his Holy Spirit. Now we share this same bread of life and this same cup of blessing, that we may be strengthened through our participation in the body of Christ.

## Holy, Holy, Holy

C: *(music continued on following page - please sing quietly. )*



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might,  
 heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.  
 Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes  
 in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

**\*Lord's Prayer**

**A: Let us pray.**

**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.**



**Holy Communion** - *If you are baptized and believe that it is the real blood and body of Christ, we welcome you at the Lord's table here at St. John's.*

*\*Please remain seated, communion  
will be offered to you in your pew.  
(Please ask for gluten free or grape juice if necessary.)*

**Communion Music** *(please use your hymnals and sing quietly.)*

ELW #481 ***“Come to the Table”***

ELW #484 ***“You Satisfy the Hungry Heart”***

ELW #482 ***“I Come with Joy”***

**\* Prayer after Communion**

A: Let us pray. Lord of life, in the gift of your body and blood you turn the crumbs of faith into a feast of salvation. Send us forth in the world with shouts of joy, bearing witness to the abundance of your love in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**C: Amen.**

## Sending

*God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.*

*(Please remain in your seat until the candles have been extinguished and the Pastor has left the Sanctuary.)*

### \*Blessing

A: People of God, you are Christ's body, bringing new life to a suffering world. The holy Trinity, ✚ one God, bless you now and forever.

C: Amen.

### \*Dismissal

A: Go in peace. The living Word dwells in you.

C: Thanks be to God.

### Postlude

*"Praise the Lord, Rise Up Rejoicing"*

by Johann Lohner

*Thank you to our Worship Volunteers . . .*

**Worship Assistant** – Joyce Petty

**Communion Assistant / Ushers** – Roger Ruggles / Logan Weber

**Reader** – Cindy Black

**Altar Guild** – Barbara Horinko / Sylvia Orem

**This Week at St. John's: Oct. 10<sup>th</sup> – Oct. 17<sup>th</sup>**

**Today** (10/10/21) – Sunday School / Adult Forum, 9:00 am,  
Breakfast 8:15 am

**Today** (10/10/21) – Worship, 10:30 am

**Sunday** (10/10/21) – Following Worship:  
Membership Mtg (Hosp. Rm.)  
Intern Committee (Chapel)  
Rachel's Circle (12:00 pm)

**Monday** (10/11/21) – Council Meeting, 7:00 pm - Chapel

**Tuesday** (10/12/21) – Bible Study @ the Thomas Home, 11:00 am

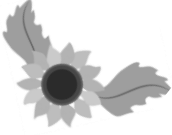
**Thursday** (10/14/21) – Prayer Group, 9:30 am - Chapel

**Sunday** (10/17/21) – Sunday School / Adult Forum  
(Breakfast 8:15 am, Classes 9:00 am)

**Sunday** (10/17/21) – Worship, 10:30 am

**Sunday** (10/17/21) – Following Worship:  
Outreach Mtg (Hosp. Rm.)  
Property Committee (Office)

**Sunday** (10/17/21) – Gallery Open  
– Paintings of Chris Swan Auction



*Altar Flowers are dedicated in loving  
memory of my parents  
Henry & Judy Greenleaf  
by Connie Garr*

**Attendance:** 10/3/21 – 36 people

Last Sunday's Envelope / Plate Offering:	\$984.00
Weekly amount needed to reach our Budget:	\$2,255.00
Year to Date Envelope / Plate Offering:	\$87,839.00
Year to Date amount needed to reach our Budget:	\$90,200.00

**Outreach Committee is Collecting  
Candy /Halloween Treats for:  
Miracle League Trunk or Treat – Oct. 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2021  
**\*Donations accepted through TODAY.**  
Please leave your donations in the box in the Narthex.**

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